



NEWHALL NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe we are already approaching the final half term of the academic year!

School continues to be a busy and vibrant place, with many exciting events planned for the summer term, including Sports Days, Y4 Residential and Sports Week! Be sure to read on for more details.

At this time of year, there is always a strong focus on learning, and it has been wonderful to see pupils across the school embracing new challenges with such positivity and determination.

Our Year 6 pupils have worked incredibly hard to prepare for SATs and continue to impress us with their writing. They have demonstrated great maturity, resilience and focus, and we are very proud of the commitment they are showing towards their learning. Year 4 pupils are also approaching an important milestone as they prepare for the Multiplication Tables Check, while our Year 3 pupils continue to demonstrate their Character Strengths in their weekly Character Award sessions. Across all year groups, staff are working tirelessly to ensure pupils feel supported, confident and ready to achieve their best.

Lionheart Speaks was another highlight for some of our Year 5 pupils, who impressed us all by delivering speeches and reciting poetry on topics they feel passionate about. It truly was a special evening, and we were incredibly proud of everyone who took part, from writing speeches in class to visiting Broom Leys for the Talk the Talk workshop and then onto the evening at Y Theatre itself.

As always, thank you for your continued support at home. Your encouragement and partnership play a vital role in helping our children feel confident and prepared.

The final term is always a busy one as we prepare for transitions and celebrate the excellent progress pupils have made throughout the year. I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming events listed below.



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Year Three

This half term in History, Year 3 have been learning about our local history and exploring the question “Why should we preserve our locality?” We began with a local walk to visit two nearby listed buildings, before enjoying a visit from The Magic Attic, who explained what it means for a building to be listed and helped us spot special features such as columns and weathervanes. We then went on a brilliant trip to Calke Abbey. At Calke Abbey, we compared rooms that have been carefully restored with those that have been left neglected, helping us understand why preserving buildings matters. We studied the Abbey’s unique features, learned about how people lived in the past, and even enjoyed a fascinating tour of the underground tunnels.



Year Four

Our Year 4 children have had a fantastic time taking part in Bikeability this half term! They’ve been busy practising essential cycling skills, learning how to stay in control, be aware of their surroundings, and ride safely and confidently.

It has been wonderful to see their independence and confidence grow with each session.

A special well done to those children who learnt to ride for the very first time – what an amazing achievement! We are so proud of your determination and perseverance.

Thank you to our instructors for their support and encouragement in helping our children develop skills that will last a lifetime.



Year Five

Year 5's History topic of "Journeys" has dominated our learning this half term. Students have shown a keen interest in *Titanic's* fateful maiden voyage and the challenges experienced by the *Empire Windrush* passengers upon their arrival in Britain. Learning about the *Kindertransport* journey undertaken by Jewish children fleeing the Nazis has been an important and pertinent experience. A visit to the National Holocaust Museum provided an insightful yet sobering launch for our learning. This History topic has been supported by our weekly reading texts, including an autobiographical Windrush account, tales of Titanic premonitions and Nazi persecution, and we would encourage children to continue to read more information to deepen their own interest and understanding.



Year Six

Year 6 have shown exceptional determination and maturity during their SATs this year, and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. They approached the week with a true demonstration of our school's 6Rs, particularly resilience and reflection - persevering through challenges and thoughtfully considering their efforts throughout. Their positive attitudes and commitment to doing their best were evident in every test they took. To celebrate their hard work and achievement, the children were rewarded with well-deserved ice creams, which were enjoyed by all. A fantastic effort from a fantastic group of pupils!



House Points - Keep earning those points! 🐝

Well done to all pupils for their fantastic effort with their Beehive points.

Year to date totals

Blue - 4704

Red - 5410

Green - 5117

Yellow - 5584

Car Park Safety Reminder

Please remember that our school car park is for authorised users only. Recent unsafe practices, including inappropriate parking, tailgating and speeding, have created significant safety concerns.

To keep all pupils safe, the school gate will only be open at the following times:

- Morning: 7:45am-8:15am
- Afternoon: 3:00–3:15pm (for registered Blue Badges only)

Access outside these times will be restricted. Please note that ringing the intercom may not receive an immediate response, as staff are supervising pupils or managing other duties.

We ask all parents and carers to follow the guidance in the full letter being shared separately, including rules around Blue Badge access and authorised use.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community safe.

Battle of the Bands

Well done to everyone who took part in the Battle of the Bands on Wednesday—what a fantastic effort! Results are below. Don't forget to keep playing TTRS over the half term!



Diary Dates

1st June – Y3, Y4 and Y6 Parents' SRE Meeting (3:30pm in school)

3rd/4th June - Year 4 Residential to Gullivers'

3rd June - Yr 5 Road Safety Workshop

4th June - Yr 6 Road Safety Workshop

4th June – Yr 5 Parents' SRE Meeting (3:30pm in school)

8th June - Year 6 - WW2 Blitz Workshop

8th June Year 4 - National Justice Museum History Trip

11th June – Multiplication Tables Check Yr4

17th June - Sports Day Year 5/6 Morning and Year 3/4 Afternoon

18th June - Year 4 Count Me In music concert (Derby Arena)

22nd June - Art Week

25th June - Yr4 Final Clarinet Concert for parents/carers (2:30pm)

25th June - School Disco

Year 3 & 4: 3:30–4:30pm

Year 5 & 6: 4:45–5:45pm

30th June - Ben Davis Author Visit

30th June and 1st July - Merica Transition Day

1st July - Whole School Transition Day

1st July - Whole School Transition Parent Meeting (3:30pm)

3rd July – Lionheart Fringe Festival

Week Beg 6th July - Sports Week (A lot of exciting information to follow)

13th and 14th July - School Book Fair

14th July - Year 6 National Adventure Farm

15th July – Year 6 Islam Workshops

15th July - Summer Fair (3:30pm start. All families invited)

17th July – Year 3 Beach Picnic (showcase of work for parents/carers)

22nd July - Year 6 Production

23rd July – Break up for the summer holidays

Attendance

Huge congratulations to all the children who achieved success in this half term's attendance challenge - your commitment and enthusiasm have truly stood out. We're incredibly proud of your effort and dedication. After the half-term break, we'll be unveiling the final attendance challenge of the year, and we can't wait to see everyone get involved and finish the year strong. Keep up the fantastic work!