

Newsletter 5 – Friday 3rd October 2025

School holiday consultation – a message from Nottinghamshire County Council

Nottinghamshire's school holiday and term time dates consultation 2027-2030

Nottinghamshire County Council is currently consulting on proposed school term and holiday dates for the periods from 2027/2028 until 2029/2030 for community and voluntary controlled schools. The consultation is now open and runs between **29 September 2025 and 14 December 2025**.

This will allow us to consider the views of all consultees and ensure they are incorporated into the consultation feedback report which will be considered by the Cabinet Member for Education and Special Educational Needs & Disabilities in Spring 2026.

The [consultation on school holiday and term time dates 2027-2030](#) outlines the proposed dates which follow the current model, including two weeks for the October half-term break, a varied Easter break and slight changes to the start and end dates for the academic year.

Comments can be submitted until 14 December 2025 by:

- [completing the online survey response form](#)
- emailing schoolholidayconsultation@nottscc.gov.uk

Thank you for coming

A huge thank you to all of the parents who came to our reading information session on Wednesday. Mrs. Watson has put her presentation on the website if you weren't able to attend but are interested in the information that was shared. It can be found here:

<https://www.hollyhillschool.co.uk/english-1/>

Thank you also to the staff who stayed to chat about reading with parents and shared lots of recommended reads. It was great to see so many parents as passionate about reading as we are.

Super star runners

On Tuesday afternoon, some of our Year 3 & 4 children headed off to Beardall Fields to take part in a cross country competition. For some of them, it was their first time at a cross country event so they were a little bit nervous and of course, we just encouraged them all to enjoy it and try their best. Well, they not only managed to overcome their nerves, they also came **FIRST** out of nine schools!! They all did some fantastic runs with lots of them finishing in the top 20 for their race. Honestly, I thought Mrs. Fisher was going to burst with excitement when she came jumping into the staffroom with the trophy the next morning.

A huge well done to Hetty, Elsie, Rebecca, Hope, Jason, Mason, Carson, Harry, Larna, Jasmine, Lacey, Bebe, Elsie, Alfie, Noah, Eddie and Jaxson – absolute super stars!!!



Harvest collection

On Tuesday 14th October, Reverend Lee from St. Helen's Church will be coming to celebrate our Harvest festival with us in school. We will be starting a food collection from Monday which Mrs. Garland will be collecting at the school office. Any food items would be warmly welcomed and appreciated. The food will then be going straight back into the community via the church, for those who might be in need over the half term break. If you have any questions, feel free to come and ask me. Thank you for your support, Mrs. Ward (Kingfisher teacher and RE lead)

Reading breakfasts

Throughout next week, we will be hosting reading breakfasts in the classrooms. From 8.30am on the date specified below, you are invited to join your child in their classroom for 20 minutes to share a book and enjoy a bagel. This is a lovely opportunity for us to welcome parents into school and promote a love of reading and we hope that lots of you will be able to join us.

- Monday 6th – Foundation Stage
- Tuesday 7th – Puffins, Wrens and Woodpeckers
- Wednesday 8th – Kingfishers, Doves and Swallows
- Thursday 9th – Owls, Falcons and Swans

Freestyle football

Full School Freestyle Football Workshops



Our Freestyle Football coach Ash is a true testament of how hard work can help you achieve your dreams. With nearly half a million followers on Tik Tok, 100k Subscribers on Youtube and 25 Guinness World Records Ash will be a recognisable face in your school! The day begins with a WOW assembly and motivational talk from Ash followed by some fun and engaging workshops including lots of exciting new skills for the children to learn, and techniques on how to stay persistent when achieving any goal.

On Wednesday, all Year 1 to Year 6 children will join in with a 'freestyle football' workshop. Every year we try to offer some exciting sports opportunities using our sports premium money and this sounds like it will be great! Please make sure that all children have their PE kits in school for this.

The week ahead (a super busy one!) ...

- Monday 6th October – Harvest food collection begins (donations to the school office)
- w/b 6th October – Reading breakfast (see the list above for your child's class)
- Wednesday 8th October – Freestyle Football for Y1 – Y6 (PE kits in school)
- Wednesday 8th October – Disco night
- Thursday 9th October – Year 2 Sherwood Forest trip
- Friday 10th October – Non-uniform day (£1 donations for Friends of Holly Hill)

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Leanne Steed
Headteacher

Attendance heroes

Good attendance in school is extremely important. The government target for good attendance is 96%.

This week's winners were Woodpecker class with 99.2% Well done Woodpeckers!!

RECEPTION	91.2%	KINGFISHERS	94.1%
PUFFINS	94.5%	DOVES	90.4%
WRENS	94.2%	SWALLOWS	96.5%
WOODPECKERS	99.2%	OWLS	92.9%
		FALCONS	86.2%
		SWANS	90.3%
WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE SO FAR THIS YEAR (excluding Nursery)		95.1%	

