



# Highfields Primary

## newsletter



26th September 2025

## Head's Welcome

Welcome to this fortnights newsletter.

We are now in full swing here at Highfields, trumpet lessons, trips out of school and we are now starting to plan a wide range of workshops for our parents to attend as well.

The children have been working on their values of 'Ready, Respectful and Safe' again this week and in our assemblies we have been learning all about 'Recycling Week' and how we can reduce, reuse and recycle at home.

We talked about all of the things we can recycle including our old toys, shoes and clothes. If you have any old school uniform that your child has grown out of can you please bring it in to the office as we are looking at starting our own reusing system so we can reduce waste when our children grow out of the uniforms!

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 95.5%. The highest attending classes this week were;

EYFS - RH 99.1%

KSI - 2B 96.2%

KS2 - 5R 97.7%




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# Autumn Term - Diary Dates

## September

- 26<sup>th</sup> - 4M swimming
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Mufti day for Harvest Festival
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Harvest Sale at 3.10pm

## October

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Theme lunch
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Boys football match vs Langley Primary
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4M swimming
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Boys football match vs Causeway Green Primary
- 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
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Boys football match vs Springfield
- 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.

# English and Supporting Your Child at Home

English lessons have all started well and your child will by now have visited the library with their class and chosen their book to bring home. The library is also open 3 lunchtimes a week from 12-12-30pm for children in Key Stage 2 to visit and enjoy reading if they wish to.

In your child's reading record are some stickers with log in details for some on-line learning programmes that can be used to support your child at home. All children learning phonics (Reception, year one and some children in years 2-6) will have a Collins website log in so that they can read their E-Reader phonics book at home. This will mean that your child can practise the phonics they have been learning at home at the correct level for them on a weekly basis. A physical book to share will also be brought home as well so that this book can be enjoyed with an adult. All reading of both the phonics book and the book to share can be recorded in your child's reading record.

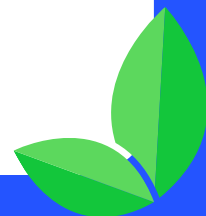
Children reading colour banded books will bring home books from the school library and these can be changed on a weekly basis or when the book has been finished. Every year group has a library slot to allow this to happen.

Every child in years 2-6 have a log in to Spelling Shed (Also known as EdShed). This log in allows the children access to their weekly spelling assignments and allows them to practise key spellings for their year group. Paper packs for the half term have also been sent home, and children tend to see the best results where they practise using the paper pack as well as logging in and completing some of the activities on Spelling Shed each week.

We thank you in advance for your support with this and if you have any questions or queries, please ask your child's class teacher or Mrs Lewis who will be happy to help.

## Reading Volunteers

School are currently recruiting for reading volunteers who will be asked to come into school on a weekly basis to hear readers in different classrooms. If you are a parent who has some spare time, loves reading and would like to be considered for this, please ask at the school office for a volunteer form. We cannot place parents in the same year group(s) as their children so please be aware of this before applying.





# Golden Book Awards



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

19th September

Reception - Ali & Ryan

ICS - Ebube

ISS - Zita

2B - Freya

2D - Ibrahim N

3K - Frankie

3C - Amari

4G - Nicolas

4M - Prisha

5R - Jaxon

5A - Dave

6P - Salahuddin

6C - Aiyanna

French - Harry (3K)

PE - Harry (3K)

26th September

Reception - Charmaine & River

ISS - Alice

ICS - Reece

2B - Finley

2D - Ryan

3C - Harry

3K - Lola

4G - Reggie

4M - Muhammed

5A - Ava

5R - Otis

6P - Jensen

6C - Rantej

French - Isabelle T (Y6)

PE - Logan (3K)



## Mrs Garratt's Tea Party



19th  
September

2B - Thomas

2D - Arlo

3K - Layla

4G - David

6P - Jasneet



26th  
September

ICS - Sultan

ISS - Aubany

2B - Islam

5R - Layla

6C - Luca



# Reception

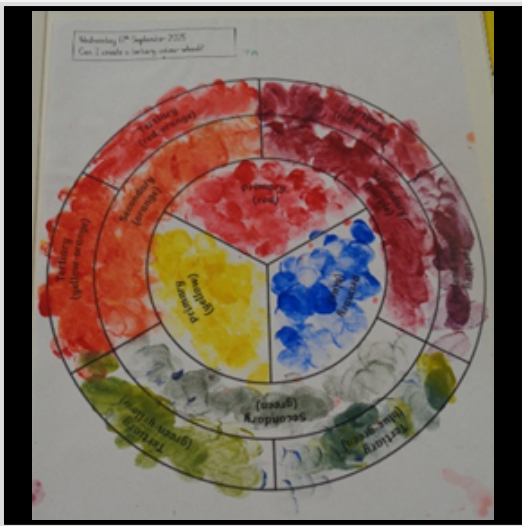
## Newsletter

Reception have been continuing our traditional tales learning and the children have been fantastic at joining in to retell the stories. We have seen some wonderful artwork with straw, sticks and bricks when creating the Three Little Pig's houses. The children have also enjoyed tasting the three bears porridge. Baby Bears porridge was eaten all up because 'it was just right!' as one of the children told me.

If the children change their bottles, bags or coats etc can you please make sure their names are in any new belongings or mention it to a member of staff on the gate and they can add it on for you. As we head into Winter, we really need scarves, hats and gloves to be named too. As we are getting to know the children, we will soon be looking at allocating them to their class. Please look out for this over the next few weeks.



Francis & Hunter



Year 1

## Year 1 & 2's

### Newsletter

In Year One, in English lessons we have started reading the story of Clifford at the Circus. We have acted it out and looked at new vocabulary including words such as obey, command, quit, parade and midway. In Art we have been looking at different fabrics, sorting them into colour sets, identifying them and thinking of words to describe them. Please can you remember to send in your child's reading diary, and book to share each Friday.

Thank you.

Year Two have continued to learn about The Great Fire of London and have been using an extensive range of vocabulary for a diary entry. In Art we have been mixing colours to create tertiary colours and have used these colours to learn about hot and cold colours. In Science we have explored the growth of a seed and how a seed germinates.



Goodnight Mr Tom

## Year 5 & 6's Newsletter

In Year 5 we have been continuing with our studies of World War II. In particular, we have focussed on the evacuation of children and the experiences they had. We have learned about the areas that children were evacuated from and where they were moved to. This ties in well with our work around Goodnight Mr Tom and we will have further experience of the Blitz when we visit Cosford in November.

In Year 6, we have been visited by a representative from Islamic Aid. As part of our Religious Studies we have been learning about the work of faith-based charities, including Islamic Aid. Our visitor spoke to us about where in the world they operate and the work the charity undertakes. Ask your child what they found out.

## Year 3 & 4's Newsletter

In Year Three, the children have started their trumpet lessons, they were all able to make a sound and filled the classroom with music! They also took part in an exciting experiment, testing the properties of rocks and deciding which would work best when building a house.

In Year Four, the children have written an excellent retell of the story of the sewer demon and even written their own exciting endings! In Science, they enjoyed experimenting to see how sound travels. They have also been researching volcanoes ready to create their very own documentary.



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



Maisie

We are always so proud when our children achieve awards outside of school. Maisie took part in her first gymnastic competition and got a silver award. She was super brave to stand in front of all the people. ! #myaspirations

A huge well done to Carys who recently competed in her first gymnastics competition!

She was awarded the gold medal for her sequence and the vault jump.

Super work Carys! #myaspirations



Carys



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Sebastian

Sebastian has achieved his 25m rainbow distance in swimming.  
Well done Sebastian an amazing accomplishment! #myaspirations





# Highfields Helpers

## Upcoming Events

**Autumn Disco**  
Friday 7th November

**Christmas Gift Sales**  
Wednesday 3rd December  
Friday 5th December

**Christmas Fayre**  
Date to be confirmed

## AGM Meeting

Thankyou to everyone who managed to attend the AGM meeting last week, It was nice to see some new faces.

We are currently planning our next events, if you are able to help please contact us on the below email.

## Help Needed

**Volunteers needed for the Autumn disco and Christmas Fayre.**

If you can help please email:  
[highfieldshelpers@highfields.sandwell.sch.uk](mailto:highfieldshelpers@highfields.sandwell.sch.uk)

# 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.