



Highfields Primary

newsletter



10th July 2026

Head's Welcome

As another wonderful school year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank every member of our Highfields community for the part they have played in making this such a successful and memorable year. Firstly, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all of our parents and carers for your continued support, encouragement and partnership throughout the year. Whether you have attended school events, supported your children's learning at home, volunteered your time or simply trusted us each day with your most precious gift, your children, we are incredibly grateful. Working together enables us to provide the very best opportunities for every child, and we truly value the strong relationships we have with our families.

It has been another exceptional year at Highfields Primary School. Our children have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, resilience and determination, and they continue to amaze us with their kindness, creativity and ambition. They have achieved so much, both inside and outside the classroom, and have represented our school with pride at every opportunity. As always, they have been absolute superstars, and every member of staff is immensely proud of each and every one of them. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our incredible staff team. Their unwavering dedication, professionalism and genuine care for our children are what make Highfields such a special place. They consistently go above and beyond, giving their time, energy and expertise to ensure that every child feels safe, valued and inspired to achieve their very best. I feel incredibly privileged to work alongside such a talented and committed team, and I know that our children benefit every day from their passion and kindness. To our wonderful Year 6 children, we wish you every success as you prepare to begin the next exciting chapter of your education. It has been a privilege to watch you grow into the confident, thoughtful and caring young people you are today. You have been fantastic ambassadors for Highfields and have left a lasting impression on our school community. Although we will miss you greatly, we know you are more than ready for the opportunities and adventures that secondary school will bring.

Finally, I would like to thank our dedicated Governing Body for their continued support, challenge and commitment to ensuring Highfields continues to provide the very best education for all of our children. On behalf of everyone at Highfields Primary School, I wish all of our families a safe, happy and relaxing summer holiday. Thank you once again for making this such a fantastic year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another year filled with learning, laughter and success. Mrs Garratt



Autumn Term - Diary Dates

September

Tuesday 1st - Training day

Wednesday 2nd - Children return to school

Friday 4th - Y6 trip to Edmond Hall

Wednesday 16th - Ready for Reception parent workshop (details to follow)

Friday 18th - Highfields Helpers AGM 2pm

21st September - Y4 SPARKS workshop

Wednesday 23rd - Ready for Reception parent workshop (details to follow)

Wednesday 30th - Ready for Reception parent workshop (details to follow)

PE Days

Here are the days you will need to send your child to school in their PE kits for the first half of the Autumn term -

Monday - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Tuesday - Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and year 6

Wednesday - Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6

Thursday - Year 1 and Year 2

Friday - Reception and Year 4

Jewellery & Make Up reminder

As a school we are seeing a real increase in the amount and types of jewellery being worn and also children coming to school (or bringing to school) makeup and nail varnish.

Just a reminder that the only jewellery that may be worn at school is one pair of stud earrings and sensible wrist watch. and all jewellery must be removed during practical lessons, including PE lessons and science experiments. (If a child cannot remove their earrings for a set period, they may be covered by micro pore tape provided from home so the child can participate in P.E.) No make-up is to be worn to school by any pupil. This includes nail varnish and any form of artificial nail. If a child comes to school with make up or nail varnish they will be asked to ensure that the following day they do not wear make-up or nail varnish. If they persist, then home will be contacted via a letter or phone call asking for co-operation with the uniform policy. Children are also discouraged from having temporary tattoos.



Books of the Month - July

Here are July's Book of the Month that we will be sharing in school. In reception and years 1 and 2, the book will be placed in the 'book to share' box so that your child will be able to bring it home and share it with you at some point during the year. In years 3-6, copies will go into the school library for children to select as their reading book as and when they wish.

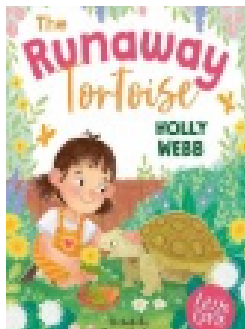
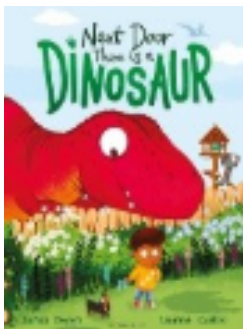
The books for July are:

EYFS: 'Next Door there is a Dinosaur' by Saskia Gwinn

Years 1 and 2: 'The Runaway Tortoise' by Holly Webb

Years 3 and 4: 'The Animal Detectives' by Moira Butterfield

Years 5 and 6: 'Two is a Crowd' by Cath Howe



Theme of the Month - July

Resilience

During the month of July, we will be looking at the theme, resilience. The whole school will focus on the importance of working through things even though they may feel difficult. This might be changing classes in September or moving on to secondary school. At home, At home please take time to talk to your child about resilience and ways to practise being resilient at home

SMSC

July



July 11th - World Population Day

July 12th - Malala Yousafzai's Birthday

July 14th - Emmeline Pankhurst Day

July 18th - Nelson Mandela

International Day

July 30th - International Day of Friendship

**BE
RESILIENT!**





Golden Book Awards



Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded a 'Golden Book Certificate' since the previous newsletter

3rd July

RP - Mariya
RH - Emil
ICS - Aakifa
ISS - Brolee
2B - Gurtaaj
2D - Hermione
3K - Tiarna
3C - Sebastian
4G - Jasmine
4M - Sylvia
5R - Toby
5A - Jack
6P - Mason
6C - Aiyanna
PE - Otis (Y5)
French - Luna (Y3)

10th July

RP - Florence
RH - Ali
ICS - Aurelia
ISS - Reggie
2B - Beau
2D - Arlo
3K - Frankie
3C - India
4G - Jaxon
4M - Idrees
5R - Isabelle W
5A - Adam
6P - Seth
6C - Ava
PE - Ahmad
French - Esmae

Eco Council - Green Flag Distinction

Eco Council 25/26

A massive well done to Mrs Adams and the Eco Team - they have achieved the Green Flag Award for school at the level of Distinction! We are incredibly proud of the children and Mrs Adams - what an amazing achievement and what a difference their hard work has made to the school environment!

Ariyah B, Ribyn H, Zara W, Thomas S,
Grayson, Olivia C, Miral, Ivy S, Cairo,
Isobel W, Arabella, Gracie and of
course...Mrs Adams!



Great British Summer Savings

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the Great British Summer Savings scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom. The public are ready to get behind the scheme and are keen to take advantage of the discounts available. As trusted pillars of their communities, schools play a vital role in connecting families with important information.

We need you to help spread the word. So please share details of the Great British Summer Savings scheme through your newsletters, school apps, and other communications to parents and carers, so that the families in your school community know about the experiences they can enjoy this summer for less. This forms part of a broader effort by the Government to ease financial pressures on families. From ending the two-child limit and expanding free school meals, to rolling out free breakfast clubs and delivering 30 hours of free childcare, this Government is taking action to put more money back into parents' pockets and give every child the best possible start in life.

As part of this campaign, we have launched an attraction finder website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit [A huge congratulations to the following children who have all 'gone green' on Times Tables Rockstars since the previous newsletter.](#)

Businesses can find out more about the VAT reduction by visiting GOV.UK and searching 'Temporary reduced rate of VAT for family attractions'

Yours sincerely,

RT HON BRIDGET PHILLIPSON MP
Secretary of State for Education

RT HON RACHEL REEVES MP
Chancellor of the Exchequer



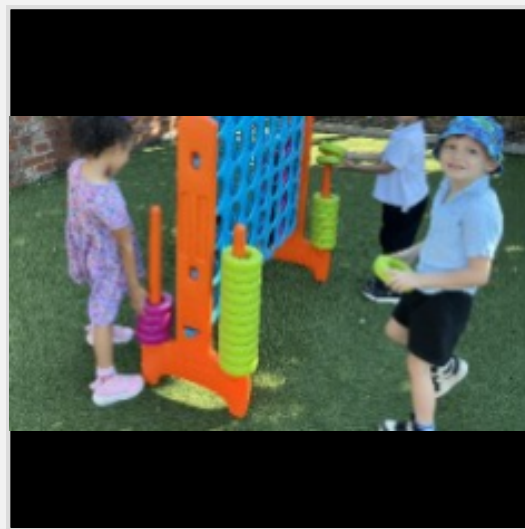
Reception Newsletter

We are so proud of all that the Reception children have achieved this year.

Despite the current heat wave we are enjoying our last weeks with fun days and more! We look forward to seeing some of you at the parents evening drop in Wednesday, where you will have the opportunity to look through your child's work and take it home with you.

If you can't make it, we will be sending their folders home anyway so please do not worry.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support and hard work this year. Have a wonderful Summer and we wish all the children the best of luck when they return to school in Year One!



Year 1 & 2's Newsletter

In Art the children in Year One have used the skills that they have learnt over the last few weeks to make their own 3D model of a piece of fruit using clay. They used the clay tools to add details and markings. All of the staff in Year One are really proud of how the children have grown in confidence and independence and have produced some super work. We hope that you all have a lovely summer and would like to thank you for your support throughout the year!

Year Two have been busy the past few weeks. Yesterday we had a fabulous day in Weston playing on the beach and looking for the features that we have been learning about in Geography. It was lots of fun!

It has been a fabulous few weeks and we cannot believe that our time has come to an end. All staff in Year Two wish everyone a wonderful summer



Year 5 & 6's Newsletter

In Year 5, we have been immersed in Anglo-Saxon jewellery. In English, we have written newspaper reports about the discovery of the Staffordshire hoard and over the next week the children will be creating leaflets about their own Anglo-Saxon Museum. In Art, we have been designing Anglo-Saxon jewellery which we will make next week.

It's a funny time of year in Year 6. The children have been out and about in their secondary schools recently and it was good to see that they had an enjoyable time. The practise for our production is ongoing and we can't wait to show you the results of our efforts on Tuesday. In the classroom, the children have finished their pencil cases which they really enjoyed making. They will be bringing them home shortly so look out for those.

Year 3 & 4's Newsletter

This week in Year 3, we have been writing our own modern-day versions of Theseus and the Minotaur in English. In Maths, we completed our Statistics block, while in Science, we enjoyed creating our own magnetic board games. In Art, we explored different painting tools and techniques to create a variety of effects. We had a fantastic time on Fun Day, watching Sammy Taypot, playing giant Kerplunk and Tetris, and even enjoying our own ice cream from the ice cream van. Year 3 also proudly performed in the trumpet assembly, showcasing the progress they have made.

In Year 4, the children have continued to work hard across the curriculum and have enjoyed a range of exciting learning experiences. In Geography, they created informative and persuasive posters about how we can help to save our rainforests, demonstrating a growing understanding of the importance of protecting our environment. In History, we have been exploring the fascinating Mayan civilisation, investigating the impressive cities they built and discovering what remains of them today. In Design and Technology, the children designed their own survival kits and are looking forward to making them next week.

Highfields Hall of Fame

This part of the newsletter is for us to celebrate our children's achievements outside of school. If your child/children have done something you would like us to know about and to share on here (and our social media pages) please email a short description and a photograph to Highfields.Enquiry@highfields.sandwell.sch.uk with the subject #myaspirations



Tayla

A massive well done to Tayla who auditioned to be in the dancing chorus for 'Beauty and the Beast' Christmas panto at the Old Rep in Birmingham. Tayla showed what a star she is and was successful in gaining a place - she is very excited! We are extremely proud of her and know you will join us in congratulating her on this massive achievement! Well done Tayla - cannot wait to hear all about it!

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