

# NEWSLETTER

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The Hinckley  
SCHOOL



This week, saw our performing arts students continue to shine. Our Year 10 Pantomime received rave reviews following their performances at Hinckley Parks Primary School and Westfield Junior School. The cast were professional, confident and a credit to the school. The group look forward to visiting St Mary's Church of England Primary School next week to continue their tour and spread some festive cheer.

Students' performance skills were also on display at our Winter Performing Arts Showcase on Wednesday evening, as they wowed audiences. Congratulations on a fantastic show to everyone involved and thank you to our audience for their support.

Our rugby and football teams have also done us proud this week, with victories across the board! I would like to congratulate our players on their efforts and for representing the school with pride this season.

Tomorrow, we will welcome families of Year 7 students to school, as The Bridge Sing Off helps to put us all in the festive spirit! I know students are all incredibly excited and have been working hard in rehearsals, so it is set to be a wonderful community celebration.

Inside the classroom, real focus on learning has continued this week, alongside our Christmas events, to ensure that we make every lesson count. I would like to thank students for their continued focus, even as we near the end of term. Next week, each year group will get time for celebration as a community, to mark their achievements and to reward their progress this year. I know staff and students are looking forward to having fun together and making memories during these celebrations.

Kate Grocock | Head of School

## Pantomime Perfection

This week, Year 10 Drama students launched the 'Panto Tour of the Primaries' with rave reviews from the feeder schools visited so far – Hinckley Parks and Westfield.

Students performed their original scripted adaptation of 'Cinderella' as a vibrant celebration of creativity, humour, with the classic playfulness and pastiche of pantomime. From lively audience reactions to sharp comedic timing, the students demonstrated exceptional stage presence and professionalism. The tour encouraged amazing feedback from Headteachers and teachers at the schools, who praised the group's energy, confidence and commitment to their roles, making the classic story of Cinderella entertaining and memorable.

The tour has not only showcased the amazing potential and abilities of our Drama GCSE students, but has strengthened their ensemble skills and boosted their confidence as 'professional' performers. Mrs Cook is incredibly proud of the whole cast of Cinderella and can't wait to see where the creative journey in Drama takes them next. The panto will be performed to our own year groups next week as part of the Christmas celebrations (Oh no it won't! Oh yes it will!) and was also a highlight of the recent Performing Arts Winter Showcase.





# MATCH REPORT: County Cup Victory

The Hinckley School battled to a dramatic 18-15 victory over Welland Park in a thrilling County Cup clash that went right down to the final kick of the game.

From the outset, Hinckley set the tone with physicality, grit, and a clear desire to dominate territory. Their hard work was rewarded as they built a well-earned 15-5 lead, showcasing excellent team structure, defensive organisation, and moments of individual brilliance.

But Welland Park were far from done. Showing their own resilience, they mounted an impressive comeback, gradually clawing their way back into the match. With just a minute left on the clock, they levelled the score at 15-15, setting up a tense finale.

What followed was a testament to Hinckley's character. Instead of folding under pressure, the boys demonstrated huge resolve, composure, and unwavering belief in one another. Through relentless teamwork, smart decision-making, and a refusal to give in, they worked themselves into range for one final shot at goal.

With the last kick of the game, Hinckley slotted the decisive points, sealing a fantastic 18-15 win and punching their ticket into the next round.

This performance embodied everything the squad has been working towards – determination, togetherness, and pride in the jersey.

Hinckley School will now face Catmose College on 20th January at HRFC as they look to continue their County Cup journey.

Mr Stocks | Director of Rugby



# Year 7 Football Champions

The Hinckley School – U12 Squad

Our Year 7 football squad produced a dominant and mature set of performances to be crowned champions at the Developmental Football Festival this week. Across three high-energy fixtures, the boys scored seven goals and remarkably conceded none, showcasing both attacking flair and defensive discipline.

The campaign began with a confident 3-0 victory over Groby, where quick movement, sharp passing, and relentless pressing set the tone for the day. In their second match, The Hinckley School continued to impress, securing a composed 2-0 win against Bosworth Academy, controlling possession and showing real tactical awareness for a developing side.

The final fixture brought added intensity as the team faced local rivals Redmoor. Rising to the occasion, the boys delivered another assured performance, sealing a 2-0 win and completing the festival unbeaten, unbroken, and untroubled at the back.

Throughout the tournament, the squad demonstrated tremendous teamwork, constant communication, and unwavering support for one another. Every player contributed to a collective identity built on hard work, togetherness, and pride in the school badge.

Manager Mr Barrett expressed his excitement at the team's progress and the potential within this young group. With such momentum and confidence behind them, 2026 promises to be an exciting year for the squad as they continue to develop and push their standards even higher.

A superb achievement – well done, boys!

- Mr Stocks | Director of Sport



# Outstanding Dedication to Education

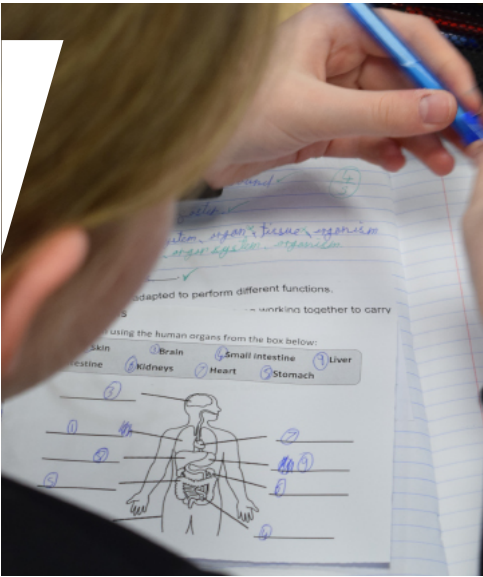
We were delighted to be presented with a plaque in appreciation and recognition of outstanding dedication to the education of young people about blood, stem cell and organ donation today by Keith Sudbury from Register and Be a Lifesaver (R&Be).

This coincided with our 2025 STEM Cell Donation Awareness and Registration events, an annual Sixth Form education programme and sign up event which has led to a long list of registered donors and life savers from within our student community.

# Cells and Organ Systems

Students in The Bridge have truly shone in Science this year, gaining a strong foundation of scientific knowledge to help them succeed throughout their seven-year journey.

As we approach the end of term, Year 7 are coming to the end of the cells and organisation topic. During this topic, they've learnt about plant and animal cells, specialised cells and last week studied tissues and organs. In a recent lesson, 7Oxford worked out the differences between cells, tissues, organs, organ systems and organisms and ordered them from smallest to largest. The group then moved on to label where organs can be found in the body and even demonstrating their knowledge by pointing to them on their own bodies. Great work, Year 7!





# Christmas Celebrations

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

As we enter December, we wanted to write to parents and carers to share the details of our festive celebrations, and plans for the end of term.

### Final Week of Term

#### Christmas Dinners

This year, alongside a busy calendar of year group activities, pantomime performances, celebration assemblies and trips, there will once again be an opportunity for all students in Year 7-11 to enjoy a two-course Christmas dinner, alongside festive entertainment, during their final week before the Christmas break.

Students will have the opportunity to enjoy a sit-down two-course Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, alongside staff, to celebrate the festive period. The dates of the Christmas dinners for each year group are:

- Year 7 – Monday 15th December
- Year 8 – Tuesday 16th December
- Year 9 – Thursday 18th December
- Year 10 and Year 11 - Wednesday 17th December

In order for your child to have a two-course Christmas dinner, we kindly ask that you pre-pay the meal deal price of £2.88 on ParentPay **by 10am on Monday 8th December**. Please select to pay the ‘Christmas Dinner - £2.88’ option on Parent Pay. Alternatively, if your child requires a vegetarian or vegan option, please select ‘Vegan Christmas Dinner - £2.88’. For all other dietary requirements, please contact your Year Team directly.

All free school meal students in Year 7-11 will automatically be allocated a free Christmas dinner as their total funding allocation on this date; there is no need to sign up for this. Students may bring in their own packed lunch should they wish to.

Students in KS3, including those who bring in a packed lunch, will all sit together as a year group to enjoy the festivities so that everyone can enjoy the event entertainment and atmosphere as a community.

We extended the Christmas Dinner option to KS4 students based on requests from our community last year and were delighted to receive great feedback from students about how much they enjoyed this event. Only students in KS4 who purchase a Christmas Dinner will eat their lunch in the hall on their date. Normal ‘grab and go’ kitchen services will continue alongside the Christmas Dinners for those who do not opt in.

Please note that to allow a grab and go service to

continue for other year groups alongside Christmas Dinners, Year 8 students will need to purchase food from The Cube on Monday 15th December only.

### Last Day of Term – Friday 19th December

#### Christmas Jumper Day

The last day of term, Friday 19th December, will be a non-uniform day for all students in all year groups, with Christmas Jumpers encouraged. There is a £1 suggested donation for this event which can be paid via Parent Pay, or in cash on the day. Families also have the alternative option to donate a book (suitable for secondary school age readers) to our school to support our reading culture; these donations should be given to your child’s Year Team on the day.

#### Christmas Bazaar

On Friday 19th December, students in Years 7-11 will also be able to enjoy stalls at our annual Christmas Bazaar where they can exchange £1 for five tokens to ‘spend’ on games and food at our student-run Christmas Market over the course of the morning. If you donate on Parent Pay for the non-uniform day, or choose to donate cash on the day, your child will automatically receive tokens for the Bazaar during registration that morning. If students would like to donate more money, they are very welcome to bring in cash to buy extra tokens. Please note, £1 will be paid for all pupil premium and free school meal students to enable them to participate. All proceeds raised from the Christmas Bazaar and the Christmas Jumper Day will be shared between Save the Children and Cancer Research UK.

**Please note that we will be finishing school earlier on Friday 19th December;** students will gather as tutor groups at 12.20pm for a brief Christmas farewell with their tutors and peers before **leaving site at 12.30pm**. Beaver Bus services will be informed of this early finish time. Thank you all for your support this term. From everyone at The Hinckley School and The Hinckley Sixth Form, we wish you a very happy and restful Christmas and best wishes for the New Year. We look forward to **welcoming all year groups back to school at 8:20am on Monday 5th January 2026**.

Kind regards, Kate Grocock, Head of School

# The Monthly Book Club

One Thursday each Month  
Look out for dates



All students and staff are invited to come to the library to read in companionable silence in the library from 3pm to 4pm.



You bring the book, and the library will provide cushions, blankets, beanbags biscuits and drinks .

Grow your mind....

## Read and Relax

# SILENT BOOK GROUP

Thursday | 18 Dec | 3:00 PM - 4.00 PM

### EVERYONE WELCOME

Read with other book lovers in companionable silence with beanbags blankets and biscuits

## The Library Jolabokaflod

Pronounced: Yo-la-bok-a-flot  
jol(Christmas)  
Bok (book)  
Flod (flood)

In the library, we will host our own Jolabokaflod. During the ‘silent book club’ event on the 18<sup>th</sup> December. Students and staff are invited to donate a book (in good condition) and wrap it in ribbon with a chocolate, to exchange with another donated book.

(Any leftover books will be donated to charity)

# Happy Jólabókaflóð!



IN ICELAND, books are exchanged on Christmas Eve, and you spend the rest of the night READING. People generally take their books to bed along with some chocolate. How cozy and wonderful does that sound?

Iceland publishes MORE BOOKS per capita than any other country, and new books are typically published only during the Christmas season--the frenzy is called Jolabokaflod, which means Christmas Book Flood.

AZpennydreadfuls.com

## Lost Property

We have recently had an influx of lost property handed in to our Main Reception.

Parents, carers, and students are reminded that the lost property box is kept in the Main Reception, and families are welcome to come into school during our normal opening hours to look for any items students may have misplaced recently. Please note that all items currently in the lost property box will be donated to charity over the Christmas break if left unclaimed.



# CREATIVE CURRICULUM



## Entries Submitted to Prestigious RI Coronation Award

We are delighted to announce that three talented KS3 students have had their artwork entered into the RI Coronation Award, a national competition run by the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours—one of the most respected watercolour societies in the world today. Founded in 1831, the Institute has long showcased a wide range of artists, and it is now extending this opportunity to young people aged 11–18.

Our students created their entries independently at home, demonstrating an impressive level of technical control, creativity, and artistic skill. Each artwork reflects their commitment and passion for working in water-based media.

The competition champions excellence in watercolour, acrylic, ink, and gouache, welcoming both figurative and abstract pieces. The winning artwork and two runners-up will be displayed at the RI's Annual Exhibition at the Mall Galleries in London in Spring 2026.

Prizes include £100 in art materials for the winner, £50 for each runner-up, and an £800 materials bursary for the school that submits the winning entry—generously sponsored by the Borg Scott Charity.

We are incredibly proud of our students' dedication and the exceptional standard of their work. Their achievements truly deserve to be celebrated.

We will continue to keep our school community updated — and hopefully we will be lucky enough to see our students' work exhibited in London this coming Summer!

**- Miss Webster**



## Media & Advertising: Christmas Advert Competition

Miss Webster is encouraging students to get involved in our latest monthly creative competition, this time with a festive spin, as students explore the world of Media and Advertising. See below for further details:

December Creative Challenge:  
**Media & Advertisement: Christmas Advert Campaign**

Launch: Monday 1st December      Deadline: Friday 19th December

Kendall's Christmas Headlines From 1931 to 1964

1914  
**Christmas 2014**

Challenge: If advertisement is focussed on promoting and selling products (commercialisation), is it possible to encourage the audience to appreciate true meaning of Christmas?

Can you think of a Christmas advert that does this particularly well?

Challenge:

Develop a storyboard concept for an advert that celebrates the true meaning of Christmas and its traditions

1. Select your chosen brand/ product
2. Develop a storyboard that uses visual and written methods to document your idea (you can hand draw or complete digitally)
3. Ensure that you focus on the true meaning of Christmas – less about commercialisation. FAMILY TRADITIONS, CHRISTMAS THROUGHOUT HISTORY, CELEBRATING CULTURES

Entries can be printed and handed to Miss Webster in D7, or emailed to [kwebster@thehinkleyprimary.co.uk](mailto:kwebster@thehinkleyprimary.co.uk)

## Interested in a Career as a UX Designer?



Interested in finding out more about this career path? [Click here to watch a video.](#)

## Interested in studying Digital Media Management?



[Click here](#) for an introduction to MA Digital Media Management at Sheffield Hallam University.

CAREERS CORNER

## Quilt & Stitch Village



The theme for the 2026 Quilt & Stitch Village Competition is 'Let Me Entertain You', with quilt and embroidery categories now open.

The award ceremony for the competition comes at the end of their annual Quilt & Stitch event and makes for an exciting end to the show. Entry forms must be submitted by 31st January 2026. Each entry must be submitted on a separate form.

You can post your quilt or embroidery entry to TPL Exhibitions, 8- 12 Willow End Park, Blackmore Park Road, Malvern, WORCS WR13 6NN, or you can deliver it by hand to Uttoxeter Racecourse. Entries being delivered to TPL Exhibitions must be received by Tuesday, 14th April 2026.

[Click here to find out more.](#)

COMPETITION CORNER