



'CURIOSITY, KINDNESS, COURAGE'

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2026

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Upcoming Dates:

w/c 5th October

- **5th Oct: Yr 5/6 Handball competition**
- **5th Oct: Boys football match**
- **6th Oct: Achievement Assembly**
- **7th – 9th Oct: Year 5 Residential**

This half-term:

- **15th Oct – Year 5 Residential assembly**
- **19th Oct – 30th Oct: Half term break**

Charity Fun Run

Thank you for all your support during our Fun Run for MND on Wednesday. We hope the children, and parents enjoyed it as much as we did! We have been blown away with your support and a final total will be given next week when donations close. Thank you so much.

As I write, Sir Kevin Sinfield has raised over £1.1 MILLION to the cause through his incredible final 7 in 7 challenge. He completes this tomorrow, at Old Trafford, for the Super League Grand Final in which, by happy coincidence, his son is playing.

Children have also been completing their own 7 in 7 challenges in school this week – do ask your child about it.



Our new Library!

Our new library officially opened this week! Mrs Smith (our Reading Lead) has done an amazing job converting our 'hub' area for the whole school to enjoy. It is all on castors so can be moved to use the space as and when needed. Reception class were the first to enjoy this brilliant new space and enjoy



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Achievement Assembly

On Tuesday 6th October we will have our half termly achievement assembly for KS1 & KS2 (Years 1 – 6). This is an opportunity for children to bring in anything they have achieved outside of school since we returned in September. This may be a medal/certificate/badge etc from a sporting event or club or if they attend an external art club or musical group, they could showcase their achievements. If they wish to show it in assembly, please bring them into school Tuesday morning. We do this every half term so it will run again next half term.

School Meals

Free school meals are expanding

From September 2026

What's changing?

Current eligibility
Most families receiving Universal Credit qualify for income-based free school meals (FSM) only if their annual earned income is £7,400 or less (excluding benefits).

From September 2026
All children in households receiving Universal Credit will become eligible for free school meals.

Free school meals categories

Targeted free school meals - Available to families who:

- Receive Universal Credit and earn **£7,400 or less per year** (excluding benefits), or
- Receive certain qualifying benefits, including:
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
 - Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit)
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Expanded free school meals - Available to:

- All other families receiving Universal Credit, regardless of earnings.

This means all children in Universal Credit households will be eligible for free school meals from September 2026.

Important dates

Applications open: 1 August 2026

Expanded eligibility starts: 1 September 2026

Please note: Applications can be submitted from 1 August 2026, but meals under the expanded scheme cannot begin before 1 September 2026.

What does this mean?

Targeted free school meals children:

- ✓ Free school meals at school in term time
- ✓ Funded Holiday Activities (HAF)
- ✓ Pupil Premium for child's school

Expanded free school meals

- ✓ Free school meals at school during term time
- ✗ Funded Holiday Activities (HAF)

Who will benefit?

- More families receiving Universal Credit
- More students accessing a healthy meal during the school day
- £ Reduced pressure on household budgets

Find out more or apply: nottinghamshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Nottinghamshire County Council



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Harvest Festival

Many Thanks to all those who sent in donations. We had our school assembly this morning, and the children were all impressed with the amount of food collected. A massive 'Thank You' also the Hucknall Fire Service who have delivered a large amount from their collections. All the donations will be used to support some of our school families through our 'Love Lisa x' inhouse food bank.

Commando Joe

Commando Joe will work with Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y4 this half-term. He will also have a one-off session for other classes on the following dates:

Commando Joe Tuesday AM 8:50-09:50 (Parents invited to attend)	
Tuesday 6 th October	3S
Tuesday 13 th October	3GB

Please do not worry that the session will be physically demanding. We have planned so that the session is accessible for all so come along and see what all the Commando Joe fuss is about!

Assemblies

Our assemblies this week focused on the following:

Monday – Rugby Session

Tuesday - Bayeux Tapestry

Wednesday – Charity Fun Run

Thursday – Library Opening

Friday – Harvest

Every School Day Counts

As we settle into the new school year, we would like to remind families about the importance of regular school attendance.

During the first three weeks of this academic year, **25% of our students have already had at least half a day away from school. This is compared to 5% of students the previous year.**



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While we understand that illness, appointments and unforeseen circumstances are sometimes unavoidable, even short periods of absence can have an impact on a child's learning, routines and progress.

Every school day provides opportunities to learn, build friendships, develop confidence and take part in the wider life of our school. Missing even half a day can mean missing important explanations, activities or experiences, and repeated absences can quickly add up.

We appreciate the support of parents and carers in helping children attend school every day and arrive on time. Where absence is unavoidable, please continue to follow our usual absence reporting procedures and keep the school informed, with specific reasons for absence - feeling 'ill or under the weather or rough' are not suitable explanations for absence. If these reasons are given we are likely to call for more information. Please see the link below from the NHS that details when a child is too ill for school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

We would also ask parents and carers to be mindful when making appointments and try where possible, to make routine appointments either outside of school hours or in the school holidays.

To encourage good attendance the following rewards are in place:

Every week- attendance is totalled, and the class with the highest attendance is announced in Friday's assembly.

Every half term - the class with the best attendance are given a non uniform day.

Every Term - every Child who has attendance above 97% are awarded with an attendance certificate.

Our aim is simple: every student, every day, ready to learn.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our students make the most of every school day.

Whole School Reminders

Walking Home

Children in Year 5 or 6 wishing to walk home on their own must complete the necessary form for permission to be granted.

Mobile-Free Zone



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Please note that we are by default a mobile-free site. Children may only bring phones to school if they have been given permission by Miss Collins. This is only given in exceptional circumstances for the safety of all.

School Property

We kindly ask that you do not use the school equipment at the end of the day and supervise your child closely. This is for health and safety purposes not, as I told the children this morning, because we like stopping fun.

This includes the main playground and the area outside the 3S, 4M and Y6 classrooms.

Reporting a Child's Absence

Please contact the school office to report a child's absence rather than through ClassDojo.

INSET DAYS 2026 – 2027

These have been set for the remainder of the academic year:

- **Monday 4th January 2027**
- **Monday 26th – Wednesday 28th July 2027**

Safeguarding

We believe that safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. At Beardall Fields we are committed to keeping our children safe from harm. Mr Drayton, Miss Collins, Ms Ottley, Mrs Simpson and Mr Sellers are our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) and have responsibility for safeguarding and child protection. If we have any concerns reported to us, we will always take action to protect a child and inform the relevant agencies where necessary.

We have a shared email for safeguarding queries which can be used either during the school term or the school holidays. This email is DSL@beardallfields.org.uk

Supporting Learning At Home

There are several ways you can help your child with learning at home. Log onto any of the following sites we have subscribed to or pick up a book from The Reading Olympiad. If you have any questions about log in details or wish for work to be set for your child, please contact their class teacher.

Your child's reading diaries should include:

- **Mathletics (Reception-6)**



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- Times Table Rock Stars (Y2-Y6)
- Reading Eggs (Reception-Y2)
- Purple Mash (Nursery-Y6)

Outside of School

PAVIORS RFC
PUMAS GIRLS RUGBY

AGES 8-18



FREE TASTER EVENING

NEW TO RUGBY? PERFECT.
Girls-only rugby for every school year from 4 to 13. No experience needed.

WED 30 SEPT
Just turn up - no need to book.
Wear trainers and comfy clothes, bring a water bottle. No kit needed.
Free hot dogs and cakes in the clubhouse afterwards.
The Ron Rossin Ground, Burntstump Hill, Arnold NG5 8PQ
what3words ///typical.cape.measuring
Can't make it? Come along any Wednesday - first three sessions free.

Team	Age Group	School Years	Time
PUMA CUBS	U9s & U10s	School Years 4-5	6:30-7:30pm
PUMAS JUNIORS	U12s	School Years 6-7	6:30-8:00pm
PUMAS JUNIORS	U14s	School Years 8-9	6:30-8:00pm
PUMAS JUNIORS	U16s	School Years 10-11	6:30-8:00pm
PUMAS ACADEMY	U18s	School Years 12-13	6:30-8:00pm

Late starter? Early starter? Doesn't matter - just start.

QUESTIONS? GET IN TOUCH
Scan to message Shev on WhatsApp. Players and parents welcome.
Shev Majewski, Director of Women's and Girls Rugby
Follow us: [@paviorspumasandcubs](https://www.paviorspumasandcubs.com)
www.paviorsrfc.co.uk

WhatsApp QR code | Instagram QR code

Paviors RFC follows RFU safeguarding policy. All coaches are DBS-checked.

RATTLE ROLL
PERFORMANCE

October 2026

Hucknall Holiday Club
Open to all children aged 3 to 11 years, with funded places available for children in Reception to Year 6

Activities include dodgeball, dance, drama, yoga, multi skills, ball games, art and crafts, team and confidence building activities and much more.

LOCATION:
Hucknall Flying High Academy

COST:
£25 per day
All childcare vouchers accepted
FREE places available for children in receipt of benefit-related free school meals

DATES & TIME:
08:00am - 17:00pm
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd October
Monday 26th - Friday 30th October

HOW TO BOOK:
Scan the QR code to book and use code HHFHFA to take you straight to the club or visit our [website](http://www.rattleandrollperformance.com)

To book a funded place via EEFU, please scan this QR code

rattleandrollperformance.com
enquiries@rattleandrollperformance.com
07722 014301

Follow us on social media

HUCKNALL COMMUNITY TOY AND BOOK SWAP

**Are your kids growing sick of their toys?
Do you struggle to keep them occupied or interested?**

Then why not join our Community Toy & Book Swap.
For only £1 per child per year, you can visit every half-term and swap or borrow a toy or book.

As well as creative toys, construction blocks, board games, & educational toys designed to teach motor and social skills, we also hold fact & fiction books.

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- Open to Hucknall parents with at least 1 child under 10yrs
- Yearly Membership – only £1 per child
- Bring and swap or borrow a toy & book each half-term
- Email or phone required to receive session time updates



HUCKNALL COMMUNITY TOY AND BOOK SWAP



**Tuesday 20th October &
Tuesday 27th October
10am-3pm**

Hucknall Central Methodist Church
Baker Street

Parking available in Market place carpark

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**For more details contact Alison: 0775 148 1587
or email: amanderson2024@gmail.com**

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Dear Parents/ Legal Guardians

We would like to invite your child to a **free** session with us at **Ravenshead Leisure Centre** we will also provide everything needed to get your child started should they want to continue after this free session (**Uniforms, Licence and Insurance**)

Choosing **our academy** will give **you** the following piece of mind

- Your child will learn how to **protect themselves** and learn **street safety**
- We aim for the children to **enjoy** each lesson whilst at the same time maintaining class discipline
- Your child will benefit from increased **concentration and focus** which in turn will help them with their academic studies
- Each class has up to 4 fully qualified, first aid trained, insured, DBS checked **male and female Black Belt instructors**
- Fees are charged on a month-to-month basis with **no joining fee or cancellation fee/period** (£34 for individuals or £54 for siblings)
- Everything else is **free** to get the children started (insurance, uniforms, license etc)

AVAILABLE SESSIONS

Ravenshead Leisure Centre (Ravenshead, Nottingham NG15 9AG)

- **TUESDAYS 6.00-6.45pm**

To book a **free lesson** for your child please send a **text message** to **07783 522 999** with your child's name, date of birth and chosen session time or if the above time/day is not suitable please visit our website (**www.karatezone.com**) for alternative options.



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27th September
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Stall booking and info



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at **Wollaton Park**

Sunday 6th December from 9.30am

Complete 2km or 5km dressed head to mistle-toe in festive gear and raise vital funds for local hospice care. Fun for the whole family - all ages and dogs welcome!

FREE Santa T-shirt for all dashers

Sign up online:
nottshospice.org/santadash



Adults £15 - Under 16's £8
Under 3's Free
Wollaton Park, Nottingham, NG8 2AE



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