

Dear Parents / Carers,

The successes this year are too many to recount and add to what has been another incredible year at Hackwood. I am so proud of everything we have achieved. You will see from the updates from every class, how inspired our children have been this year. Thank you as always for supporting us and your commitment to our school, whether it was the Summer Fair, the choir performance, the Y6 Leavers performance, Shakespeare Festival or with all your support to again achieve some brilliant outcomes for pupils. Not only are these outcomes some of the best in the Harmony Trust but also across the City of Derby and the country. I am so proud of the achievements by the staff and pupils – Hackwood really is a great place to learn and work!

As you are aware, my time at Hackwood as Principal is coming to an end and I have absolutely loved my time here and will cherish the memories and achievements we've shared over the course of the last few years. I leave with a heavy heart as the pupils here are wonderful, I will miss them dearly as I will miss the staff and wider community.

I am very confident that the school will continue to strengthen in the future, Ms Reader, the new principal, is looking forward to taking over at Hackwood and working with you all. She is a passionate leader and looking forward to getting started!

On a personal note, thank you so much for your kind words, heartfelt messages, prayers and love you have shown me during my time. This community will always have a special place in my heart. Hackwood stands tall as a great school, providing an excellent education and that is down to the collective effort of everyone.

Have a wonderful holiday with your loved ones. Thank you and take care.

Mr Miah  
Principal

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## Year 6 residential - PGL Dearne Valley

Year 6 children had an unforgettable time on their residential at PGL.

Throughout the trip, they challenged themselves by taking part in exciting activities including abseiling, kayaking, survivor, low ropes, high ropes, orienteering and a fantastic campfire.

Many of the children stepped outside their comfort zones, showing courage, resilience and determination as they tackled new experiences. They also demonstrated excellent teamwork, encouraged one another and created memories that will stay with them for years to come. We are incredibly proud of how they represented our school, showing kindness, respect and enthusiasm throughout the trip. Well done, Year 6, on an amazing residential and thank you to all the staff who helped make it such a success.



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## Hackwood Primary Academy - a great place to learn!

This has been an incredibly successful year of learning at Hackwood. Through a combination of quality-first teaching, a supportive environment, a strong focus on individual progress, and positive partnership between school and home, pupils have not only achieved but exceeded!

We are so proud of all of our pupils. Statutory assessment results for this academic year are:

81% of EYFS  
pupils  
achieved good  
level of  
development

85% of Year 1  
pupils passed  
the Y1 phonics  
check

53% of Year 4  
pupils scored  
25/25 in the Y4  
multiplication  
check

100% of pupils  
achieved the  
expected  
standard in  
reading at the  
end of KS2

90% of pupils  
achieved the  
expected  
standard in  
maths at the  
end of KS2

83% of pupils  
achieved the  
expected  
standard in  
writing at the  
end of KS2

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## The Harmony Pledge

Be safe, healthy and happy

Throughout the year we have had a wide range of learning experiences and sporting activities to support our first pledge of be safe, healthy and happy.

Sports Day



The Hackwood Family  
and friends



Healthy Snacks

Emotion Coaching



Soccer stars

Time to talk with Mrs Mousley



## The ZONES of Regulation

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| <b>Blue Zone</b>                                                                    |                                                                                     | <b>Green Zone</b>                                                                   |                                                                                      | <b>Yellow Zone</b>                                                                    |                                                                                       | <b>Red Zone</b>                                                                       |                                                                                       |
| Sad                                                                                 |                                                                                     | Happy                                                                               |                                                                                      | Worried                                                                               |                                                                                       | overjoyed/Elated                                                                      |                                                                                       |
| Bored                                                                               |                                                                                     | Focused                                                                             |                                                                                      | Frustrated                                                                            |                                                                                       | Panicked                                                                              |                                                                                       |
| Tired                                                                               |                                                                                     | Calm                                                                                |                                                                                      | Silly                                                                                 |                                                                                       | Angry                                                                                 |                                                                                       |
| Sick                                                                                |                                                                                     | Proud                                                                               |                                                                                      | Excited                                                                               |                                                                                       | Terrified                                                                             |                                                                                       |

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## Early Years - Squirrels

What a fantastic year we have had!

It has been a joy to watch the children grow in confidence, independence, and resilience. They have made wonderful progress in all areas of their learning and we are especially proud of the kindness they have shown to one another, creating such a caring and friendly classroom community. A huge thank you for your continued support throughout the year. From chats at drop-off to your engagement with our Seesaw posts, your partnership has helped make our classroom such a warm and positive environment for everyone.



To those onto new adventures we wish you all the very best, to those returning next year, see you soon and to those moving into reception... see you in the playground!

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### Early Years – Rabbit Class



What a fantastic year we have all had in Rabbits class! Here are just some of the amazing highlights and learning opportunities. From small mini-beasts on the ground to Owls and Falcons soaring across the hall. We've ventured around Hackwood, looking at all the different houses, visited the farm and walked to the library. We have seen a live Christmas production and listened to a professional storyteller. We've met Police and Fire officers, nurses and doctors and learned all about lots of different job roles. Our classrooms have not only been full of Rabbits but full of chicks, caterpillars and butterflies. It is full of readers, writers and mathematicians, scientists, creative children and sports stars.



Inspired by our motto, "Believe in ourselves to achieve our goals and succeed," we have watched our children grow in confidence, independence, and resilience as they explored the EYFS curriculum through play, discovery, and meaningful experiences. It has been wonderful to see each child overcome challenges, celebrate achievements, and develop a love of learning. Just like the seeds and plants we planted together in our garden this term, our children have blossomed and grown too. We are incredibly proud of how far they have come and know they will continue to flourish as they take their next exciting steps on their learning journey.



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## Year 1 - Woodpeckers Class

As we come to the close of another busy and rewarding school year, the children have so much to be proud of. This term, our learning has centred around castles, and the children have loved discovering what life was like in the past and how these fascinating buildings were designed. Our visit to Bolsover Castle was a real highlight, giving the children the chance to explore and bring their learning to life. This enthusiasm carried over into the classroom, where they produced some fantastic writing, including imaginative setting descriptions and creative acrostic poems.

We are delighted with how the Year 1 children approached their phonics screening check. Their commitment and perseverance really shone through, resulting in an impressive 85% pass rate. It has been wonderful to see their confidence develop as their reading skills have strengthened throughout the year. I have loved getting to know the class and watching them grow as they get ready for the exciting transition to Year 2.

Finally, thank you for your continued support throughout the year - whether it has been reading at home, attending INSPIRE afternoons, chatting with us at the classroom door, or joining us on trips. It has been a truly rewarding year, and we appreciate all that you do to support your child's learning.



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### Year 2 - Hedgehogs

As we come to the end of a wonderful year in Hedgehogs, I couldn't be prouder of everything the children have achieved. This term, the children have loved diving into our seaside topic - exploring how the seaside has changed over time, comparing their own experiences with those from the Victorian era and of course our trip to Spring Lakes beach. In writing, they have produced fantastic journey stories inspired by *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch*, and their creativity has shone through in every piece.

The children have shown remarkable progress this year, especially in writing, reading, and maths. Watching them grow in confidence and independence as they prepare for Year 3 has been a highlight of my year. Teaching Hedgehogs has been a privilege, and I will always remember their enthusiasm, kindness, and determination as my time at Hackwood comes to an end.

Lastly, a big thank you for all your ongoing support this year - whether that is through reading at home, attending INSPIRE afternoons, or celebrating the children's achievements in achiever's assemblies. Your involvement has been greatly appreciated and has played a key role in the children's success.



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# Hackwood Primary Academy

## Newsletter

### 2025/2026 - Summer 2 - July 2026

#### Year 3 - Owls

This year has been a wonderful and memorable one for Owls Class, and a particularly special year for me as it has been my first year teaching Year 3. Together, we have explored a wide range of exciting topics, including the United Kingdom, the Stone Age, volcanoes, the Ancient Maya, Ancient Egypt and the River Nile. The children have shown great curiosity and enthusiasm throughout their learning, asking thoughtful questions and developing a deeper understanding of the world and its history. We have been able to take part in some wonderful enrichment opportunities, including taking part in fantastic workshops linked to our learning about the Stone Age and the Ancient Maya. These experiences brought our topics to life and helped the children develop their knowledge in an engaging and memorable way. I have been incredibly proud of the high standard of work produced across the curriculum. The children's books have been of exceptional quality throughout the year and have received many compliments, reflecting the effort, pride and determination that they bring to their learning every day. They should be very proud of themselves.

Another incredible opportunity this year was Dream Fest. The children took part in workshops where they learned the song "Naughty" from Matilda along with an accompanying dance routine. After only 4 workshops, we travelled to Derby Theatre to perform in front of a live audience. The children represented the school brilliantly, showing confidence, enthusiasm and passion throughout the experience. Some children even took on speaking roles, demonstrating tremendous courage and talent.

To our superstar Owls: it has been such a privilege to have been your teacher this year. You constantly bring a smile to my face and it has been a joy to see you blossom this year. I am so proud of the hard work, confidence and, most importantly, kindness that you have demonstrated this year. Enjoy your summer!

Mrs Winter



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## Year 4 - Foxes

This has been a memorable and successful year, and I cannot put into words how proud I am of the children or how grateful I am to have had the opportunity to be their teacher. They have approached every challenge with enthusiasm and determination.

Over the course of the year, we have been fortunate to enjoy many exciting enrichment opportunities. We travelled back in time during our

Repulsive Romans day at Conkers, made fantastic progress as swimmers, and one of my personal highlights was performing on our clarinets alongside a live orchestra at Derby Arena. These experiences have created wonderful memories and helped make this year so special.

It has been an absolute pleasure to teach each and every one of you this year. Your enthusiasm, kindness, and sense of fun have made my first year as a teacher memorable and I am so proud of all that you have achieved. I will cherish the many happy memories we have made together and wish you all the very best as you move into Year 5. Keep believing in yourselves and continue to shine!

Miss Cummins



### Year 5 - Badgers

I have thoroughly enjoyed my year teaching in Year 5 and having the opportunity to teach such a wonderful group of pupils for a second time. It has been such a joy to see how they have grown and changed since year 3 but also this year! We have shared so much learning and I have thoroughly loved the enthusiasm shown by all the pupils for all of our units this year.

It has been an absolute privilege to be able to take part in the Shakespeare festival, especially with such a creative class. We had a fantastic time and the children not only represented the school brilliantly, but really did themselves proud with their incredible acting, singing and dancing.

The end of the of a school year can always feel emotional, but I know that these hardworking and determined pupils are ready for Year 6 and will have an incredible year next year. They have made some wonderful memories that I hope they will treasure for a long time to come, just as I will.

Thank you for always being your wonderful, kind, thoughtful selves Year 5, I have truly loved being your teacher this year. Your hard work and dedication to your learning is a true testament to the amazing people you are.

Miss Savage



As we reach the end of another fantastic school year, we would like to take a moment to celebrate our wonderful Year 6 pupils! This has been a truly memorable year for Falcons Class. They have shown resilience, determination, and a positive attitude in everything they have undertaken—from preparing for their SATs to taking part in trips, performances, and special events. We are incredibly proud of how much they have grown, not only academically but also as confident, kind, and thoughtful young people.

Year 6 is always a special and emotional time, marking the end of primary school and the beginning of an exciting new chapter. Our pupils have handled this transition with maturity and enthusiasm, and we know they are more than ready for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead in secondary school.

Thank you Falcons Class, for your hard work, your perseverance, and the joy you have brought to school each day. You will be missed, but we are so excited to see all that you will achieve in the future.

Remember to believe in yourselves, be proud of who you are and continue to shine.



Mrs Yeomans 😊

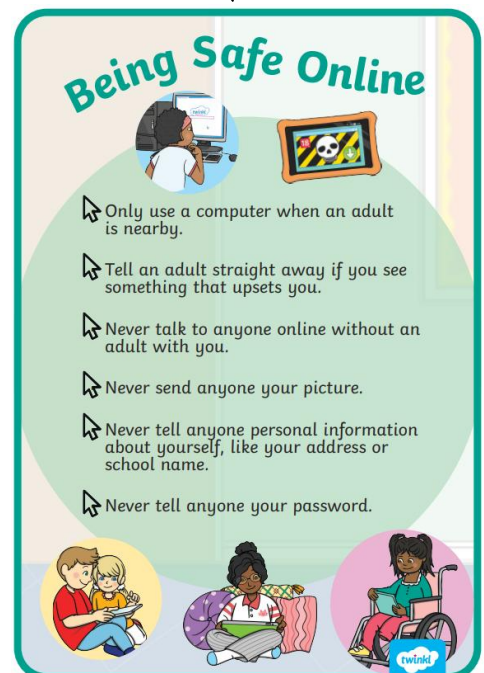


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## Staying Safe Online over the Summer Holidays



Although the iPads have been collected in for the summer, we still want to give some ideas about how the children can keep themselves safe online. Hopefully, everyone can have a safe, restful and fun-filled summer and we look forward to seeing you all back at school in September.



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## Staffing – 2026-2027

As you are aware, Miss Wingfield (Year 2) and Miss Morley will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. We wish both of them all the best and thank them for their commitment, professionalism and dedication to our children throughout their time at Hackwood.

Our staffing for next year is as follows:

### Teachers:

Nursery: Miss Evans and Miss Whysall  
Reception: Mrs Trickey (EYFS Lead)  
Year 1: Miss Hussain (KS1 Lead)  
Year 2: Mrs Farooq  
Year 3: Mrs Winter  
Year 4: Miss Cummins  
Year 5: Miss Savage  
Year 6: Mrs Yeomans (Deputy Principal – KS2 Lead)

SEND/CO: Mrs Wilkhu

### Teaching Assistants:

EYFS and KS1: Mr Ormond, Mrs Philpott, Miss Ward and Mrs Mousley  
Key Stage 2: Miss Hancock, Mrs Bullivant, Mrs Bowden and Mr Austin

Safeguarding, Attendance and Family Support: Mr Heer and Miss Scott

Office Team: Miss Harrison (Office Manager), Mrs Gore and Miss Astle (Office Admin)

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## Hackwood PTA - Summer Fair and events

Thank you so very much to our amazing PTA for all their hard work this year putting on a fantastic range of fundraising events. Thank you also to all the parents and family and friends for supporting them. If any parent, grandparent or carer would like to join our amazing PTA team please let us know.

**New members are ALWAYS needed  
and are very welcome.**

### 2025-2026 - Dates for the Diary

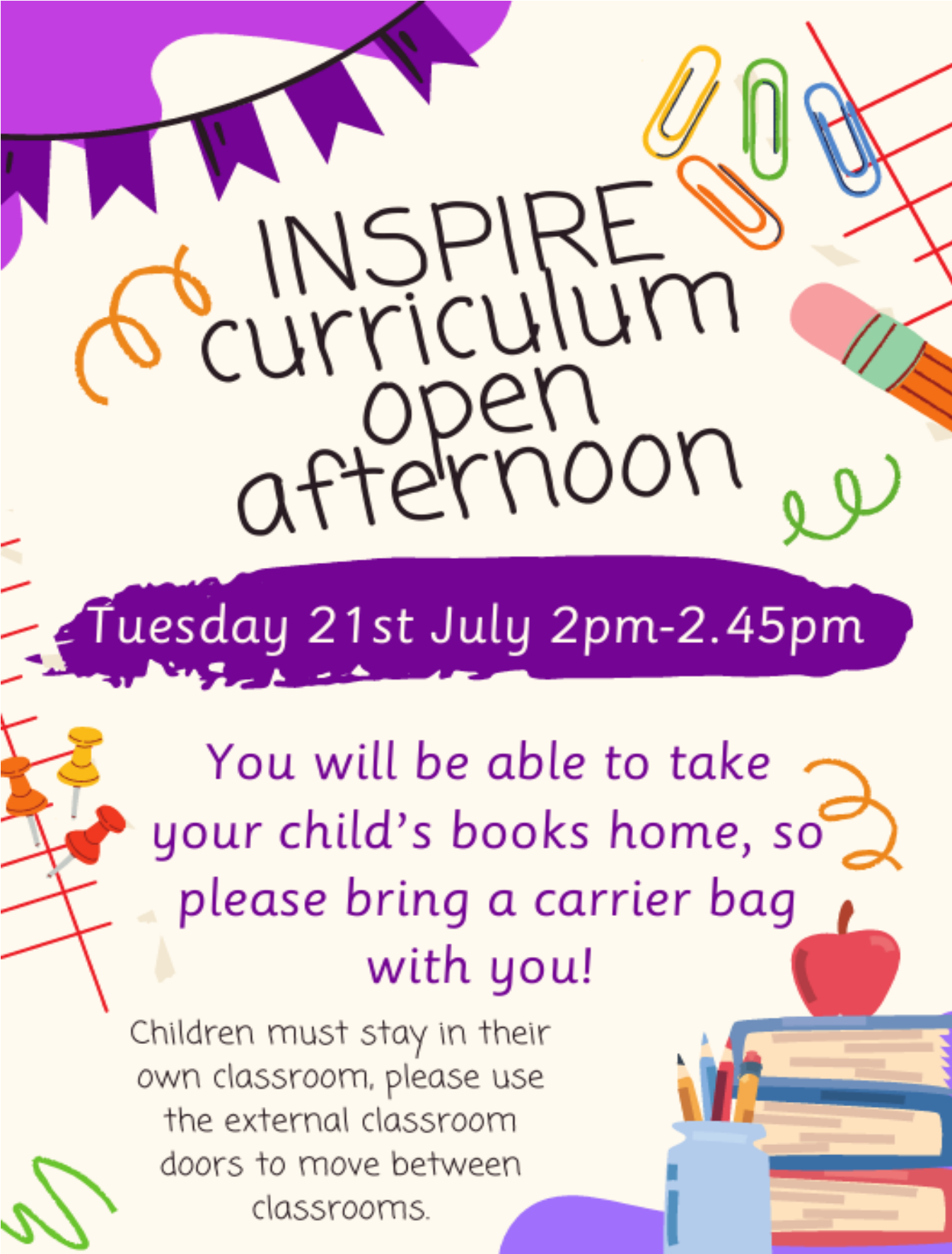
Please note diary dates may be changed and not all dates are on the calendar yet. Any changes and additions will always be communicated to parents with as much notice as possible.

### Academic Year - 2025-2026

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| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July    | INSPIRE Open Afternoon for parents and carers from 2.00pm |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July  | Last day of Summer 2                                      |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September | Children return to school                                 |

Have a wonderful holiday and well-deserved break!

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# INSPIRE curriculum open afternoon

Tuesday 21st July 2pm-2.45pm

You will be able to take  
your child's books home, so  
please bring a carrier bag  
with you!

Children must stay in their  
own classroom, please use  
the external classroom  
doors to move between  
classrooms.