



Highfields Primary

newsletter



14th November 2025

Head's Welcome

Welcome to this fortnight's newsletter!
This week has been full of exciting learning beyond the classroom! Our children have enjoyed trips to Cheddar Gorge, RAF Cosford and Selly Manor, and I am delighted to share that they were absolutely amazing representatives for our school. Their curiosity, enthusiasm, and impeccable behaviour made us all proud. Thank you to the staff who organised these experiences and to our families for their continued support. Opportunities like these enrich our curriculum and create lasting memories for our children. We have also started the run-up to Christmas! The children sounded amazing on Wednesday during hymn practice as they learned their carols. Please keep an eye on the diary for Christmas dates - they will be added over the next few weeks.

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 93%. The highest attending classes this week were;

EYFS - RH - 90.8%
KSI - ICS - 95.4%
KS2 - 6P - 98.7%




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Autumn Term - Diary Dates

November

- 14th November - Children in Need
- 14th November - Reception assembly to parents
- 14th November - 4M swimming
- 17th November - Plas Gwynant parent meeting
- 19th November - Boys football team tournament
- 19th November - Flu vaccinations
- 20th November - Y6 safeguarding day
- 21st November - 4M swimming
- 24th November - Y6 SATs parent meeting
- 25th - Reception Wellcomm parent meeting
- 26th - Trip to Royal Ballet
- 28th November - 4M swimming

December

- 3rd December - Christmas gift sales
- 5th December - 4M swimming
- 5th December - Mufti day for Christmas fayre
- 5th December - Christmas gift sales
- 5th December - Film night (details to follow)
- 8th December - Y3 Stone Age workshop
- 8th December - SPVU parent meeting
- 9th December - Rocksteady concert to parents
- 10th December - Flu vaccinations
- 10th December - Reception Christmas production
- 11th December - Christmas Fayre 2-4pm
- 12th December - Christmas dinner/Sparkly jumper day
- 12th December - Y3 brass assembly to parents
- 12th December - 4M last swimming session
- 17th December - KSI Christmas production
- 18th December - Church Service
- 19th December - 4G swimming
- 19th December - Christmas party day
- 19th December - Break up for Christmas Holidays

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 - Class 4G, Year 1 and Year 2

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

FRIDAY - Reception and Class 4M

Children in Need



A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our Children in Need fundraising efforts. Together, we have raised an incredible £166.50 so far!

Your generosity helps make a real difference, and we are so proud of the way our school community comes together for such an important cause.

If you haven't had a chance to donate yet, there's still time! Parents can continue to make donations until Sunday evening. Every contribution counts, and we appreciate your support.

Books of the Month - November

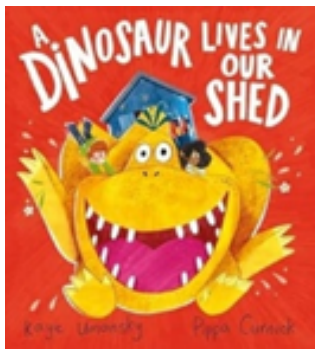
Here are November's Book of the Month that we will be sharing in school. In Reception and years 1 and 2, the book will be placed in the 'book to share' box so that your child will be able to bring it home and share it with you at some point during the year. In years 3-6, copies will go into the school library for children to select as their reading book as and when they wish. The books for November are:

EYFS: 'A Dinosaur Lives in our Shed' by Kaye Umansky

Years 1 and 2: 'Frank is a Butterfly' by Alex Latimer

Years 3 and 4: 'The Big Bad Wolf Murder' by P.G. Bell

Years 5 and 6: 'Dracula and Daughters' by Emma Carroll



Theme of the Month - November

Kindness



During the month of November, we will be looking at the theme of 'Kindness'. We will be celebrating kindness day. Throughout the month we will discuss the importance of being kind and different ways we can show kindness towards others. We will be carrying out acts of kindness throughout the month around school and within the classroom. At home, we hope you will continue the discussions to build on these thoughts

SMSC

November



November 1st - World Vegan Day
November 5th - Guy Fawkes Night
November 9th - 16th - Inter Faith Week
November 10th - 14th - Anti-Bullying Week
November 11th - Remembrance Day
November 13th - Kindness Day UK
November 14th - World Diabetes Day
November 16th - 22nd
Road Safety Week
November 20th - World Children's Day
November 21st - Children In Need
November 24th - 30th - UK Parliament Week





Golden Book Awards



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

7th November

RP - Rio
RH - Cora
ICS - Noah
ISS - Maisy
2B - Lawson
2D - Ava
3K - Logan
3C - Amelia K
4G - Jacob
4M - Lucia
5R - Reggie
5A - Alfie
6P - William
6C - Keiarah
French - Neve (Y3)
PE - Amelia (Y5)

14th November

RP - Nariye
RH - Amal
ICS - Sarah
ISS - Milena
2B - Isla-Rose
2D - Layla
3K - Alyssa
3C - Precious
4G - Jaxon
4M - Amelia
5R - Olivia
5A - Leo
6P - Sallome
6C - Layna
French - Alyssa (Y4)
PE - Charlotte (Y5)



Mrs Garratt's Tea Party



7th November

ICS - Henna
2B - Harley
4G - Adam
5R - Zavier
6P - Kalibra

14th November

6C - Arabella
6P - Ameera
5A - Pixie
4G - Reggie
2D - Simrat





School Council Newsletter

School Council met with Mr Savvides last week and examined the wonderful ideas put forward by the children in the classes to improve the school. The councillors discussed the ideas and the potential benefits of each of the ideas. The children were all respectful in their discussions and listened carefully to each viewpoint before voting as to whether some of these ideas would be viable (Democracy). They have created a list of ideas which will be sent to Mrs Garratt to examine. In the next meeting next week, the rest of the ideas will be discussed before a shortlist will be sent to Mrs Garratt. The children have also assisted Mr Savvides in his assembly today, explaining what each of the British Values mean to the children of Highfields. Thank you children!

Choices Family Programme

Choices Family Programme (flyer and poster attached)

Sandwell Council Public Health is excited to let you know about our brand-new Family Activity Programme!

If you have children aged 5-12 who attend a Sandwell primary school, this is the perfect opportunity to make memories, have fun, and live healthier together—all for FREE!

Join us for a wide range of fun, interactive activities that you can enjoy as a family! It's all about spending time together, learning new things, and creating memories while developing habits for a happier life. Parents and carers are invited to join in too, so everyone in the family can take part! Simply book your spot today via this link: <https://bookwhen.com/choices>.

A colorful flyer for the 'Choices' family programme. The title 'Choices' is in large black font with a butterfly illustration. Below it, the text reads 'Making family memories! For families in Sandwell with children aged 5 - 12.' There are four activity categories: 'Physical Activity' (illustrated with people running and a child on a bicycle), 'Emotional Health and Wellbeing' (illustrated with a pink character and people meditating), 'Food and Nutrition' (illustrated with a shopping bag, a pot, and a lunchbox), and 'Growing Your Own' (illustrated with vegetables, a watering can, and a plant). At the bottom, it says 'Quality fun family time together whilst discovering new activities. Bring your family together and book onto one of our activities using the website or QR code: Choices_Sandwell@sandwell.gov.uk www.bookwhen.com/choices 0121 569 5100'. Logos for Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council and Health Sandwell are also present.

Choices
Making family memories!
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Emotional Health and Wellbeing
Food and Nutrition
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HEALTH SANDWELL
We find the support you need



Eco Council Newsletter

Thank you to everyone who sent in their Autumn Tree Photos.

We had lots of Autumnal photographs of trees sent in and it was great to see where some of our families had visited over half-term from Cannon Hill Park, Britannia Park, Mary Stevens Park and lots of local trees around Rowley Regis.

Our Winners were Isobel W, Emily T, Thomas T and Meisha S.





Eco Autumn Craft and Tree Champion Competition

The Autumn craft competition winner was Liam C. Liam collected twigs and acorns to make this fun maze! The aim of the game is to get the acorn from the tree to the squirrel!



Eco Council had lots of entries for a Tree Champion and there were some fantastic creations. Each class voted on the shortlisted entries that met the Woodland Trust Tree Champion. Our Key Stage 2 Tree Champion for this school year is going to be Oakley The Wise Owl who watches over the forest at night keeping an eye on anyone who tries to harm the trees. Oakley is described as brave, protective and always ready to help other creatures.

A big congratulations to Jensen F who created Oakley.



Year 2

Year 1 & 2's Newsletter

In Year One in our History lessons, we have been learning about the famous magician Harry Houdini and the tricks he did, escaping from handcuffs, jail cells and making an elephant disappear! In Geography we have been learning about the seasons and how we know it is Autumn at the moment. We went into the playground and looked at the trees, the plants and sky and how these things give us clues as to what season it is.

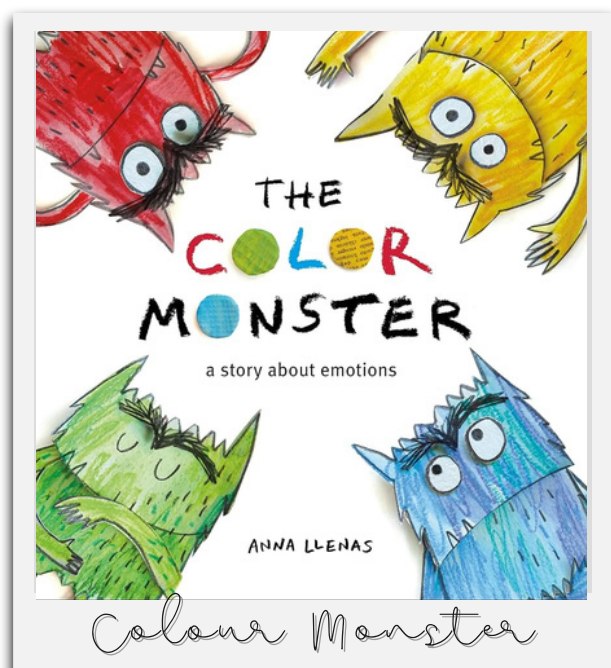
In Year Two we have worked hard to complete our work on the Great Fire of London. Yesterday we went to Selly Manor and took part in a workshop about the Great Fire and looked around a Tudor house. The children's knowledge of the Great Fire was amazing! The guide there was very impressed. We had lots of fun dressing up as some of the main characters from this event

Reception Newsletter

This week we have been reading the Colour Monster. We have explored different feelings, labelled each monster with initial sounds and even had a go at drawing our own!

Reception have been working really hard to learn all of the nursery rhymes for World Nursery Rhyme Week. Thank you to all the parents who came to watch us perform, we hope you enjoyed it!

Next week, we are starting to practice for our Nativity. Please join us on Thursday 5th December at 2.30pm for our Christmas performance!



Colour Monster



Year 5

Year 5 & 6's Newsletter

The children of Year 5 really enjoyed our trip to Cosford RAF museum. We had a fantastic day looking at the many planes on display and the children particularly enjoyed looking at the planes from World War II. We also took part in a lesson about The Blitz – the children were particularly amazed at how loud an air raid siren was. Please look on the website to find pictures of our day.

In Year 6 we have begun to study The Vikings in History. We have learned where the Vikings came from and where they settled in this country. We have also looked at evidence from the time of the Vikings and considered what it tells us about them. In Science, we have been learning about the work of Charles Darwin and how animals are adapted to their environment.

Year 3 & 4's Newsletter

Year 3 had so much fun on their trip to Cheddar Gorge last week. They went into Gough's cave and Cox's cave as well as climbing up Jacob's ladder. They took part in a stone age workshop where they dressed up, looked at how tools and fire were made through demonstrations and looking at replicas. Olivia from 3K said "My favourite part was going in the cave because it was very interesting".

This week in Year 4, we began exploring tunics in D.T., looking closely at the different materials used to make them. In Science, the children created simple electrical circuits and learned to name each part. During PSHE, we took part in Anti-Bullying Week activities, focusing on kindness and respect. In History, we compared Roman life to life today, discovering how much has changed – and how some things have stayed the same. Just a reminder that children's reading books, reading records and library books should be brought in to school every Friday so they can be changed.

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

Here is William from the Remembrance Sunday Parade. William also made his Scouts promise and was invested at the memorial of Joseph Jaquiss, in the churchyard of St Johns. Jaquiss set up the first Scouts group in Halesowen and founded the camping competition 'The Jaquiss Sheild' in the 1930's. Here is William proudly showing his new Scout badges and is pictured with his brother Edward. #myaspirations

Over the weekend, Jensen proudly took part in two Remembrance parades. He was specially chosen to represent his entire Cubs group at the Festival of Remembrance at St Peter's Church, where he carried the flag with great pride — a wonderful achievement. In the second parade, Jensen made history as the very first Cubs member to lead the Remembrance procession — an incredible honour and moment of pride for everyone who knows him.

#myaspirations



Jensen

