

Hempshill Hall Newsletter

June 2026

Summer Term, Issue 2

Welcome back for the final half term of the school year. We hope the children had a good break and we look forward to a busy few weeks. Please have a look at the calendar dates at the end of the newsletter so you do not miss any key events or information. Please note that there are now **two** INSET days at the start of the new term.

We would like to share a few highlights from last half term



F1 children have been making the most of the sunny weather and they have been enjoying a wide range of outdoor activities. They have been hunting for minibeasts and planting seeds, and finding out what living things need to grow. Watching the caterpillar eggs hatch and then releasing the butterflies has been a highlight.



F2 have been busy learning about food and where it comes from. They focused the learning around two well loved stories: 'The Gingerbread Man and The Enormous Turnip'. The children have enjoyed a range of drama and writing activities linked to these two stories and they especially enjoyed making gingerbread and vegetable soup. Parents were invited to a class assembly to see what their children have been learning. The children beautifully retold the story of 'The Gingerbread Man' using choral speaking and actions.



Stay and Read sessions are always well supported by family members and the children love sharing their favourite books with any visitors who come into school. Thank you for your support.



Year 1

Just before half term, the Year 1 children were invited to stay for tea after school. They enjoyed sitting with their friends and demonstrated lovely table manners.



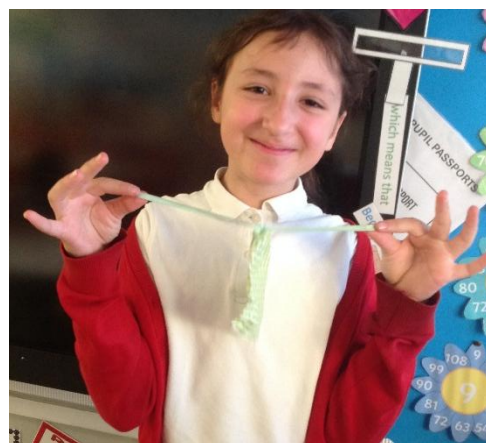
Year 1 and Year 2

Children in Y1 and Y2 have been finding out about 'Catastrophes at Sea' and learning about Grace Darling and water safety. They all enjoyed a fantastic visit to Spring Lakes in Long Eaton; the weather was perfect for a trip to the beach even if the water was a bit chilly!



Year 3

Y3 children visited Nottingham Cathedral as part of their RE curriculum. The children behaved beautifully and they learnt a lot about this impressive building. As part of their DT work, the children have been designing and then making a selection of purses.



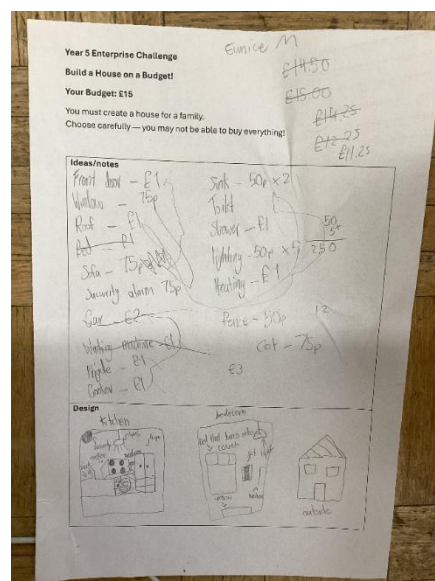
Year 4

This half term, the children have enjoyed some very practical science sessions. They have been investigating how sound travels and learning how to measure sound.



Year 5

In Y5, some children receive extra swimming sessions and whilst this takes place, the remaining children have been involved in an enterprise project. The children have to work together to come up with a goal and then decide how this will be achieved. This year the children have decided to hold a sponsored walk and to make and sell items at the summer fair to raise money for charity and new playground equipment.



The children have also been set tasks along the way to help them learn how to work cooperatively, learn life skills and work within a budget. For this activity, they had to choose what was important to include in the design, and build a house. They had to have a savings account and at one point they were all hit with a utility bill/broken boiler, some 'sold' clothes on Vinted and in the end they had to choose where the money went.

Your budget is £15 - Build a house for you and your family.

Item	Price	Necessary?	Item	Price	Necessary?
Front door	£1	You	Wi-Fi	75p	Maybe
Windows	75p	Yes	Washing machine	£1	Maybe
Roof	£1	You	Wardrobe	50p	Maybe
Bed	£1	Yes	Carpet/rug	25p	No
Sofa	75p	Maybe	Garden	75p	No
Dining table	50p	Maybe	Fence	50p	No
Chairs	50p	Maybe	Pet dog	£1	No
Fridge	£1	Yes	Pet supplies	50p	If pet chosen
Cooker	£1	Yes	Garage	£1	No
Sink	50p	Yes	Car	£2	No
Toilet	75p	Yes	Bicycle	75p	Maybe
Shower/Bath	£1	Yes	Bookshelf	25p	No
Lighting	50p	Yes	Desk	50p	Maybe
Heating	£1	Yes	Plants/Decorations	25p	No
Curtains	25p	No	Security alarm	75p	Maybe
TV	75p	No			
Games console	£1	No			
Solar panels	£2	No			
Swimming pool	£3	Luxury!			

Year 5 children also enjoy helping Mrs Gregg in the school garden. They ensure that the raised beds are weeded and that the garden is kept tidy. They also help harvest the food we grow so it can be eaten either in the school salad bar or used in the cooking element of DT projects across school.



Some Y5 children worked with Rachel ,our resident artist, to help create a piece of art work which will be displayed at the Bulwell Arts Festival later in the year. This year's message is simple but powerful: *A celebration of change, identity, and connection — rooted in Bulwell, reaching out globally.* It was a very messy project (which the children loved) but the end result was fantastic. Please come and have a look at the finished product which is on display in the school entrance.



Year 6

As part of their work on crime and punishment during the Industrial Revolution, the Year 6 pupils had a very informative visit to 'The Galleries of Justice'. They realised how harsh the punishments were and that these were the same even for children.





As a post SATs treat, the Y6 children enjoyed a fun outing to Basil Russell Park. They had a picnic and played lots of games. Well done to all the children for tackling the SATs tests so calmly and confidently.



The Hub

The children in the Hub have been learning about 'People Who Help Us', including doctors and nurses, which coincided with the history and birthday of Florence Nightingale. The children enjoyed dressing up and taking part in role play.



Shakespeare Week

This was a huge success. The children accessed 'Macbeth' at an age-appropriate level and the text was made interesting and adapted for each age group. The key themes explored were whether Macbeth made good or bad choices. Throughout the week, children enjoyed dance, drama and art workshops to help bring the content to life and help children understand the key messages.





The entries to the 'Shakespeare Ambassador' competition were excellent. Thank you to everyone who took part.



New scooters



We are delighted to receive four new scooters which have been donated to school. We are always happy to receive unwanted balance bikes and scooters for the children to enjoy using at break times.

Attendance

Please remember to read the half termly attendance newsletter which can be found on the website.



Attendance Matters! Newsletter June 2026

Welcome to our attendance newsletter. Each half term we will be updating you on school attendance and which year groups and classes are working hard to help school achieve their target. We will also share tips and information with you around illness and punctuality.



In Summer 1, 122 children were late on one or more occasion.

Please ensure your child arrives to school on time as learning starts straight away.

The gate will be closed at 9.05am and children will need to be signed in at the office after this time.
If your child arrives after 9.30am, this will be recorded as unauthorized.

Well done to our stars for attendance for Summer 1 - **Year 5** were the year group with the highest attendance and **Class Kendall** was the stand out class.

In total, three classes had attendance over 94%! Well done!



Our aim is for all children to achieve 95%+ attendance. Keep trying to come to school on time every day!

Summer 1 Attendance

F1	88.51%
F2	92.05%
Y1	92.91%
Y2	89.94%
Y3	93.2%
Y4	89.68%
Y5	94.25%
Y6	94.17%



Attendance Officer: Mrs Tideswell

Class	Hobster	Belton	Post/Hal	Uppal	Beeby	Rushton	Cunliffe	Slan/Yaz	Gow/Bond	Gibbs	Kendall	Chamb/Braz	Romeo	Brown/Wr	Class
%	88.51%	92.08%	92.01%	91.71%	91.92%	90.52%	94.43%	91.93%	89.83%	89.54%	95.21%	93.39%	93.84%	94.52%	%

Y1 Phonics check

Please ensure all Y1 children are in school for the week **8th-12th June** as they will be completing the phonics screening check. The check is done in a very supportive way by their class teacher, and it is something the children have been used to doing throughout the year. Any children who did not pass the check in Y1 will re-sit this in Y2.

Y4 Multiplication check

Year 4 children will also sit the national multiplication check during June. This is a timed test, so children need to be able to recall number facts quickly. Please encourage your child to keep practising their times tables and use TT Rock Stars on a regular basis.

Sports Day

We hope you can join us for Sports Days. F2, Year 1 and Year 2 will race on Tuesday 9th of June. Gates will open at 1.45pm and the races will begin at 2pm. We hope the event will finish just before the end of the school day.

Key Stage 2 Sports Day is on Wednesday 10th June and is split into two sessions:

Y3/4 starting at 1.30pm, gates will open 1.15pm. If your child has younger siblings in school, they may be collected after your child has finished Sports Day.

Y5/6 starting at 2.30pm, gates will open at 2.15pm.



We are not selling refreshments at this event, but the ice cream van will be on site. Please do not buy children ice creams until all the races are complete. Children need to wear their school PE kit for this event – plain white t shirt, black shorts/leggings and trainers/pumps or a plain tracksuit preferably grey,

blue or black. If it is hot, please ensure they have a hat/sun cream and water bottle. If the event must be cancelled due to poor weather, we will reschedule it to the same times and days the following week.

New classes

Tuesday 7th July will be our school transition day. Children will visit their new classes and spend time with their new teachers in preparation for September. There are many different factors to consider when organising new classes and sometimes, after this visit, we may have to make adjustments. If you have a specific issue which you feel we need to know about, please speak to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. We always ensure children move into a new class with one of their friendship choices. Your child's class will be confirmed in their school report which goes out on Friday 10th July.

Father's Day

Once again, we will be holding our annual Father's Day event on Friday 12th June. We are asking for a £2.00 donation so that the children can decorate a mug for their dad or a significant person in their lives. Additional information about this event has been sent out in an email.

Healthy snacks

Please remember that we ask the children only to bring fruit and vegetable snacks to school if they would like to eat something at break time. Children should only bring water to drink.

Wrap around after School Club

The number of children attending is growing so please make sure you book your child's place as early as possible. Please keep an eye out for half termly themed nights which have proven to be popular.

Full session inc snack/tea	3.30 – 5.50pm	£8.50
Part session inc drink/fruit	3.30 – 4.30pm	£4.50
Part session inc snack/tea	4.15 – 5.50pm	£5.50

Keeping Safe

As the lighter evenings are now with us, we continue to educate the children about how to keep safe when they are out and about and possibly without an adult. This half term, the children have had assemblies delivered by external providers teaching them about rail safety and water safety. KS1 children have also been learning what to do if they are ever lost and who is a 'safe' adult to ask for help.



Online safety

During the last week of term, the children in KS2 took part in a special assembly delivered by Parent Zone, in conjunction with Google. The presenters were enthusiastic and the children engaged brilliantly with this lively presentation. Key message around keeping safe when online were made very clear in a fun and informative way.



RSHE

We sent out a parent consultation survey about the updated legislation relating to RSHE which comes into force in September 2026. We have also consulted with staff, children and governors. We teach PSHE and RSHE from a published scheme called 'Jigsaw'. They have updated all their teaching materials to be in line with the new DFE guidance and to ensure compliance. Once the parent survey is complete, we will share the outcomes and key points raised. We will be inviting parents to attend a meeting after school on Thursday 2nd July at 4.30pm, where you can ask any questions you may have and view the new material.

One of the key changes in the new legislation is that the lesson in Y4 which is classed as 'sex education' has been removed. We have therefore decided that we will not deliver this lesson to Y4 children next half term. Y5 and Y6 will continue to have one lesson. As part of the learning, the children in Y5 and Y6 will each watch a different short animation. Please talk to your child's class teacher if you would like more information about this. Parents do have a right to withdraw their child from these particular lessons as they are classed as 'sex education'. If this is something you wish to do, please complete the 'Right to withdraw' form available on the school website or at the school office. You will receive notification prior to these lessons being delivered.

After school clubs

After school clubs continue to be popular and we have been able to accommodate most children's requests. Every teacher and TA has willingly given up their time to run at least one club over the year. This has meant we have been able to offer the children a huge variety of activities and hopefully there has been something for everyone. We will continue to ask the children which clubs they would like to see running. A huge thank you to all the staff for their time and commitment to this.



Clubs running this half term – Summer 2 (June – July 2026)

Club	Year Group	Teachers	Night
Dance club	YR 1	Miss Bennett	Thursday
Recorders	YR 2	Mrs Beeby	Monday
Games club	YR 3	Miss Gowans	Monday
Shakespeare club	YR 4	Mrs Trout	Tuesday
Karate taster	YR 4	Mrs Bond	Tuesday
Team games PE club	YR 5	Mr Strong	Tuesday
Darts taster	Y5	Mr Strong	Wednesday
Y6 Production	YR 6	Mrs Chamberlain/ Mr Kendall	Monday
Football alternative weeks girl/boy	YR 3 and 5	Mr Strong	Tuesday lunchtime
Football alternative weeks girl/boy	YR 4 and 6	Mr Strong	Wednesday lunchtime
Area Band	YR 5 and 6	Mrs Francis	Wednesday invite only



Key dates

Monday 1st June – School Reopens

Year 6 leaver photos and class photos

Year 4 Bulwell Forest Gardens visit

Monday 1st - Friday 12th June – Y4 Multiplication check

Thursday 4th June – F2 White Post Farm visit

-Y6 Walesby Residential Parents' Meeting - Thursday 4th June, 5.15pm

Monday 8th - Friday 12th June - KS1 Phonics screening
Tuesday 9th June – F2/KS1 Sport's Day 2 -3.30pm (if raining 16th June back up date)
Wednesday 10th June – KS2 Sport's Day: Y3/4 -1.30-2.30pm and Y5/6 - 2.30-3.30pm (if raining 17th June back up date)
Thursday 11th June Hub Sport's Day 2.30pm (if raining 18th June back up date)
Friday 19th June – Father's Day event
Monday 22nd – Wednesday 24th June - Yr 6 residential at Walesby
Wednesday 1st July – Year 5 visit to Skegness including the Seal Sanctuary
Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th July– City school transition visits for most Y6 pupils
Tuesday 7th July – Children visit new classes in school
Wednesday 8th July – **INSET Day School Closed for staff training**
Thursday 9th July – Y4 Camping on the school field
Friday 10th July – Reports out
Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th July – Year 6 Production 6pm
Wednesday 15th July – Spanish Café and after school cafe for parents
Thursday 16th July – Rock Steady Concert 2.45pm
Friday 17th July – Y2 Sleepover at school
Tuesday 21st July – Summer Fair 2-4pm
Wednesday 22nd July 9.10am – Y6 Leaver's assembly (parents invited)
Thursday 23rd July – Hemphill Olympics (no parents)
Friday 24th July Last Day of School
Tuesday 1st September – INSET day
Wednesday 2nd September – INSET day
Thursday 3rd September – Children return to school

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and so, on up to year 6. You can also leave messages on the answerphone or email

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Warm regards

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