



Highfields Primary newsletter



24th October 2025

Head's Welcome

Welcome to this fortnight's newsletter! We've had an amazing first half term at Highfields! Several classes have enjoyed exciting trips and represented our school brilliantly, showing kindness, curiosity, and great behaviour throughout. We've also welcomed visitors for circus skills and Bikeability, and every one of them has commented on what incredible children we have here at Highfields.

We have even more amazing activities planned for Autumn 2 in the run-up to Christmas, so please keep an eye on our social media and newsletters for future dates and updates. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming everyone back after the break on Monday 3rd November.

Take care and have a wonderful half 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 95.6%. The highest attending classes this week were;

EYFS - RH - 97.5%

KSI - ICS - 98.8%

KS2 - 5A - 96.7%




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Autumn Term - Diary Dates

November

- 3rd November - children return to school
- 4th November - Y5 trip to RAF Cosford
- 5th November - Trip to Royal Ballet
- 6th November - Y3 trip to Cheddar Gorge
- 7th November - Photo order deadline
- 7th November - Y4 assembly to parents
- 7th November - 4M swimming
- 7th November - Disco
- 10th November - Odd socks day
- 13th November - Y2 trip to Selly Manor
- 13th November - Boys football match
- 14th November - Children in Need
- 14th November - Reception assembly to parents
- 14th November - 4M swimming
- 19th November - Flu vaccinations
- 20th November - Y6 safeguarding day
- 21st November - 4M swimming
- 28th November - 4M swimming

December

- 3rd December - Christmas gift sales
- 5th December - 4M swimming
- 5th December - Christmas gift sales
- 5th December - Film night (details to follow)
- 8th December - Y3 Stone Age workshop
- 9th December - Rocksteady concert to parents
- 10th December - Flu vaccinations
- 10th December - Reception Christmas production
- 12th December - Christmas dinner/Sparkly jumper day
- 12th December - Y3 brass assembly to parents
- 17th December - KSI Christmas production

PE Days from November



After the half term holiday your child's PE day may have changed. Here are the news days you will need to send your child to school in their PE kits...

MONDAY - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

TUESDAY - Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6

WEDNESDAY - Year 1 and Year 2

THURSDAY - Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6

FRIDAY - Reception and Year 4

TT Rock Stars - Gone Green

Well done to the following children who have gone green!

le jab, Salahuddin, Jeevan, Idrees, Bobby, Ire, Jackson, Phoebe-Lilly





Little Leaders 2025-26

At Highfields we make sure everyone's voice is heard and we believe in giving our children the opportunity to help us make Highfields the best school it can be. It's for this reason that we have a variety of 'Little Leaders' who also help develop our school every year.

School Council

- Y1 - Aakifa and Taron
- Y2 - Harper and Hermione
- Y3 - Layla and Callie
- Y4 - Millie and Amelia R
- Y5 - Harrison and Hugo
- Y6 - Mya and Mikey

Eco Council

- Y1 - Ariyah and Robyn
- Y2 - Zara and Thomas
- Y3 - Grayson and Olivia
- Y4 - Miral and Ivy S
- Y5 - Cairo and Isobel
- Y6 - Arabella and Gracie

Sports Council

- Y1 - Riley and Maisy
- Y2 - Kymarni and Simrat
- Y3 - Rae and Frankie
- Y4 - Lilly B and Lucia
- Y5 - Theo W and Henry J
- Y6 - Leo and Lewis

Reading Ambassadors

- Y3 - Laila, Freddie and Matthew T
- Y4 - Miral, Emily and Rosie
- Y5 - Alfie, Jorie, Carys, Ava and Pixie
- Y6 - Sallome and Isabelle

Playground Pals

- Y4 - Reggie, Eliza, Jacob, Saara, Ire and Braydon
- Y5 - Ismail, Maisie, Charlotte, Otis, Freddie and Isabelle
- Y6 - Layna and Isabelle

Digital Leaders

- Y5 - Malakai and Nicholas
- Y6 - Archie, William and Matthew



Golden Book Awards



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

17th October

Reception - Rayan and Arthur

ICS - Jimmy

ISS - Benjamin

2B - Gabriella

2D - Arlo

3K - Harley

3C - Luna

4G - Lilly

4M - Rosie

5R - Oliver

5A - Dave

6P - Leo

6C - Hugo

French - Oscar (Y4)

PE - George (Y1)

24th October

Reception - Ivan and Aayan

ICS - Jonah

ISS - Sienna

2B - Harper

2D - Zara

3K - Iejab

3C - Grayson

4G - Ire

4M - Max

5R - Charlotte

5A - Henry

6P - Ali

6C - Harrison

French - Carys (Y5)

PE - Jimmy (Y1)



Bikeability



This year Highfields has taken part in Bikeability.

Bikeability is the nationally recognised cycle training programme for school children. It's about acquiring the practical skills to cycle safely and with confidence on today's roads.

Bikeability is free to schools and trainees and is split in to several levels or modules including learn to ride.

We would like to say a huge well done to the following children...

Miral, Summer, Logan, Neve, Albie, Rayan, Logan, Elliot, Amari, Neve, Layla, Askari, James, James, Ellisia, Jeevan, Summer, Chace, Jacob, Abdullah, Karina, Miral, Harper, Bella, Ire, Emily, Sebastian, Oscar, Ivy





Eco Council Autumn Update



Autumn is a great time for children to get outside and explore the natural world as it changes. We have planted out our vegetable plants grown from seed in the greenhouse into our raised beds. We have planted out our winter vegetables grown from seed in our greenhouse into our raised beds. Our bug hotel is beginning to take shape and is ready for Eco Council to start filling it with pinecones, broken pots, twigs and logs.

We hope to create a deluxe bug hotel for our mini garden visitors.

Eco Council Autumn Update

So, this half-term why not take a walk around a local wood or park. Pull on your wellies, grab a cosy scarf and head out to your local wood or park with your family. Can you spot any signs of autumn? Are the leaves changing colour and falling to the ground? Can you see fungi popping up out of the forest floor? Remember never to pick or eat any mushrooms or seeds that you might find. Eco Council this year are working towards the Woodland Trust awards so the focus is very much on Trees, woods along with the nature and wildlife that they support. Eco Council are running 2 competitions. At this time of year, the ground is full of natural materials to create some great sculptures with. Brightly coloured fallen leaves, twigs, seeds and conkers, so why don't you collect a few bits and make something crafty with them.



Eco Council Photograph Competition

Take a photograph of any beautiful trees that you might see this week during half-term and send it into school. You don't have to walk very far to find a fantastic display of colours.

To enter either or both of these competitions please send a photograph of a tree or hedge that you have seen in all its autumn glory or of your crafty artwork by using our school enquiry line by 6th November 2025.



These will be used on our Eco Council display board, and the most interesting photos will win a small prize.

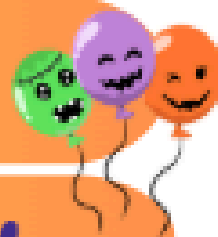
plea for Pine cones!

If you are out and about this half term and find any pine cones then please drop them off in the school office when we return to school as we need some for our bug hotel.



Rowley Regis Libraries

October Half Term 2025 Events and Activities
27 October - 1 November



Blackheath Library

Partner Activities



Alice & The Library Tree

An interactive family show for little ones and their families (perfect for 0-8 year olds). Alice is a strong, problem-solving bookworm, who faces the devastating news that her library tree must be shut down. Beautiful music by Handel, Mozart, Beethoven and more, woven around nursery rhymes and folksong.

Saturday 1 November
2pm - 3pm

Please Book Online (Ticketsource)
or at the library

Infamous Arts Halloween Workshop

Join Infamous Community Arts for a relaxed, drop in craft workshop led by professional artists. They will be making Monsters Eyes, Broomsticks, Flying Bats and Sun Catchers. Ages 3+

Thursday 30 October

11am - 2pm

Please Book in Advance
at the library

creativity

Friends Group Activities

Under 5

* Pumpkin Patch Picnic

Tuesday 28 October
2pm - 3pm

Please Book in Advance
at library

Halloween Crafts

Halloween themed craft activities for children!

Every weekday
2pm - 3pm

Storytelling & creativity

Under 5

Sandy Bear Story Time

Storytelling for children under 5 and Sandy Bear Challenge activities!

Saturday 25 October
Tuesday 28 October
Saturday 1 November

10:15am - 10:45am

Play Talk Read

Storytelling, nursery rhymes and crafts for children under 5

Monday 27 October
9.45AM - 10.45AM

*This event is funded by the Friends Of Rowley Town Libraries



Autumnal Antics at Sandwell Museums



The Extraordinary Ordinary

An exhibition celebrating colour and creativity at Wednesbury Museum.

This exhibition showcases objects from our museum collection and photographs from Sandwell Archives which tell the story of extraordinary beautiful things made in what is now Sandwell such as stained glass, studio pottery, enamels and paintings and the ordinary people who made them. You can also see pieces from artists working today in the local community.

Haden Hill House Museum & Old Hall, B64 7JU. 01384 569 444

Haden Old Hall Open Day: Sunday 19 October 11am-2pm. Free Entry

Dead of Night- A Don't Go into The Cellar performance: Tuesday 21 Oct - 7pm. A man has a recurring dream that sees him encountering the same group of strangers in a remote house. Each of them relates a supernatural experience they have had, little realising what connection they have to the unexpected visitor. £14 via ticketsource

Father of Faces - The Toy Maker: Thursday 30 October, 6:30pm. "In the shadowed halls of Haden Hill, a reclusive toy maker once crafted dolls so lifelike they seemed to breathe—until children began to vanish. Now, decades later, strange noises echo through the Hall, and it's up to you to uncover the dark secret hidden among the dolls." Begin your evening with a chilling ghost story tour around Haden's Old Hall, then take matters into your own hands by searching the Hall yourself for clues about the Doll Maker's secret past. This event promises a thrilling experience—**definitely one for the grown-ups** who love a good mystery! Ages 14+ £9 per person via ticketsource

Autumn Family fun at Haden Hill House Museum: Thursday 30 October and Friday 31 October 11am-3pm. Come along for autumnal fun around the house, with autumn crafts trails and games. Free entry, a small fee for some activities. Not spooky just autumnal

Halloween Fun: Halloween Vs Autumn. Friday 31 October 11am-3pm. Spooky Family fun at Haden Old Hall with activities in the house and hall. Not for the Faint Hearted in the Old Hall! Autumn decorations in the house with children's entertainment, musical fun and spooky games, crafts and trails. Free entry, no need to book. Small charge for some activities

Whispers in the Walls - the Haunting of Haden Hill Hall: Friday 31 October 11am

Led by our professional storyteller, this fun and interactive spooky session will have you exploring the Old Hall, searching for clues and uncovering the playful secrets of the Playroom Spirits in the Old Hall. Bring your curiosity and imagination as you piece together their stories—perfect for those braver thrill seeking kids and grown-ups alike! Best suited for ages 7+ £4 via ticketsource

www.sandwell.gov.uk/joininmuseums for full details
www.ticketsource.co.uk/sandwell-museums-and-arts

Autumnal antics and spooky fun at Sandwell Museums

sandwell.gov.uk/joininmuseums
visitsandwell.com/sandwell-museums
 social media @sandwellmuseums

Oak House Museum - Oak Rd, B64 7JU—0121 553 0759

Halloween Family Fun Day! Tuesday 28 October 11.00-3.30pm. Fizz Pop science sessions: 11.00-12.00, 12.30-1.30 and 2.00-3.00pm. Ron Poppel will be also here for some mix and mingle magic, visit the house spookily dressed for Halloween enjoy crafts, trails and nature fun with Ampersand. Free Entry, no booking required to visit apart from Fizz Pop Science sessions and Ampersand Projects.

We Forest Folk with Ampersand Projects: Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 October, two bookable sessions per date, 10.30am - 12pm & 1pm - 2.30pm. This autumn, we invite families to discover the magic of nature. Join Ampersand Projects for *We Forest Folk*—a series of creative nature-based sessions designed especially for children and their families to play, explore, move, and create together.

In the inspiring grounds of Oak House, families can build dens, splash in the mud kitchen, and share stories and snacks. Each session offers a new adventure, with hands-on activities like willow weaving, wild clay sculpting, junk modelling and woodcraft projects. Sessions are open to all children ages 1- 11 years. **Pay What You Can** Tickets are available on a 'pay as you can' basis—if you're able to contribute, every penny goes directly into supporting creative outdoor opportunities for our community. Space is limited, so booking is essential - www.weforestfolk.org.

Halloween Crafts. Wednesday 29 October 11.00-3.00pm, spooky crafts and trails and visit the house decorated for the season. Small charge for crafts, just drop in. Free entry, no booking required.

Fungi Foray: Sunday 2 November 11.00-2.00pm. Join expert Lukas for an exciting opportunity to come and learn about mushrooms and toadstools and see how many different varieties we get at Oak House. Find our toadstool trail and craft activity. House and Tea Room open. Suitable for all ages. Free entry, no booking required.

Wednesbury Museum. WS10 7DF. 0121 553 0759

Braids, Maps and Motion Event and Exhibition Launch: Saturday 11 October 12.30pm. Join artist Antony McFarlane, Marcia Edwards artistic director of ME Dance, dancers from ME Dance and hair stylist Sadie Belleh for performances, demonstrations and discussion around this new exhibition. The exhibition features original photographs by Antony McFarlane exploring themes of perception and identity and photographs by Marcia Edwards highlighting hairstyles relating to the architecture and celebrating the Windrush and Black Country legacy.

Braids, Maps and Motion Exhibition: October – December. The exhibition features original photographs by Antony McFarlane exploring themes of perception and identity and photographs by Marcia Edwards of a site specific dance performance at Spaghetti Junction highlighting hairstyles relating to the architecture and celebrating the Windrush and Black Country legacy.

Wednesbury Museum continued

Spells and Witchcraft: Wednesday 29 October 11am – 3pm. Join us for the season of Spells and Witchcraft. Follow our enchanted trail where you'll brew your very own spell, craft a powerful wand, and mix a bubbling potion to bring your magic to life. Suitable for 4+. £3.50 per person. No booking required, just drop in.

Nice Cold, Ice Cold Science Show. Thursday 30 October 1pm and 2pm. Evaporate, Melt and Sublimate - The cool science of Dry Ice! Get ready for some bubbling potions and spooky misty magic with Fizz Pop Science. Shows at 1pm and 2pm. £3.50 per person (under 2s free). Booking essential via ticketsource

Horror Film Festival: Saturday 1 November with a day of spooky films for all ages

Kids film *Caspar 30th Anniversary* 1pm, Classic Film *Psycho* 3.30pm

Modern film *Smile 2* 7.30pm

In collaboration with Black Country Touring we are excited to present this horror film festival with something for all ages. Why not bring a picnic or snacks. Adults can bring drinks for the adult films at :3.30pm and 7:30pm showing adults only for these films. All tickets pay what you can from £2. Book at ticketsource

Pottering about in Smethwick: Thursday 13 November 11.30am. History talk about the story of William Howson Taylor and Ruskin Pottery. Free entry, no need to book

Bromwich Hall Museum . B71 2EA. 0121 588 2985

Medieval paint workshop: Saturday 18 October, 10am – 3pm. Join our medieval paint expert for a costumed talk and hands-on workshop. Make your own paints from historic pigments and take them home in beautiful shell holders. £10 per person, which includes one free hot drink. Suitable for over 18s, booking essential via Ticketsource.

Curse of the Crimson Circle: Are you and your family prepared to put your detective skills to the test and uncover the secrets of the Crimson Circle? Suitable for children 7 and above, children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets cost £3.50 per child and 50p per accompanying adult. More information and booking via Ticketsource.

Pumpkin Carving: Tuesday 28 October, sessions at 10am, 11:30am and 1pm. Tickets cost £4.00 per pumpkin. Booking essential via Ticketsource. All ages welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult—includes a pumpkin

Halloween Disco: Wednesday 29 October, 6pm – 7.30pm. Wear your favourite costume and dance the night away to our spooktastic tunes! Enjoy the tuck shop and tombola. Tickets cost £2.00 per child and 50p per accompanying adult. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Suitable for children under 13. Booking essential via Ticketsource, no tickets available on the door.

To book tickets www.ticketsource.co.uk/sandwell-museums-and-arts



Reflexions - Spooky Crafts

Please see Sandwell Reflexions Spooky Crafts Event in October Half Term




Black Country Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

28TH OCTOBER

Join us for a...

SPOOKY CRAFTS

WORKSHOP

10:30am - 12:00pm

ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE:

WORRY WEBS/SPOOKY CALM
DOWN JAR/MINDFUL COLOURING



Barnardos Smethwick Family Hub Centre - Training
Room
Corbett Street
Smethwick
B66 3PX

To sign up or for more information please email
bchft.reflexions@nhs.net



Year 1

Year 1 & 2's Newsletter

Year One had a fantastic time when Stu from Circus Sensible came to visit. He was very funny. He taught the children lots of circus skills like juggling with scarves, how to use a hula hoop and to do tricks with a flower stick. Have a look at our class page to see more photos. In History we have been learning about how circuses have changed. In the past there were lots of animals that did tricks but now they do not perform because it is cruel.

Year Two enjoyed their visit to St Paul's Church. Reverend Mark showed us around the church and explained the importance of different parts such as the stained-glass windows, the alter and the font. He let us try on his robes and explained why they were different colours and what the colours meant. This week Shazhad Ahmed came to visit us and talked to us about the Muslim faith.

Reception Newsletter

This week in Reception, we have enjoyed welcoming our parents and guardians into class for our first stay and play sessions.

Thank you to everyone who attended. I know lots of parents enjoyed seeing their child in the classroom and the children were excited too!

Can we please ask that you ensure your child brings a coat to school with them. A waterproof coat would be ideal as the children like to play outdoors whatever the weather!

At parents evening this week, you will have received some activities that you can do with your child over the holiday. We look forward to seeing you all after half term.



Stay and Play



Year 5 & 6's Newsletter

In Year 5 we have been finishing our artwork based on the work of Guy de Montlaur. The children worked hard to sketch a self-portrait and then used their skills to mix colours and then paint their sketch. The end results were very impressive as you can. We have also really enjoyed our English work based on the short film 'The Piano'. The writing that has been produced was excellent.

The children of Year 6 have been finishing their paintings in the style of van Gogh.

They were able to reproduce his brush strokes well and the results can be seen on the walls of both classes. We are nearing the end of our work on The Hunger Games.

It is a book that deals with some serious themes and the children have been mature in their engagement in the book throughout.

Well done all!

Year 3 & 4's Newsletter

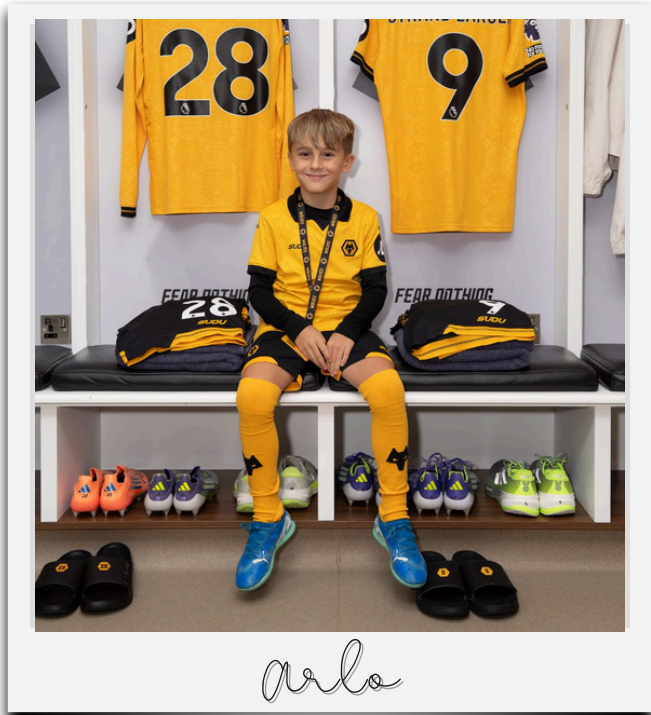
In Y3 the children have been busy exploring lots of exciting new learning! In English, they have been working on how to use speech in their writing, getting ready to include dialogue in their own stories later this week. In Art, the children have been inspired by the artist John William Inchbold and his painting Stonehenge. They really enjoyed studying his work and trying out different sketching techniques to use in their own artwork.

Year Four thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Lunt Fort yesterday. The children learnt how to March in Latin and fight like a Roman Soldier. They also learnt lots of facts about Romans and their history as well as trying on some Roman Armour. In Art, they have worked hard to create a perspective Roman building and evaluated it. Also in Science, the children made cup phones to show how sounds get fainter at a distance.



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



On 20th September, Arlo had the incredible opportunity to be a mascot for Wolves FC in their match against Leeds United. A lifelong Wolves fan, Arlo was thrilled to represent his favourite team on the pitch. Arlo loves playing football himself, making the day even more special and memorable!

#myaspirations

We are incredibly proud of Harley, who is currently being used to remind us all of the importance of eating fruit and vegetables in a current Tesco Fruit & Veg for Schools campaign! This is amazing, Harley! #myaspirations

