Round Hill Bulletin 03: 26th November 2026

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A Message from Mr Nash	We're already half way through the 2nd half of the Autumn Term and it started with a fantastic few days away on the Year 6 Residential to Beaumanor Hall. It was a great experience for Year 6 pupils and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff who made this possible. As always, it's a very busy time of year so thank you in advance for reading all of the information below. Make sure you read to the very end to find out all about the fantastic events that the PTA has planned over the next few weeks. During assembly I have been talking to the children about safeguarding and the PANTS Rule. If you would like to know more about the PANTS rule, a letter to parents is on the school website about how we approach this sensitive subject.
Results of the Annual Parental Questionnaire 2026-27	I am one very proud Headteacher this afternoon after reading the feedback from the Annual Parental Questionnaire. **Key Messages from Parents:** • **97% of parents agree or strongly agree that their child enjoys school.** • Parents consistently describe Round Hill as a caring, welcoming and inclusive school. • Staff are highly valued for their dedication, support and commitment to children and families. • Children are reported to be happy, safe and well supported in their learning and personal development. • The most common areas for further development relate to streamlining communication, sharing progress information and continuing to provide appropriate challenge for all learners. **Thank you for your continued support. Your feedback helps us celebrate what is working well and identify where we can continue to improve.** If you'd like to see the full results and the 7 page "You Said we are Doing" document, then click here. 😊
Hot Topic for E-Safety	**Part 1 – PAPAYA (Parents Against Phone Addiction in Young Adolescents)** Firstly, thank you to the parents who organised the PAPAYA talk on Tuesday night. Very soon, I'm hoping to share a few more details with parents who may not have been able to attend, but here are the **key messages that both Round Hill and PAPAYA recommend**: 1. Delay smartphones: We recommend waiting until at least age 14 before giving a child a smartphone, using a basic call-and-text phone without internet in the meantime. 2. Set clear boundaries: Keep phones out of bedrooms overnight, using parental controls and app/VPN blocks alongside open chats, and encouraging non-screen activities. 3. Team up with other parents: Connect with other families and local Smartphone Free Childhood groups so parents aren't holding boundaries alone. 4. We need your help - Sign the 'Parent Pact'. Over 100 parents from Round Hill have signed up. This powerful message can be used when children say 'Everyone has a phone' The answer is simple… "NO, THEY DO NOT". And remember - the UK ban on social media for under-16s is expected to come into force in spring 2027, with Culture Secretary Lisa Nandy stating in September 2026 that it is targeted to begin in **March 2027**. **Part 2 - Things to consider when buying tech gifts this Christmas…** With Black Friday already underway, Cyber Monday just around the corner, and Christmas fast approaching, many parents and carers may be thinking about purchasing new devices and gadgets for their children.

	Before making a purchase, I would strongly encourage you to consider the online safety implications of any device that provides direct access to the internet. It is important to ensure that appropriate parental controls, filtering systems and safety settings are in place to help protect children when they are online. This advice is for parents and carers to help get to grips with the safety features available on the most popular gadgets this Christmas, as well as some key questions to ask before buying connected toys.
Attendance During the Autumn Term	You can easily access your child's attendance record at any time by logging into the Arbor Parent Portal. If you need any guidance where to find this on Arbor, please click on the following link: Attendance on the Parent Portal and Parent App We will be in touch with parents/carers in January if your child's attendance for the Autumn Term is a cause for concern.
Parking around School	We regularly remind parents about safe and considerate parking around school. Thankfully, the vast majority follow these expectations. However, a small number continue to park in unsuitable places, sometimes obstructing access and putting children's safety at risk. Some parents/carers have reported to us that some cars are being parked on the double yellow lines on Foster Avenue and in the turning circle outside school. Please avoid parking in this area to keep it safe for children walking into and away from school safely. We have also been contacted by Broxtowe Borough Council to let us know that some parents/carers are parking in the car park located on Devonshire Avenue. Please note that this car park is for permit parking only and is not to be used as a school drop off area. In addition, please avoid using this car park as a walk through to access school and ensure all children use the footpaths around the car park. If you notice anyone parking inconsiderately or blocking neighbours' driveways, please let me know. I will address the matter directly and, if necessary, report it to the police.
Walking around the outside of School	At this time of year, we ask that all parents/carers and children do not walk across the school field but use the paths around the field to enter and leave school each day.
Help us Build an Amazing OPAL Play Experience!	At Round Hill Primary School, we are excited to announce that we will be launching our **OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) Project** in **Spring 2027**. OPAL is all about providing children with creative, imaginative, active and adventurous play opportunities that help develop confidence, resilience, teamwork and problem-solving skills. To make this vision a reality, we need your help! **Please note we are NOT collecting anything yet as we are working on plans to store everything.** We just want you to hold on to them whilst we work on a plan.

	Starting in the spring term, we will be collecting a range of resources that can be used safely as part of our outdoor play provision. Many of these are items that families, businesses and organisations may no longer need but could have a new lease of life in our playground.  **We would love donations of:** • Plastic crates • Gutters and downpipes • Pots, pans and kitchen utensils • Wooden spoons • Buckets and watering cans • Old suitcases • Dressing-up clothes and accessories • Small world toys and figures • Toy vehicles • Wellies and waterproof clothing • Tyres (car-sized only and in good condition) • Pallets (safe and untreated) • Cable reels • Lengths of rope • Tarpaulins • Plastic tubes and large pipes • Old tools for role play (safe and suitable for children) • Gardening equipment • Plant pots • Picnic blankets and cushions suitable for outdoor use **Can You Help Through Your Workplace?** We know that many of our families have connections with local businesses and larger companies. If you, a friend, neighbour or family member works for a company that may be willing to support our school, we would love to hear from them. Many organisations are happy to: • Donate surplus materials and equipment • Provide funding for play resources • Sponsor specific OPAL projects • Support community initiatives through corporate social responsibility programmes Even a small donation can make a huge difference to the opportunities we can provide for our children. **Please Spread the Word!** If grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends or work colleagues are having a clear out, replacing equipment, or work for a business that may be able to help, please ask them to think of Round Hill Primary School before throwing items away. Together, we can create an exciting, engaging and inspiring outdoor environment where every child can play, explore, create and thrive. If you think you can help, please contact the school office before bringing larger items onto site so we can check that they are suitable for use. **Thank you for your support. We are looking forward to working with our whole school community to make OPAL a huge success for our children!**
School Uniform Consultation	**Parent Consultation on Our Active Wear Uniform** Look out tomorrow for a letter about the uniform consultation process.
Parents' Forum – Thursday 3rd December	If you would like to get involved in school life, the next Parents' Forum will be held on Thursday 3rd December on Microsoft TEAMS at 6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

	If you are new parents to school and would like to get involved, **please email the school office** and they will send you the link to join the meeting. Please click here to find out more about the Parents' Forum. Items being discussed are the new parents evening format and the results of the annual questionnaire. Note: School uniform will be discussed in the Spring Term Parents' Forum at 2.00 p.m. on Thursday 21st January.
Food Bank - Friday 4th December	We are having a foodbank collection in school on Friday 4th December and we will once again be supporting the Broxtowe Community Foodbank. There will be donation points in both the large and small playgrounds during the morning drop off and afternoon collection. Items to donate include pasta, rice, cereal, UHT milk, instant coffee, teabags, tins, and biscuits as well as any toiletries items.
Christmas Jumper/Accessory Day - Thursday 10th December	We are celebrating Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 10th December. Children are welcome to come into school wearing a Christmas jumper if they have one and/or a Christmas accessory (Christmas tinsel / antlers etc…). As always at Round Hill, this is NOT a fund raising event, we just want to have a little fun. See the PTA update at the end of this Bulletin with regards to their Christmas jumper swap. **To ensure we keep to normal routines as much as possible, on all other except Thursday 17th December (see below) days it will be school uniform please.**
Christmas Dinner Day – Thursday 17th December	Our Christmas Dinner day will take place on Thursday 17th December. Children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 will all receive a Christmas Dinner on this day (they are able to bring in a packed lunch if they would prefer to). Children in KS2 (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 or Year 6) who would like a school Christmas Dinner are able to request one on the day in the usual way. If your child doesn't normally have a school meal, please ensure your Arbor account has sufficient funds in order to pay for the meal. A school meal currently costs £3.30. If your child is not having a Christmas Dinner then they will need to bring in a packed lunch on this day. Please note that our school chef will cook the meal from Thursday (pizza) on Wednesday 16th December instead.
Christmas Parties – Thursday 17th December	All classes will be having their Christmas parties on Thursday 17th December, the same day as Christmas Dinner day. Please note the parties will not involve any food and no food should be brought into school. Children are welcome to come dressed in their party clothes for the occasion! Please ensure they also have warm outdoor clothing and suitable footwear for break times.
Slight change to the school menu – Week 2	Our School chef has informed us that there will be a slight change to the school menu for 'Menu Week 2' starting 7th December 2026. It will be Pasta Bolognese on Mondays and All Day Breakfast on Tuesdays. We will upload the new menu for that week to our school website as soon as Taylor Shaw has sent it to us.
Deadline to Apply for Primary School Place – Friday 15th January 2027	If you have a child due to start school in September 2027, a reminder that the deadline to apply for their school place is Friday 15th January 2027. Please remind anyone you know with a child of this age. Full details can be found on the School Admissions page on the Nottinghamshire County Council website.
Children in Need	Thank you to everyone for supporting our Children in Need fundraising on Friday 13th November. We're pleased to confirm that we raised £228 for this fantastic cause.
Poppy Appeal	Thank you to everyone for supporting the Poppy appeal in school in November. We are still waiting to hear from The Royal British Legion as to how much money we raised. Thank you as well to our Year 5 and Year 6 children who sold the poppies and collected the donations.

Parent Volunteers in School	We are still looking for more reading volunteers in school. If you are interested in volunteering at Round Hill or know of someone who might be, there is a Volunteer Application Form on our school website.
Reminder Community Working Bees	Unfortunately, we had to cancel the working Bee on Sunday 15th November due to the poor weather. Thank you again to everyone who had signed up for this event, we really hope you will be able to help at future events. **These are the dates of the next planned working bees. Please sign up below.** **Working Bee dates (all Sundays):** • ~~15th November 2026)~~ • 7th February 2027 (sign up here) • 14th March 2027 • 16th May 2027 • 20th June 2027 Thank you for your support. Together, we can continue to improve our school for all our children.
Diary Dates and Reminders	We rely on parents checking the School Calendar regularly as we do not send out letters / emails for every event that takes place in school. You will find some reminders in this Bulletin but please check the school calendar for all dates. School Calendar – Diary dates for the spring term can be found on the school calendar. We very rarely change dates once we have added them to the School Calendar, however if we do change dates, we will always let parents know. We have been working on updating our guidance for parents about communication between home and school. This will be ready to share in January 2027.
Community Leaflets	We are continuing to add flyers to the Community Leaflets section on our school website. Please click here to see information on various local events including the Beeston Lights switch on event on Saturday 5th December.
PTA Update	
PTA Update	I can't quite believe how fast this year is going. We have a fun packed term of events planned and we hope many families will join in with our festive fun. **Christmas cards and other orders:** Thank you for placing your orders. We have delivered some of the items to the classrooms already, there is more to come. **Preloved uniform:** At our recent PTA meeting, we had a couple of volunteers who have kindly said they will be willing to pop the uniform rails out in the small foundation playground at pick up on a Tuesday. We will let you know more via WhatsApp and on socials, but this will give those parents a chance to pick up what they need. We will also continue to put the rails out at pick up on a Monday in the big playground when we can and remember you can always email in your requests rhacommittee@gmail.com **Christmas jumper swap:** This is the perfect time to have a look if you have any Xmas jumpers your child has grown out of, we are taking donations from now until early December. We will let you know when we will put this rail out and you can come and look at what jumpers we have in time for Christmas, it's a perfect way to give those Xmas jumpers a new home. **Christmas fair – Saturday 5th December. (**Please read the email sent out via school on Wednesday 18th November for full details about the fair). We are excited….. Santa is booked and he will be joining us for the fair this year. Tickets are now on sale, here is the link to book on: https://www.pta-events.co.uk/roundhillpta/?event=event&eventId=126488

We will also have our year 6's with their £ projects stalls, refreshments with hot food available, tombola and our colour raffle.

This is where you can help!
There are lots of ways you can get involved and help make our Christmas Fair a fun event for everyone!

Tombola Donations: Have you got any unwanted gifts that could find a new home? Now is the perfect time to bring them into school! We are collecting donations ready for our tombola, we will have two tombola tables – one for children and one for adults. Every donation, big or small, is very much appreciated. Thank you!

Colour Raffle: Please see the email sent out via school on Wednesday 18th November. Each summer we ask our wonderful local businesses to support us, and we also take it in turns to ask parents and carers to get involved. It's your turn to help make our Christmas Fair raffle please. Each class will be allocated a colour, for example, silver or purple, and we will ask families to donate an item in their class colour to go into a collection box.

Volunteers: – We Need You! A big event like our Christmas Fair simply wouldn't be possible without the help of our wonderful volunteers. So please save the date and consider giving us a helping hand! Whether you're a dab hand at making a cup of tea and helping with refreshments, would love to help Santa, are happy to welcome visitors at the door, or fancy selling a few raffle tickets, we would love to have you on board. No job is too big or too small, and every little bit of help makes a huge difference. Keep an eye out for our volunteer sign-up information coming very soon.

Here are our details for our social pages.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1426534711004482/?ref=share_group_link

https://www.instagram.com/round_hillschoolpta?rpxt=bGRvYXdvMGdxcms4&utm_source=qr

Thanks Helen and The PTA Team.