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TO: ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS

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Dear Parents/Guardians

SUMMER 2026 NEWSLETTER

As we come to the end of this academic year, I would like to thank you all for your valued support and involvement in the school life of St Hugh's throughout 2025-2026. This has been another very successful year with the school maintaining very high academic standards and continuing the long tradition of excellence in sport, music and drama.

Staff and Personnel

We say goodbye to Mrs Ann Heathershaw. Ann has been a long standing member of staff, starting on the bus and becoming a TA and a sports and art teacher. We wish her many happy years of retirement. She will be missed!

I would also like to thank Nicky Shaw, our chair of Governors for all her hard work and commitment to the school over many years, including her time as a parent and chair of the PTA. It has been greatly appreciated.

SAT's Results 2025/26

I would like to thank all staff and pupils for another year of excellent end of year results, with all pupils making very good progress. All the children can be very proud of their hard work and effort.

Key Stage 1 Results

EYFS Good level of development: 73%

Year 1 Phonics Screening The percentage meeting the required standard 73%

Key Stage 2 Results

The National expectation is to be working at the expected level at the end of Key Stage 2.

The Year 6 results for expected level and above are as follows.

Reading	75%
English Grammar	80%
Writing	73%
Mathematics	90%

Well done to all children for their excellent and deserved high achievement.

Sports news

Sports day was a great success with all children taking part in a number of track and field events. Parents could accompany the children around the field events and everyone had a great day of sport. Thank you for supporting this day in such large numbers. Feedback was really positive and much appreciated.

The football team has played a number of matches. Recently they played really well against Sir Francis Hill School losing a close game. Years 5 and 6 played a mini tournament against South Hykeham and All Saints schools. They also played against Birchwood School. Year 4 and 5 played a mini tournament against Sir Francis Hill. All in all the teams played really well winning a number of matches and winning the latter two tournaments - well done.

Lincoln City visited school and the children had an exciting afternoon being able to see the Lincoln City League One trophy! They also had the chance to say how money could be spent in Birchwood over the next 10 years to enable new and inspiring opportunities for children and young people.

All received medals of gratitude at the end of the year.

Congratulations to the netball team who completed their league season and ended up runners up. They have won the majority of their matches and improved as the season went on. They too received trophies for representing the school to a high standard. Thanks go to Miss Blood and Mrs Heathershaw for their expert coaching.

8 children from the sports leaders had the amazing opportunity to visit Wimbledon on semi final day. The children enjoyed play on number 2 court - it was a memorable day.

Music and Drama Achievements

As part of the Music package the school has paid into, Mrs Cook's/Mrs Kendall-Piperissa's class have had a term's whole class tuition on the ukulele finishing with a performance to the school. The children enjoyed playing to a large number of watching parents.

Years 5 and 6 performed 'The Pirates of the Curry Bean' to a packed audience over two days. The children's acting and singing was once again of a very high standard. Well done to Miss Blood, Mr Andrew, for music and choreography. Mr Berezin filmed the final performance capturing the excitement and humour of the play.

Year 6 Prom

Year 6's celebrated their time at St Hugh's with a certificate presentation and pizzas. Congratulations to Tyrone who won the Christine Tovey Pupil of the Year Award. Thank you to all those involved in organising this special Leavers evening.

Outings

All years have enjoyed summer outings to celebrate the end of the academic year. We visited The Deep, the Yorkshire Wildlife zoo, local parks for den building and pond dipping amongst other treats! Year 5 enjoyed their excursion to Ampleforth. They received numerous compliments about their good manners and behaviour from staff at the school as well as the general public when they were on the days out to places like Eden Camp, Robin Hood's bay.

PTA

A special thank you must go to Mrs Elvers and the entire PTA who have once again raised a large sum of money for the school this year. The Christmas Fair, Sports Day, Discos, Fun Run, various charity days and the end of year production have all contributed to this year's total. The colour dash raised £2508 pounds for charity and the sports day and the play took over £900.

Full 100% Attendance

Many congratulations to the children who achieved full attendance for this academic year. The children received their certificates today.

Changes of Address and Contact Details

If you have moved address or changed any of your contact details can you please inform the school office so that your child's records can be amended in case of an emergency. Thank you.

Finally

I can't believe it is my last day after 35 years at St Hugh's. I started in 1991 at the old Friars Lane site with Mrs Cook and Mrs Stothard and Miss Jones! We then moved to our current site on Woodfield Avenue.

I have really enjoyed my time here and take away many happy memories of the school. National Football champions, County champions in Netball and Football on a number of occasions, singing at the Royal Albert Hall, having trips to Wembley to see England, attending the World Snooker championships, visiting Wimbledon - it's been amazing.

I'm proud of the school achieving outstanding status following OFSTED and Catholic Schools Inspectorate visits. I'd like to wish my successor Miss Blood and all the dedicated staff a very happy future.

Thank you to all the parents and of course the children ($35 \times 35 = 1225!$) for all of your support, kind wishes and gifts. It is very much appreciated.

With grandchild number two due in September I will be busy. I will also be involved with the exciting Pride in Place project for the Birchwood area. We will have £20million pounds to spend on the priorities identified by the local residents. I will also continue as a Religious Education inspector, so lots to keep me busy!

On behalf of Mrs Nicola Shaw, Chair of Governors, the Governors and all the staff, I would like to wish you all a wonderful, happy and safe holiday.

Good luck to all the Year 6 pupils and those pupils who will be leaving us at the end of term. We hope you take with you happy memories of the time spent at St Hugh's and we wish you well for the future.

We all look forward to seeing the children ready for learning for the new academic year on **Thursday 3rd September 2026 at 8.45am.**

Yours sincerely

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