



# Highfields Primary

## newsletter



28th November 2025

## Head's Welcome

Welcome to this fortnight's newsletter!  
The stage and Christmas tree are now up in the hall, and the sound of carols and festive singing is really getting us all into the Christmas spirit! We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who have joined us for workshops over the past few weeks. Your support is always appreciated and makes such a difference to our school community. We're also looking forward to our upcoming events, including the Christmas productions for our youngest children and our special family event on Thursday 18th December, when every child in the school will visit St Paul's Church for our annual carol service. It promises to be a wonderful celebration for everyone!

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 94.2%. The highest attending classes this week were;

EYFS - RH - 97.5%

KSI - 2B - 96.6%

KS2 - 6P - 98%




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# Autumn Term - Diary Dates

## December

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

## January

- 5<sup>th</sup> January - children return to school
- 12<sup>th</sup> January - Young Voices

## 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 & Year 2
- TUESDAY** - Year 3, Year 5 & Year 6
- WEDNESDAY** - Class 4G, Year 1 & Year 2
- THURSDAY** - Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6
- FRIDAY** - Reception & Class 4M

## Football Success



A huge well done to everyone who took part in the recent boys' football tournament at West Bromwich Albion Football Club! The boys did an amazing job representing Highfields and finished in an impressive 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall. We are incredibly proud of the whole team, and special congratulations go to the following boys who were presented with certificates at the event...

Ayyub, Lewis, Harrison P, Reggie, Hugo, Jayden, Henry J and Leo



# Golden Book Awards



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

*21st November*

RP - Jacob L  
RH - Freya  
ICS - Jaxon  
ISS - Ariyah  
2B - Thomas  
2D - Emma  
3K - Lottie  
3C - Askari  
4G - David  
4M - Bobby  
5R - Theo  
5A - Mahtaab  
6P - Lily  
6C - Alayah  
French - Aira (Y3)  
PE - Amal (YR)

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RP - Alfaaz  
RH - Rosey-Mae  
ICS - Francesca  
ISS - Aubany  
2B - Logan-Tate  
2D - Abiam  
3K - Elliott  
3C - India-Rose  
4G - Ameera  
4M - Lucia  
5R - Maisie  
5A - Jorie  
6P - Thea  
6C - Luca  
French - Amelia (Y4)  
PE - Mahya (Y6)



Mrs Garratt's  
Tea Party



*21st November*

ICS - Jimmy  
ISS - Alice  
3K - Royalty  
6C - Isla



*28th November*

RH - Amal  
2D - Azaan  
2B - Fateh  
3C - Freddie  
4G - Lily  
5R - Maisy





# Times Tables Rockstars Good to be Green!

A huge well done to the following children who have 'Gone Green' on TT Rockstars this week and were mentioned in today's assembly...

Albie B, Summer-Rose, Mikey B, Mohammed N, James S,  
Elliott C, Saara R, Ahmed, Ria R, Ebony K, Animaë,  
Prisha, Karina



## England Rocks Competition

Recently the children took part in the England Rocks Competition - 4360 schools from around the country took part and we are so proud of the children! As a school, these were our most valuable players...

2B

3rd - Beau

2<sup>nd</sup> - Fateh

1st - Laura

2D

3<sup>rd</sup> - Simrat

2<sup>nd</sup> - Liliana

1<sup>st</sup> - Abiam

3C

3<sup>rd</sup> - Victoria

2<sup>nd</sup> - Dilpreet

1<sup>st</sup> - Phoebe-Lily

3K

3<sup>rd</sup> - Kacey

2<sup>nd</sup> - Mohammed

1<sup>st</sup> - Frankie

4G

3rd - Reggie W

2<sup>nd</sup> - Eliza

1<sup>st</sup> - Noah

4M

3rd - Muhammad

2<sup>nd</sup> - Lucia

1<sup>st</sup> - Sebastian

5R

3<sup>rd</sup> - Isabelle W

2<sup>nd</sup> - Zavier

1<sup>st</sup> - Ismail

6C

3<sup>rd</sup> - Lewis

2<sup>nd</sup> - Ava

1<sup>st</sup> - Hugo



# 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.



# Career Learning

This week we looked at what it means to have a career and how that differs from a job.

We talked about the different pathways to reach a career and learnt what an apprenticeship is. Finishing off our assembly with a quick quiz, we identified a job from some clues and managed to guess who at Highfields used to have that job! Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to come into school to chat with the children about their career - I will be in contact with you soon. 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

# Carol service volunteers

We are looking for parents to volunteer as trip helpers. This role involves accompanying your child's class on school trips, and your support truly makes all the difference in ensuring these experiences run smoothly and safely.

Right now, we are desperate for volunteers to walk with their child's class to St Paul's Church for our annual carol service on Thursday 18th December. This is a special event for the whole school, and we would love as many parents as possible to join us.

If you can help, please pop into the school office or let a member of staff know as soon as possible. Your involvement is invaluable, and we really appreciate your support in making these events memorable for the children.





# Tree of Hope - 2025

For the last 2 years Highfields Primary School has achieved the Eco Award with Distinction.

The Eco-Schools Green Flag Award is an international recognised accolade that celebrates schools demonstrating excellence in environmental action and sustainability. Schools recognised with this award have shown commitment to reducing waste, conserving energy, enhancing biodiversity and promoting sustainability awareness. The award is a symbol of the school's value and vision of empowering pupils to face the future with confidence and purpose.

Highfields Eco Council wanted to create a display that did not use plastic, tinsel or glitter. Our Tree of Hope is a real Christmas tree which can be planted into our school garden to be used in the future. Our baubles are sustainable wooden discs from cut down trees with messages of Hope from our pupils and our decorations are natural items found and collected from our local woods.

Our school motto is Roots to Grow and Wings to Fly

We hope that you will take some inspiration from our display and think about how you can reduce your environment impact this Christmas and how you can recycle in the New Year.





## Year 1 & 2's Newsletter

Year One have been learning about different types of trees and whether they are evergreen or deciduous. We then went on a tree hunt around school to identify these different types of trees. In Geography we are beginning to look at aerial views and how these give a different image to when we look at things in front of us.

Year Two have completed our sketch of the Great Fire of London and next week we will be using water colours to add detail of the flames and smoke. In English the children have enjoyed exploring a story called 'Wild Girl' by Chris Wormell

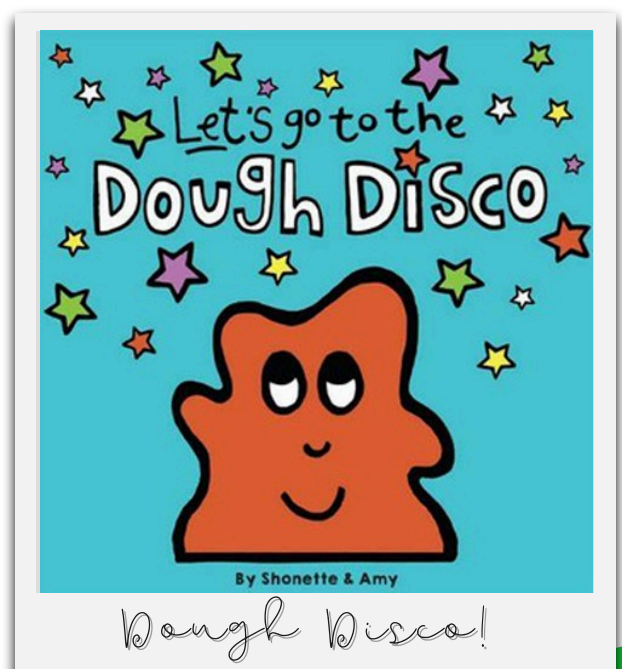
All of the children are working extremely hard rehearsing for their Christmas Play.

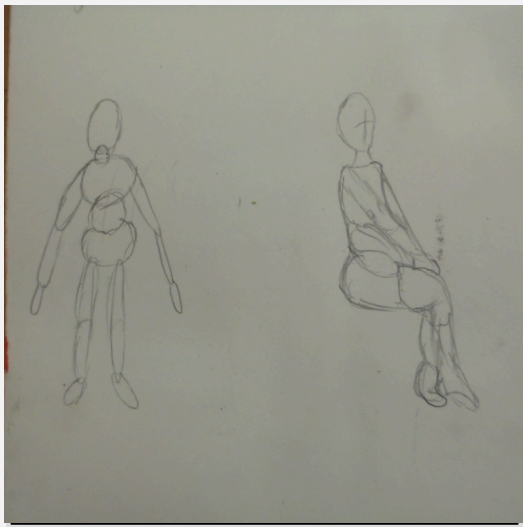
Our Christmas Play will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Please can you help us by bringing your child back to school at 5pm ready for the play to begin at 5.30pm. Thank you.

## Reception Newsletter

In Reception we have been learning to write our names. Please can you practice this at home with your child. We are also working with the children to develop their fine motor skills and pressure when they are writing. Playing with playdough, threading beads and peeling stickers are all great ways to develop this at home! There is also a range of 'Dough Disco' videos on YouTube which you can use with your child too. Hand Gym is another way to strengthen the hands and fingers, again there are lots of videos on YouTube.

The children have been working hard on their Christmas play rehearsal; they can't wait to perform for you next week! Please don't forget, costumes must be in school in a named bag by Monday 2nd December for our dress rehearsal.





Carys

## Year 5 & 6's Newsletter

Year 5 have begun to study the wartime artwork of Henry Moore. The children have analysed his work, in particular the pictures of scenes from the Blitz which he created in chalk. The children practised a technique for drawing people with the correct proportions which they really enjoyed. They also used charcoals to recreate one of Moore's wartime scenes.

They will be producing their finished pictures in the next few weeks and we're sure the results will be impressive.

Year 6 have enjoyed our English this week.

We have begun our work based on the short film 'The Lighthouse'. It has really captured the children's imagination and they have produced some excellent descriptive vocabulary which they will be using to create a setting description. In Science, we have been learning about the work of Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace in creating the theory of evolution.

## Year 3 & 4's Newsletter

In Year 3, the children have been busy exploring a range of exciting learning activities. In Science, they carried out a plant experiment to investigate what plants need in order to grow, carefully observing changes over time. They have also been practicing their trumpets in preparation for their Christmas performance, and the sound is already promising! In English, the class have written their own poems inspired by colours, using imaginative language to bring their ideas to life.

In Year 4, the children have been developing their skills across a variety of subjects. In English, they have written persuasive holiday brochures all about a trip to Pompeii and have also begun reading their new class text, Escape from Pompeii. In Science, the children have been exploring electrical circuits and investigating what components are needed to make a circuit work successfully. In DT, they have been practising a range of sewing techniques as they work towards creating their very own tunic.

# 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



*Amelia*

Congratulations to Amelia for winning a fantastic third-place trophy in her solo street dance competition this weekend! What an amazing achievement – we're so proud of her!

#myaspirations