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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we head towards the end of the school year, I wanted to share some updates and celebrate all the great things happening at Henry Whipple.

Staffing changes

Firstly, a huge congratulations to Mrs Butterworth and her family on the arrival of her new baby boy. We wish her and her growing family the very best on her maternity leave.

After nearly 12 years at Henry Whipple, Mrs Winter will be leaving the school at the end of the summer term. Everyone at Henry Whipple wishes her the very best on her new endeavours and we recognise the hugely positive impact Mrs Winter has had on the staff, pupils and school community. Her dedication to all of the children at Henry Whipple has been outstanding and I know that the pupils and parents will have fond memories of her time here.

Miss Burgin has been appointed as our new Deputy Headteacher and SENCO and will be joining us in September.

Breakfast club interest

From September, we are launching a free breakfast club starting at 8:15 each morning. This is a brilliant opportunity for families who would like to use it, and it will replace the bagels we currently offer during the morning. More details will follow soon if you would like to register your child's interest.

Residentials

Our residentials continue to be really popular, and we are thrilled with how many families are taking part. These experiences are so important – they help our pupils develop independence and belonging while learning in incredible locations all over the country.

Antisocial behaviour

We have been notified of antisocial behaviour in our local community recently, which has affected our relationships with local businesses and residents. We will be speaking with the pupils about how antisocial behaviour impacts the wider community and being proud of where they live. If you are worried that your child is involved in any behaviour such as this and need further support, please talk with one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads – they're here to help.

Weather





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As the weather gets warmer, please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school each day which they can refill throughout the day. It is also a good idea to apply sun cream before school and encourage them to wear a hat during playtime and PE.

Uniform

Just a quick reminder about our uniform policy as it is an important part of who we are. False nails, nail varnish, hooped earrings and makeup are not allowed, and we ask that clothing doesn't have designer labels on show. Shoes need to be black. These rules apply to everyone and help keep our school inclusive and professional.

Sports day and picnic

It is that time of year where we celebrate our annual sports day and family picnic on 15th July. This is a hugely popular event where Henry Whipple comes together as a community to celebrate sporting achievements and share lunch together. More information will be shared nearer to the time and we expect the event to start at 9.50 and finish at around 12:45. A polite reminder that we do not allow children to be photographed or recorded on mobile devices during this event. This is to keep children safe and we thank you for your ongoing cooperation.

Transition

Transition days for F2 - Year 5 will take place on the 6th, 7th and 8th of July. They will meet their new teachers and spend time in their new classrooms. In the Autumn term there will be the opportunity for parents to meet the new teachers.

Key dates

- 16.6.2026 – Year 1 Learning Away Nottingham Castle
- 17.6.2026 – Year 2 Learning Away Chapel St Leonards
- 18.6.2026 – School Photographs
- 22.6.2026 – Year 4 Learning Together
- 23.6.2026 – Year 2 Learning Together
- 24.6.2026 – Primary Parliament
- 25.6.2026 – Year 3 Learning Together
- 29.6.2026 – Year 3 Learning Away Bulwell Forest Gardens
- 30.6.2026 – Year 4 Learning Away Central Library
- 2.7.2026 – Year 2 Learning Together





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- 7.6.2026 – Year 6 transition to secondary schools
- 7.7.2026 – Year 6 Learning Together
- 8.6.2026 – Golf enrichment day
- 8.7.2026 – Year 6 transition to secondary schools
- 9.7.2026 – Foundation 2 Learning Away Floralands
- 10.7.2026 – Year 4 Learning Away Mansfield Museum
- 13.7.2026 – Year 6 Learning Away Perlethorpe
- 14.7.2026 – Year 5 Learning Away Galleries of Justice
- 15.7.2026 – Sports Day and Picnic
- 24.7.2026 – BBA assembly and final day of school.
- 27.7.2026 – Inset day – school closed to all pupils

Thank you for your continued support.

Chris Johnson

Headteacher

