



HUNTINGTOWER  
A PRIORY ACADEMY

## Tower Times wb 18.05.2026

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*Welcome to Term 5's newsletter.*

*Included within this newsletter:*

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- *Organisational information including timings and attendance*
  - *Celebratory items*
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**Events and Activities in Term 5**



Whilst it has been quite a short term, the sun has shone enough to allow us to make the most of the grounds and take part in a range of academic activities. The children have enjoyed being back on the South Site and also using the field for sport and PE.

Term 5 has also hosted the Early Years and Year 1 Discos. The children had a fabulous time and danced non-stop! All of the proceeds from our disco events this year will go to funding items purchased for their outdoor provisions. These events have been really successful and well supported this year, thank you!

Y1 spent the day at Great Wood Farm at their forest school. Whilst the day was cool, it did not curb their enthusiasm and the children had the opportunity to explore freely and work together to solve problems in an amazing environment. Year 6 went to London to see Wicked. They had a fantastic day and absolutely loved the show. It is such a wonderful experience to see a West End Musical and thank you to the parents who have supported the outing with their contributions for this to happen.

Pupils in Years 5 and 6 attended a STEM workshop provided by the Royal Navy. It was definitely a lively and informative event which the children not only enjoyed but had the opportunity to learn from. Some of our Year 6 pupils also completed their level 3 bikeability award. They worked very hard and were commended for their behaviour by the instructors.

We held our reading raffle during our final Celebration of the term. Congratulations to our Panthers and Meerkats pupils. I always say the secret to success is reading and now these two pupils have the opportunity to buy more books.



















## Sporting Events



There have been a range of competitions, clubs and festivals for children to improve their skills and Mrs Bensley and Mrs Dilloway have worked hard to ensure that as many pupils access the opportunities available to us.

Across the term, we have participated in:

- Our mixed gymnastics team represented the East Midlands at the National finals for the second year in a row. Another memorable experience and one that they should be very proud of as the pupils who competed last year, all improved their scores as well as another pupil representing the academy for the first time. Many thanks to Mrs Bensley and Miss Williams for their guidance and training.
- Key Stage 2 cross country (Years 3 to 6). This was the first time that some of our pupils had represented the academy and we were so proud of them. There were 386 pupils taking part in the event and our 38 pupils all gave their best and performed well. It takes great courage and we are proud to say that several of our pupils achieved places in their races.

including first, second and third in the Year 5 girls race! We have been informed that we were second overall which is a spectacular achievement.

- Summer is the time for cricket. This year, children from Y2 took part in a KS1 cricket festival. They represented the academy impeccably and had a great time learning more about the sport.
- Tennis is an increasingly popular sport for primary aged children. We were delighted that some of our Year 3 and 4 pupils were able to take part in a tennis festival and competition. Well done to everyone who took part including our team who came second!
- For the first time ever, a group of Y5 and Y6 pupils took part in a triathlon festival. This is an increasingly popular sport for children and they children enjoyed learning more about it.
- Our boys' football B team had the opportunity to play a friendly with our local school, Isaac Newton. The teams were well matched and both played well. The final score was 0-0 and the boys thoroughly enjoyed the penalties at the end. Sadly, we didn't win but the smiles on the boys' faces showed how much they had enjoyed it.

Thank you to all of the family members who have transported children to and from events as well as supporting the teams and pupils taking part. Thank you also goes to the staff who work hard to ensure that the children have these opportunities.

**There will be more events and opportunities next term including our sports' day event.**

**We are proposing there will be four sports day events;**

- **Early Years will race at 2.30pm on Tuesday, 7th July 2026**
- **Year 1 and 2 will race at 2.15pm on Monday, 6th July 2026**
- **Year 3 and 4 will race at 2.15pm on Wednesday, 8th July 2026**
- **Year 5 and 6 will race at 2.15pm on Thursday, 9th July 2026**

**This year, each child will be allowed a maximum of two adults tickets for their sports day event. We will be distributing a forms for parents to complete. It is a requirement of our safeguarding duty that we keep a record of who attends the events. Pre-School siblings are welcome to attend with their adults attending.**

**Please check your Parent Hub and ClassDojo communications for more information in Term 6.**





## Clubs and Events

Most of the clubs have continued to run this term. The pupils have enjoyed attending a range of activities from sporting clubs to well being activities. Well done to the Y6 Reading Ambassadors who continue to spend their lunchtimes ensuring that the library is organised and open for children to select books. If your child has an overdue library book, please return it as soon as possible so that your child can select a new book from our amazing library.

Our final term looks to be busy one. Lions Class will be swimming at the Mere's from Tuesday 9th June, Panthers still have another week's swimming session left on Tuesday 2nd June. As stated above, we have our sports days planned as well as a range of sporting activities. There will be some curriculum trips for some year groups as well as a range of transition activities including our **moving up morning on Wednesday 1st July 2026**. Our Year 6 pupils will be spending a weekend at PGL as well as beginning to practice their end of year production.

Congratulations to Pandas (97.8%) and Zebras (98.3%) classes for winning the termly attendance trophy. The attendance for the term is 96.6% for the term with the attendance for the year is 95.9% . Thank you to the continued support of parents and families.

Below are a selection of photos that have been shared on ClassDojo across this term







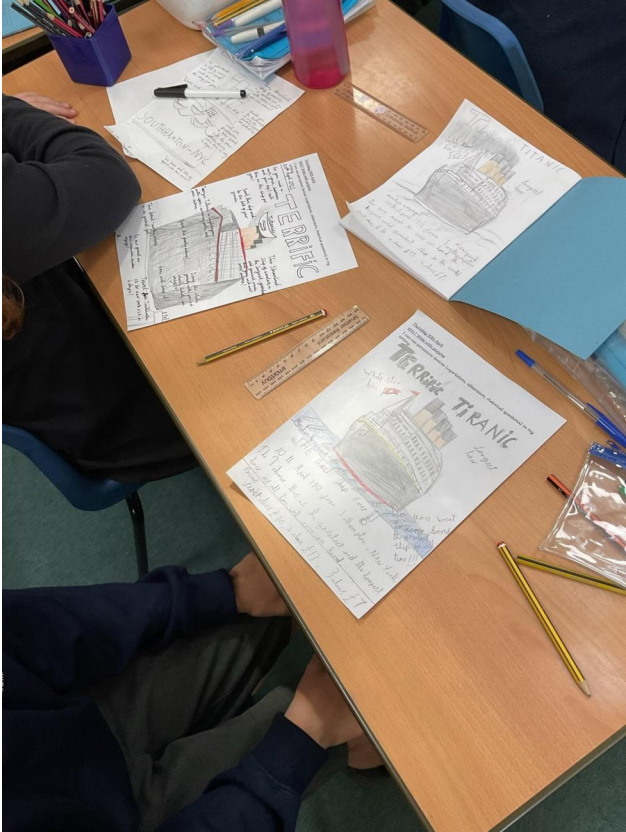


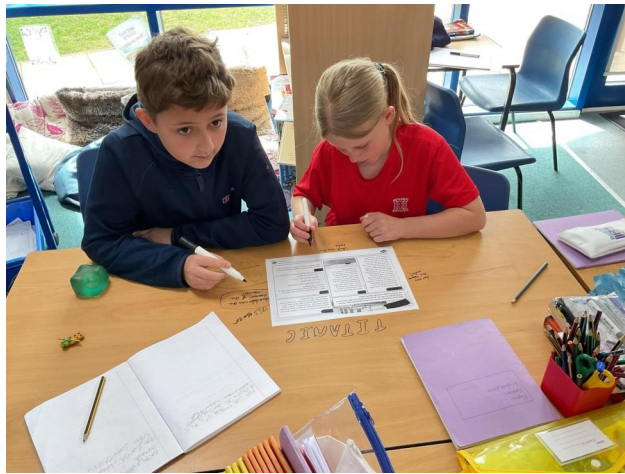












## Huntingtower Community Citizens



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Our Tower Captains continue to be very busy supporting the younger pupils at lunchtimes.

Our Sports Ambassadors presented to the academy in Assembly. They did an amazing job and encouraged the pupils to get involved in sport. They have also been providing clubs and activities for pupils across the academy.

Our Year 5 pupils continue to work with our local PCSO and Mini Police. They've developed a strong understanding of citizenship and British Values through their work.



## Important Dates, Routines and Attendance Information



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The Summer term is always a busy one. Please be aware of the following dates:

**Y1 pupils** will be access the **Phonic Screen Check** in the **week beginning 8th June 2026**.

**Y4 pupils** will access the **Multiplication Tables Check** in the **week beginning 1st June 2026**.

**Y6 pupils** will be at **PGL** from **end of school, Friday, 5th June 2026** to **Monday, 8th June 2026**

Our **Summer Fayre** is on **Friday, 3rd July** at **3.20pm** until **5.00pm** on the **South Site**.

**Transition week** will be week beginning **Monday 29th 2026** with **moving up morning** on **Wednesday, 1st July 2026**.

**Reports** will be distributed on **Friday, 10th July 2026.**

**End of the academic year** is on **Friday, 17th July 2026.**

There are several educational trips taking place. Please check Parent Hub and ClassDojo for more information.

**Start of the academic year 2026-2027** is on **Monday, 7th September 2026.**

### **Attendance**

- Please remember that: Classroom doors open **at 8.50am** in Early Years and Key Stage 1 and in Key Stage 2, staff will collect their classes from the playground. **The registers open at 8.50am. Please arrive at the academy from 8.40am to ensure your child is ready to enter the academy at 8.50am. Doors and gates and the registers close at 9.00am.**
- Any children who arrive after 9.00am through main entrance and are recorded as late until 9.10am and then unauthorised after that. Adult who drops them off will be required to complete a slip. The administration office is extremely busy at this time and this allows the staff to ensure that the correct information is communicated with the class teachers as well as updating the lunch register.
- For more information, please read our academy attendance policy [here](#).
- Guidance specific to our academy can be found [here](#) on our website.
- We routinely have visits from the community parking enforcement officer as part of the Local Authority's responsibility towards road safety. They have asked us to remind parents and families that it is an offence to park on the double yellow lines opposite the academy even if there is a blue badge displayed as well as an offence to park on the yellow zig-zag lines whilst the school is active. **This is during the hours of 8am and 9.30am and 2.30pm and 4.00pm.** The additional yellow lines and zig zags are there for our children's safety and parking on them may endanger our children and other pedestrians in our community.

**If your child is unwell, please let us know as soon as possible. A message can be left on our absence answer machine, a message can be sent via text or email (to our enquiries email address) or you can wait to speak to one of the administrators.** We appreciate that the phone lines and the office can be very busy first thing in the mornings but it is important to let us know. If we are able to ascertain why your child is absent, we will have to register them as having an unauthorised absence. There are times that medicines may have to be administered during the school day. There are strict guidelines as to what schools are able to do. It is recommended that prescriptions can be administered if the frequency is more than 3 times a day. There are

occasions when over the counter pain relief is recommended for a short period of time. Each case is reviewed by the academy and if medication needs to be administered, parents are requested to provide the medication in its original packaging, with the prescription label where possible and to then complete a consent form. As the office can be very busy at the start and end of the day, it is helpful to contact the admin team before bringing any medication into school. All medication should be brought to the administration office by an adult.

In addition, can we remind you that:

- Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle in the classroom for them to access during the day. This should only be water and not squash. We would ask that glass water bottles are not used. Academy water bottles can be purchased from the office using the Parent Pay app.
- Children should come in their PE kits (including their coloured PE top) on the days that they have PE. **They should still wear their school jumpers or cardigans and NOT hooded tops.** Tracksuit bottoms and leggings should be black, dark grey (not light grey) or navy without motifs or visible labels.
- Earrings should be removed for PE days.
- In the warmer weather, please ensure that your child has a sun hat and that sun screen has been applied before they come to school. Unfortunately, we are unable to apply the sun screen within school.



*1 - Please remember that children are required to wear a plain coloured T-Shirt for PE in their Tower Team colour.*

## Message from our Admin Team



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