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After School Club  
Contact Numbers

Infant School : 07500 887 982

Junior School : 07810 502 693

Please see attached for :

- Infant School menu w/c 06.05.24
- Junior School menus are [here](#)

A polite reminder: if your child is unable to participate in the Swimming or PE curriculum lesson for medical reasons, an email must be sent for the purposes of record keeping to Mr Abdy (P.E.)

([abdy.tg@nottinghamhigh.co.uk](mailto:abdy.tg@nottinghamhigh.co.uk)) or Mrs Whittamore (Swimming)

([whittamore.h@nottinghamhigh.co.uk](mailto:whittamore.h@nottinghamhigh.co.uk)).

If you would like to request an authorised, planned absence for your child, please contact [exeat@nottinghamhigh.co.uk](mailto:exeat@nottinghamhigh.co.uk) which now addresses exeat requests across IJS and Senior School.

Abbreviations used throughout:

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

# MRS SIMPSON'S NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

This week, I enjoyed a conversation with two Junior School colleagues about the way that we as humans are all slightly different. We discussed how, for some people, chatting is a form of relaxation and a way in which a person can re-charge their batteries and yet for others, chit-chat is draining and tiring. For some, eager and energetic conversations over breakfast are perfect, whilst for others, a quieter start to the day is preferred. There are those who love the camaraderie of team sports and getting out with their team in all weathers for their exercise, and others who prefer individual sports or sports which are conducted indoors (the latter always seeming most appealing to me in the depths of the Autumn Term). In our club programme, there are those who enjoy chess in the afternoons and those who enjoy Dance Fit early in the mornings... or both!

We proudly celebrate "I am me" as part of our Roadmap, and Individuality is one of our five core values at Nottingham High School. We treat every child as an individual, taking on board their own unique needs to ensure that they are supported to make the best possible progress in all areas. For us, celebrating our unique differences and what makes us each who we are is a central part of our identity as a school. From our Spotlight presentation opportunities in the Junior School, in which children can share with their peers something which is important and interesting to them, to our little learners in Lovell House choosing their very first free reader books to suit their own personal tastes, the individual approach is what we do best at Nottingham High School. Here you will find a club for everyone amongst our selection, reading books to suit all tastes and interests among our impressive library shelves and different options for children to choose from when thinking about how to spend playtime and lunchtime. There are some who relish the opportunity to run around in the fresh air with their friends and some who are found devouring novels in the library and many who do both of those things. Caring for the individual is what our offering is all about, and I am proud of our children for having the emotional intelligence and acceptance to be able to accept themselves, and each other, as the fabulous individuals they are.

With best wishes,

Mrs. Simpson





# MAY SNAPSHOT

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
<b>6</b> <b>BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY</b>	<b>7</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Y3 Outdoor Education @ Perlethorpe</li><li>Y4 Poetry Plate final @ 9am</li></ul>	<b>8</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>EYFS Reading Cafe @ 8 - 8.30am</li><li>Y3 Poetry Plate final @ 9am</li><li>Y4 Online residential meeting</li></ul>	<b>9</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Y1 Reading Cafe : 8 - 8.30am</li><li>Y3 Taster Day</li><li>Y5 Poetry Plate final @ 9am</li></ul>	<b>10</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Y2 Reading Cafe from 8 - 8.30am</li><li>Y6 Poetry Plate final @ 9am</li><li>U11 Cricket v. Hill House @ Valley Road</li></ul>
<b>13</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Y1 Outdoor Education Day - Attenborough</li></ul>	<b>14</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Y3 &amp; Y4 STEM Career Day</li></ul>	<b>15</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>U9 &amp; U11 Athletics @ Ranby School</li></ul>	<b>16</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Y5 &amp; Y6 STEM Career Day</li><li><i>tbc U9 Cricket v. Fairfield</i></li></ul>	<b>17</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>U10 Outreach Cricket Festival</li></ul>
<b>20</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>U9 Football @ Forest Zone</li><li>U10 &amp; U11 Kwik Cricket away @ Derby High</li></ul>	<b>21</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Y5 &amp; Y6 House Gala from 9am</li><li>U11 Chess @ Fernwood Primary - depart at 3.30pm</li></ul>	<b>22</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Y5 Peak District Outdoor Education</li></ul>	<b>23</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>NPSA Athletics</li><li>Y5/Y6 Mixed City Cricket</li></ul>	<b>24</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>EYFS, Y3-6 Open Classrooms from 8.15am</li><li>Y1 &amp; Y2 Open Classrooms (8.15am &amp; 3pm - further information to follow)</li><li>JS Chess Bullock Cup from 9am</li><li>U10 &amp; U11 Cricket v. Birkdale School @ Valley Road</li></ul>



## Half Term Week

Although School will be closed, Support Staff will be available to contact for any general queries from Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st May on 0115 845 2235

If you would like to request an authorised, planned absence for your child, please contact [exeat@nottinghamhigh.co.uk](mailto:exeat@nottinghamhigh.co.uk) which now addresses exeat requests across IJS and Senior School.

# WEEK AHEAD - W/C 6TH MAY

## MONDAY

- School closed for Bank Holiday

## TUESDAY

- Y3 Outdoor Education @ Perlethorpe
- Y4 Poetry Plate Final @ 9am in JS Hall
- Y4 and ESSA swimmers for Swimming Club - remember packed lunch

## WEDNESDAY

- EYFS Reading Café from 8 - 8.30am in IS Hall
- RJ Computing Club, 1P Weaving Club, 2W Construction Club, 2M Dance Club, 2B Art Club - 3.45 - 4.30pm
- 1S Dance Club - 3.45 - 4.25pm
- Y3 Poetry Plate Final @ 9am in JS Hall
- Y4 Online Parents' residential meeting @ 7pm:  
<https://meet.google.com/zkh-vkum-erp?hs=122&authuser=0>

## THURSDAY

- Y1 Reading Café from 8 - 8.30am in IS Hall
- 2M Little Wickets Cricket - 3.45 - 4.25pm
- Y3 Taster Day
- Y5 Poetry Plate Final @ 9am in JS Hall

## FRIDAY

- Y2 Reading Café from 8 - 8.30am in IS Hall
- 2B Football Club - 3.45 - 4.30pm
- Y6 Poetry Plate Final @ 9am
- Y5 & Y6 Online Maths Quiz @ 10am
- U11 Cricket v. Hill House School @ Valley Road





Last Wednesday we had a very special visit from Barbara and her dog, Harry. She told us all about the training of the dogs and how they help people. The children really enjoyed her visit and asked lots of questions at the end. Harry was very entertaining and lovable.



We all had a fabulous fundraising day on Friday. The children certainly broke the school uniform rules. We had lots of odd shoes, silly socks and unusual hairstyles and, of course, glitter!

A massive thank you to everybody for donating. **We raised a huge £471.50.**



The Guide Dog poster competition was judged by the School Councillors and Mr Fear. It was a very difficult decision but congratulations to Isaiah H. (RJ), Anna S. (1P) and Eva L. (2B). Many thanks to everyone who entered the competition. The posters will be displayed in school when they have been printed.



## Infant School Reading Cafés



EYFS - Wednesday 8th May  
Year 1 - Thursday 9th May  
Year 2 - Friday 10th May



We are pleased to announce the dates for our Infant School Reading Café events. Parents are invited to celebrate reading in our library and hall with their child between 8:00am and 8:30am on the above dates for their year group.

We will have refreshments available and our reading ambassadors will be choosing a selection of books and magazines for their classmates to enjoy and read aloud to their parents.

The reading ambassadors were keen for everyone to enjoy reading and suggested organising a book swap for adults. If you have any books which you have finished reading, we would appreciate these being sent into school in advance so we can have a selection ready. However, you may also bring a book with you to swap on the day.

Entry to school will be via the Arthur Street gates.



## Head Lice

Following a recent case of head lice, to prevent any spreading please try to:

- Check your child's hair once a week.  
Use a proper detection comb to trap head lice.
- If you find live lice, consult a pharmacist for treatment advice.
- If head lice are spotted, take a close look at all the family. TREAT
  - Please treat your child with a clinically proven treatment.
  - Leave the treatment on for the recommended time for maximum effect.
- Repeat the treatment for a second time seven days after the original treatment to kill any eggs that may hatch after the first treatment.
- Check that all head lice have gone within two to three days of the final application of head lice treatment to complete the process.
  - Continue to check for head lice on a regular, weekly basis.

For further information on head lice please see your pharmacist or visit [www.nhs.uk/conditions/headlice](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/headlice)



## Poetry Plate

Just a reminder of the Poetry Plate finals next week when each year group will have the opportunity to share the top 2 (top 3 in Year 6) individual performances in each class (which will have been judged by the teachers) and a choral poem from each class.

This will all take place in the Junior Hall from 9am till 9.30am and all parents and care givers are welcome to attend - refreshments will be provided from 8.45am in the Junior School atrium. Although parking on the Senior School yard is available, it is limited to 20 places and is on a first come first served basis. The performances for each year group are as follows:



Tuesday 7th May: Year 4  
Wednesday 8th May: Year 3  
Thursday 9th May: Year 5  
Friday 10th May: Year 6



## National Share-a-Story Month

National Share-a-Story Month was set up by the Federation of Children's Book Groups as an annual celebration of the power of stories. National Share-a-Story Month takes place through the month of May and has a different theme each here.

The theme for 2024 is 'A Feast of Stories'.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/2020/05/did-you-know-may-is-national-share-a-story-month/>



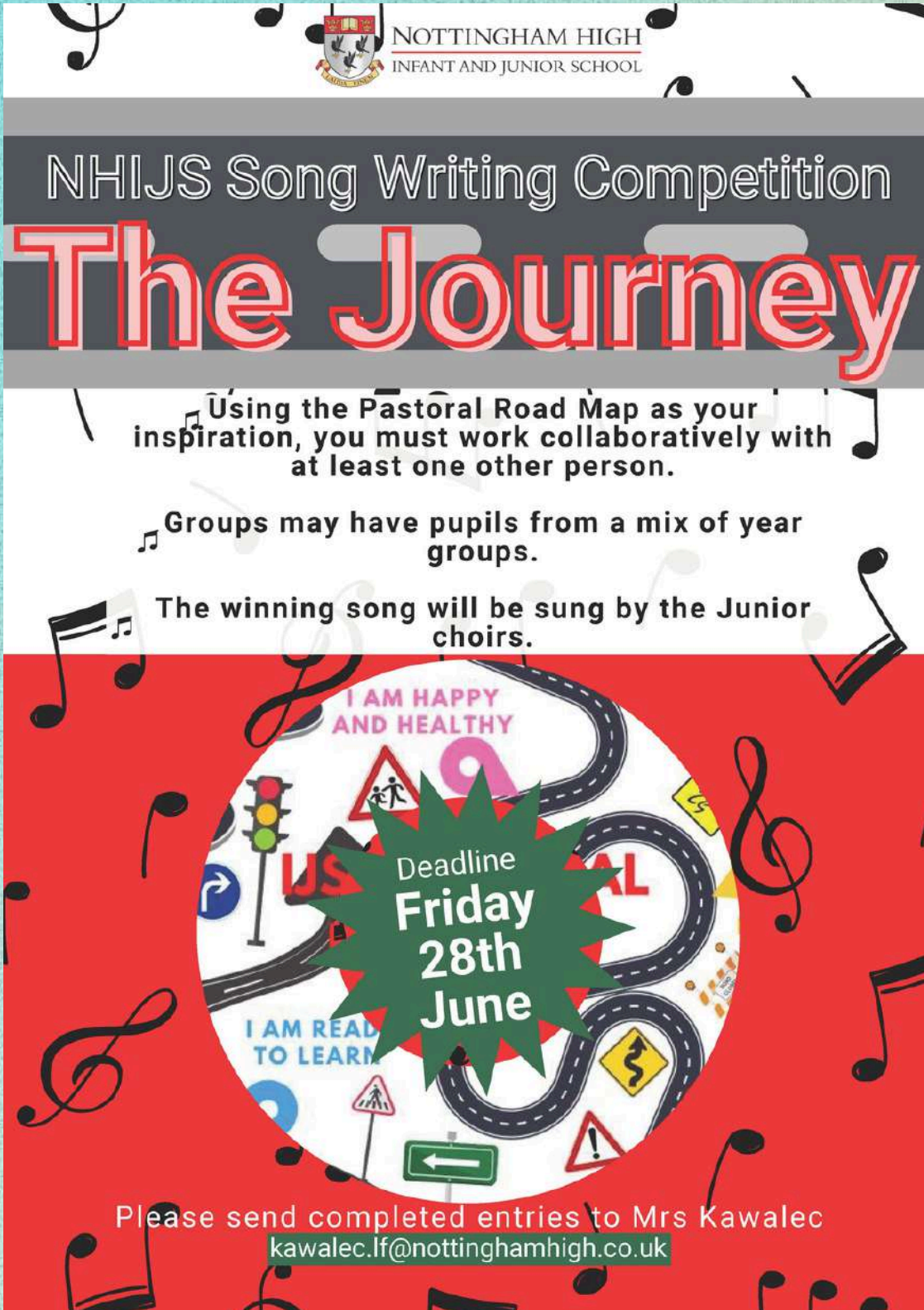


## Y3 Perlethorpe Trip

Apologies for any confusion caused by the Evolve letter yesterday. The date of the trip should read **Tuesday 7th May** (NOT Monday 7th).

Monday 6th remains a Bank Holiday as planned.

We look forward to welcoming them back into school on Tuesday ready for the trip.



The poster features a white background with a black border. At the top, the school crest and name 'NOTTINGHAM HIGH INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL' are displayed. The title 'NHIJS Song Writing Competition' is in white on a dark grey band, followed by 'The Journey' in large, red, outlined letters. Below this, three bullet points provide details: 'Using the Pastoral Road Map as your inspiration, you must work collaboratively with at least one other person.', 'Groups may have pupils from a mix of year groups.', and 'The winning song will be sung by the Junior choirs.' The bottom half has a red background with a circular graphic containing a road map, traffic signs, and the text 'I AM HAPPY AND HEALTHY', 'I AM READY TO LEARN', and 'USUAL'. A green starburst in the center of the circle says 'Deadline Friday 28th June'. At the bottom, contact information for Mrs Kawalec is provided.

NOTTINGHAM HIGH  
INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

NHIJS Song Writing Competition  
**The Journey**

- Using the Pastoral Road Map as your inspiration, you must work collaboratively with at least one other person.
- Groups may have pupils from a mix of year groups.
- The winning song will be sung by the Junior choirs.

**Deadline  
Friday  
28th  
June**

I AM HAPPY AND HEALTHY  
I AM READY TO LEARN  
USUAL

Please send completed entries to Mrs Kawalec  
[kawalec.lf@nottinghamhigh.co.uk](mailto:kawalec.lf@nottinghamhigh.co.uk)



INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL  
INFANT SCHOOL STAR OF THE WEEK

RA

**Erin T.** for always trying her best and gaining confidence! She has been a superstar this week!

RB

**Mannat P.** for persevering and not giving up in Maths this week.

RJ

**Argyle J-R.** for settling perfectly into life at Nottingham High School. Argyle always tries his best with all his phonics and maths work.

1P

**Indi Y.** for her super explanations about using number lines and hundred squares in Maths.

1S

**Erikka S.** for using super vocabulary in her Flotsam writing.

2B

**Anaiya J.** for producing an amazing story based on Peter Pan using incredible detail and creative language.

2M

**Margot MM.** for demonstrating a good understanding of unit and non-unit and giving an excellent explanation of the difference between them.

2W

**Theodore L.** for his fantastic writing and using speech with inverted commas in his story, well done!



# INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

## INFANT SCHOOL SQUIRREL OF THE WEEK



**Max K. (1P)** for having a cheerful, positive and determined approach to his learning in school.

**Isla W. (2W)** for her fantastic focus when working independently and enjoying showing her achievements in her work.



**Alex B.(1S)** for independently trying different methods and equipment when solving Maths calculations.

**Alex C. (2B)** for fully participating in our Robin Hood workshop and confidently sharing some amazing ideas.

**Luminar CR. (2M)** for helping others to tidy up the classroom without being asked.



**Thorunn J-R. (RJ)** for settling perfectly into life at Nottingham High School. Thorunn is always happy, polite and has made lots of new friends.



**Vinny M. (RB)** for complimenting your friends on their work and going above and beyond to make your peers smile.



**Ryan D. (RA)** for sharing lovely ideas during our PSED lesson this week. He could confidently describe the qualities of a good friend.



3G

**Jude A.** for overcoming her fears of water in Swimming, listening to the advice given to her and putting it into action.

**Teddy C.** for excellent progress in his writing, making a concerted effort to improve his punctuation skills.

4C

**Hunter C.** for excellent Science class participation over the last 3 weeks.

5A

**Seher S.** for writing an amazing and meaningful poem in her own time.

5B

**Enzo L.** for excellent Science research on planets at home which was then used successfully in our lesson.



# INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

## JUNIOR SCHOOL RAINBOW AWARDS FOR PASTORAL EFFORT AND ACHIEVEMENT



**Abhayan B. (5A)** for his insatiable curiosity about the world around him.

**Arlo J. (5A)** for overcoming his performance nerves, showing great resilience and delivering a fantastic poetry performance this week.



**Dilan U. (3G)** for his tenacious attitude to learning. Dilan is taking on Summer Term with newfound determination and positivity. As a result, his progress this term has been exceptional.

**Makari L. (3M)** for showing initiative and empathy, supporting other members of Year 3 in their cricket skills.

**Safa M. (6H)** for her proactivity, going out of her way to help others without prompting or expectation of recognition. Thank you, Safa, for making a difference.



**Aurelia S. (3G)** for her incisive sense of humour and outstanding comic timing, lighting up our classroom with laughter.



**Yash V. (5D)** for taking the time to look after a friend who was hurt at break time and for showing a consistently mature attitude.

## INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

### JUNIOR SCHOOL SHARPENER FOR SUCCESS AWARD

**4W**

**Tara N.** for a beautiful diagram of the ear completed in her own time at home.





## Public Speaking 2024



This year's Public Speaking involved children from Year 6. Last week, I listened to a number of children who had chosen to write speeches based on the topic of 'Making a Difference'. The children who took part did an excellent job of writing and remembering their speeches, each using a range of techniques and skills to engage their audience. It was an incredibly difficult task to judge the children's entries, but I felt that the winning entry had something a little different which set it apart from the others. Based upon the concept of music making a difference to people's lives, our winner this year for our Public Speaking competition is: Suren T. (6C).

Many thanks to those who entered, you should be very proud of your efforts,

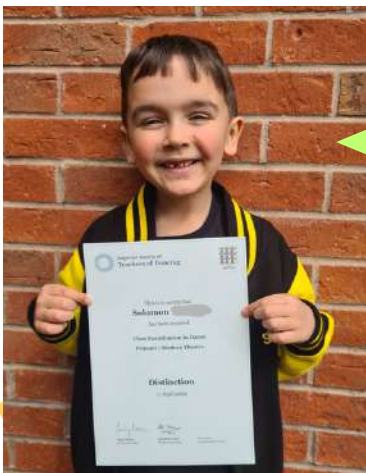
Mrs Hammonds



Soraya T. (1S) received a commendation for her performance in the Party Pieces class at the Mansfield Music Festival.



Nyah M. (1S) has achieved both her Stage 1 Learn to Swim and 5m Backstroke.



Solly T. (2W) was very proud to be awarded a distinction in his dance exam that he took before Easter.



William D. (2B) over the Easter holidays, successfully completed his second week of skiing lessons in La Roisière and earned his Petit Yeti medal from Evolution 2 Ski School. He was also delighted to meet up with two other pupils from NHIJS in La Rosière for the second year in a row!



# INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS TO CELEBRATE



Henry H. (2W) completed the Petit Yeti skiing level with Evolution 2 in La Rosière.



Amaal M. (3G) competed at the Mayor Cup Open Poomsae championships in Harrogate and achieved two silver medals in individual and pairs categories.



Henry H. (2W), Eva L. (2B), Easton W. (2M) showed off their rugby skills at the end of season Mini Rugby Festival at Matlock Rugby Club. Together with Joshua F. (2B), they have had an excellent season for the U7s at West Bridgford Rugby Club.



Rex C. (4W) achieved his stage 4 swimming badge.



Rose C. (5A) was awarded 'Most Improved Player' for West Bridgford Hockey Club. Well done Rose.



# INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

## OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS TO CELEBRATE



Rohan K. (3M) and Zac K. (3G) were selected to represent Nottinghamshire Tennis and played in the LTA U8 County Cup this Sunday. They won all their matches against Derbyshire, Lincolnshire and Leicestershire and were crowned winners of the county cup.



Aryaman G. (5A) played the first game of the season for Nottinghamshire County U11 team on 1st May against Trent college under 12s. This was a friendly match and their team won.



Lara S-S. (5D) has received her badge and certificate after she passed level 7 in swimming.



Yash V. (5D) took part in his first open meet at Matlock over the Easter holidays, having only swam competitively for 6 months, he achieved x2 personal best times. He received 3 medals including a silver medal back stroke.



Suren T. (6C) won 2nd place in the Grade 8 Recital Class at the Mansfield Music Festival. He received a Distinction and a score of 88%.



Hannah T. (5D) played violin in the Music for everyone Big Youth Music experience at the Albert Hall. Hannah loved being in an orchestra and has signed up to their strings orchestra for monthly meets. Hannah has also passed her grade 4 piano exam with Merit.

Hannah has also successfully auditioned for English Youth Ballet and will be part of their production of Giselle at the Theatre Royal this summer.





# GENERAL NEWS

To book: please use this link:

<https://www.nextthing.education/product/nottingham-high-school-may-camp/>



## MAY HALF TERM 2024 28TH - 31ST MAY

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Player Hall - Nottingham High School - NG1 4HH

**The Merle**

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

## Chess Mega finals on Saturday 18th May at Nottingham High School



Full details could be found at:  
<https://www.delanceyukschoolschesschallenge.com/product/2024-nottingham-megafinal/>

This is open to all but may be of particular interest to pupils who are in our chess clubs, including Y2's.



# GENERAL NEWS



## Exciting News!

Dive into a thrilling October Half-Term adventure with Let's Leap!

From Monday 21st October to Friday 1st November 2024 (two weeks!), our camp at Nottingham High School is the place to be from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Our lineup includes a fantastic mix of activities to suit every interest. Highlights include Animal Shows, the rush of Electric Segway Go-karting, the skill of Fencing, and the team spirit of Zorb Football.

We've also got Archery, Inflatable Obstacle Courses, Kin Ball, and for those looking for some friendly competition, Nerf Tag. Plus, our Arts & Crafts sessions are perfect for sparking creativity.

Let's Leap is more than just childcare; it's a space where kids can thrive, learn, and build confidence. Our activities are designed to keep them engaged, active, and smiling all week long. We offer flexible attendance options to fit your schedule, including single-day or full-week bookings, with standard and extended day choices, complemented by sibling and weekly discounts.

Please complete our short survey to show an interest in the camp:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScBc7xDn08zVA3gfpGYDMzx5NYt1-2a6PnaFl9na5-alQGucg/viewform>

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MEASLES MUMPS RUBELLA

Measles is circulating, it is serious, very infectious and can cause complications.

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