



Highfields Primary

newsletter



18th July 2025

Head's Welcome

I cannot believe we are at the end of another school year and I want to take a moment to say thank you. To our wonderful children, you have filled our classrooms with laughter, curiosity, and creativity. Every one of you has grown in so many ways this year, and we are incredibly proud of all that you've achieved. To our dedicated teachers and support staff, thank you for your unwavering commitment, your patience, and your passion. You've not only taught lessons, but you've inspired minds and nurtured hearts. Your hard work behind the scenes and in the classroom does not go unnoticed. To our parents and carers – thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership. Your involvement in school life, whether through helping with homework, attending events, or simply cheering your children on, makes a world of difference. So, as we close this chapter and look forward to a well-earned summer break, let's celebrate all we've achieved together. Thank you for being part of this incredible school community. Have a safe, happy summer – and to our Year 6 leavers, good luck and goodbye. You'll always be part of our school family.

Enjoy the summer!

Mrs. Garratt.

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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 **93.1%**. The highest attending classes this week were;

EYFS – RW – 100%

KSI – 2M – 95%

KS2 – 6C – 98%



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CONGRATULATIONS

Year 6 Class of 24/25

As you gather your things and head for the door,
Ready to learn, to discover, and more,
Remember the times, both the laughter and tears,
Those moments of joy when you conquered your fears.

You've grown so much since those early year's days,
First stumbling steps to now confident ways.
With friends by your side, you've journeyed afar,
Now it's time to reach out for that next shining star.


Each morning walk, hand in hand with a smile,
Shared dreams and hopes across every mile.
But now time is special, as you take each stride:
Your last steps to Highfields, parents at your side.

You've learned your lessons, both the big and the small,
You've answered the questions, you've conquered them all.
New adventures await, as you step out the door,
With the world at your feet and new time to explore.

So, hold tight to this moment, and cherish it well,
For stories of primary school: you've many to tell.
But as you walk this path, with your head held up high,
It's your parents who might need a tear now to dry.

For as you embark upon this brand-new quest,
They too feel the change, the pride in their chest.
So Y6, be brave, but know deep inside,
It's your parents who'll need courage, or a moment to hide.

Although it's your time to take wings and fly,
Remember we're family so this isn't goodbye
But as you move on, with dreams to defy,
You'll have to remind parents to be brave and not cry!



Autumn Term - Diary Dates

September

- 1st - Training day - school closed to children
- 2nd - Training day - school closed to children
- 3rd - Children return to school
- 3rd - Y3 to bring a white pillow case
- 4th - Y2 Firefighter visit
- 5th - Y6 trip to Edmond Hall
- 12th - 4M start swimming

October

- 7th - School photographs
- 17th - Y1 Circus workshop
- 22nd - Parents evening 4-6.30pm
- 23rd - Parents evening 4-6.30pm
- 23rd - Y4 trip to Lunt Fort
- 24th - break up for half term

- 27th - 31st - October half term

PE Days Autumn 25/26

Please send your child to school in their PE kit on the following days...

- Monday - Reception, Year 1 and 2
- Tuesday - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
- Wednesday - Year 3, 5 and 6
- Thursday - Year 1 and 2
- Friday - Reception and Year 4

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

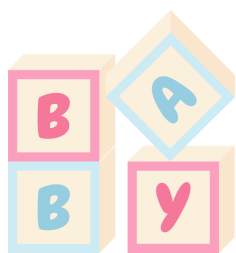
13th February 2026

8th May 2026

20th July 2026

Goodbye and Good luck!

As you may be aware, Mrs Lovekin will be commencing maternity leave at the end of this term as she prepares to welcome her new arrival. We are sure you will join us in extending our warmest wishes to her during this special time. In addition, we will be bidding a fond farewell to Mrs Smith and Mr Hipkiss, who will both be retiring at the end of this academic year after a combined total of 36 years of dedicated service to Highfields Primary School. On behalf of the entire school community, we offer our sincere thanks and appreciation for their unwavering commitment, professionalism, and the positive impact they have had on the lives of so many children and families.





Book of the Month - July

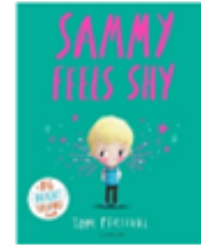
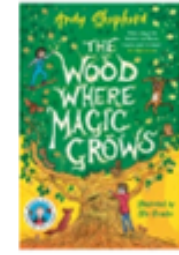
Please see below, July's Book of the Month that we will be sharing in school. In reception and years 1 and 2, the book will be placed in the 'book to share' box so that your child will be able to bring it home and share it with you at some point during the year. In Y3-6, copies will go into the school library for children to select as their reading book as and when they wish.

EYFS: 'Sammy Feels Shy' by Tom Percival

Years 1 and 2: 'The Guinea Pig Party' by Holly Webb

Years 3 and 4: 'The Wood Where Magic Grows' by Andy Shepherd

Years 5 and 6: 'Running My Own Race' by Abena Eyesom



School Council Update

It's been another amazing year for school council! In the Autumn Term, the children initially applied for their school council role before explaining to their class why they should be chosen. Each class then voted for the child they believed would best represent their views (Democracy). The councillors took part in training and learned about their role as being the representative for their class. The children spoke to their classes and asked for ideas about how to improve the school (Liberty). The ideas were discussed with the other councillors and sent through to Mrs Garratt. The best four ideas were then put forward for the whole school to vote (Democracy). Highfields voted for the new outdoor play equipment. In the Spring term, new equipment was then discussed with school council and sports council. Miss Westwood investigated the costs before Mrs Garratt agreed to ordering this new outdoor play equipment. This has been ordered and be available for the children to use a playtimes soon. The children helped with the poppy sale in November and have helped with many assemblies through the year relating to Picture News. In the Summer Term, school council conducted a thorough safety check of each classroom in the school and reported their findings to Mrs Garratt. Thank you children for helping to keep everyone safe!

The counsellors spoke to reception about British Values, the new playground equipment and fielded questions from the children about how to improve the school. The children have been enthusiastic and creative with their ideas throughout the year. It has an absolute pleasure to work with and have shown themselves to be potential leaders of the future. Thank you so much for the help you have given to the school! Thank you Gurbaz, Amiyah, Luna, Olivia, Matilda, Reggie, Edith, Toby P, Ajianna, Salome, Miracle and Zahra!





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.





Summer Activities

The following few pages contain some summer activities we have been asked to share with you all

A Sensational Summer at Sandwell Museums

Discover a world of creativity, adventure and entertainment this Summer at Sandwell Museums

Find out what's on at all our sites across the borough at www.sandwell.gov.uk/joininmuseums



To find out more go to sandwell.gov.uk/joininmuseums
social media @SandwellMuseums



Haden Hill House Museum and Old Hall Summer Holiday Fun

Haden Old Hall Sunday Open afternoons. 20 July, 24 Aug & 21 Sept 2.30pm-4.30pm. Haden old Hall will be open to look round & enjoy a cup of tea or coffee (small charge)

Explore Haden Hill House. Thursday 24 and Friday 25 July 11am-3pm. Take part in our quizzes & trails and learn more about Haden Hill House. Free entry and free activities.

Family Nature Mindfulness at Haden Hill House with Wonder in Nature. 25 July, 7, 21 and 28 August 11am - 3 pm. Explore and connect with nature through your senses. Get involved with nature items and nature connection play outside Haden Hill House, free activity, creativity packs for sale. Family Nature Mindfulness guided activity walks in the park grounds, £3 per person, children must be accompanied by an adult. No need to book. For more information follow Wonder in Nature on Facebook or contact: Email: sophie.wonderinnature@outlook.com Mobile: 07981 234882

Mask Making craft workshop. Thursday 31 July 11am-3pm. Let your imagination run wild and create a spectacular mask. Drop in workshops no need to book. £1.50 per mask made

Music takeover with Future Through Sound. Friday 1 August 11am-3pm. Workshop with acclaimed UK producer A Class. Get creative making and performing your own music using digital music technology. Supported by Powered by CAN. Free drop in workshop suitable for 11 years and older

Make a kite, buy a kite, fly a kite. Thursday 7 August 11am-3pm. Drop in kite making workshop £3 per kite. Ages 5 years and above. 20% off kites for sale in the museum shop – this day only!

Timed Tours of Haden Old Hall. Thursday 7 August 11.15am and 12.15pm. Come and take a tour around Haden Old Hall. Refreshments will be available (small charge). Booking advisable Call 01384 569444

Keneish Dance presents: Dancln' on Extreme Q&A Friday 8 August 1.30-2.30pm. Got chilly questions about the coldest place on Earth? Hear real personal stories from the extremes—true tales of life in one of the world's toughest, most awe-inspiring places. Marvel at the sheer size and power of Antarctica, while learning about nature's fragility — and our place in preserving this wild place. Ask your own questions in our frosty Q&A — no question too cold! Inviting curious kids and adventurous adults. Delivered as part of the award winning Keneish Dance's research and development phase for a brand new show showing in 2026! Tickets pay what you can from £2. Book at [ticketsource](https://ticketsource.com)

National Play Day: Wednesday 13 August 12-4pm. Join Go Play Sandwell for Summer fun at Haden Hill House and Park. For more information go to goplaysandwell.co.uk

Family Theatre Weekend. 16 & 17 August 12pm-4pm. Join us and Black Country Touring for a fun and chaotic weekend of short performances, circus skills workshops, puppet making fun and loads more. Entry Free some activities drop in some pre-book. Keep an eye on social media for more details @sandwellmuseums.

Show me the light workshops with "Fizz Pop" science fun. Friday 22 August time to be confirmed. Become illuminated as we split apart white light and create rainbows in the room Discover how light travels and how it can be used in everyday life. Discover the wonders of UV when we make glowing potions and find invisible messages that are hidden in plain sight to keep us safe. £5 per child. Booking Essential via [Ticketsource](https://ticketsource.com)

Notebook making craft workshop. Thursday 28 August. 11am-3pm. Design & make your own notebook ready to go back to school. Drop in. £3 per notebook made

Pencil Case Explosion Trail. Friday 29 August. 11am-3pm. One of our pencil cases has exploded all over the Museum,

where booking is required via ticketsource visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/sandwell-museums-and-arts



Join us for our

Black Country Day Event

Thursday The Bridge, St Marks Road
24th July Tipton, DY4 0SL

12pm - 3pm

FREE ENTRY

ADMIT
ONE

Join us for

Black Country Best Dressed Competition!

DJ

Games

Refreshments

and More!

For further information please call 01902 826 513

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MY SCHOOL FUND

Join the My School Fund initiative

We're pleased to announce that Highfields Primary School is part of the My School Fund initiative. This innovative scheme allows us to be able to boost our school's budget with your help.

How does it work?

Parents, guardians and carers can sign up to the scheme for free and start earning cashback on the things they buy in participating retail stores, including Sainsbury's and Argos. As you spend, you'll receive 2% cashback in the form of eGift vouchers that can be redeemed in participating stores. By linking your spend to our school on the My School Fund website we'll also earn 1% cashback on your spend.

Add that all up across our school's network of families and together we can all make a big difference!

How to get involved

Visit myschoolfund.org to register for free and link to Highfield Primary School. From there, everything you spend in participating stores will go towards helping boost our budget, plus your own!

Sign up today at myschoolfund.org





Golden Book Awards



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

18th July

RW - Reggie

RP - Adiva

ISS - Simrat

ICS - Liliana

2M - Tiarna

2D - Luna

3L - Oscar

3B - Jacob

4G - Edith

4K - Koray

5R - Dawson

5C - Leo

6P - Emily

6C - Millie

French - Betsy (6P)

PE - Felicity (ICS)

Busy Bee Award

Ebony K (Y3)

Keith Astle Award

Mikey B (Y5)

School Football Teams 24 - 25

Charlie

Abrar

Aiden R

Ruby

Logan S

Lilli

Leo W

Thea

Isa W

Miracle

Harry K

Gracie

Ayden B

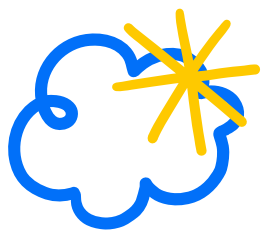
Ava-Lilly

Victor

Zahra

Reggie

Susan



Mrs Garratt's Tea Party



Please note that there will be no Headteacher's Tea Party this week, as all children will be enjoying their end-of-year celebrations and class parties within their own classrooms.

To all the wonderful children who have joined me for tea this year – thank you. It has been a real pleasure spending time with you and sharing a treat together. I've thoroughly enjoyed our conversations and your company.

Here's to next year and the new tea parties we'll share!





Year 1 & 2's

Newsletter

In DT the children in Year One have used the skills that they have learnt over the last few weeks to make their own fruit salad which they really enjoyed eating afterwards.

In History we have learnt about the four voyages made by Christopher Columbus and in Geography we have been looking at the signs of summer. It is difficult to believe that we have come to the end of the school year.

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 a lovely summer and would like to thank you for your support throughout the year.

Year Two have been busy the past few weeks, we have completed our DT project Seaside Puppet and evaluated it. In English we have learnt about Grace Darling and how she saved nine people in a terrible storm in 1838. The children have written letters from

Grace to her brother William explaining what happened. In RE we have finished our topic on Islam and created our own Subha bead to show what we are thankful for. 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.

Reception

Newsletter

We are so proud of all that the Reception children have achieved this year. Thank you to the parents who dropped in to see us on Parents Evening. We hope you enjoy looking back through the children's work. Have a wonderful Summer and we wish all the children the best of luck when they return to school in Year One!





Year 5 & 6's Newsletter

It is that time of year again where we have to say goodbye to the children of Year 6. I'm sure that everyone who came to the end of year production had a great night. The children performed and sang beautifully and put on a great show. There were many children who had to be brave and sing unaccompanied or perform their lines and they showed great confidence and maturity.

They are now ready for the next stage of their educational adventure and we are sure that they will carry on their brilliant work at another school.

We will miss them but always be proud of them and wish them all well in everything they do.

In Year 5, the children really enjoyed creating Anglo-Saxon jewellery using wire and beads. It wasn't easy to create the shapes that the children wished to so a good degree of resilience and effort was required.

The end results were very effective so well done to everybody.

We would both like to thank the children of Year 5 for all of their hard work this year.

We are very proud of their efforts and know that they will continue to thrive in Year 6.

Year 3 & 4's Newsletter

Year 3 have enjoyed making electrical circuits and creating their torches for Theseus in DT. They were able to follow their designs well to complete their torches and managed to even add switches to their torches. In addition to this, the children have been able to write their own play scripts based on their modern day myth!

Last week, Year 4 enjoyed a visit from Zoo Lab and lots of wonderful rainforest animals. They were able to meet and greet a spider, a lizard, a snail and snake! In addition to this, the children were able to write their own independent persuasive advert!

Well done for all your hard work throughout the year Year 3 & Year 4!



Highfields Hall of Fame

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Kristopher &
Nicholas

A huge well done to our kick boxing brothers again! What a fantastic achievement, well done Kristopher & Nicholas
A purple and a blue belt this time!
#myaspirations

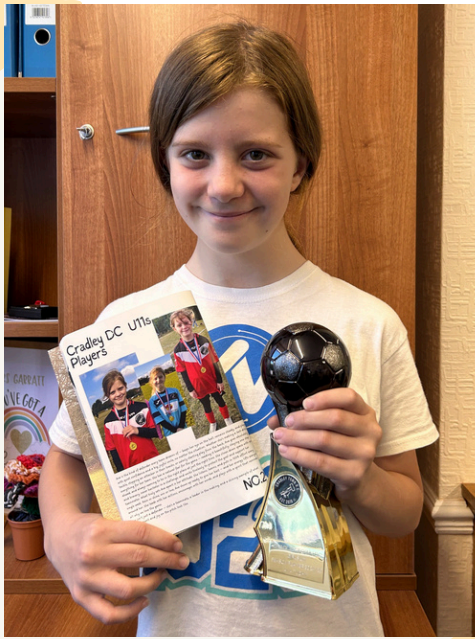


Isla

A massive well done to Isla - she shared with us her love of horse riding. Shes on the biggest horse there, has mastered jumps, has a very good canter and often helps out with the running of things on stable days. An amazing dedication to horse riding - well done
#myaspirations

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Ava-Lilly

A massive well done to Ava-Lilly who has represented Cradley DC Under 16s this year - she is an amazing defender and this is her with her 'Player of the Season 24/25' award! Well done Ava-Lilly - we are all proud of you!

#myaspirations



Lola

A massive well done to Lola who recently took part in two dance shows; she had to perform for 2 hours but had an amazing time and was so proud of her accomplishments! Well done, Lola!

#myaspirations

Highfields Hall of Fame

And now, a special message to our Year 6 leavers. You've reached a big milestone, and we couldn't be prouder. You've been role models for the younger pupils, and your presence has helped shape the spirit of our sch As you move on to secondary school, remember that you carry with you all the values, friendships, and memories you've made here.

There will be new challenges ahead, but also exciting opportunities. Be brave, be kind, and always believe in yourself. We know you'll go on to do amazing things.



Congratulations!





Highfields Helpers

Contributions made by Highfields Helpers this year

- A book for every child at Christmas.
- Money for every class at Christmas to make items to sell at the Christmas Fayre.
- Year 6 leavers hoodies.
- Balloon hoop for year 6 leavers photographs.
- Money for every class for last day party.

Thankyou for your support



Highfields Helpers

Thankyou

Thankyou to everyone who supported us this year whether it be volunteering, to buying a disco ticket, gift from gift sales or a treat from the Hut.

Hope you have a wonderful summer and we'll be back September planning next school year's events.

Help Needed

Any help for next years events is appreciated.

**If you can help please email:
highfieldshelpers@highfields.sandwell.sch.uk**