



Newsletter

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Thank You

As we head towards the end of another school year, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your continued support for our schools, and to reflect briefly on what has been a very significant moment for me personally. After 37 years in education - and 11 of those leading the White Hills Park Trust - this will be my final newsletter as I prepare to step down at the end of term and move into what I'm calling "semi-retirement."

It's hard to summarise the journey we've been on as a Trust over the last decade. What began as a small Federation of two schools has grown into a thriving family of nine schools, soon to become twelve. Throughout this journey, I've had the privilege of working alongside some truly exceptional colleagues - teachers, support staff, governors and volunteers - whose dedication to improving the lives of children is nothing short of inspiring.

While each of our schools has its own unique character, they are united by shared values: inclusion, ambition, and integrity. I've seen those values in action every day - in the warmth of classroom relationships, the care shown to every child, and the quiet determination of staff to make a difference. The support we receive from parents and carers is also a huge part of this success, and I'm deeply grateful for the partnership we've built together over the years.

Of course, our schools haven't stood still. We've improved outcomes, supported wellbeing, navigated national challenges, and created stronger, more resilient communities. And we've done it all while holding fast to the belief that education isn't just about exams or data - it's about helping young people grow into confident, kind and capable adults who know their value and see their potential.

It has been one of the great privileges of my life to help lead this work. I'll miss it deeply, but I leave knowing the Trust is in excellent hands, and excited for the future ahead under Claire Shaw's leadership.

To everyone who has been part of this journey, thank you. I leave with a full heart - and a firm belief that, in our schools, the best is still to come.



Dr. Paul Heery
Chief Executive Officer



The White Hills Park Trust
Better Together



Are you looking for a workplace that values collaboration, teamwork, and a supportive environment? Then look no further. In the White Hills Park Trust, we pride ourselves on the fact one of the best things about working here is the people. Whether it's our supportive central team, our passionate and dedicated school families, or our amazing diverse pupils, we provide a friendly workplace that promotes collaboration and teamwork, united in our mission to provide the very best for our young people across the county.

We currently have open vacancies in various roles across our schools. Please see our online careers pages on our website whptrust.org for more information on the benefits of working with us (such as access to leading pension schemes, and free wellbeing and medical support), or visit our new managed careers portal at url.whptrust.org/careers to apply for roles or to join our talent pool for future opportunities.

If you have any questions about the roles or would like more information not available online, please email our HR team on HR@whptrust.org who will be happy to assist.

Alderman White School Bramcote, NG9 3DU

- Evening & Weekend Site Assistant
Fixed Term | Part-Time
£14,783.00 - £15,250.00 Annually (Actual), NJE Grade 2, Pts 2-4 £23,656 - £24,404 (FTE)
Apply by 10:00am, Wednesday 23rd July, 2025

John Clifford School Beeston, NG9 2AT

- Headteacher
Permanent | Full-Time
£70,293.00 - £81,441.00 Annually (Actual), Leadership Scale L15-L21
Apply by 09:00am, Monday 15th September, 2025

Cinderella Rockafella

After a successful SATS period, the Year 6's have been working extremely hard to learn their lines, sing their songs and perfect their acting skills. They performed two showings of the play 'Cinderella Rockafella' to very proud parents, family and staff. They had us laughing and in awe of their singing and acting abilities. Also kudos to the teachers, for some amazing set designs, props and scenery, who were helped by the Year 6's too.

As we prepare to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6's, they are still working hard on their leavers assembly. I hope parents have got their tissues at the ready!



Y1 Ballet Performance

The Year 1 children have been learning and practicing ballet skills all year and were very proud to show them to their family this week. They have even learnt the classical names for the movements which especially impresses the teachers. They also look adorable in their ballet outfits! As a school, we continue to pay for this wonderful experience for our children from the PE and Sport Premium money.



Y5 Castleton Trip

The Year 5's showed grit and determination in order to reach the summit of Mam Tor, during some very hot weather – Mrs Baxter was very proud of the children. They also made some candles, panned for gems, built dens, lit fires and took part in team building exercises. They had a fabulous time in the Peak District! We are looking forward to the Year 6 Residential already planned for Norfolk.



Sports Days

As promised, they are now an array of photos from the four sports days!

Please find the link below:

<https://peandschoolsportfna.blogspot.com/>



Gardening Club

This term, our after school gardening club has been growing lots of different fruit and vegetables in our allotment. We have been learning about safety in the garden, what plants need and also how to protect our crops from birds and other pests.

The children have loved getting their hands dirty and growing different things from seeds.

Some children planted sunflowers and took them home to grow. Xavier and Raven have taken really good care of theirs and they are growing really tall!

Year 5 and 6 Music Show Case

Year 5 and 6 children were joined by pupils from Springbank in the annual music showcase, displaying the music skills they have been developing over the past year. Mrs Salloway, our music specialist has been working with the children on singing and ukuleles. We are very proud of our music provision in school, also gaining the Music Mark – a big well done to the Music Team and Teachers.



Dates for the Diary:

Week Beginning 8th July Transition Week - Children in their new classes

Thursday 24th July - Stars of Florence

Friday 25th July - Behaviour Assembly

Friday 25th July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2.30pm

Friday 25th July - School Closes for Summer Holiday's

Monday 1st September and Tuesday 2nd September - School Closed for INSET Days

Wednesday 3rd September - School re-opens for the Autumn Term