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Dear Primary Leaders, Staff, Pupils and Governors,

As another academic year draws to a close, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the dedication, care and commitment you show to the children and young people of Nottinghamshire.

As Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, and His Majesty The King's representative in our county, I have the privilege of seeing the positive impact our schools make across communities every day.

Across Nottinghamshire, schools are places where futures are shaped, confidence is nurtured and communities are strengthened. This is made possible by the support, encouragement and belief shown by school leaders, teachers, support staff, governors and families working together to help every child thrive.

To our headteachers, leaders, teachers, support staff and governors – thank you for your leadership, dedication and service. The impact you have on young lives extends far beyond the classroom and often lasts a lifetime.

And most importantly, to the pupils themselves – thank you for your enthusiasm, curiosity, perseverance and positivity. You are a constant source of pride and hope for the future of Nottinghamshire.

I would also like to congratulate all those pupils who completed their SATs earlier this term. You should be proud of the effort, courage and determination you showed throughout the process. Remember that tests can never fully measure your talents, character, creativity or potential. What matters most is that you tried your very best, and that is something worth celebrating.

As the academic year comes to an end, many of you will be looking forward to new adventures, whether moving into a new year group, starting secondary school or continuing your learning journey. Embrace those opportunities with confidence and enthusiasm.

The Nottinghamshire Lieutenancy is proud to recognise the remarkable work taking place within our schools and communities. Education plays a vital role in encouraging aspiration, achievement and a sense of belonging.

Thank you once again for everything you do for the children and families of Nottinghamshire. Your hard work, compassion and dedication are deeply appreciated and make a lasting difference every day.

With best wishes

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Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire