



# Highfields Primary

## newsletter



6th February 2026

## Head's Welcome

As we step into February and look ahead to the fast-approaching half term, it's wonderful to reflect on what an amazing few weeks we've had in school. This week in particular, we were absolutely blown away by the number of children taking part in our fantastic range of after-school clubs - it's brilliant to see so many pupils getting involved and trying new things! We are also continuing our work on behaviour and have spent time talking with the children about what it means to be respectful at school, at home, and within the wider community. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support with this - it really does make a difference.

Just a reminder that on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February staff have a training day so the school is closed to all children

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 93.4%. The highest attending classes this week were;

EYFS - RH 92.2%

KSI - 2B 95.7%

KS2 - 5A 97.7%



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# Amelia Update

Thank you to everyone who has bought, made, posted or hand delivered a card for Amelia to the Highfields collection point, we are blown away by the generosity of the community so thank you!

The Highfields total is currently....

23,421



# Lily's Cake Sale

Amelia's sister has spoken with the Senior Leadership Team about holding a cake sale to support the family. From 3.00pm on Thursday 12th February, Lily's Cake Sale will take place in the playground. We're asking for prepackaged or individually boxed cake donations.

Please don't send opened items or loose homemade cakes, as we must follow Natasha's Law.

Cakes will be sold for £2 a box on the school playground by Lily and members of the Leadership Team. Donations can be handed to your child's class teacher from Monday 9th February.



# NSPCC Number Day 2026

A huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your generosity. Together, we raised an amazing £207 for the NSPCC!

The children (and staff!) looked fantastic in their number-themed outfits - some even decorated their hands and faces with numbers. It was wonderful to see everyone getting involved and supporting such an important cause.

Thank you for helping make Number Day such a success!





# Spring Term - Diary Dates

## February

- 10<sup>th</sup> Feb - Y5 trip to Space Centre
- 11<sup>th</sup> Feb - SEND coffee morning
- 12<sup>th</sup> Feb - Lily's Cake Sale for Amelia
- 12<sup>th</sup> Feb - Children break up half term
- 13<sup>th</sup> Feb - training day - school closed to children
- 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Feb - half term holiday
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb - children return to school
- 25<sup>th</sup> Feb - Parent IPP meetings
- 26<sup>th</sup> Feb - Y4 trip to Bewdley
- 27<sup>th</sup> - 4G swimming
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Highfields helpers disco

## March

- 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Dental health survey for 5 year olds
- 4<sup>th</sup> March - Y1 trip to Warwick Castle
- 5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> March - 4G swimming
- 11<sup>th</sup> March - Class photographs
- 11<sup>th</sup> March - Superwoman gift sales
- 12<sup>th</sup> March - Y2 trip to Safari Park
- 12<sup>th</sup> March - Y4 SPARKS workshop
- 13<sup>th</sup> March - Y2 assembly to parents
- 13<sup>th</sup> March - 4G swimming
- 13<sup>th</sup> March - Superwoman gift sales
- 16<sup>th</sup> March - Choir concert at West Bromwich Town Hall
- 17<sup>th</sup> March - Rocksteady concert to parents
- 18<sup>th</sup> March - 3K trip to Sheepwash Farm
- 18<sup>th</sup> March - Y5 first aid workshop
- 19<sup>th</sup> March - 3C trip to Sheepwash Farm

## PE Days - Spring Term

Here are the days you will need to send your child to school in their PE kits for the second half of the Spring term, after the half term holiday...

**MONDAY** - Reception, Year 1 and 2

**TUESDAY** - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

**WEDNESDAY** - Reception, Year 1 and 2

**THURSDAY** - Year 3, 5 and 6

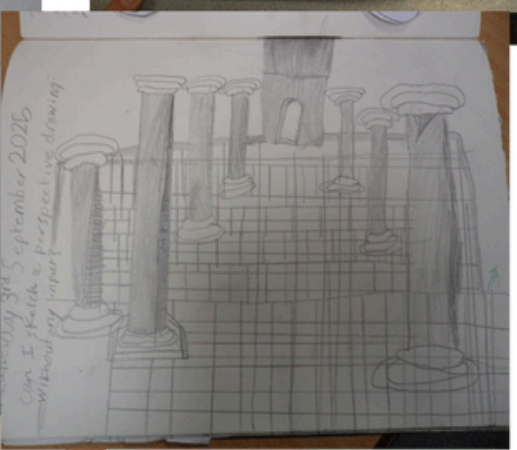
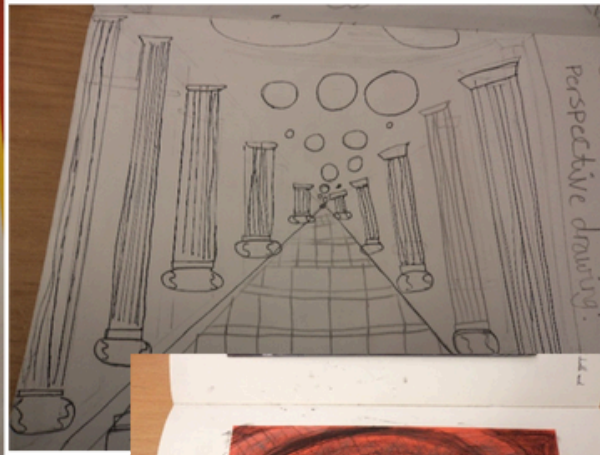
**FRIDAY** - Year 4

## Art at Highfields

Since the start of the school year, our pupils have been busy exploring art across history, stories and famous artists. Reception brought traditional tales to life by creating bears inspired by Goldilocks and the Three Bears, while Year 1 designed bold circus costumes influenced by the work of Alexander McQueen. Year 2 captured dramatic scenes from the Great Fire of London, and Year 3 produced detailed drawings of Stonehenge. Year 4 explored perspective through drawings based on Vitruvius' ideas, while Year 5 created expressive paintings inspired by Henry Moore alongside powerful WWII chalk drawings influenced by Guy de Montlaur.

Finally, Year 6 focused on precision and observation by creating striking animal line drawings. (Please see next page)

Miss Grove (Art Subject Champion)



# Books of the Month - February

Here are February'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 February are:

EYFS: 'Logan's Lantern' by Lucy Tandon Copp

Years 1 and 2: 'The Bestest Big Brother Ever' by Ben Mantle

Years 3 and 4: 'Postman Planet' by Ben Davis

Years 5 and 6: 'The Night I Borrowed Time' by Iqbal Hussain



Theme of the  
Month  
February  
Respect



SMSC

February

All month - LGBT+ History Month



February 6th - Time to Talk Day

February 9th - 15th

Children's Mental Health Week

February 10<sup>th</sup> - Safer Internet Day

February 14<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>

Random Acts of Kindness Week

February 21<sup>st</sup> - International

Mother Language Day

During the month of February, we will be looking at the theme of respect, possibly the most important theme of all, we are already a very 'respectful community', but we will be exploring this theme even more through the month of February. Respect is at the core of everything we do in school. It underpins learning through behaviour and one's attitude to the people and the world around them. We will be asking the children to think carefully about what giving and having respect means. At home, we hope you will continue the discussions to build on these thoughts.



# Choices

**Making family memories!**

**For families in Sandwell with children aged 5 - 12.**

## Physical Activity



## Emotional Health and Wellbeing



## Food and Nutrition



## Growing Your Own



**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**



# Car Free Fridays



Walk it!  
Wheel it!  
Bike it!  
Scoot it!



## Small choices make a BIG difference!

When we choose to walk, wheel, cycle or scoot instead of taking the car:

- We keep the air cleaner
- We get fitter, stronger and healthier
- And...it's fun!





# Eco Council - Bird Watch

To support the RSPB Garden Bird Watch our Eco Council organised some competitions to encourage our pupils to do some bird watching. Prizes were given out in our Golden Book Assembly on Friday.

Eco Council Bird Watching competition winners 2026

Art Work Winner

Ava-Grace B 6C

Bird Photograph Winners

Taylor B 5R

Jaxon B 2B

Zaro O 3C

Garden Bird Watching Activity

Zara W 2D

Liliana B 2D





# Golden Book Awards



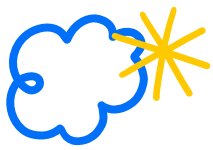
Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded a 'Golden Book Certificate' since the previous newsletter

30<sup>th</sup> January

RP - Franics  
RH - Valencia  
ICS - Safa  
ISS - Maisy  
2B - Jorgie  
2D - Holly  
3K - Kayden  
3C - Neve  
4G - Braydon  
4M - Azra  
5R - Arlo  
5A - Ava  
6P - Archie  
6C - Aisha  
PE - Maddison (ISS)  
French - Sara (4G)

6<sup>th</sup> February

RP - Zaisha  
RH - Hallie  
ICS - Sultan  
ISS - Jeeya  
2B - Affaan  
2D - Elsie  
3K - Tiarna  
3C - Mason  
4G - Nicholas  
4M - Annie-Mae  
5R - Tayla  
5A - Arthur  
6P - Zoe  
6C - Sophia  
PE - Yahya (3C)  
French - Shahbakht (3C)



## Mrs Garratt's Tea Party



6<sup>th</sup> February

RH - Rosey-Mae  
2D - Zara  
4G Karina  
5A - Karina  
5R - Savannah  
6P - Leo



# Reception Newsletter

This week in Reception we have been reading 'Sharing a Shell'. The children have loved listening to this story and have learnt a super song they can sing to you!

We have enjoyed welcoming parents to our Stay and Play sessions in the classroom - thank you to everyone who was able to attend.

In Spring 2 Receptions PE days will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. We also have lots of exciting things to look forward to after half term such as a special visitor and we will be implementing a new program into Early Years called 'Brilliant Brushers.' Keep a look out for more information.



Queen Elizabeth 1

## Year 1 & 2's Newsletter

In Year One we have continued our topic of Turrets and Tiaras and our learning about different monarchs. The children particularly enjoyed learning about Queen Elizabeth I and how clever she was. However, probably the favourite facts they learnt was that she had bad teeth and a very bad temper and would throw her shoes at people when she was cross!

In Maths we have been working hard to recognise number bonds to ten and to count in fives. If you could practise these things at home, it would really help your child. Thank you,

Year Two have had a busy few weeks. In English we have written our own leaflets for the Safari Park, using alliteration, rhetorical questions and puns. We are so impressed with their work. In RE we have been looking at inspirational leaders and listened to stories from the bible and the Quran. In PE we have come to the end of our African Dance topic, the children have learnt a dance to Jamba Bwana, next week we will post it on the website. We hope you enjoy it!!



Reception





Y5 - Coding

## Year 5 & 6's

### Newsletter

In Year 5, the children have really enjoyed our PE lessons this half-term. Our focus has been on Gymnastics and they have been excellent at creating balances and incorporating them into a sequence of moves. They have also produced some great work in our Computing lessons. We have been using software called Scratch to create commands and the children have enjoyed creating their own code.

The children of Year 6 have completed their Chinese ribbon dances and the end results were excellent. We have also begun to explore Chinese food. We have begun identifying the ingredients used in Chinese food and discovering where those ingredients are grown. In the coming weeks, the children will design and cook their own Chinese meal which is always a very popular lesson!

## Year 3 & 4's

### Newsletter

This week in Year Three, the children have been busy developing their skills across a range of subjects. In English, they wrote a retell of James and the Giant Peach and have now begun exploring diary writing, focusing on writing in role and expressing thoughts and feelings. In Maths, the children have been learning about perimeter, measuring and calculating the distance around different shapes.

In Year Four, pupils have been engaged in a range of learning activities across the curriculum. In Art, the children completed their final water lily artwork inspired by the work of Claude Monet, applying the techniques and styles they have been developing. In English, the class started a new text, The Gentle Giant, identifying the main ideas and summarising key points. In Science last week, the children participated in a practical activity using real-life representations



Ria

# 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



William

A couple of weeks ago now, William sang with the SIPS Singers as part of the 'Harmony' project. The initiative is part of Children's Mental Health Week and will be streamed to Sandwell schools on February 12<sup>th</sup> - we will definitely be tuning in!

He is pictured with choir leader and BGT semi-finalist Charlie Green.

Amazing work William!

#myaspirations

Sebastian is continuing to do well with his diving lessons. He recently achieved his Level 2 diving award and starts Level 3 next week.

#myaspirations



Sebastian

