



4th July 2025

Highfields Primary newsletter



Head's Welcome

So we are now on the countdown to the summer holidays! This week Year 2 have visited Weston Super Mare and had an amazing day in the sunshine buiding sandcastles! Year 1 had a superb day at Essington fruit farm picking strawberries and looking at blueberries

Year 3 children impressed their parents with their brass assembly presentation and I was lucky enough to be invited along to the Symphony Hall at the weekend to watch our choir sing...and there is still so much more we have to fit in the next two weeks!

Thank you for your ongoing support with things like trips and visits, without your support these events and opportunities would not be available for our children!

Have a great weekend!

Mrs. Garratt.

Attendance

At Highfields we have high expectations when it comes to attendance and so our attendance target is 97% This week's whole school attendance was 94%. The highest attending classes this week were;

EYFS - RW - 97.2%

KSI - ISS - 97.9%

KS2 - 4G - 99%



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Spring Term - Diary Dates

July

- 4th - Y3 Brass assembly 9am
- 7th - Ukulele concert
- 7th - Girls football team trials
- 8th - Rocksteady concert
- 9th - KS2 Sports Day
- 10th - Y4 Zoolab workshops
- 15th - Y6 production
- 15th - Reception Parents Evening
- 16th - Parents Evening
- 17th - Earls wind band performance
- 18th - Break up for summer

2025-26 Training Days

The following dates will be staff training days in 2025-26. School will be closed to all children on these dates.

- 1st September 2025
- 2nd September 2025
- 13th February 2026
- 8th May 2026
- 20th July 2026

Walking Home

Please can we remind all parents that if they give permission for their child to walk home, in Year 6, on their own or with a group of their friends, they are still representing Highfields and need to think about their behaviors and whether they are safe and respectful. We have had concerning calls from local neighbours regarding the behaviour of some of our children. If this continues, we will unfortunately have to remove this permission and ask parents to collect their children after school.



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, 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

School Council Update

Last week, School Council presented an assembly to reception! Reception sat and listened attentively as the School Council children explained to the children the 5 British Values (Respect, Liberty, Tolerance, Rule of Law and Democracy).

The presenters modelled the British Values to Reception, who mirrored their actions very well. The school councilors explained that the children of Highfields had voted (Democracy) for new Playground Equipment in our school vote. They then showed pictures of the new equipment that will be arriving at Highfields.

School Council completed their presentation by responding to ideas that Reception had about improving the school.

Thank you Reception for your ideas and congratulations to School Council for your presentation.





Eco Council Update

Congratulations to Eco-Council who have achieved the RHS School Gardening Award Level 4. We have received a digital download for our School Website and headed paperwork. Our Eco-Council have achieved the Green Flag Award 2025 for the second year running with Distinction. Here is some of the feedback from the accreditor:

It was wonderful to read that this year families are engaging with your competitions and whole school sunflower challenge. It was fantastic that a photograph taken by Highfields Eco-Council was chosen to be displayed at The Natural History Museum in London. We applaud your young people for achieving Level 1 to Level 4 RHS gardening awards. Gardening brings great benefits to your young people, including supporting the environment and improving wellbeing.

We loved to hear that your young people are exploring their school grounds, identifying plants and trees, and growing food and flowers from seeds. We loved that your young people visited a local farm, bridging the gap between field and fork, and that your young people are developing important life skills around healthy lifestyle choices, environmental consciousness, and nurturing their connection with the natural world.





School Uniform Sales

From Sunday 29 June, Aldi is offering a full school uniform for ages 4-12 for £5, in stores only (find your nearest), while stocks last.

This is part of Aldi's 'Specialbuys' promotion where stock isn't usually replenished, so go quickly if this is something you're after as it's been very popular in previous years.



- What's included?
- Sweatshirt – £1.50
 - Cardigan – £1.50
 - 2x polo shirts – £1.75
 - Girl's pleated skirt – £1.75
 - Boy's trousers – £1.75
 - Boy's cargo shorts – £1.75



Regardless of size, the prices stay the same, so it's no more expensive to kit out the bigger kids than the little'uns. Aldi has also has a 12-month guarantee on its uniforms.

Don't have an Aldi near you? Lidl is also offering £5 school uniform.





Golden Book Awards



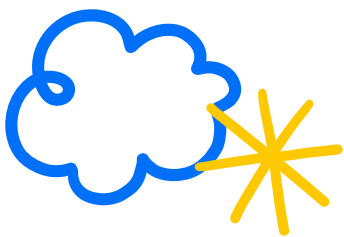
Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded a 'Golden Book Certificate' since the previous newsletter

27th June

RW - Jonah
RP - Reece
ISS - Jaxon
ICS - Layla
2M - Lola
2D - Samuel
3L - Max
3B - Lilly
4G - Dave
4K - Maisie
5R - Keiarah
5C - Ali
6P - Miracle
6C - Aiden R
French - Toby N (Y5)
PE - River (Y4)

4th July

RW - Sienna
RP - Riley
ISS - Thomas
ICS - Jorgie
2M - James
2D - Amelia
3L - Amelia
3B - Zainab
4G - Coby
4K - Toby
5R - Layna
5C - Jasneet
6P - Lilly
6C - Susan
French - Jensen (Y5)
PE - Millie (3B)



Mrs Garratt's Tea Party

20th June

ISS - Gabriella
5R - Ava-Grace
6P - Inayah

27th June

ICS - Fateh
ISS - Thomas
2M - Olivia C
3L - Summer-Rose
4K - River
5C - Mikey





Weston

Year 1 & 2's Newsletter

In Maths Year One have been learning to recognise different coins and notes and the value of each one. In Art we have painted a picture of a piece of fruit and next week we will be making a piece of fruit using clay. In

Geography we have been locating which continents certain fruits grow on. In DT we are continuing to practise the skills we will need to make our fruit salad.

Year Two had so much at Weston Super Mare on Tuesday. We made sand castles and sand sculptures on the beach. The children went for a walk along the promenade and were able to spot both human and physical features of a seaside town. The children's behaviour was excellent all throughout the day. Pictures from our day are now on the website.

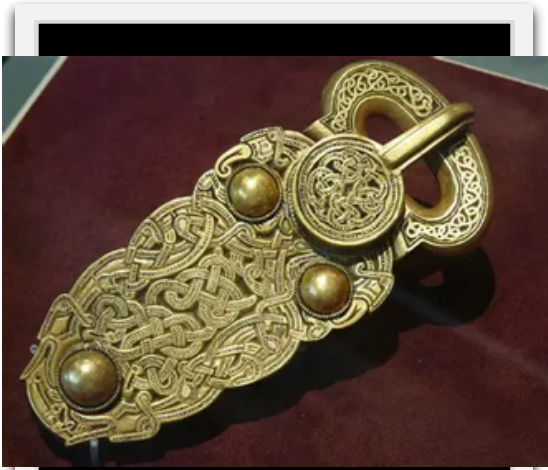
Reception Newsletter

It was finally time to release our butterflies! We have enjoyed watching them grow from tiny caterpillars, turn into chrysalides and then emerge into beautiful butterflies. All of the children were very brave and held a butterfly on their hand!

As we near the end of the year, you will have the opportunity to come and look at your child's work folder at Reception's Parent's Evening on Tuesday 15th July 3.30-5.30. This is a drop-in session and there is no need for you to book an appointment. You will receive your child's end of year report on Friday 11th July. If you have any concerns about your child's report, you can discuss these with their class teacher at Parent's Evening.



Butterflies



Jewellery

Year 5 & 6's Newsletter

In Year 5 the children have really been enjoying our Art. Last week, we practised the skills required to make a piece of Anglo-Saxon jewellery which was quite tricky. This week, we will be making our finished piece using wire - so plenty of skill will be needed.

As your child how their finished piece turned out.

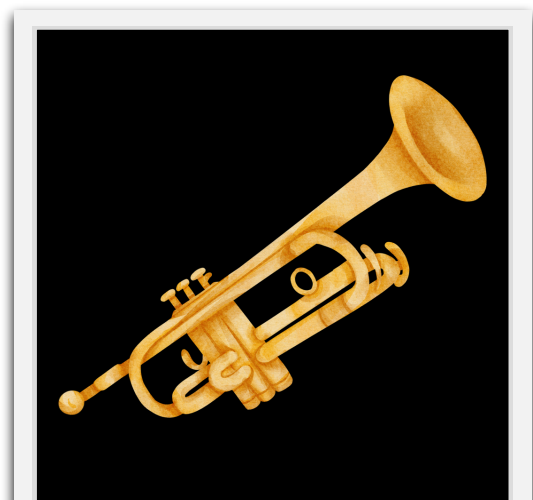
The children of Year 6 have had a very creative week this week. Obviously, lots of children have been on transition days to their secondary schools meaning that Year 6 children have been thin on the ground at times. However, the children who have been here have been busy creating props for our production. The play is coming together nicely and by the time of the next newsletter, you will have seen the finished result so we hope you will enjoy it!

Year 3 & 4's Newsletter

Year 3 - This week, Year 3 performed in their end of year brass assembly and showcased their wonderful trumpet skills! They played a wide range of notes and followed along with the music wonderfully.

Mrs Matthews was very impressed. In addition to this, in Science, the children have completed some investigations with magnets.

Year 4 - This week, in History, Year 4 have explored Maya city states. They worked in groups to create information posters about the cities they learnt about. In DT, the children have learnt about different shell structures to create a rainforest first aid kit!



Trumpets

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



William



We are always so proud when our children have the opportunity to take part in activities that enrich our curriculum. William had an incredible day singing at the Symphony Hall.

In the afternoon he sang with the brilliant Highfields school choir followed by the evening performances, where he sang again in the SIPS Vocal Group, where he was centre stage.

He is pictured here with Vocal Group leader, Charlie Green who was semi-finalist in Britain's Got Talent.

We are so proud of William and all the children who performed that day!

As well as this, William has progressed from being a 'Seconder' for his six at Cubs to lead as a 'Sixer'. He has gained his badge and certificate after training hard for this achievement and everyone is extremely proud of him.

Well done William!

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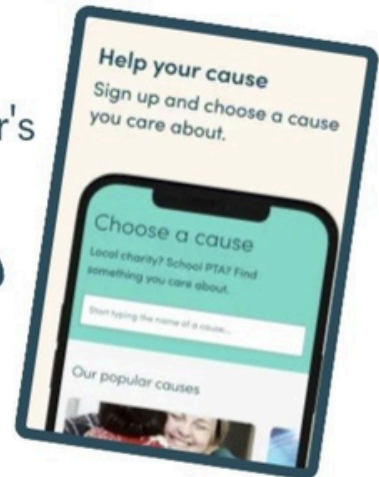


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