



HILLSIDE NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 1 - 11.09.2026



A message from Mrs Richardson

The children have settled brilliantly into their new classes and routines, and it has been wonderful to see them so engaged in their enquiry learning. Classrooms have been buzzing with curiosity, excitement and lots of thoughtful questions. Our swimming programme is off to a great start, with children growing in confidence and making excellent progress in the pool. We are delighted to see so many children challenging themselves and enjoying their lessons. Many of our Year 6 pupils have also been away on their residential this week, embracing new outdoor activities, developing teamwork skills and creating memories that will last a lifetime. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm, resilience and positive attitude.

It has been a lovely start to the term, and we are looking forward to all the exciting learning and opportunities that lie ahead.

R. Richardson

Mrs Richardson (Head Teacher)

History Van

We are excited for the return of the History Van next week for Year 3 and Year 5!

On Monday 14th September, Year 3 will be exploring the discoveries and inventions of the great names of Ancient Greece.

Then on Friday 18th September, Year 5 will delve into the lives of the Anglo Saxons.

These workshops are a great way for children to immerse themselves in the past and develop their History topics.

Please ensure you have made payment through Parent Pay – unfortunately, workshops are at risk of cancellation if payment isn't made.



PE DAYS

Year 1 – Wednesday and Friday

Year 2 – Tuesday and Thursday

Year 3 – Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 4 – Tuesday and Friday

Year 5 – Wednesday and Thursday

Year 6 – Thursday and Friday



Dates for the Diary

7th – 25th Sept – Year 4/5/6 swimming
(see child's timetable)

9th Sept – Y3 Chameleons cafe

10th Sept – Y3 Pandas cafe

14th Sept – Y1 & Y2 breakfasts

14th Sept – Y3 History van

15th Sept – Y3 & Y4 breakfasts

16th Sept – Y5 & Y6 breakfasts

17th Sept – EYFS breakfasts

18th Sept – Y5 History van

23rd Sept – Y6 Cafe

24th Sept – Y4 & 5 meeting for Y6 residential

30th Sept – Y4 Cafe

Weekly Makaton Signs

This week's Makaton sign is Hello/Welcome for all our Hillside families and new families who have joined us! Students in school have been practicing these signs and it would be great if you could do the same at home!



Year 6 Open Evenings

A reminder that now is the time to go and view any potential secondary schools for your Year 6 child. Please book all places directly with the Schools and contact them should you have any queries:

Nottingham High School – 19th Sept – www.nottinghamhigh.co.uk

Holgate Academy – 22nd Sept – www.holgate-ac.org.uk

National CofE Academy – 24th Sept – www.ticketsource.com/national-church-of-england-academy

Ashfield School – 24th Sept – 01623 455 000



NATIONAL CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY
LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS (JOHN 10:10)

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2026
5.45 PM – 8 PM

We invite Year 6 students and their parents/carers to our Open Evening.

- Attend a presentation at 5.45pm, 6.30pm or 7.15pm.
- Tour the academy, visit all subject areas, meet staff and student ambassadors.
- If you book the 6.30pm or 7.15pm presentation, please tour the academy before this.
- Engaging activities for Year 6 students in a wide range of subjects.
- We welcome children of all faiths and none. If you require a BSL interpreter or accessibility arrangements, please contact the academy directly.

TO SECURE YOUR PLACE
Book a presentation slot through Ticket Source.

BOOKING OPENS
TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2026

BOOK ONLINE
Click the link below to book.

<https://www.ticketsource.com/national-church-of-england-academy>

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HOLGATE ACADEMY
Port of Diverse Academies

OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 22 September 2026, 5-7pm



ASHFIELD SCHOOL

Come to Ashfield
Year 6 Open Evening

24TH Sep 2026

We are proud to provide our students with opportunities and experiences to enhance their life choices. Come and find out why we are the first choice for so many families each year.

Headteacher presentation in main hall at 5pm, repeated at 6pm

5:00pm - 7:00pm
Sutton Road
Kirkby-in-Ashfield, NG17 8HP