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NOTTINGHAM HIGH INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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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 13.05.24
- Junior School menus are [here](#)

**SALE**

**Pre-loved and nearly new Samurai sports kit sales**



21st, 22nd & 23rd May  
4.15pm-6.00pm in the Dining Hall  
Parking available on the yard  
Prices start from £4.00

**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 has seen the Junior School hall become the stage for poetry recitals with our marvellous Poetry Plate winners reciting poems of all types in front of parents, grandparents and friends of the school. I am so very proud of the children for all getting up to perform in their class efforts, and of those individual superstars for memorising their own poems and delivering these with such panache. To take the stage to perform the spoken word in front of an audience is such a big achievement, and to memorise a poem in its entirety and deliver it so masterfully is something that many adults would find a challenge. The transferrable skills our children learn through such an event in terms of confidence, resilience and the value of hard work will stay with them for many years to come and this is precisely the sort of event that gives our children such a different and holistic experience of education. Yes, fractions and fronted adverbials are very important, but there is also praise for poetry, and an appreciation that not all achievements take place at a classroom desk.

The event prompted me to think about my own appreciation for poetry, and poems I have studied and enjoyed for pleasure over the years. I studied, or should I say battled, Milton's Paradise Lost at A Level, and some of Pablo Neruda's work at university, but the poetry I like best is that which is more about the mundane and the everyday. To take an everyday experience and express it in the written word is impressive, engaging and far beyond my own level of creativity. There is a poet called Rachel Jeffcoat who posts much of her poetry online, and her poem First Day of Summer is a beautiful example of contemporary and everyday poetry which I have very much enjoyed. In that poem she says "Nothing you or I can suffer / stops the May greens falling back / on time so June can have its day." Her poetry is beautiful, and I would highly recommend it. This particular line reminds us all, perhaps, that no matter how tricky the trickiest fractions become, nothing stops the first day of summer from coming.

I am, as ever, so proud of our children for all of their achievements both in and out of the classroom. May they forever be in praise of poetry.

Best wishes,

Mrs A Simpson





# MAY SNAPSHOT

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
<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>Y4 Cricket away @ Fairfield</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</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.**

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)).

# WEEK AHEAD - W/C 13TH MAY

## MONDAY

- Y1 Attenborough Education Day
- Y2 Speech & Drama from 3.45 - 4.30pm

## TUESDAY

- Y1 & Y2 Choir from 3.45 - 4.15pm
- Y3 & Y4 STEM Career Day
- Y5 and Y6 Swimming Club - remember packed lunch
- Yr 6 swimming group will need pyjamas/ T-shirt and leggings for the final session on life saving skills as well as their swimming kit.

## WEDNESDAY

- Rj Computing Club, 1P Weaving Club, 2W Construction Club, 2M Dance Club, 2B Art Club - 3.45 - 4.30pm
- 2B Dance Club - 3.45 - 4.25pm
- U9 & U11 Athletics @ Ranby House School

## THURSDAY

- 2M Little Wickets Cricket - 3.45 - 4.25pm
- Y5 & Y6 STEM Career Day
- Y4 Cricket away @ Fairfield

## FRIDAY

- 2W Football Club - 3.45 - 4.30pm
- U10 Outreach Cricket Festival



Please can we remind parents that pupils are **not** allowed to bring in their own toys to play with in school. We particular request that 'Loom Band Kits' are to be enjoyed at home. The pupils have a wide range of equipment to play with at break times and if any pupils would like to suggest any new items to purchase they should talk to their School Council reps.

Lucy Thorpe  
Deputy Head Academic



# INFANT AND JUNIOR NEWS AND REMINDERS



Dear Junior Parents,

We are now four weeks into the lunchtime House seating arrangements and it has been great to see the Junior pupils embracing the new system. Last week we introduced 'Funky Fridays' where, as a reward for showing good manners, taking care to leave things clean and tidy and making positive interactions with their peers, the pupils can sit with their classmates and enjoy their favourite puddings. Miss Thorpe and I announced this to the pupils last Thursday and we were delighted to find out straight after the assembly that we had read the pupils' minds! A group of organised Year 6s had started a very well organised and respectful petition in the hope of just such a Friday treat; they were excited to discover we were one step ahead!

In recent weeks I have spoken to a couple of different Junior parents on the subjects of lunches and there appears to be some confusion relating to the lunch procedure in the Senior Dining Hall. This may be down to misunderstanding from the pupils themselves or a breakdown in communication between school and home. I therefore thought it would be useful to share the routine with you:

- Lunch starts at approximately 12.30pm
- Junior pupils eat before Senior pupils so we have plenty of space and time
- On a typical day, Year 3 pupils will arrive first, followed by Year 4 and so on
- Pupils sit in House groupings except on 'Funky Fridays'
- Pupils may choose their meals from a variety of counters
- A range of puddings are on offer (cookies and doughnuts are for Fridays only)
- Portion sizes have not become smaller but we appreciate some children have bigger appetites than others
- With this in mind, pupils with bigger appetites are welcome to ask for more of the carbohydrate and/or vegetables on offer that day
- Pupils can also add to their meals from the salad bar
- Pupils may wish for salad to be a key component of their meal or just as a 'side'
- They can choose to have a portion of a single salad item (for example carrot or cucumber) but are not allowed portions of salad accompaniments (such as croutons or tortilla chips) unless they are eating a full salad; this avoids meals consisting of only fish, chips and croutons!
- Pupils must remain in the dining hall until at least 12.45pm
- At 12.45pm, pupils who have finished eating may move to supervised play on the playgrounds at the Junior School building
- Pupils can keep eating until 1pm to allow them to finish; there is no rush!

We have also spoken to the pupils about the snacks they choose to bring in for morning breaks and after school clubs/activities. This is alongside the education around eating at lunch and the importance of a balanced diet to help keep us all happy and healthy. As explained to the pupils, fresh fruit, natural yoghurt and/or low-sugar (nut free) cereal bars are all an ideal healthy and nutritious option for snacks at school. Please note that items such as crisps, chocolate bars, sweets and biscuits are not permitted for snacks. I thank you in advance for your support of this.

If you have any questions or concerns relating to food, snacks or mealtimes in general please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance.

Mr Cordy





**EYFS Summer Showcase**  
**Wednesday 12th June 9:30am**  
**Thursday 13th June 9:30am, 2:15pm**

We are pleased to invite all EYFS parents to celebrate our journey through our first year at Nottingham High School as we showcase everything we have learnt since September.

Due to strict fire regulations, we are limited in the number of seats we can offer for each performance. Therefore, there is a maximum of two tickets available per family. Please book seats for one performance only. The show will be recorded and a link shared for you to watch again.

Babies and young siblings who can either be held or sit on an adult's knee during the performance, can attend without a ticket but please let Mrs Paterson know in advance by email: [paterson.je@nottinghamhigh.co.uk](mailto:paterson.je@nottinghamhigh.co.uk).

Pushchairs will need to be left outside of the hall to ensure that fire exits are clear.  
Tickets will be available to book from 7.00pm on Monday 13th May via this link :  
<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DLOC>

Please liaise with Mrs Paterson regarding cancelling or swapping tickets with other families.  
We will do our very best to accommodate you.

Limited parking will be available in the Senior School yard from 8:50am for the 9:30am starts and 1:55pm for the 2:15pm start.

Refreshments will be available from 9am for our 9:30am Showcases and 2:00pm for our 2:15pm Showcase.

We look forward to performing our spectacular show!

Mrs Jackson



## Y1 & Y2 Open Classrooms - Friday 24th May

**8.15 - 9am or 3 - 3.45pm**

To allow sufficient space for adults to enjoy seeing their child's work and classroom, we have organised for Y1 and Y2 Open Classrooms to take place over two sessions, on Friday 24th, 8.15am – 9:00am & 3.00pm - 3.45pm.



Please use the booking form to sign up for your preferred time:

<https://forms.office.com/e/AE5tWdc7t2>

Due to fire regulations, a total of two tickets are only available per family.

## EYFS & Y3 - Y6 Open Classrooms Friday 24th May @ 8.15 - 9am

Come along and look at your child's work - *no bookings required for EYFS, Y3 - Y6.*



**Unfortunately due to timings, there is no parking on school site for the above two events**

## Infant School Uniform

In addition to our Infant School coats, children may also bring a plain, red waterproof jacket for days when the weather is warm but wet. Please ensure that these are named, as with all items of uniform. Although there is no obligation to buy from a specific supplier, here are links to some suitable options:

<https://tuclouthing.sainsburys.co.uk/product/tuc133593065>

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Mountain-Warehouse-Pakka-Waterproof-Jacket/dp/B0BG6QLB27>

These can either be brought into school when the forecast suggests there will be rain or left on the children's pegs.



A black School coat with the School crest remains a compulsory part of the uniform.





## Future Infant School Dates

### Lovell Outdoor Workshops:

June 18th for Y1  
June 19th for Y2  
June 20th fo EYFS

More information to follow

## After School Club and Activities

A polite reminder to all parents and carers to please arrive promptly and allow good time when collecting children from After School Club or after school clubs/activities. The ASC team always work as quickly as possible to assist in the collection of children but inevitably this takes time and we appreciate your patience.

Please be mindful that After School Club and all out of hours clubs/activities must work to strict staff to children ratios. As a result, late collections will result in staff staying late to ensure that these ratios are maintained.

As you will be aware, After School Club is free for children who leave the club before 4.30pm. After 4.30pm an £8.50 charge is due. An £8.50 charge is also due for children who attend After School Club following a club/activity whilst awaiting collection.

After School Club runs from 4.30pm to 6.00pm and bookings can be made at your convenience via your School Wisepay account up to 4.00pm each day. If you need to cancel your After School Club booking, please do so prior to the session starting. If you use the After School Club unexpectedly, late payments can be made over the phone. For assistance with Wisepay, cancellations and late payments, please phone Student Services on 0115 845 2235 or e-mail [studentservices@nottinghamhigh.co.uk](mailto:studentservices@nottinghamhigh.co.uk).



## Y5 & Y6 Swim Gala

The Y5 and Y6 children will all be participating in the Upper School Inter House Swimming gala on Tuesday 21st May starting at 9:15am until 11am. If you wish to spectate, please book a seat via this link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DLTW>.

Due to fire regulations, seats are restricted for one member per family. Seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

We respectfully ask that no photos or videos are taken during this event.

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer parking due to the timings of the school day. Please enter the school site using the Waverley Mount pedestrian entrance and security will be able to direct you to the pool.



## Young Artists' Summer Show 2024

Thank you for taking part in the Young Artists' Summer Show 2024.

The judges have now made their final selection for this year's exhibitions. Unfortunately, no entries from our school were selected for the exhibition this year but certificates will be on their way to all entrants!

The organisers received over 21,500 submissions and were blown away by all of the entries this year.

A big well done to all who took part!





## Ingram Cup 2024 - Winners

During the week beginning 22nd April 2024, the preliminary rounds of the Ingram Cup took place. Once again, we had a huge number of entries and, out of 205 Junior school pupils, there were 169 entries! This was a record number and such a fantastic effort. The ten highest scoring musicians, from each year group, were selected to go through to the finals which took place on Thursday 2nd May 2024. Once again, the standard was exceptionally high across all year groups. Congratulations must go to all of those pupils who took part and particularly to the following pupils who won their finals.



### Year 6

- 1st Suren T. – Piano – Trease's
- 2nd Sebby C. – Violin – Trease's
- 3rd Zoe Z. – Piano – Ball's

### Year 5

- 1st Henry A. – Voice – Tonkin's
- 2nd Cameron S. – Piano – Tonkin's
- 3rd Dominic S. – Saxophone – Tonkin's



### Year 3

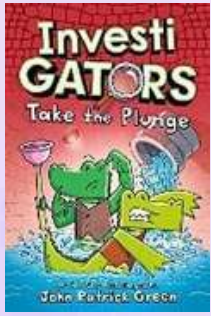
- 1st Austin L. – Piano – Hardy's
- 2nd Ni Ni Y. – Harp – Trease's
- 3rd Adam A. – Clarinet – Ball's

### Year 4

- 1st Rosie M. – Piano – Hardy's
- 2nd Maya A. – Voice – Hardy's
- 3rd Audrey W. – Piano – Trease's







## Review



### **'Investigators - Take the Plunge'** by John Patrick Green *Reviewed by Alex R. (3M)*

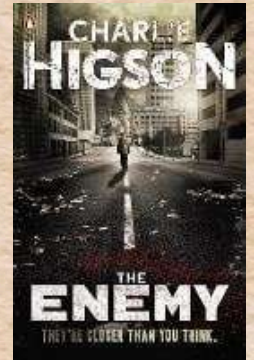
It's about alligators who investigate things and solve them.

Mango and Brash try to solve the mystery of the underground sewer works, but end up in a big mess. When they're blamed for the flood, they need to solve the mystery and save the City.

- **Who would love this book?** *Anyone that likes a funny book*
- **Alex would give:** 5/5 stars



### **'The Enemy'** by Charlie Higson *Reviewed by Alex P. (6S)*




It is very dark and mature with both horror and gore. It is about a zombie apocalypse. Written beautifully with great characters, an amazing story with suspenseful actions.

Set in London, after a world-wide sickness which has infected adults, turning them into cannibalistic zombies.

Arran and his friends make a journey to find safety in the City: Buckingham Palace.

- **Who would love this book?** *Anyone that likes an adventure, with a little horror!*
- **Alex would give:** 4.5/5 stars




**NOTTINGHAM HIGH**  
 INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

## NHIS 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.



I AM HAPPY AND HEALTHY  
 I AM READY TO LEARN

**Deadline Friday 28th June**

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



**New Talent Festival**

**Over £16,000 in Prizes!**



## New Talent Festival 2024

13th & 14th July 2024

- For young musicians 4-18 yrs
- Over £16,000 in cash prizes and scholarships, Admission into Junior Royal Academy of Music and many more
- Strings | Piano | Voice | Woodwind & Brass
- Jurors and faculty made up of heads of departments and professors of Royal Academy of Music, Royal College of Music, Royal Northern College of Music and Director of Music of Eton College and Harrow School

<b>Festival Includes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✔ International Competition</li> <li>✔ Interactive Workshops</li> <li>✔ 1-1 Masterclasses</li> <li>✔ Gala Concert</li> </ul>	<b>Entry Deadline</b> 2nd June 2024
	<b>Venue</b> Royal Academy of Music London



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**Contact Us**

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[@newtalentyouthmusic](https://www.instagram.com/newtalentyouthmusic)


# INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL INFANT SCHOOL STAR OF THE WEEK

**RA**

**Iris J.** for fabulous Maths work this week. She thought of her own subtraction stories. Well done!

**RB**

**Massimo L.** for thinking carefully about what materials to use to build his boat.

**RJ**

**Isaiah H.** for his super work in maths this week. Isaiah confidently used a number line to solve subtraction problems.

**1P**

**Oliver C.** for his super questions and answers during our discussion about monsters of the deep in English.

**1S**

**Jason M.** for referring to the text when answering questions during our Guided Reading sessions.

**2B**

**Maya B.** for using a range of strategies to answer tricky fraction questions in Maths.

**2M**

**Valentina Z.** for a well-presented piece of Science work about World habitats.

**2W**

**Justin O.** for his super contributions and great Maths work using fractions this week, well done.



# INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

## INFANT SCHOOL SQUIRREL OF THE WEEK



**Henry G. (1P)** for super focus and concentration during independent tasks.

**Ajai S. (2B)** for always trying his best to be an active listener and for making good choices to improve his learning.

**Akira M. (2M)** for tackling tricky Maths problems about fractions even when unsure.



**Hasnain M. (RA)** for showing bravery and resilience this week. We are all proud of him!



**Tia K. (RB)** for challenging herself in Phonics to use multiple tricky words in a sentence.

**Zubin R. (RJ)** for his excellent 'I Am Me' presentation. Zubin shared all his items with confidence and his amazing knowledge impressed all of RJ.



**Maggie S.(1S)** for her confidence when using Book Creator to record her explanations of halves and quarters.

**Harry S. (2W)** for showing real perseverance and wanting to keep practising to make improvements so he can be the best he can be, well done.

## INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

### OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS TO CELEBRATE



Alaina J. (1P) has passed her first modern theatre exam with distinction.



# 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

**ACTIVITIES THEY'LL LOVE!**

- LEGO ANIMATION
- MINECRAFT CODING
- 3D PENS
- CIRCUITRY
- SMART ROBOTICS
- LAZER TAG
- VR
- ENGINEERING EXPERIMENTS

**HERE THIS MAY HALF-TERM!**

# TECH CAMP

£49 per day

**What to bring to camp?**

- Packed lunch and snacks (no mess)
- Water Bottle
- Medication if required
- Weather Appropriate Clothing

**We are in your area!**

We have more than 30 camps running this May. Find your local camp on our website: [www.nextthing.education](http://www.nextthing.education)

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Parent - St John's College School

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**W: [www.nextthing.education](http://www.nextthing.education)**  
**E: [info@nextthing.education](mailto:info@nextthing.education) T: 01442 873150**

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For more information  
**07730 269 969**

[www.electricjive.co.uk](http://www.electricjive.co.uk)  
FIRST SESSION - THURSDAY 7TH MARCH  
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.





## THE RODOLFUS FOUNDATION

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## CHORAL COURSES 2024

### SENIOR COURSES 16-21s

**Royal Holloway,  
University of London**  
26th July to 2nd August

**Oxford**  
4th to 11th August

**Cambridge**  
5th to 12th August

**York**  
12th to 19th August  
*Limited non-residential places*

**Liverpool 14-21s**  
15th to 18th August  
*Non-residential*

### JUNIOR COURSES 8-15s

**Wellington College**  
11th to 17th August

**Winchester College**  
19th to 25th August

**NO AUDITIONS TO ATTEND  
FINANCIAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE**

Course directors include **Ralph Allwood, Sarah MacDonald, Simon Toyne, Katherine Dienes-Williams, Martyn Ford, James Bartlett and Charlotte Corderoy.**

“One of my pupils attended a choral course over the summer and loved it – she is now bursting with enthusiasm and confidence! Thank you!” *Emily Hall, Director of Music, Ashford School*

To apply or find out more, visit [therodolfusfoundation.org.uk](https://therodolfusfoundation.org.uk)

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# 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>

**M M R**  
MEASLES MUMPS RUBELLA

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

Especially for those with a weakened immune system, babies under one year and pregnant women.

You need **two doses of MMR vaccine** to protect you, see your **GP practice** to make an appointment.

**It is never too late to have your MMR.**

**i**mmunisation  
the safest way to protect your child

