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[NHIJS Young Nottinghamian](#)

The Merle

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HOLIDAY CLUB BOOKINGS

Priority bookings for Easter and Summer weeks will open for Nottingham High School children on **Monday 4th December 2023**.

Please remember to book your requirements on Wisepay before bookings open more widely on 11th December

ATTENTION

Wednesday - 20th December

- IS will close at 12noon
- JS will close at 12.10pm
- School buses will leave at 12.40pm - if your child is not on the school bus, please arrange to collect at the above times.
- There will be **NO** school lunch and **NO** after school clubs

Please see attached for :

- IS Menu w/c 11 December
- Junior School menus are [here](#)

Abbreviations used throughout:

EYFS = Reception classes IS = Infant School JS = Junior School IJS = Infant & Junior School

DECEMBER SNAPSHOT



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
11 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Y2 Nativity @ 2.30pmU10 & U11 Hockey v. Highfields Sch @ homeU11 City League Football @ Forest Zone	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Y2 Nativity @ 9.15am & 2.30pmY6 Online Parents' evening	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none">NO Y5/Y6 After School Chess	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none">IS trip to Playhouse PantoU11 Sports Athletics Finals @ Harvey HaddenY6 Online Parents' evening	15  <ul style="list-style-type: none">Reports publishedJS Carol Concerts 9.15am & 2.15pm 17 Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none">JS Chamber Choir singing in John Lewis from 2 - 4pm
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SCHOOL WILL CLOSE ON 20TH DECEMBER FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

- IS WILL CLOSE AT 12NOON
- JS WILL CLOSE AT 12.10PM
- SCHOOL BUSES WILL LEAVE AT 12.40PM - IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT ON THE SCHOOL BUS, PLEASE ARRANGE TO COLLECT AT THE ABOVE TIMES.
- THERE WILL BE **NO** SCHOOL LUNCH AND **NO** AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

SUPPORT STAFF WILL BE AVAILABLE TO CONTACT ON 21ST DECEMBER AND FROM 3RD JANUARY ONWARDS ON [0115 845 2235](tel:01158452235)

NHIJS PUPILS RETURN ON 9TH JANUARY



WEEK AHEAD - W/C 11TH DECEMBER

Please note all Infant School Class and Sport Clubs have now finished for this term (except Y2 Speech and Drama).

MONDAY

- Y2 Speech and Drama Club
- Y2 Nativity @ 2.30pm
- Y3 trip to Nottingham Central Library
- U10 & U11 Hockey v. Highfields School @ home
- U11 City League Football @ Forest Zone

TUESDAY

- Y1 & Y2 Choir
- Y2 Nativity @ 9.15am & 2.30pm
- Y5 & Y6 Swim Club @ lunchtime - remember your packed lunch
- Y6 **Online** Parents' evening from 4.15pm

WEDNESDAY

- **NO** Y5/Y6 After School Chess

THURSDAY

- IS trip to Playhouse Panto (am or pm)
- U11 Sports Athletics Finals @ Harvey Hadden
- Y6 **Online** Parents' evening from 4.15pm

FRIDAY

- Reports published
- JS Carol Concerts 9.15am & 2.15pm

SUNDAY

- JS Chamber Choir singing @ John Lewis from 2pm



Infant and Junior School Key Dates

Friday 15th December- JS Carol Concerts (Performances @ 9.15am and 2.15pm)

Tuesday 19th December - Y2 Only Open Classrooms 8.15am - 9.00am and 3.00pm - 3.45pm

Tuesday 19th December – Grandparents Sing-a-long @ 2.15pm

Tuesday 19th December - JS Open Classrooms @ 3pm

On **Wednesday 20th December**, the Infant School will be celebrating the last day of term by having a Christmas Party morning. We will have traditional games/party games in the hall and some fun activities in our classrooms. Children can come to school in party clothes or a Christmas jumper. Please make sure children have comfortable footwear and clothes suitable for playing outside.

At the Junior School it's Christmas Jumper Day with Online Pantomime.

IJS LAST DAY OF TERM:

Wednesday 20th December - Half Day Closing



Infant School will close at 12noon
Junior School will close at 12.10pm



School buses will leave at **12.40pm** - if your child is not on the school bus, please arrange to collect at the above times.

There will be **NO** school lunch and **NO** after school clubs





NHIJS: Y2 Open Classrooms

Tuesday 19th December, 8.15am - 9.00am and 3.00pm - 3.45pm

To allow sufficient space for adults to enjoy seeing their child's work and classroom, we have organised for Year 2 Open Classrooms to take place over two sessions, on Tuesday 19th December, 8.15am - 9.00am and 3.00pm - 3.45pm.

Please use the booking form to sign up for your preferred time :
<https://forms.office.com/e/NwLEfJy0hn>

Please book a maximum of two tickets per family.

Junior School Carol Concert – 'Home'

Friday 15th December (Two performances) - 9:15am & 2.15pm (Location – Player Hall)

There is good availability for both performances, please remember to book your seats.

**Bookings are now open via [trybooking.com](https://www.trybooking.com):
<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/CWVF>**

- Our Junior pupils, including our wonderful Choirs, have been working hard to prepare a repertoire of carols along with readers who will share their thoughts and reflections on this year's theme of 'Home'.
- Due to strict fire regulations, there is a maximum of two tickets available per family. We ask you to be considerate to others - please do not use multiple email addresses to circumnavigate the system.
- Babies and young siblings who can either be held or sit on an adult's knee during the performance can attend without a ticket. Pushchairs should be left outside of the hall to ensure that fire exits are clear.
- Parking is available on the main school yard from 8.55am, vehicles must be removed promptly following the morning performance. For the afternoon performance, parking is available from 2.10pm. Please be aware the gates on the senior yard shut from 3.45pm until 4.15pm to allow the safe exit of all our school pupils.



Grandparents' Christmas Sing-a-Long

As a school, we are very aware of the involvement of parents in everyday school life. However, in recognition of the support and contributions made by many Grandparents and other family or friends of that generation, we would like to invite them to a special Christmas sing-a-long which will take place in the Junior School Hall on Tuesday 19th December from 2.15pm – 3:00pm.

We invite Grandparents and elderly friends and relatives to come along and enjoy a mince pie and a hot drink then join in with some of their favourite Christmas carols and songs led by our school choirs. **Please note that only the pupils who attend choir will be participating** however, all Grandparents are welcome to attend.

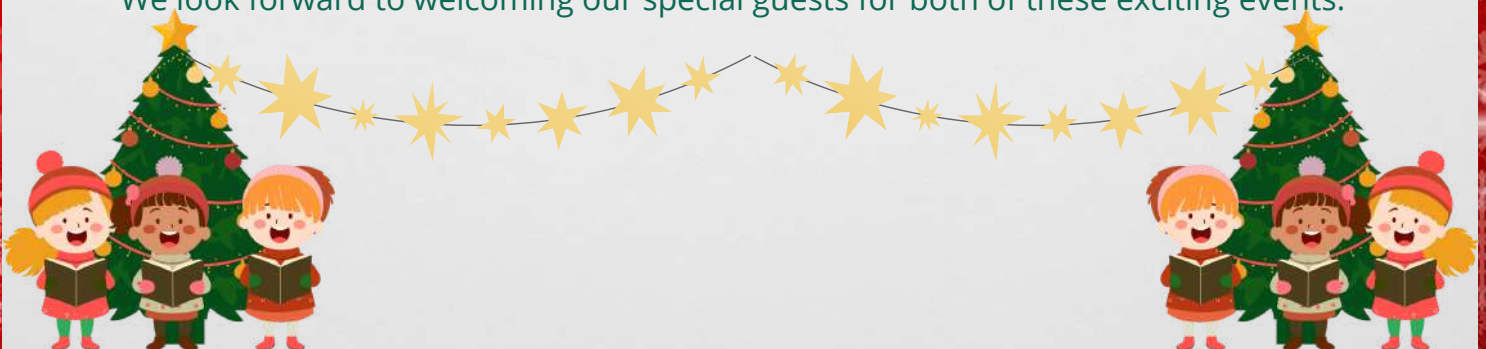
There will be parking available in the Senior School yard from 2.00pm onwards. Could you please note that, due to the timing of the Senior School day, those arriving early will not be allowed vehicular access to the Senior School yard until this time.

To give us a guide to numbers could you please indicate any seating requirements on **Trybooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/CYND>**

The Junior School Open Classrooms will take place from 3pm, following the conclusion of the sing-a-long. The Open Classrooms session is open to all parents and grandparents of Junior School pupils. Parents and grandparents are welcome to take their child/grandchild home with them as soon as the Open Classrooms finish.

Parking will be available on the Senior Yard. Please note that anyone parking on the Senior Yard will need to either vacate the yard before 3.45pm, as at this time the vehicle gates close for the end of day procedure, or, wait until the gates reopen at 4.15pm.

We look forward to welcoming our special guests for both of these exciting events.





Free Music opportunity!

We have an amazing opportunity for any pupils in Year 4, 5 or 6 who would like to have free group lessons on the trombone!

The group lesson takes place after school on Tuesdays. Trombones will be provided by school. Please get in touch with Mrs Kawalec if your child would like to participate.

Junior School Chamber Choir

Our Junior School Chamber Choir will be singing festive songs in John Lewis, Victoria Centre, Nottingham on **Sunday 17th December**. If you would like to come and sing a long they will be performing from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

We'd love to see you there!



Make a Move!

On **Tuesday 23rd January**, the Infant School children are going to take part in an exciting design-technology challenge.

The children will discuss what they think 'make a move' means. They will explore a range of materials and use their problem-solving skills to meet their interpretation of the challenge.

We would be grateful if you could hold onto any of the following items over the Christmas period and send them into school when we return after the holidays:

-Boxes of all shapes & sizes

-Plastic bottles

-Bottle tops

-Cardboard tubes (no toilet roll inserts, please)

(If you have any other materials which could help us with our challenge, please do send them in!)



This activity will promote teamwork and the sharing of resources, as well as provide pupils with the chance to create something in their own design. Children will also practise their joining, sticking and manipulating skills as they work with the materials.

Thank you so much for your support!



NOTTINGHAM HIGH
INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

HOLIDAY CLUB 2024 DATES

April 2nd – 5th
July 29th – 2nd
August 5th – 9th



PRICES & BOOKING

Price per day is £45
Easter is £180 (Mon-Thurs)
August is £225 per full week

Open to all Students from Reception to Year 6

Bookings will be open on Wisepay from Monday December 4th, 2023.
Any questions please email holidayclub@nottinghamhigh.co.uk



Holiday club 2024

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

£180.00

Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th April

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

£225.00 per week

Monday 29th July to Friday 2nd
August

Monday 5th August to Friday
9th August

Priority bookings for Easter and Summer weeks will open for Nottingham High School children on Monday 4th December 2023.

Bookings will open more widely on Monday 11th December 2023 for any children.

We are looking forward to another fun packed holiday club during 2024.



All abilities welcome

For Primary School aged children

Year twos welcome

Competitions arranged
Trophies and medals

Cost per session: £10

Location

Nottingham High School
53-61 Forest Road East, Nottingham
Sat nav NG7 4HH

LEARN TO PLAY CHESS

with

Nottinghamshire Primary Schools' Chess Association
for Primary age children.

Saturday 18th November, Saturday 16th December and
Saturday 6th January
9.00am until 12.00noon.

Beginners particularly welcome.

Whatever your ability and confidence level, there will be something for you in this fun and instructive activity. Over several rounds of chess, you will have chance to hone your skills and increase your confidence. Come and give it a go!

Nottinghamshire Primary Schools Chess Association

For further information contact the Chairman

Ed Jones

Email: ed47jones@gmail.com

Or visit our website
nottsprimarychess.uk

INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL
INFANT SCHOOL STAR OF THE WEEK

RA

Rupert W-R. for working hard to remember finger spaces and tricky words in his writing.

RB

Arthur T. for writing some awesome adjectives to describe a present.

RJ

Lily McM. for her excellent piece of non-fiction writing about a firefighter. Lily carefully sounded out each word and tried hard to form every letter perfectly.

1P

Anna S. for using good mathematical language when reasoning in maths.

1S

Sajan L. for super explanations during our Dive Deeper Maths discussions.

2B

Nikhil P. for accurately using mathematical vocabulary to describe 2D and 3D shapes.

2M

Josh B. for his fabulous set of instructions on making a Christmas stocking decoration.

2W

Henry H. for his fantastic maths work this week, using different strategies to solve problems.

INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

INFANT SCHOOL SQUIRREL OF THE WEEK



Albert M. (RB) for pushing himself further in Maths by drawing his own part - part whole model and number sentence.

Maya B. (2B) for concentrating well during her independent learning and producing some amazing work as a result of this!

Vinnie G. (2M) for showing an improvement in his listening skills around the classroom.



Charlie W. (1P) for developing his communication skills when working with his talk partner.



Zayn B. (RA) for sharing his thoughts and ideas in our Dear Santa sessions.

Zachary D. (RJ) for independently learning in all areas of the classroom through efficiently using his Rainbow Challenge card.

Jocelyn L. (2W) for being so brilliant at including everything she can in her work, and showing that she always wants to challenge herself and keep on learning.



Leo F. (1S) for his enthusiasm about sport and exercise – especially football!

3G

Rayaan J. for his excellent and careful use of colour theory in Art.

3M

Samuel G. for independently writing some rhythms at home, based on what we've been learning in lessons and brought in his ukulele to perform them!!!

4W

Ibraheem S., Ethan Z. and Amelie V. for fantastic summary writing in their non chronological reports on the River Nile.

5B

Enzo L. for a fabulous piece of mystery writing, packed full of figurative language.

Max B. and Jude A. for using their knowledge to independently install a switch into their DT project. This was not straight forward and the boys showed resilience to achieve success!

5D

Harkiran M. and Musa A. for working well together to produce an attractive, stable and fit-for-purpose Doodler in DT.



Burhanuddin G. (5A) for his resilience in always being ready to learn and his positivity when something doesn't quite work out the first time.



Aniket M. (5A) for voluntarily helping his classmates to understand challenging problems in Mathematics, explaining his thinking in a clear way, and using his initiative to employ equipment to demonstrate ideas.



Amaal M. (3G) for her accurate, sincere and well-timed compliments. Amaal always recognises the achievements and strengths of those around her and, in doing so, she spreads sunshine wherever she goes.

Nikhil B. and Annabel C. (4C) (nominated by their peers) for always playing with lots of people in the playground and cheering them up when anyone feels a bit down.

Seher S. (5A) for sharing all her materials and winning the prize for the best Spanish art project.



Alice B. (6H) for taking a leading role in her group composition task and directing her group with confidence and insight.

3M

Subhadra G. for her tenacious and proactive attacking skills in Uni Hoc.

5A

Aniket M. and Abhayan B. for doing really well when representing our school in a National Science Competition.

5B

Cameron S. for doing really well when representing our school in a National Science Competition.

5D

Danesh B. for doing really well when representing our school in a National Science Competition.

6H

Alice B., Avani K. and Isaac G. for doing really well when representing our school in a National Science Competition.

6S

Alex P. for doing really well when representing our school in a National Science Competition.

INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS TO CELEBRATE

Two teams took part in the online National Semi Finals for the Science Quiz. We are proud of both teams and are pleased to announce that Nottingham High Team 1 is through to the finals that will take place in Oxford later next year. Huge congratulations to Abhayan B. (5A), Danesh B. (5D), Alice B. and Avani K. (6H)



On Tuesday 5th December, Year 4 had a fabulous Humanities trip to Leicester's New Walk Museum. They had a superb time furthering their knowledge of life in Ancient Egyptian times as well as having a super introduction to Biomes and their animals for Geography for later on in the year. Year 4 also enjoyed developing their knowledge of fossils and rocks and loved admiring the Rutland Dinosaur! All of the children were very well behaved - the staff in the museum remarked upon how smart all of our pupils looked in their uniform, what superb manners they had in the shop and their amazing knowledge and understanding during the workshop on Ancient Egyptians. Well done Year 4 - it was a pleasure to take you out!

INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS TO CELEBRATE



We were absolutely blown away by the high standard of all entries into our JS Christmas card competition this year!

We are pleased to announce that this year's winner is Erin S. (6C) with her beautiful water colour snowy scene.

Erin's canvas is proudly on display in school and her cards will be sharing Christmas wishes near and far!

NPSCA League Chess matches

NPSCA organised the first evening competition for Nottinghamshire Schools of the season. It was a very good turnout. Teams consisted of four players. There were 14 teams from 7 schools.

Results:



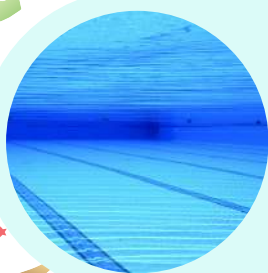
Round 1

Fernwood B 0-4 NHIJS A
Gotham B 0-4 Fernwood A
The Elms B 1-3 Gotham A
NGHS 1-3 The Elms C
NHIJS B 4-0 The Elms A
Willowbrook B 2 1/2 - 1 1/2 Old Basford
The Elms D 1 1/2 - 2 1/2 Willowbrook A

Round 2

Fernwood A 3 1/2 - 1/2 NHIJS A
Gotham A 0-4 NHIJS B
The Elms C 1-3 Willowbrook B
Willowbrook A 2 1/2 - 1 1/2 NGHS
Old Basford 2 1/2 - 1 1/2 The Elms D
Fernwood B 4-0 The Elms A
Gotham B 0-4 The Elms B

Our next league meeting will be hosted by the Elms at Trent College.



Aahil N. (RJ) has completed Level 1 in his swimming and he is now working on Level 2, just before his 5th birthday!

INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS TO CELEBRATE

Sophie H. (RA) who took part in the ballet exams for pre-primary stage.



Kit MacQ. and Joshua B. (1P) received certificates for participating in a swimming gala at David Lloyd over the weekend.



Melia-Jade E. (1P) has achieved her 5M and Learn to Swim Stage 2.



Harry S. (2W) took part in a grading for taekwondo and has been promoted to Green Belt (6th Kup).



Luminar C-R. (2M) has completed stage 4 swimming and is very excited to be moving onto stage 5



Adam A. (3G) won Gold at the East Midlands Chess Grand Prix (U8) tournament and has been chosen to play in the prestigious London Junior Chess Championship 2023 finals.



Alice B. (3G), Mia S. and Amy H. (3M) have all passed Grade 1 Ballet



INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS TO CELEBRATE

Ishaan D., (6C) participated at the 10 & under LTA Youth Play tennis tournament at West Bridgford Tennis club and was awarded a special 'fair play' award by the referees for proactively helping younger newcomers with understanding the scoring methods through the games.



Zoe Z. (6H) has achieved Grade 8 with merit for the Piano.

Neil K. (6C) won bronze medal in the East Midlands Grand Prix on Saturday.



Samyuktha V. (6S) won 2nd place in the N.P.S.C.A under 11 category.



GENERAL NEWS

Dear Parents and Guardians

Next Thing Education Camps are looking to host an exciting Tech and STEM themed camp at our school next February half term. The camp will combine learning with fun and include themes such as robotic building and programming, Minecraft, movie making, Lego engineering, virtual reality and much more - all with the aim of inspiring the next generation of technology enthusiasts and inventors! Here's a video of a snippet of some of the activities at the camp. <https://youtu.be/VWqEyudd9oU>.

To see if this is something that's feasible, Next Thing Education need an idea of how many children would be interested. Please could you click on the following link and complete the following 30 second survey to register your interest for this camp:
<https://nextthing.typeform.com/febinterest>

We will be in touch very soon to confirm it is going ahead.

Kind regards,

Next Thing Education Camps Ltd
www.nextthing.education



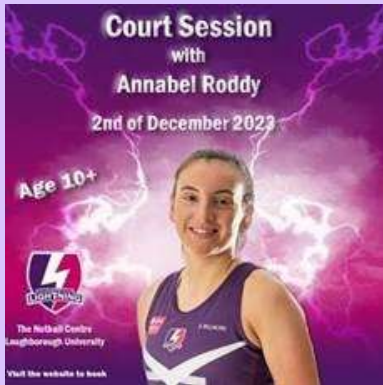
The recent whole school photograph (above) taken at Nottingham High School is now online and available to order with delivery direct to your home address.

Please use the following link, and your email address when prompted, to view and order on the Gillman & Soame website:

<https://www.gillmanandsoame.co.uk/?cardRef=413929&cardPass=975281&loginType=editOrder>

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact Gillman & Soame directly at enquiries@gillmanandsoame.co.uk or on 01869 328200.

GENERAL NEWS



Coaching session with NSL superstar Annabel Roddy. This session is suitable for athletes of all abilities aged 10+.

<https://store.lboro.ac.uk/product-catalogue/sports-development-centre/loughborough-lightning/netball-masterclass-with-annabel-rodny>



Full day camp on 16th December – which will be full of fun netball related games and Christmas activities, an ideal start to the Christmas break. This is suitable for all abilities aged 8 – 12 years.

<https://store.lboro.ac.uk/product-catalogue/sports-development-centre/loughborough-lightning/loughborough-lightning-christmas-camp-16th-december-2023>



Come and join the next Christmas Vocals and get in the panto spirit with songs from Roald Dahl's Jack and the Beanstalk and sing under twinkling lights with hits from Disney and Take That!

Dates and venues

16th Dec. – Nottingham Trent University, Clifton NG11 8NS

17th Dec. – Albert Hall, Nottingham NG1 5AA

Sign up links:

Find out further information here:

<https://www.music-for-everyone.org/event/vocals-christmas-is-coming/>

Sign up online here: <https://www.music-for-everyone.org/event/vocals-christmas-is-coming/#booking-link>