

The Hazel Leys Chronicle

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September 2025 Academy Newsletter

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to the start of a brand-new school year! We hope you all enjoyed a restful and joyful summer holiday. It's wonderful to have our pupils back, full of energy and ready to embark on another exciting journey of learning and development.

We ended last year on a high note, proudly receiving the **IPPA Leading Parent Partnership Award**, a nationally recognised honour celebrating our strong collaboration with families. We also achieved the **Silver Games Award**, reflecting our commitment to physical activity and sport. Thank you for your continued support in helping us reach these milestones!

Polite reminder

Parking at the beginning and end of the school day – I am writing to remind everyone of the importance of being considerate when parking near the school, particularly on private land or driveways. Unfortunately, we have received several concerns from local residents regarding parking that obstructs access or shows a lack of courtesy. This is a recurring issue, and it is unfair to our neighbours who should not have to deal with these avoidable inconveniences. I urge all parents and carers to respect private property and ensure that parking is conducted thoughtfully and courteously at all times. Your cooperation is vital in maintaining positive relationships with our community. Let us work together to set a respectful example for our children. Thank you for understanding.

Don't forget to book places for our **breakfast and after-school clubs** online—there's something available every day of the week to support your schedules and enrich your child's experience. To stay informed, please keep checking our **school website and social media channels**, where we'll be sharing updates, news, and celebrations throughout the year. Here's to a fantastic year ahead, filled with achievement, growth, and memorable moments!

Warm regards,
Mrs Beverley Trotman
Principal

Dates for your diary

Please check your child's class newsletters for year group key dates and events. They can be found on our school website.

Monday 1st September - Training Day
Tuesday 2nd September - Training Day
Wednesday 3rd September - School reopens for pupils
Monday 8th to Tuesday 19th September - Parent welcome meetings
Wednesday 17th to Friday 20th September - Y6 residential trip to PGL Caythorpe Court
Wednesday 1st October - Year 1 parent phonics drop in session
Friday 3rd October - National Poetry Day
Tuesday 7th October - Individual and sibling photos
Thursday 10th October - KS2 reading drop in
Thursday 9th October - Year 3 visit to Flag Flen
Friday 11th October - Reception reading drop in
Wednesday 15th October - Parents Consultation Evening 3 - 6.30pm
Thursday 16th October - Parents Consultation Evening 3 - 5.30pm
Friday 17th October - School nurse influenza vaccine
Friday 25th October - School closes to pupils for Half Term
Every Friday - 8.50am Celebration assembly - Parents welcome by invitation only



Please stay connected with us!
We share lots of our learning, events and announcements via our school Facebook and Twitter pages.

School Lunch



Just a reminder that if you have not booked your child's school lunch time meal for next week, please can you make sure they are sent into school with a packed lunch.

The deadline for ordering meals is **every Wednesday** for the week ahead. Please can parents wanting their child to have a school dinner make sure the meals are ordered by **midnight every Wednesday**.

School Clubs

Available this half term:

Daily Breakfast club - Please book directly with Clubs complete

After School Clubs

Clubs Complete

Monday - Lego
Tuesday - Arts & Crafts
Wednesday - Master Chef
Thursday - Mad Labs

Unmatched Coaching

Wednesday - Gymnastics
Thursday - Multi-Sports

East Northants 1st Taekwondo

Friday - Taekwondo

Please speak to the school office for full details.

Punctuality

Please arrive at school on time every day.

Reception to Year 6**

Academy opens	8.30am
Registration closes	8.40am
Break	10.30 - 10.45am
Nursery Lunch	11.30 - 12pm
Reception and KS1 Lunch	11.45 - 12.45pm
KS2 Lunch	12.00pm - 1pm
End of Academy Day	3.15pm

**Nursery ends at 3.00pm



Back to school support

At The National College, our Wellbeing Strategy guides progress and supports parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about safety, mental health and wellbeing, and education change. Content is delivered by National College leaders. Please contact our support team for further guides, facts and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SUPPORTING CHILDREN GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

Returning to school after the summer holidays can be both exciting and daunting for children of all ages. Different routines, classes, schools, and academic pressures can cause anxiety or uncertainty. Parents play a vital role in easing this transition. This guide will help you support your child emotionally, mentally, and practically as they return to school.

- 1 RE-ESTABLISH ROUTINES**
Gradually shift back to school-time routines. Consider a bedtime routine. Regular bedtimes, wake-up times, and mealtimes will help children feel secure and ease the transition. Encourage children to begin morning hygiene routines gradually and gradually, leading to going to school after enjoying sleep and conversation.
- 2 TALK ABOUT FEELINGS**
Encourage open communication with children about their feelings. Ask them how they are feeling about the return to school. Encourage them to talk about their feelings. Encourage them to talk about their feelings. Encourage them to talk about their feelings.
- 3 SUPPORT WITH SLEEP**
Children need adequate sleep for concentration, learning, memory, and emotional regulation. Encourage children to go to bed at the same time each night and encourage reading activities the evening before to help them relax.
- 4 LOOK OUT FOR SIGNS**
Some children may show signs of anxiety, such as changes in eating or sleeping patterns, or withdrawal, irritability, or inability to concentrate. Speak with your teacher or the school nurse to discuss your child's return support.
- 5 REFRESH SOCIAL CONNECTIONS**
Help children reconnect with school friends by encouraging them to talk to friends on the phone or video. Encourage them to talk to friends on the phone or video. Encourage them to talk to friends on the phone or video.
- 6 CREATE A CALM MORNING**
Identify the time for the day. Plan ahead with a checklist. Encourage children to get ready for school. Encourage children to get ready for school. Encourage children to get ready for school.
- 7 FOCUS ON POSITIVES**
Talk about the fun and interesting parts of school. Encourage children to talk about the fun and interesting parts of school. Encourage children to talk about the fun and interesting parts of school.
- 8 VISIT OR VISUALISE SCHOOL**
If possible, encourage children to visit school grounds before the first day, especially if it is a new school. Encourage children to visit school grounds before the first day, especially if it is a new school.
- 9 PLAN AHEAD TOGETHER**
Encourage children to plan ahead together. Encourage children to plan ahead together. Encourage children to plan ahead together.
- 10 STAY POSITIVE AND PRESENT**
Children pick up on your attitude. Stay calm, positive, and present. Encourage children to stay calm, positive, and present. Encourage children to stay calm, positive, and present.

Meet Our Expert
The guidance is developed by a team of experts, including a health professional with nearly 20 years' experience supporting children and young people's mental health. This practical guidance is written for parents and teachers to help support young people's wellbeing, while ensuring they have a safe and calm and comfortable return to school.

Wake Up Wednesday The National College

@wake_up_words | #wakeupnationalcollege | @wakeupwednesday | #wakeupwednesday

Attendance

If your child is absent from school, you **must** contact the school on 01536 202681 and leave a message **before 8.40am**. This is particularly important for children who walk to and from school without an adult.
Thank you.

Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments



Our School Values



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<https://www.hazelleysacademy.org/>

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Hot Meals

Please make sure you are ordering your child's hot dinners if they have them. These need to be ordered by midnight on **Wednesday** the week before. Please use the link below to place your orders.

<https://www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk/>

It is your responsibility to order your child's hot Dinner even if they are free!

Thank you.

Family Support Worker

Please remember that if you require any assistance or need any advice or guidance, you can speak to Mrs Geraldine Edge our Family Support Worker.

She is available in school every morning until 12.30pm. Alternatively, please send her an email to gedge@hazelleysacademy.org and she will get back to you.