



HOPE HOUSE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



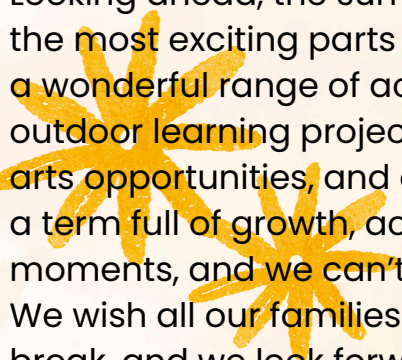
March 2026

Message from Michelle

Spring has arrived, and with it a renewed sense of energy, creativity, and achievement across our school community. This term has been filled with exciting learning, new opportunities, student successes, and memorable events.

We continue to be incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and resilience our pupils show each day. Their curiosity and commitment shine through in everything they do.

As the weather becomes warmer and flowers begin to bloom, pupils have been enjoying more outdoor learning and nature-based activities. From exploring the changing seasons to taking part in special Spring events, this time of year inspires creativity, wellbeing, and a sense of wonder.



Looking ahead, the summer term is always one of the most exciting parts of the school year. We have a wonderful range of activities planned, including outdoor learning projects, sports events, creative arts opportunities, and end-of-year celebrations. It's a term full of growth, achievement, and memorable moments, and we can't wait to share it all with you. We wish all our families a happy and relaxing Easter break, and we look forward to welcoming pupils back for an inspiring and enjoyable summer term.

Diary Dates

- Staff training day: 13th April
- Student return: 14th April
- Bank holiday : 4th May
- Half Term break: 25th May
- Students return: 1st June

Attendance Congratulations

A huge well done to all the children who have achieved excellent attendance this term! **Your commitment to coming to school every day makes a big difference**—strong attendance helps pupils build confidence, stay on track with their learning, and make the most of school life.

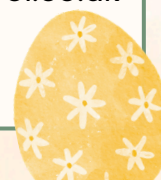
We are grateful for the ongoing support of our families and carers. Your encouragement and involvement make a real difference and help our school continue to thrive.

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News from the classrooms

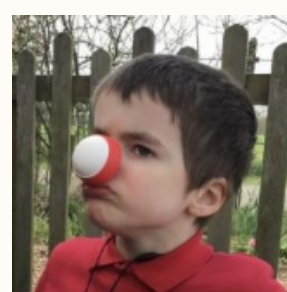
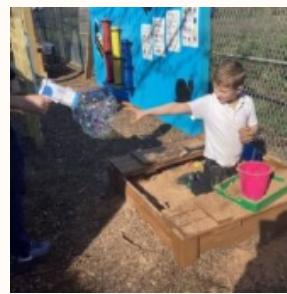


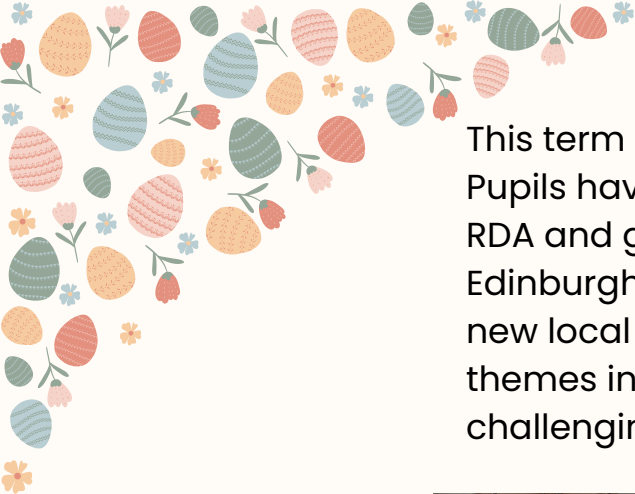
The children in **Mercury** have had a wonderfully busy and exciting term! Our topic, Dangerous Dinosaurs, inspired lots of imaginative play and hands-on learning. The children loved singing dinosaur counting songs, creating their own dinosaur eggs and cosy nests, and going on exciting dinosaur hunts in the garden. Afterwards, we carefully washed the dinosaurs and even brushed their “teeth,” which sparked lots of giggles and brilliant exploration. The children also explored sensory trays filled with fossils, sand, and small-world dinosaurs, supporting their fine motor skills, communication, and imaginative play as they dug, discovered, and explored their findings.

We also spent plenty of time cooking this term, which the children absolutely loved. They made their own pizzas, prepared sandwiches, and even created dinosaur shapes using Rice Krispie treats – fantastic opportunities for developing independence, turn-taking, and early maths skills through measuring, pouring, and mixing.

This term, Mercury Class took part in British Science Week, which was full of curiosity and wonder. The children explored air using a giant windbag, investigated different textures such as foam, colours, and bubbles, and took part in exciting hands-on experiments. The highlight was definitely the Coca-Cola and mint reaction – the children were amazed as it fizzed and exploded everywhere!

Throughout the week, they demonstrated brilliant early scientific thinking by exploring with all their senses: observing, touching, and tasting. It has truly been a fantastic term of learning, exploring, and growing together.





This term has been full of activity and fun in **Jupiter** class. Pupils have built their skills, confidence, and fitness through RDA and gym sessions. As part of their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award, they focused on volunteering, helping at a new local community garden. In English, they explored the themes in *An Inspector Calls* and *Macbeth*, finding the work challenging, inspiring, and even a little fun.



Horticulture

Our pupils have been busy embracing the great outdoors this term! We kicked things off by taking part in the RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch. After whipping up some homemade tasty treats to attract our feathered friends, the children had a wonderful time spotting, identifying, and recording the different species visiting our grounds.

The green fingers haven't stopped there. Our younger pupils have officially launched their 'Grow Your Own Potato' project, learning exactly what it takes to nurture a crop from seed to harvest. Meanwhile, our older pupils have been exploring local habitats, culminating in some impressive woodwork as they built custom bird boxes to provide safe nesting spots for the season ahead.



Neptune class have had such a busy term, starting with a dive into The Industrial Revolution studying many inventions from that era. We had a fascinating tour around Newark studying some of the clues still apparent today on Victorian buildings like sheaves of corn, the old holding cells for the police station in the market and the Newark coat of arms including two otters above the Butter market. We also attempted cooking some Victorian recipes including Old Yorkshire Parkin and the favourite, brown bread ice cream which tastes much better than it sounds!!

The children also read Moon fleet by J Faulkner, a book about smugglers set around the time of the Civil war. They were able to dress up their teachers as cavaliers, musketeers and Pikemen and learn how to load a musket in 30 seconds to see the challenges the soldiers faced in those times. They particularly enjoyed becoming spies and learning to decode secret messages and, even better, to write secret messages to each other just like the spies of old.

More recently they have been studying atoms and the Periodic table, building elements with different molecules of atoms like H₂O and Methane (pooh!). They also experimented with the density of different fluids including syrup, water and oil watching how a variety of objects would fall through one liquid but float on top of another.

Our final trip this term was to Lincoln Castle to see one of only four remaining copies of the Magna Carta kept behind glass at a certain temperature in a darkened room to preserve it. Having learnt how important the Magna Carta (the People's Charter) was for every citizen back in 1215 in giving them rights they had never had before, they created their own Magna Carta with rules that they believe are fair today.

Neptune class would like to wish you all a very happy Easter!



This term in **Moon Class**, we enjoyed an exciting visit to the National Space Centre as part of our “Moon Zoom” topic. The children were thrilled to experience a virtual journey through our solar system in the planetarium, bringing their learning to life.

During this half term, we have also been learning about the human body, exploring how we grow and develop from babies into adults, as well as understanding the importance of healthy eating. One of the highlights was creating a healthy picnic, which the children proudly prepared and then shared together during a delightful teddy bears’ picnic.

In PSHE, we have focused on staying safe online and developing positive, respectful relationships.

It has been a fantastic and fun-filled term, and we are incredibly proud of all the children and their achievements.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back after Easter. Wishing you all a wonderful Easter from everyone in Moon Class!





This term has been a busy one for **Mars** class – we've completed various challenges for our ASDAN work, progressed further through our Maths and English curriculum and have also undertaken some exciting practical work too!



A big highlight for Mars this term was the three course meal that the students planned, prepped and cooked. Each class member worked tirelessly and co-operated to create a tasty meal for some chosen staff members; all of whom came back for seconds!

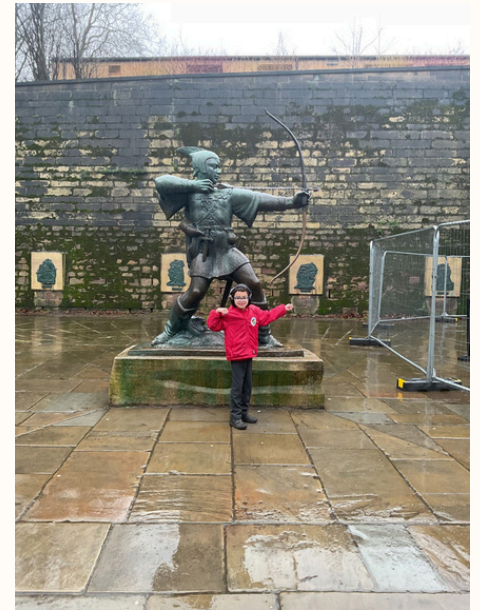
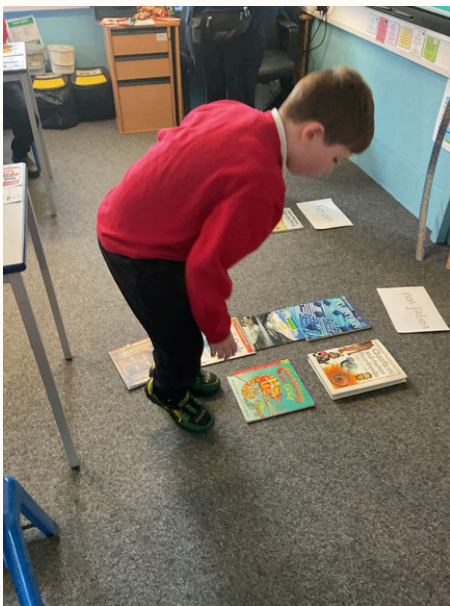
We also had fun conducting science experiments so we could complete some science ASDAN challenges. We created our own PH indicator from cabbage and spinach, and we also go out and about around school to conduct an official tree survey.



It has been a wonderful and action-packed term for **Sun Class!** We kicked off by diving into our Heroes and Villains topic, where the children did a fantastic job focusing on the difference between right and wrong while researching real-life heroes, charities, and our local legend, Robin Hood. In the second half of the term, our focus shifted to Geography, where the children expanded their knowledge of human and physical features. They particularly enjoyed learning about the journey of a river and showed great creativity when building their own 3D models to demonstrate different river features.

In English, the class explored themes of courage and self-belief through Levi Pinfold's 'Black Dog', before embarking on a frosty expedition with Chloe Savage's 'The Search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish'. By joining Dr Morley and her crew on their journey to the northernmost tip of the world, the children developed rich vocabulary through role-play and produced some excellent non-chronological reports exploring just how difficult an Arctic expedition can be.

Our Maths lessons have been equally busy, with the children mastering the Money topic by forming amounts in pounds and pence and practicing giving change in our role-play shop. Everyone has made brilliant progress developing their knowledge of the 2, 5, and 10 times tables, as well as doubling, halving, and recognising odd and even numbers. Well done, Sun Class, for such a hardworking and creative term!



We have had so much fun in **Saturn** this term, with our topic Bounce!

We have looked at lots of activities all to do with balls - we've bounced them, rolled them, thrown them, decorated them, counted them, created works of art with them and even baked and eaten them! In our sensory stories, we have listened and experienced Mr Bounce and The Frog Princess amongst other stories. We have learned about animals that bounce which linked nicely with Easter, so we enjoyed a fabulous Easter egg hunt and a visit from the Easter Bunny himself.

The highlight of our term though was a class visit to go Ten-pin bowling. All the pupils had a great time pushing the ball down the ramp. We took the opportunity to have lunch out in the Diner which was a lovely treat and a great opportunity for staff to see how well we engage in a new environment.

Thank you for all your support this term





Easter Bunny visits Hope House School