



# Highfields Primary newsletter



12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## Head's Welcome

Welcome to the first newsletter of the academic year and what an amazing start we have had. It was so nice to see our new Reception children coming into school last week, they were very brave (and so were the parents!) and have really settled in well. There are also some new faces in other years so a very warm Highfields welcome to you all.

We will continue to publish our newsletter every fortnight and also make sure we are keeping up to date information on our social media pages. All of the children have started their new topics this week and Year 6 have even been the first year group to go out on a trip to Edmond Hall for the 'Survival of the

Fittest' topic - they had a fantastic day! Please make sure you keep an eye on the diary pages of his newsletter and the social media pages to find out what other amazing things we have planned for this term!

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 95.4%. The highest attending classes this week were;

EYFS - RP & RH 100%

KSI - ISS 98.8%

KS2 - 98.3%



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# Spring Term - Diary Dates

## September

- 12<sup>th</sup> - Y2 hearing screening
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Y4 Loudmouth assembly
- 12<sup>th</sup> - 4M swimming
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Y2 hearing screening
- 19<sup>th</sup> - 4M swimming
- 26<sup>th</sup> - 4M swimming
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Mufti day for Harvest Festival

## October

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4M swimming
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Individual and family photographs
- 10<sup>th</sup> - 4M swimming
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Y2 trip to St Paul's Church
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Reception heights & weights and hands & teeth talk
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Y6 heights & weights
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Reception stay & play
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Y5 parent puberty talk
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Y2 PANTS talk
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Y5 puberty talk
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Y3 & 4 healthy eating talk
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Y6 emotional health talk
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Reception stay & play
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Y1 circus day
- 17<sup>th</sup> - 4M swimming
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Parents Evening
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Parents Evening
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Y4 trip to Lunt Roman Fort
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Break up for half term

## Career Related Learning

Welcome to Careers Related Learning. This year the children will be exploring a variety of careers and what skills or qualifications they might need to undertake for these roles in the future. We will be looking at career pathways and what we could do now, to help us achieve our job aspirations!

We would appreciate if any parents would like to come into school to chat with the children about their career. If you would like to come in, to talk with a year group, or in a school assembly, we would love to have you.

Please contact the school office at [Highfields.Enquiry@highfields.sandwell.sch.uk](mailto:Highfields.Enquiry@highfields.sandwell.sch.uk) if you would be interested.

Thank you for your support - Mrs Plant

## Y6 walking Home

Please can we remind all Year 6 parents that if they would like to give permission for their child to walk home alone after school, we will need this in writing and signed by a parent. This is something we only offer to our Year 6 children as preparation for their transition to secondary school.

# Books of the Month - September

Here are September'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.

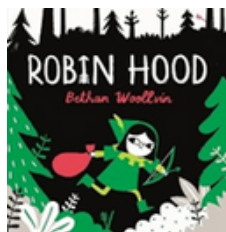
The books for July are:

EYFS: 'The Hug Button' by Naomi Jones

Years 1/2: 'Robin Hood' by Bethan Woollvin

Years 3/4: 'Ivy and Bearlock Holmes: The Case of the Missing Flower' by Kristyna Litten

Years 5/6: 'The Shell Keepers' by Truly Johnston



## Theme of the Month - September

Peace 

During the month of September, we will be looking at the theme of 'Peace'. We will be discussing the different meanings and symbols of peace and how we can promote peace in different ways. As part of this we will also be learning all about international peace day and how this is celebrated around the world. At home, we hope you will continue the discussions to build on these thoughts.

## SMSC

September



- 5<sup>th</sup> - International Day of Charity
- 13<sup>th</sup> - World First Aid Day
- 15<sup>th</sup> - International Day of Democracy
- 15<sup>th</sup> - International Dot Day
- 15<sup>th</sup> - 21st Jeans for Genes
- 21<sup>st</sup> - International Day of Peace
- 21<sup>st</sup> - World Gratitude Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> Recycle Week
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Fairtrade Fortnight
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - International Day of Sign Languages
- 26<sup>th</sup> - European Day of Languages
- September 26<sup>th</sup> - Oct 12<sup>th</sup> - British Food Fortnight
- 30<sup>th</sup> - National Sporting Heritage Day



# Sunflower Challenge 2025

Thank you to everyone who sent in such fabulous photographs of the sunflowers that you have grown along with their measurements. We have included a few of these photographs in this newsletter but will print some off and display on the Eco Council board in school. We also received such lovely comments about how you had enjoyed growing the sunflowers.

“even if we don't win we have really enjoyed growing the sunflowers’

‘the children have enjoyed watching and measuring their sunflowers grow’

‘the first sunflower head was stolen by a magpie’ ‘Sunflowers are our favourite flowers’

‘my child has learnt so much about growing from a seed’ ‘loved looking after my sunflower’

The tallest Sunflower grown reached the amazing height of 13ft 1” by Ariaah F followed by Matthew and Henry T at 9ft 10”

The following pupils also achieved 8ft Sunflower heights, Carter W, Lewis S, Reggie G, Sebastian S and L Clark





# Sunflower Challenge 2025



Congratulations to the following children who grew our tallest sunflowers as part of this completion competition!

WINNER!!! Aariah 13ft ICS

Matthew and Harry 9ft 10" 6P and 3K

Carter 8ft 10" ISS

Lewis 8ft 7" 6C

Reggie 8ft 6" 5R

Sebastian 8ft 4" 3C

Liam 8ft ISS



## Parking Reminder

Since the return to school we have received several complaints about parking outside school. As we continue to prioritise the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, we kindly ask all families to park thoughtfully and respectfully outside the school during busy drop-off and pick-up times.

Please avoid blocking driveways, pavements, or access routes. For those looking for alternative parking options, there is a public car park available on Marlow Street, just a short walk from the school. If you have any concerns or complaints regarding parking or traffic issues, please contact Sandwell Council directly. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.



# No Nut School

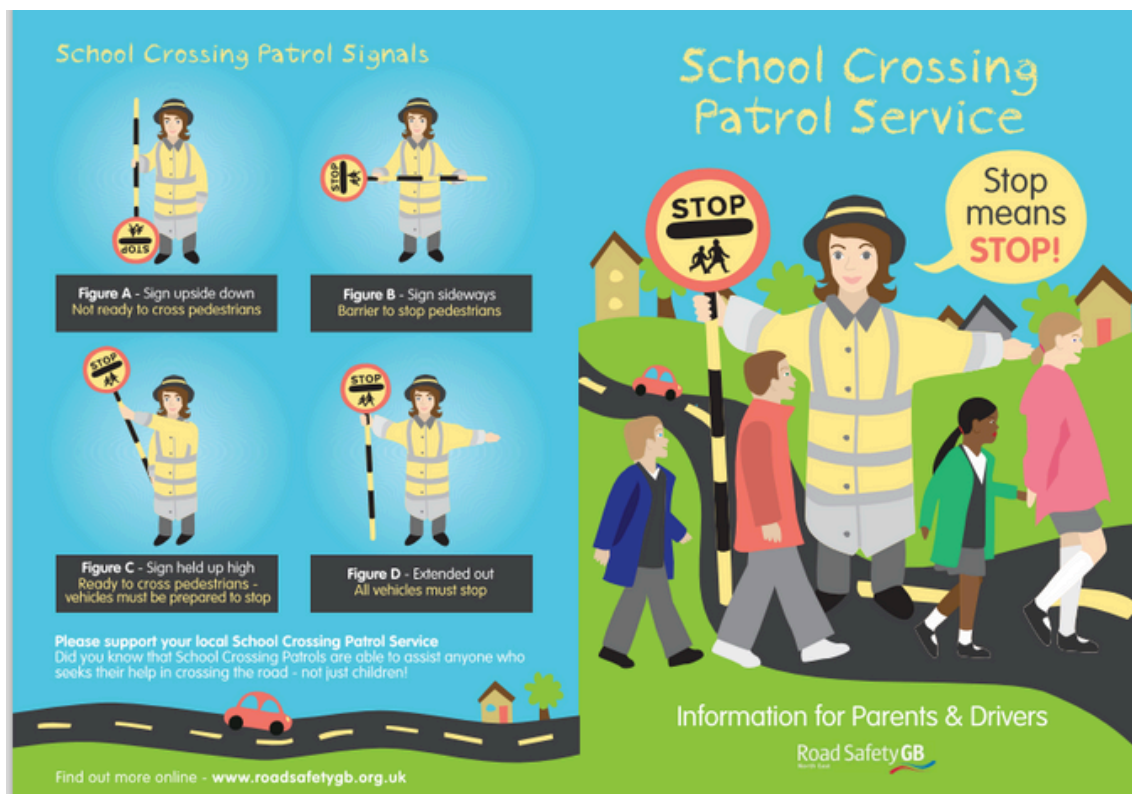


Highfields is a nut free school, people who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling nuts in the air can trigger anaphylactic shock. We cannot have nuts in school in any form. So please can we ask that you have no nut products in the lunch boxes or brought into the school as treats.

For example; peanut butter sandwiches, chocolate spreads – Nutella, cereal bars, Some granola bars, cakes that contain nuts, biscuits / cookies that contain nuts Peanut butter cakes, Some Asian food, including satay sauces that contain nuts sweets and cakes to share with the class for birthdays This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

# School Crossing Patrol

Please see the information from the [council's website](#) that you can share with parents/carers about the School Crossing Patrol Service in Sandwell. The attached leaflet from Road Safety GB for parents/drivers will also offer guidance.





# Bromwich Hall Alive - Medieval Mayhem

## A weekend medieval encampment

Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 September 2025, 11am-4pm

**FREE ENTRY**

See the site come to life with a world of entertainment celebrating the history of this spectacular medieval building, once the home of the Lords of the Manor of West Bromwich.



- Enjoy our medieval encampment with historical interpretation group - Buckingham's Retinue
- See the Lord and Lady of the Manor in their fine clothes and meet the Lord's horse
- Enjoy the combat display, see medieval soldiers and knights in armour, while young visitors can take part in knight school and learn what it takes to be a knight
- See archery and fire power display with medieval style bows and canons!
- Learn about medieval medicine and clothes with talks and demonstrations
- See medieval food demonstrations
- Enjoy and join in the medieval music and dance and play medieval games
- See a small medieval street performance play
- get messy and make a medieval tile to take home
- Enjoy our quizzes and trails
- Have a go at our archery
- Why not bring a picnic to enjoy in the grounds

We will post a full timetable for the day on our Facebook page @sandwellmuseums a few days before the event.



Bromwich Hall Museum - West Bromwich Manor House, Hall Green Road, West Bromwich, B71 2EA  
0121 588 2985

Free parking on site

No need to book for event just drop in.

[www.visitsandwell.com/sandwell-museums](http://www.visitsandwell.com/sandwell-museums)




A fantastic opportunity for families to come along and visit a big medieval weekend at Bromwich Hall, with an encampment and re-enactment including knights!!

**BROMWICH HALL ALIVE - MEDIEVAL MAYHEM**

13th and 14th September 11am-4pm Free

Travel back in time and experience the magic of medieval times at our medieval encampment weekend with adventure, entertainment, and excitement, knights, ladies and hands on activities.





Sandwell Libraries & Archives

# WHAT'S ON SEPTEMBER 2025 BLACKHEATH LIBRARY

Telephone: 0121 569 4920

email: [blackheath\\_library@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:blackheath_library@sandwell.gov.uk)  
145 Blackheath High Street, Rowley Regis B65 0EA

## Advice & Guidance

### **Barclays Bank Local**

**Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays  
9.30am - 11:30am, 12pm-4:30pm**

Here to help customers with banking needs - **no cash transactions.**

### **Rowley Regis Community Hub**

**Every Wednesday: 10am – 4:30pm**

Sandwell Council enquiry service for council residents (face-to-face appointments with council staff): covers housing, benefits, council tax, MySandwell, health and wellbeing information, and more

### **Cost Of Living Advisers: Sandwell Consortium**

**Every Tuesday: 1pm – 3.30pm**  
*(Dates may be cancelled at short notice for staff training.)*

Advisers helping with enquiries regarding benefits, budgeting, debts, employment and energy services

### **Councillor Surgery (Cllr. Jag Singh)**

*(First and last Wednesday monthly)  
(Last Saturday of the month)*

**11am—12:30pm**

Drop-in session with a local Sandwell councillor

## **Police Surgery**

**Wednesday 24 September 10am-11am**

Drop-in surgery with Rowley Regis policing team (West Midlands Police):  
*Please ask a member of staff for more information.*

## Health & Wellbeing

### **Age UK Falls Prevention Service**

**Every Friday 11am - 2pm**

Prior assessment required - please call/email: Phone: 0121 437 0033  
Email: [sandwellfallsprevention@ageuksandwell.org.uk](mailto:sandwellfallsprevention@ageuksandwell.org.uk)

## Hobbies and Interest Groups

**History Talk (Bringing the Past to Life) – The Blue Bird Village by Ruth Harper & Maggie Vernon**

**Monday 15 September 2pm-3pm**

### **Knit & Natter**

**Every Tuesday - 2pm – 3:30pm**

Social activity for adult knitting hobbyists.

*Expression of interest to participate:*

### **Blackheath Writers Group**

**Monday 1, 15 & 29 September  
11am-1pm**

### **Greedy Readers Reading Group**

**Wednesday 10 September  
10:30am – 11:30am**



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## Children's Activities

### Play Talk Read

**Mondays 9:45am – 10:45am**

For the love of reading to children: an activity with storytelling, nursery rhymes and crafts for under 5s.

### Sandy Bear Storytime

**Tuesdays & Saturdays**

**10:15am-10:45am**

Under 5s activity: Listen to stories from library staff. You can also get a unique Sandy Bear library card and join the Sandy Bear challenge to earn rewards.

### After School Activities

**Monday - Friday 3:30pm – 5pm**

Daily craft activities, board games, jigsaws, colouring sheets, Lego and more.

### Opening Hours

**Monday to Thursday:**

9.30am - 5.30pm

**Friday:** 9.30am - 5pm

**Saturday:** 10am - 4pm

**Sunday:** CLOSED

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**Summer Reading Challenge**

# Story Garden

### Summer Reading Challenge Party

**Saturday 20 September 11am**

Party food and activities in the library.

### Saturday Crafts

**Every Saturday 1pm – 2:30pm**

Get creative at our weekly craft activities for children.

### Duke of Edinburgh Volunteers

Teenagers/students can volunteer at the library for the Duke of Edinburgh award

*Please ask staff for more details.*





# Golden Book Awards



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

5th September

Reception - Ava-Noura & Kaleb

ISS - Reuben

ICS - Khaevon

2B - Izzy

2D - Simrat

3C - Freddie

3K - Olivia

4G - Oliver

4M - Karina

5A - Cairo

5R - Nicholas

6P - Amelia

6C - Mohammed N

French - Meisha (Y5)

PE - Arlie (Y6)

12th September

Reception - Millie-Mae & Phoebe

ISS - George

ICS - Robyn

2B - Laura

2D - Hermione

3C - Phoebe

3K - Mohsin

4G - Eliza

4M - Ria

5A - Lacey

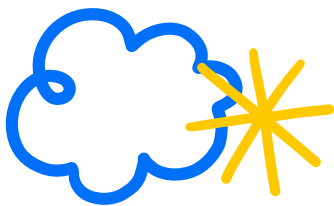
5R - Savannah

6P - Brandon

6C - Lewis

French - Seth (Y6)

PE - Aurelia (Y1)



## Mrs Garratt's Tea Party

12th September

ICS- Aurelia

2B- Harper

2D- Oliver

3C- Harry H

4G- Ameera B

5R- Isabelle W

5A- Charlie R

6P- Matthew C

6C- Harrison B



# Reception Newsletter

Welcome to Reception! This is where you will be able to read about some of the things we have been busy doing in the classroom. We also regularly update our class page on the school website with photographs, so please make sure to take a look! The children are settling in wonderfully and are beginning to follow our school rules and routines.

Our topic this term is 'All About Me'. We are starting off by reading one of our favourite stories, 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. The children have been having fun acting out the different parts of the story.

Please make sure all of your child's belongings are labelled with their name, so we can help get any missing things back to them. Also, please ensure your child's lunch is ordered through the School Gateway app.

Thank you for your support - Mrs Plant and Miss Hodgetts



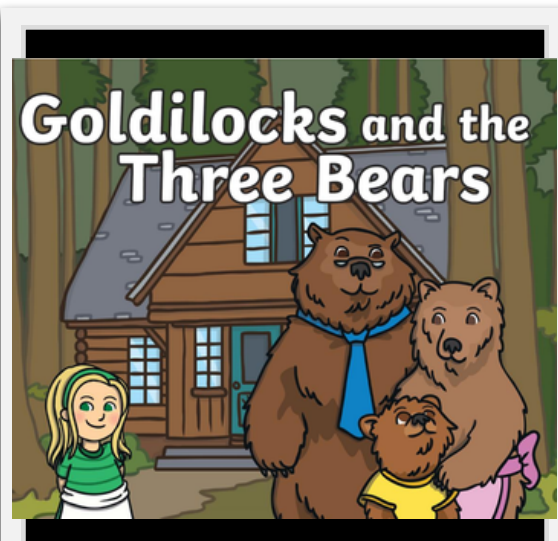
Year 1

## Year 1 & 2's Newsletter

The children in both Year One and Year Two have made a fantastic start to the school year. They have worked hard learning the new routines and expectations.

In Year One the children have been introduced to the topic 'Step Right Up' all about the circus. They enjoyed practising some circus skills like juggling and hula hooping.

Year Two have had a fantastic start to the new school year. They have settled well into the new routines and rules of Year Two. We have enjoyed a visit from the firefighters and the children were able to sit inside the fire engine and learn about fire safety. They have also enjoyed exploring the properties of ice and tried to make an igloo out of the blocks of ice. Check out our class website for photos.



Reception



Edmond Hall

## Year 5 & 6's Newsletter

We have had an excellent start to Year 5 and the children have settled into the year very well. We have begun reading the book 'Goodnight Mr Tom' and this will form the basis of our English lessons for the next few weeks. We have also enjoyed beginning to learn about World War II and this will be our topic for the rest of the term.

The children of Year 6 have made an excellent start to the year. We had a fantastic time at Edmond hall on Friday.

The children really enjoyed building dens, even if a few of them got wet. They also had a great time enjoying the team-building games - ask your child about what their favourite part of the day was. In English, we have begun to read the book 'The Hunger Games'. The children are already very engaged with the text and we're sure they will enjoy the writing we will produce based on the book.

## Year 3 & 4's Newsletter

Year 3 and 4 have had an amazing start to the new academic year!

In Year Three, the children have been creating 'stone age' costumes from pillow cases. In History, they created a timeline using toilet roll and learnt about different types of rocks in Science.

In Year Four, the children were very brave on our stunning start day and tried foods from the Roman Era. The children had the chance to try sardines, pomegranate and focaccia.

Today, we had a visit from Loudmouth to share their 'Bully 4 U' performance. They taught the children about bullying and what they can do if they think they are being bullied.



Loudmouth

# 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](mailto:Highfields.Enquiry@highfields.sandwell.sch.uk) with the subject #myaspirations



We are always so proud when our children achieve awards outside of school. Sebastian has achieved his stage 1 diving award during the holidays and has already started on Stage 2! he dives at Sandwell Aquatic Centre and is loving his as well as his swimming lessons. Well done Sebastian an amazing accomplishment! #myaspirations

A huge well done to Ankita who has been awarded a certificate for her talent in writing, she created an original creative piece that has been selected for publication in a 'Young Writers' anthology! Amazing work Ankita! #myaspirations



# Highfields Helpers



**Annual General Meeting**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

**Stay informed and get involved.**

**Friday 19th September**

**2PM- 3PM**

**At School**



# Highfields PTA Newsletter

## WHY JOIN HIGHFIELDS HELPERS PTA

**SUPPORT  
YOUR CHILD**



**STAY  
INFORMED**

**SHARE IDEAS**



**BE A ROLE  
MODEL**



**RAISE YOUR  
VOICE**

**CONNECT  
WITH  
PARENTS**



**MAKES HIGHFIELDS BETTER**

**EVENTS ORGANISED BY  
THE PTA:**

- DISCO'S
- CHRISTMAS FAYRE
- GIFT SALES
- MOVIE NIGHT
- SUMMER FAYRE
- HIGHFIELDS HUT

**EXAMPLES OF THINGS  
MONEY RAISED BY THE PTA  
HAS BEEN USED FOR:**

- A GIFT FOR EVERY CHILD AT CHRISTMAS.
- YEAR 6 LEAVER HOODIES.
- NEW PROJECTOR SCREEN FOR THE SCHOOL HALL.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF HIGHFIELDS HELPERS, PLEASE PUT YOUR DETAILS INTO THE SUGGESTION BOX IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE, EMAIL [HIGHFIELDShelpers@highfields.sandwell.sch.uk](mailto:HIGHFIELDShelpers@highfields.sandwell.sch.uk) OR SPEAK TO ONE OF THE MEMBERS.