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**After School Club  
Contact Numbers**

**Infant School : 07500 887 982**

**Junior School : 07810 502 693**

Please click below for the latest copy of our School Magazine:  
**[NHIJS Young Nottinghamian](#)**

### The Merle

Keep up to date with The Merle (Senior School Newsletter) [here](#)

### HOLIDAY CLUB BOOKINGS

Holiday Club bookings for Easter and Summer weeks are now open.

Please remember to book your requirements on Wisepay.

### Please see attached for :

- IS Menu w/c 18 December
- Junior School menus are [here](#)

## 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

### Abbreviations used throughout:

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



## **Junior School - Making a Difference**

A huge thank you to all parents and families for supporting our Creativity Cup this year - 'Make a Difference'. All the pupils shared what they had done with their classes early this week and we have had an assembly today to showcase some outstanding achievements. The work that all the children have put into 'Making a Difference' is truly phenomenal and what is truly inspiring is how many of them want to continue, even though the project has ended.

Shared below are the winners in different Year Groups and the overall winners - some amazing projects. Again many thanks for all your help and support.

<https://nottinghamhigh.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Making-A-Difference-1.pdf>

Lucy Thorpe  
Deputy Head Academic  
Nottingham High Infant and Junior School



# DECEMBER SNAPSHOT



**MON**

**18**

- JS Christmas lunch



**TUE**

**19**



- Y2 Open Classrooms 8.15 - 9am
- Grandparents' Sing-a-Long in JS Hall @ 2.15pm
- Y2 and JS Open Classrooms from 3pm

**WED**

**20**



- Infant School Party Morning
- IJS Christmas Jumper morning

- **END OF TERM**

**IS collect @ 12noon**  
**JS collect @ 12.10pm**

**THU**

**FRI**



## SCHOOL WILL CLOSE ON 20TH DECEMBER FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

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- 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 and Junior School Class and Sport Clubs have now finished for this term

## MONDAY

- Junior School Christmas lunch for all pupils

## TUESDAY

- Y2 Open Classrooms: 8.15 - 9am & 3 - 3.45pm
- Grandparents' Sing-a-Long in the Junior School Hall from 2.15pm
- JS Open Classrooms from 3pm

## WEDNESDAY

### Infant School Party Clothes or Christmas Jumper Day Junior School Christmas Jumper Day



- Infant School Party morning
- Junior School Cinderella Panto online streaming
- Infant School will close at 12noon
- Junior School will close at 12.10pm
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## Infant and Junior School Key Dates

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

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### 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 Y2 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.

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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.







## 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.





## Grandparents' Christmas Sing-a-Long

On Tuesday 19th December from 2.15pm – 3:00pm, we invite Grandparents and elderly friends/relatives to come along to a special Christmas sing-a-long, 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.

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 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. Anyone parking on the Senior Yard will need to either vacate the yard before 3.45pm or wait until the gates reopen at 4.15pm.

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

## 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!







NOTTINGHAM HIGH  
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# BIRTHDAY BOOK DONATION!

We love reading here at IJS and so we politely ask that instead of gifting sweets and toys on birthdays, why not donate your favourite book to our library so we can all enjoy your most loved stories together. The donated book will be stamped with one of our special birthday book stickers to commemorate the generous donation and birthday!

Thank you all in advance!





Please click below to watch the Y2 String Project Performance

<https://youtu.be/iNWRrdlMog>



## 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.



On Monday 11th December, Year 3 visited the brand new Nottingham Central Library. They were blown away by the beautiful space, the reading nooks, the immersive storytelling room and the thousands of beautiful books! The library team kindly gave us signing-up forms so that we can borrow books and take part in their wonderful events. Should any of our pupils and families wish to join the library, we will be handing out these forms for all IJS children to take home with them. This is such a lovely opportunity to be part of Nottingham's thriving community of readers and one of the best things about signing up is that, when you sign up for one of Nottingham City's libraries, you can choose to visit any of them; they're all included! Hooray!



## 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!



## Whole School Optional Science Christmas Competition

### Taking weather photos!

*Calling all budding young scientists and photographers...*



Using an electronic device or digital camera (**make sure you ask your parent's permission first!**) how many different types of weather can you photograph during the Christmas break in December and the start of January before you come back to school? Will it be frosty? Sunny? Rainy? Snowy? Can you make your photo have a Christmas or festive feel to it? Parents can help you with the electronic device and being safe online.

A selection of the best photos and winners will be announced in assembly next term.

Please email your entries with your name and form to [miller.ri@nottinghamhigh.co.uk](mailto:miller.ri@nottinghamhigh.co.uk) for the Infant School or [sethi.gk@nottinghamhigh.co.uk](mailto:sethi.gk@nottinghamhigh.co.uk) for the Junior School. The deadline for entries is **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

We look forward to seeing your amazing photographs of hopefully some beautiful weather this holiday.

Mr Miller (KS1 Science Co-ordinator) &

Mrs Sethi (KS2 Head of Science)







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## 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](mailto: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

Bookings are now open

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](mailto:ed47jones@gmail.com)

Or visit our website  
[nottsprimarychess.uk](http://nottsprimarychess.uk)



INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL  
INFANT SCHOOL STAR OF THE WEEK

**RA**

**Ryan D.** for his effort on his writing and remembering his finger spaces.

**RB**

**Verity L.** for her effort in thinking about her letter size and for starting each sentence with a capital letter.

**RJ**

**Roman D.** for his incredible sentence writing in phonics, using the displays to help him and remembers his capital letter and full stop.

**1P**

**Oliver C.** for his super poetry writing about winter.

**1S**

**Gursher Singh T.** for super progress with his handwriting.

**2B**

**Oliver U.** for accurately identifying 3D faces, edges and vertices and solving related mathematical problems.

**2M**

**Jayan U.** for showing great improvement in his handwriting this week.

**2W**

**Zayn M.** for his super instruction writing about how to make a Christmas stocking and decoration.

# INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

## INFANT SCHOOL SQUIRREL OF THE WEEK



**Zayn F. (RJ)** for always being a kind friend and helpful member of our class.

**William D. (2B)** for being able to describe what a good friend is during our PSHE lesson and for trying his best to put this into practice.



**Julian K. (RA)** for his hard work on learning to do his coat zip independently.

**Max K. (1P)** for always being engaged and enthusiastic about our lessons in school.

**Alice T. (2W)** for always challenging herself, using a range of strategies to find the answer and doing her best work in every lesson.



**JJ M. (1S)** for regularly drawing upon learning from previous lessons during our class discussions.



**Ezra R. (RB)** for trying incredibly hard to blend his sounds to form words independently.



**Luminar C-R. (2M)** for always being herself and bringing lots of smiles and energy to the classroom everyday.



**3G**

**Kalyan R.** for his outstanding descriptive skills in his retelling of Jack and the Beanstalk.

**3M**

**Alex R.** for having the confidence to speak eloquently during her creativity cup entry to all her classmates

**Hadeed S.** for having great confidence in order to produce an amazing creativity cup entry to all the class.

**Anaya B.** for an outstanding piece of accessed writing that fully showcased all of the skills she has been working on within the classroom.

**Garvit S.** for a brilliant piece of writing which showed all the attributes I know he has been practising both in class and at home within his weekly homework tasks.

**Subhadra G.** for an unbelievable descriptive piece of writing which could easily have been misinterpreted as the work of J.K. Rowling!

**4C**

**Naina K.** for being an absolute superstar learner in Spanish last week.

**Ayaan K.** for superb use of time and skills to research and complete a detailed poster about the River Nile.

**4W**

**Minh N.** for an amazing non-chronological report on Vietnam.

**5B**

**Enzo L., Max B. and Thomas R.** for great collaboration on their stop motion video explaining coastal erosion.

**6S**

**Felix M.** for excellent work on the emergency response to a natural disaster.



**Makari L. (3M)** for showcasing a great attitude across the curriculum, accepting feedback with resilience in order to then move his learning forward!



**Benedict C. (3M)** (voted for by his peers) for always being a great learning leader.

**Zane H. (3M)** (voted for by his peers) for always helping others if they are on their own and offering to play with them.

**Sai G. (3M)** for always including everybody during games and making sure everybody has a turn.



**Alex R. (3M)** (voted for by her peers) for using exceptional manners with all the staff in the lunch hall and library.

**Harman L. (3M)** for always picking up on the behaviours of members of the class (including Mr Moss) to ensure that they are happy at school.



**Hamish J-R. (5B)** for the most beautiful manners, always offering to help, opening doors and being a fabulous member of 5B!



# INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

## JUNIOR SCHOOL SHARPENER FOR SUCCESS AWARD

4C

**Rosie M.** for achieving a Merit in her Grade 7 piano exam!!! An incredible achievement at such a young age.

5A

**Abhayan B.** for being part of the Nottingham High Team 1 who are through to the Science Quiz National Finals which will take place at Oxford University next year.

**Anoushka P-T.** for taking part in all of the Saturday morning Cross Country races at Berry Hill Park.

**Henry A.** for being successful in his audition for the Snowman solo. Henry will be performing over the Christmas period. Congratulations - it will be an amazing experience and that you will be a wonderful addition to the concerts.

5B

**Jude A.** for amazing goal keeping skills in water polo.

5D

**Herbie F.** for taking part in all of the Saturday morning Cross Country races at Berry Hill Park.

**Danesh B.** for being part of the Nottingham High Team 1 who are through to the Science Quiz National Finals which will take place at Oxford University next year.

**Louis S.** for amazing goal keeping skills in water polo.

6C

**Iyla K.** for taking part in all of the Saturday morning Cross Country races at Berry Hill Park.

6H

**Thomas R.** for taking part in all of the Saturday morning Cross Country races at Berry Hill Park.

**Alice B. and Avani K.** for being part of the Nottingham High Team 1 who are through to the Science Quiz National Finals which will take place at Oxford University next year.

6S

**Jin Chen L.** for being successful in his audition for the Snowman solo. Jin Chen will be performing over the Christmas period. Congratulations - it will be an amazing experience and that you will be a wonderful addition to the concerts.

# INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS TO CELEBRATE



Congratulations to everyone who has received an email from BBC 500 Words saying that you are through to the 2nd round. A massive well done we are very proud of you all. Fingers crossed for the next round. Thousands of entries were received and only approximately 5,000 go through for the second round of judging by the Reading Agency.

Congratulations to Cole H-R., Cameron S. (5B) and Joshua S. (5D) who came second with their newly formed team, WB Colts Palmerias, in YEL Winter Football Division 3 Red. The team will now be promoted to Division 2. Great achievement - well done boys!



Kian F-B. (6C) passed his piano Grade 8 exam with merit.

Henry L. (6S) has achieved the NICAS level 3 qualification in indoor climbing and is now training for his level 4 award.



Ishaan D. (6C) performed with his Musical Theatre group at the St. Mary's Church, Eastwood staging a musical theatre performance in front of a ~100-member audience, accompanied by a live brass band playing Christmas carols. Ishaan was also part of the Christmas parade at the Kimberley Christmas lights switch on 2 weeks ago, welcoming Santa's parade into the town of Kimberley in front of over 1000 locals.





# 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](http://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.

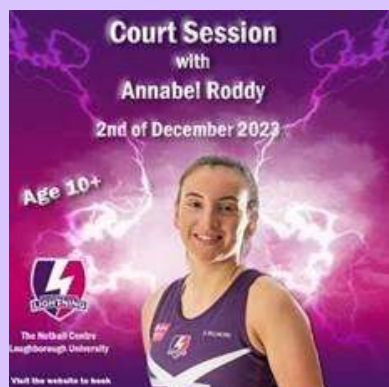
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# GENERAL NEWS



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>