Hemington News

29th August -12th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have all had a good Summer. We have already got back into the swing of things and the children have loved meeting up with friends, carrying out their new topic work (class newsletters have been emailed), participating in PE and having Forest School fun. The school feels purposeful, calm and exciting!

Our new pupils have really settled in well and are getting used to the routines in school. Many thanks to parents who have helped them with the big change that they have experienced over the past week.

Applications for new pupil roles have opened. Most of Otters are applying so it is going to be a tough decision. I look forward to working with them and the newly elected School Council.

Harvest time is nearly here. As part of this we will be collecting food and goods for the Castle Donington Food Bank from the 6th until the 10th of October. A reminder will be sent out with a food list nearer the date. On Wednesday 8th October from 1.45pm ourselves and the children invite you (or your family members) to celebrate Harvest with us. The children will perform some songs, tea and coffee will be served and activities will be carried out in the classrooms for you to complete with your child/children.

Flu season is unfortunately soon to be upon us. An email has been sent from our school nurse team. This gives you information about having your child vaccinated. Please read the information carefully as you will need to follow the instructions on the letter. We only host the school nurse team so if you need additional information please contact the school nurse team.

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Reay, Miss Timbrell and the Hemington Team.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES AT HEMINGTON

We are now running our after school club until 5.15pm (except Fridays). Please see the timetable below.
We have a wide range of after school clubs available for children to take part in over the course of the academic year. These are run and predominantly led by our qualified sports coach, Mr Pattinson.
These are booked in advanced via the Arbor App and cost £5.00 per session (£2.50 if your child is pupil premium)

	Session 1 3.15-4.15pm	Session 2 4.15-5.15pm
Monday	Gymnastics	Snack and activities
Tuesday	Multi- sports	Snack and activities
Wednesday	Cooking	Snack and activities
Thursday	Forest School Key Stage 2 Football	Snack and activities
Friday	Technology Club	No Late Club

Stars of the Week

Butterflies: Fletcher, Jemima, Aadesh, Jacob and Kobe for a fantastic start at Hemington and settling in so well.

Kingfishers : Eric for showing great confidence in his new class and carrying out some great work.

Otters: Frederica for settling in so well at Hemington and making lots of friends already.

They will be displayed proudly on our 'hall of fame' wall opposite the library.

Photos on FACEBOOK- Hemington Primary

I WONDER WHO HAS THE POSTCARDS THIS WEEK?

PE Kit and Uniform

Wow how smart do our children look!!
They are all gleaming as they play out!

Please continue to ensure that your child's PE kit consists of a white T-shirt; black or dark coloured jogging bottoms/leggings/shorts; trainers; dark coloured hoodie/jumper or school jumper/cardigan.

To keep our children safe please ensure the children aren't wearing any jewellery for school (only stud earrings) and false/gel nails aren't worn. Stud earrings will need to be covered for PE. Smart watches and phones will be locked in the office daily.

Uniform information can be found on the website. The children do not need to wear uniform with the logo to keep costs down.

Improving Attendance

Good attendance is vital for learning and making friends at school.

As well as celebrating the class with the highest attendance on the school newsletter the children will win a slice of pizza to put on the pizza display in the hall. The class to gain the highest number of pizza slices over each half term will have a free *'party'*.

Hemington's Pizza Parties consist of:

A pizza slice and cookie for each child in the class. I hope you can support us in this vital area of school life. We are aiming for over 97% this year.

Healthy Eating at School

REMINDER

Children will be asked to ONLY take fruit or a healthy snack for their breaktime. Packed lunches should contain healthier options with only one treat for pudding.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL LUNCHES/SNACKS ARE NUT FREE. We also ask parents to send water in their child's drink bottle.

Term Dates 2025 - 2026

Autumn Term

Half term break: Monday 20th to Friday 24th October 2025

School closes: Friday 19th December 2025

Spring Term

School opens: Tuesday 6th January 2026

Half term break: Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2026

School closes: Friday 27th March 2026

Summer Term

School opens: Monday 13th April 2026

May Day bank holiday: Monday 4th May 2026

Half term break: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026

School closes: Wednesday 8th July 2026

Inset/Teacher Training days 2025/2026

Monday 5th January 2026

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8th October—Harvest songs and crafts. 1.45-3.15pm

10th October—EYFS open afternoon. For 2026 starters.

17th October—Flu vaccinations

5th November—Parents Evening

14th November—Children in need . Children wear spots for a donation.

26th November—School photos

10th December—EYFS open afternoon for 2026 starters

12th December—Christmas party at the village hall.

17th December—Pavilion songs, band and refreshments

18th December—Pantomime trip in Derby