

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a fitting half-term to conclude what has been a wonderful year at Hackwood! This half term has been action packed! Bikeability, Minibeasts workshops, trips to the University of Derby, Derby Museum, Cromford Mill, Halle Concert, Derby Theatre to perform Shakespeare, Bolsover Castle, as well as our annual residential trip and Read Achieve Succeed event!

We also had very successful Sports Days, a brilliant Summer Fair and numerous opportunities to perform including a clarinet performance and a brilliant choir performance. All these are examples of enrichment for our INSPIRE curriculum which again, children have been inspired by, not only this half-term but over the course of the year.

I would like to share the amazing outcomes we have achieved as a school, from EYFS, Year 1 Phonics, Y4 Multiplication Check and KS2 SATS. Our outcomes prove what a great place to learn Hackwood is - we are so proud of our children. Well done to all the pupils, staff and families.

All these achievements, would not be possible without all the staff, parents, carers and wider community so thank you for all the support this academic year. We know how important it is to work together so that our children can believe, achieve and succeed. I hope you have a wonderful break over the holiday period - we all deserve a well-earned rest!

I look forward to seeing you all back after the holidays on Thursday 4th September.

Thank you and take care

Mr Miah
Principal

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INSPIRE Curriculum

This term has been full of inspiring learning across the school, with plenty of exciting enrichment opportunities that have brought pupils' learning to life.

Nursery and Reception have really enjoyed this term learning about different types of mini-beasts, through their 'Minibeasts' and 'In the Garden,' topic. They have looked at a wide range of stories and factual books about bees, butterflies and ladybirds. Their favourite story is about a bear that wants to become a bee called 'Bumblebear,' Nursery children really enjoyed their visit from 'Jungle Jo' who brought along her pet tarantula, millipede and hissing cockroaches!

Year 1 had a fantastic time at Bolsover Castle. They enjoyed dressing up in costumes and exploring the castle grounds. In DT lessons, they have designed and made their own castles, using their history learning to help them create excellent designs.

Year 2 have enjoyed learning about the British seaside in their history lessons. They have investigated how the seaside has changed over time and enjoyed reading 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. Hedgehogs have written their own imaginative journey stories inspired by 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'.

Year 3 have enjoyed learning about Ancient Egypt and the River Nile. They visited Derby Museum where they took part in a workshop to learn about mummification and the afterlife. During their trip, they saw a real Egyptian mummy and a 3000-year-old Shabti statue, Year 3 also learnt about the importance of the River Nile and why it was called the 'River of Life'.

Year 4 have enjoyed their rainforest learning and have investigated the animals and plants that live in the Amazon rainforest. This term, they have learnt about the impact of deforestation and written persuasive letters to raise awareness,

Year 5 performed part of 'The Tempest' at Derby Theatre as part of the Shakespeare Festival. Badgers Class also visited Cromford Mill and enjoyed learning about the Industrial Revolution and finding out (and having a go at!) some of the jobs people did at the time.

Year 6 have continued to show that they are expert learners by using their science learning to write effective non-chronological reports about the circulatory system. Falcons Class also visited Derby University and left with an understanding of what University is like and aspirations for the future!

We know that next year's learning will INSPIRE and excite our pupils and we look forward to another fantastic year full of learning and enrichment opportunities.

Mrs Yeomans ☺

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Year 6 residential - PGL Caythorpe Court

Our Year 6 pupils had an unforgettable time on their recent residential trip, where they took on a variety of exciting challenges, including abseiling, raft building, climbing, and zip lining, all while showing incredible courage and teamwork.

The children also enjoyed a memorable campfire, where everyone spent time together to reflect on the trip's adventures. Throughout the trip, the children displayed excellent behaviour and a positive attitude towards all of the challenging activities, pushing themselves out of their comfort zones and supporting one another. It was a truly fantastic experience for everyone involved - what a brilliant way to end their time at Hackwood!



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2024/2025 - Summer 2 - July 2025



Hackwood Primary Academy - a great place to learn!

This has been an incredibly successful year of learning at Hackwood, with pupil outcomes surpassing the national average. 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!

76% of our EYFS pupils have achieved a good level of development in their Early Learning Goals. Hackwood pupils get off to a flying start in Squirrels and Rabbits class which sets the foundations for their future success.

87% of our Year 1 pupils passed the Year 1 phonics screening check, compared to 70% nationally. Reading is a priority at Hackwood and our pupils are able to read and enjoy books and stories because of their strong phonics knowledge.

48% of our Year 4 pupils achieved a maximum score of 25 on their Year 4 multiplication check compared to 39% nationally. Times tables are an essential part of maths and Hackwood pupils have fluent times table knowledge which allows them to achieve.

Our KS2 SATs results this year are incredible! Our Year 6 pupils have worked incredibly hard during their time at Hackwood and persevered in their learning - their results are certainly something to be proud of! Falcons Class have believed in themselves, achieved their goals and succeeded and we are so proud of them all. Our KS2 SATs results are below:

	% of pupils nationally who achieved the expected standard	% of Hackwood pupils who achieved the expected standard	% of pupils nationally who achieved above the expected standard	% of Hackwood pupils who achieved above the expected standard
Reading	75%	90%	33%	30%
Grammar, punctuation and spelling	73%	93%	30%	53%
Writing	72%	90%	13%	10%
Maths	74%	90%	26%	40%

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The Harmony Pledge

Celebration of our year at Hackwood.
Be an adventurer!

This year the children have had lots of adventures, visits, visitors and enrichment opportunities to bring their learning to life.

Here are just a few snapshots



Reception Matlock Farm Park



Nursery - Mini-beast workshop



Year 6 - PGL visit



Year 5 - The Tempest



Year 1 - Bolsover Castle



Year 2 - National Space Centre



Year 4 - Rainforest workshop

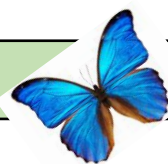


Year 3 - Derby Museum

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Early Years - Squirrels and Rabbits



What a fantastic year we have had in Squirrels and Rabbits.

Here are just some of the amazing highlights and learning opportunities this year.. From small mini-beasts on the ground to Owls and Falcons soaring across the hall. We've ventured to the shops, the theatre, and the farm. We have seen a Christmas production and met Police and Fire officers, Nurses, Doctors and learned all about lots of different job roles. Our classrooms have not only been full of Rabbits and Squirrels but full of chicks, caterpillars and butterflies.



A Message from Miss Dudson -
who has looked after our Squirrels for the last five years:

Over the last five years, I have had the pleasure of teaching lots of incredible children and working with so many lovely families. To see these children move up through the school and grow into kind, hardworking and ambitious individuals has been a delight.

During my time at Hackwood, I also had the pleasure of leading PE and Sports. PE and Sports has always been something that I really enjoyed at school and continues to be a love of mine. I hope that the opportunities we have provided have allowed the children to become resilient and enthusiastic team players. I hope that I have been able to leave some children inspired to stay active, chase their dreams and embrace challenges with confidence.

I feel privileged to have worked alongside such dedicated and supportive colleagues, and I know that each child in school will continue to believe, achieve and succeed.

Whilst my time at Hackwood comes to an end, I cherish the abundance of memories from the last five years.

Miss Dudson

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Year 1 - Woodpeckers Class

As we come to the end of a wonderful school year, we've had so much to celebrate. The children have immersed themselves in our castle topic this term, learning about medieval life and architecture. They particularly enjoyed our visit to Bolsover Castle, where they explored the ruins and imagined themselves living in the grand halls of long ago. At school, they have shared their excitement about this topic by writing vivid castle setting descriptions and their own acrostic poems, using creative language to bring their writing to life.

We are also incredibly proud of how well our Year 1 children have done in their phonics screening checks. They have worked their socks off to achieve a fantastic 87% pass rate! It was wonderful to see their hard work pay off and to watch their faces light up as they realized how much progress they have made this year. In computing, they had a blast learning how to program animations using ScratchJr. The children learned about algorithms and simple coding skills while showing off their creativity at the same time!

Thank you for all your support this year - from reading together at home, attending INSPIRE open afternoons, holding conversations on the door, to coming on trips with us. It's been a joyful year of learning and growth, and we couldn't have done it without you. Enjoy a restful summer break and thank you for making this such a great year!

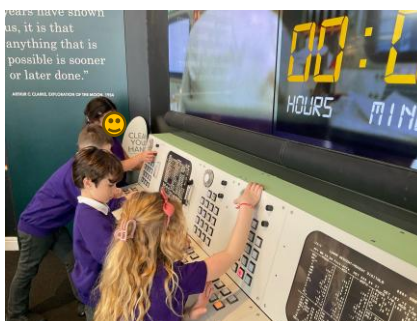


Year 2 - Hedgehogs

As we reach the end of an incredible school year, there's so much the children can be proud of. Hedgehogs have thoroughly enjoyed exploring our seaside topic this term, learning about how the seaside has changed over time. The children have enjoyed comparing their own experiences with those from the Victorian Era and most of all watching a Punch and Judy show! We have been busy writing character descriptions and narrative journey stories based on the Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch, filled with imaginative vocabulary and exciting plot twists. They've also created some beautiful water-colour seaside artwork, inspired by the artist Moy Mackay.

We are incredibly proud of the children's achievements in Hedgehogs class this year - especially in reading, writing, and maths. As a new teacher joining the team this year, I've felt incredibly welcomed by the children, staff and families. It has been such a joy to get to know the class and help them get prepared for moving into year 3 next year!

I hope you all have a relaxing summer. The children have worked incredibly hard this year, they should feel proud of everything they've achieved.



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Year 3 - Owls

This year has been so positive and successful that I cannot express how proud I am of the children and so grateful I have been for the opportunity to be their teacher this year. The children have fully thrown themselves into all of the learning we have done this year and have become experts in so many different subjects. They have been wonderful historians, geographers, scientists, engineers, artists, mathematicians and authors.

Over the course of the year, we have had the privilege of taking part in many enrichment opportunities. At the start of the year, we had an adventurous walk to All Saints Church in Mickleover where the children were able to learn about the importance of the church to Christians and the community. The children enthusiastically took part in a workshop about the Ancient Maya, where they learnt about the societal hierarchy, daily life and beliefs of the Maya people, building on the learning we had done in class.

Their enthusiasm was just as much for our second workshop about Ancient Egypt where the children played games, learnt about the River Nile and even mummified each other! Our final and biggest adventure was our trip to the Derby Museum and Art Gallery where the children respectfully looked at different artefacts and exhibits.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this year. I am always so grateful for any reading, spelling and other additional learning you support with at home. Thank you for attending any events that you could and supporting with fundraising- it is very much appreciated. This year couldn't have been as successful without you and your continued support. Have a fantastic summer!



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Year 4 - Foxes

We've had such an amazing year in Foxes class! We have demonstrated respect and curiosity through exciting trips and workshops, including a memorable visit to a Hindu temple and an immersive Vikings workshop at Derby Museum.

Our rainforest workshop gave us the opportunity to learn about the incredible wildlife in each layer of the rainforest and inspired us to learn about deforestation. We were so passionate about protecting our planet that we wrote persuasive letters to the Prime Minister, urging him to take action against deforestation. We've also had a fantastic time in our swimming lessons, building confidence and skills in the water.

One of our proudest moments was performing at the prestigious Hallé concert—an unforgettable experience where we showcased our musical talents and got to watch an international orchestra perform. It's been a year full of learning, adventure, and achievement!

FOR SCHOOL YEARS 1 & 2

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Thursday
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Term 1 - £33.25 - 7 weeks
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Football
Wednesday
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Year 5 - Badgers

I have thoroughly enjoyed the last three years here at Hackwood, having built some great relationships with both students and staff. Although I am looking forward to moving to my next position, I will really miss the families, pupils and staff here at Hackwood.

The children at Hackwood are simply fantastic and, in each of the three classes I have taught here, it has been a pleasure to see pupils' achievements and has been a real privilege supporting them with their resilience to be the best that they can be and to achieve the Harmony Pledge.

I have been extremely lucky to have had the opportunity to participate in some great activities such as the Year 6 residentials, the Year 5 Shakespeare festivals and visiting the Houses of Parliament, to name but a few.

It has been a real honour to be a part of such a fantastic, hardworking and inspiring team and I take with me many fond memories of my time here and I look forward to hearing how everyone is getting on.

Mr Carter



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What a fantastic year it has been for our incredible Year 6 – Falcons Class! From the very first day of term, they’ve shown resilience, curiosity, and a true love of learning. This year has been filled with achievements—both big and small— they have grown in confidence, supported one another, and worked hard to reach their goals.

We’ve seen every child develop not only academically, but also personally—becoming more confident, independent, and ready to take on new challenges. Whether solving challenging maths problems, investigating in science lessons, performing on stage, or speaking up in class discussions, their confidence has truly shone.

All of Falcons Class approached their SATs with focus, determination, and they embraced every opportunity to learn. Their results are something they should all be very proud of.

Highlights of the year include our school trips to the National Memorial Arboretum, Derby University, the Houses of Parliament and our fantastic residential to PGL, where their confidence and teamwork made us proud.

I would also like to say a big **thank you to our Year 6 families** for your continued support throughout the year. Through helping with home learning, cheering at Sports Day and performances, or by encouraging your children every step of the way, your partnership has made a big difference.

As Year 6 get ready to move on to secondary school, we know they leave us not just with knowledge, but with the belief in themselves to succeed and some amazing memories too!

Well done, Year 6—you’ve been amazing, and we can’t wait to see what you do next! Thank you for a wonderful year, Falcons- I have really enjoyed teaching you and I’m very proud of you all!

Mrs Yeomans ☺

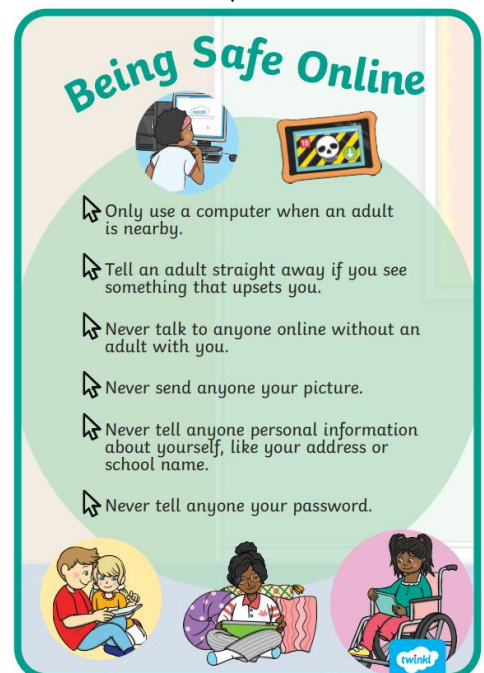


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Staying Safe Online over the Summer Holidays



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 - 2025-2026

As you are aware, Mr Carter (Year 5) and Miss Dudson (Nursery) will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. Mrs Webster (midday supervisor) will also be leaving us. We wish them all the best and thank them for all their commitment, professionalism and dedication to our children throughout their time.

Our staffing for next year is as follows:

Teachers:

Nursery:	Miss Evans
Reception:	Mrs Trickey
Year 1:	Miss Hussain
Year 2:	Miss Wingfield
Year 3:	Miss Winter
Year 4:	Miss Cummins
Year 5:	Miss Savage
Year 6:	Mrs Yeomans

SENDCO: Mrs Ubhie

Teaching Assistants:

EYFS:	Mr Ormond / Mrs Philpott
Key Stage 1:	Mr Colam, Miss Ward, Miss Whysall and Mrs Mousley
Key Stage 2:	Miss Hancock, Mrs Bullivant, Mrs Bowden and Mr Austin

Safeguarding, Attendance and Family Support: Miss Smith

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.

Hackwood Primary Academy PTA

WHAT YOU'VE HELPED RAISE 2024-2025

£190

Free choice Friday

£365

Discos and film
night

£378

Family events

£250

ASDA cashpot
for schools

£515

Frozen Friday

£2648

Summer Fair

WHAT WE FUNDED 2024-2025

£390

Year 6 Hoodies

£360

Year 6 Leavers Event

£3020

Performance Stage

Future Funding Plans

Outdoor Shade
Outdoor learning
equipment
Y6 leavers events to
continue annually

JOIN THE TEAM!! Scan
ME!

We are ALWAYS looking for parents that can volunteer at events & bring fresh ideas to our meetings. You will also get updates on upcoming events, how we are helping the School and how you can help us!



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INSPIRE open afternoon

Tuesday 22nd July from 2pm

Parents and carers are welcome to visit school and spend time looking at your child's learning from this academic year.

Please use the external doors to enter and exit the building. Children must stay in their own classrooms.

Children will take home their books after the open afternoon so please bring a carrier bag!



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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 via Spider or in subsequent newsletters with as much notice as possible.

Tuesday 22nd July

INSPIRE Open Afternoon from 2pm

Wednesday 23rd July

Last day of school – break up for Summer

Academic Year – 2025-2026

Wednesday 3rd September:

INSET Day – School Closed for pupils

Thursday 4th September:

Pupils return to school for start of 2025/26

Friday 24th October:

Last day of Autumn 1

Monday 3rd November:

INSET Day – School Closed for pupils

Tuesday 4th November

Pupils return to school for start of Autumn 2

Friday 19th December:

Last day of Autumn 2

Monday 5th January:

Pupils return to school for start of Spring 1

Thursday 12th February:

Last day of Spring 1

Friday 13th February:

INSET Day – School closed for pupils

Monday 23rd February

Pupils return to school for the start of Spring 2

Friday 20th March

INSET Day – School closed for pupils

Friday 27th March

Last day of Spring 2

Monday 13th April

Pupils return to school for the start of Summer 1

Monday 4th May

Bank Holiday – School Closed

Monday 11th May

KS2 SATS Week

Friday 22nd May

Last day of Summer 1

Monday 1st June

INSET Day – School closed for pupils

Tuesday 2nd June

Pupils return to school for start of Summer 2

Wednesday 22nd July

Last day of Summer 2

Have a wonderful holiday and well-deserved break!

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