



Hackwood Primary Academy  
Newsletter  
2024/2025 - Spring 2 April 2025



Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had another very productive half-term! We began the half-term celebrating **World Book Day** and to end the term our children have had a brilliant Easter Bonnet Parade to take part in. We hope you can join us for our INSPIRE Open Afternoon to see your child's learning this term to end the term on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April from 2pm.

Our enrichment opportunities included trips to Peak Wildlife Park, Dance workshops, museum visits, a trip to the Theatre and Library visits all as part of our INSPIRE Curriculum.

As part of developing our pupils for Modern Britain, we shared various key events together in our assemblies discussing, British Science Week as well as cultural and religious events like Ramadhan and Easter. Our Year 5 and 6 children also had a wonderful trip to the Houses of Parliament!

Thank you as always for your trust and support to make our school a great place to learn. If you have not had chance yet, please can I ask that you share your views on our Parent Survey, these are helpful for us to continually improve as well as know what is working well!

I hope everyone has a lovely break over the Easter period and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April as we have another great term to look ahead to!

Mr Miah  
Principal

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## INSPIRE Open Afternoon

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025 from 2pm, we are inviting parents and carers into school to be inspired by their child's learning from this term.

Spend the afternoon in school with your child, looking at their excellent learning from the Spring term. Be inspired by their knowledge, their presentation and their learning across the curriculum!

Children must stay in their own classrooms.

Parents and carers should use the external classroom doors to move between classes.



## Annual Parent Survey 2024 - 2025

As many of you are aware, every year, The Harmony Trust consults with parents and carers to gather your opinions about our academy. This is part of our Governance model and alongside our Parent Forums, gives you the opportunity to share your views.

We consider all feedback very carefully and use it to help us make all Harmony academies *'Great places to learn'* and ensure that your child / children are receiving an excellent education. Please use the QR code or click on the link below to complete the short survey. If you have more than one child at the academy, you only need to complete the survey once.

Please click on the link or scan the QR code to complete the survey:

<https://forms.office.com/e/dJH778bUb7>

Hackwood Parent survey - Spring  
2025



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## INSPIRE Curriculum

It has been another fantastic term full of learning across the curriculum in all year groups!

Find out how we have been INSPIRED:

**Investigate:** Woodpeckers class have investigated mechanisms and made their own moving dinosaur with a mechanism.

**Nurture:** Woodpeckers Class visited Peak Wildlife Park, where they fed some of the animals.

**Skills:** Owls Class have developed their persuasive writing skills by writing excellent persuasive adverts to advertise the chocolate bars they made in DT lessons!

**Practical:** Year 4 visited Derby Museum as part of their invaders and settlers learning. They handled artefacts and learnt about a Viking burial and developed their practical skills by making a replica of Thor's hammer out of clay.

**Imaginative:** Year 2 have written excellent fictional recounts in role as Florence Nightingale this term. They used their history learning to write an effective diary entry recounting Florence Nightingale's impact.

**Reflect:** Owls Class reflected during their class visit to All Saints Church in Mickleover. During their visit, Owls reflected on the objects in the church and some children even had the chance to play the organ in the church!

**Enjoy:** Year 5 and 6 enjoyed their school trip to the Houses of Parliament. They participated in a guided tour, observed MPs debating in the House of Commons and watched a discussion in the House of Lords. After their tour, the children participated in a workshop, where they imagined they were MPs and had their own debate!

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## Fulfilling The Harmony Pledge - Spring Term

This term has been such a busy one! We have had such a range of inspiring and educational trips, performances as well as fundraising. Another exciting term at Hackwood fulfilling different aspects of The Harmony Pledge.

Be safe, happy and healthy -  
 World Mental Health Day



Be a performer -  
 Young Voices Concert



Be democratic  
 Our year 5/ 6 trip to parliament



Be an explorer  
 Class trips and adventures



Be an expert learner - World Book day



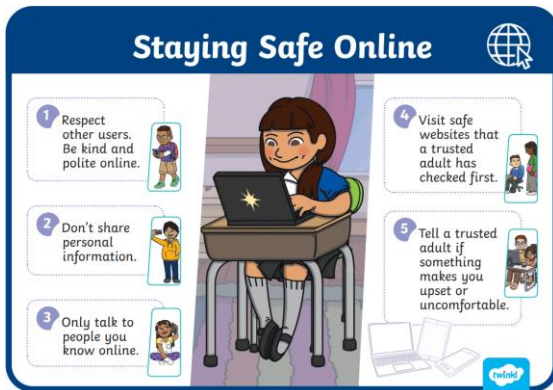
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## Staying Safe Online

Over the past half term, we have had a few incidents of issues caused, outside of school, by children using social media, such as Snapchat and Instagram, and messaging apps, such as WhatsApp. All these apps have an age restriction of 13 years of age (WhatsApp, until April 2014, was 16!), therefore none of the children currently at Hackwood should officially be on them.

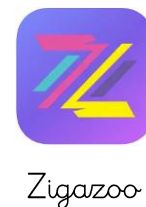
The NSPCC has put together some advice on the use of social media and it can be found by clicking on the link below:

[What is social media? | NSPCC](#)



We recognise how important a part of life technology is now, but we do also recognise its inherent dangers. As part of our online safety lessons, we talk to the children about only using appropriate apps and about informing trusted adults about what you are doing. If this can be reiterated at home, then the children will know that the message is the same everywhere.

There are some social media apps which are designed specifically for younger children. A selection of these are shown here, however we would still recommend that you check these out for yourself before your child goes on them.





## 2024-2025 - Dates for the Diary

Please note diary dates may be changed and not all dates are on the calendar yet. Any changes and additions will always be communicated to parents via Spider or in subsequent newsletters with as much notice as possible.

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	INSPIRE Open Afternoon for parents and carers from 2pm
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Spring Term

### END OF SPRING TERM

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Monday - School closed
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Summer Term begins - children return to school
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Bikeability for EYFS children
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Bikeability for Year 1 and 2 children
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Bikeability for Year 3 children
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Bikeability for Year 4 children
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Soccestars PE Day
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday - school closed
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception trip to Mickleover Library
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS Week for all Year 6 pupils
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 trip to Pizza Express
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Inclusion Coffee Afternoon for parents and carers @ 2:15pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Break up for half-term

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	INSET Day - School closed for pupils
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Summer Term 2 begins - children return to school
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Bikeability - Year 6
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Bikeability Year 5
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS Sports Day @ 9:15am
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) Sports Day at 1:30pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Key Stage 2 (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6) Sports Day at 1:30pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Residential until Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fair
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last day of school - break up for Summer

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