



Highfields Primary newsletter



6th March 2026

Head's Welcome

What a wonderful start to March we've had at Highfields! One of our favourite days happened yesterday - World Book Day - there were some amazing costumes! The children looked fantastic, and it was lovely to see how excited everyone was about reading and stories. Another amazing event for school was that we celebrated Amelia's birthday together. The whole school wore purple and pink, and it was amazing to see so many children proudly choosing her favourite colours. They really did Amelia proud, and it was a beautiful way for us all to celebrate her special day - it was even better that she got to come and see us all for a short time.

Thank you for your support, your kindness, and everything you do to help make our school such a caring and happy place.

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 94.6%. The highest attending classes this week were;

EYFS - RH 95%

KSI - 2B 97.9%

KS2 - 5A 98.3%



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Happy Birthday Amelia!

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Polite Reminders

Photo/Video

We would like to kindly remind all parents and carers that photographs or videos must not be taken in the playground during lunchtime or playtime, even when you have come onto site to collect your child for an appointment.

This rule is in place to protect the privacy and safety of all pupils. During break times there are many children present, and photographs or videos may unintentionally include other pupils whose parents have not given permission for their images to be captured or shared.

Our school has a duty to safeguard every child and respect families' wishes regarding photography, and therefore we ask that no images or recordings are taken while on the playground.

If a member of staff sees photographs or videos being taken, you will be asked to delete the footage immediately in front of them for safeguarding reasons.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us keep all children safe.



Parking by school



A gentle reminder to all parents and carers to please park considerately when dropping off or collecting children. For everyone's safety, please do not drop off or park directly outside the school gates or in areas where stopping could block visibility or create hazards for pedestrians. We want to ensure that every child, parent, and member of staff can arrive and leave safely. Your cooperation helps us keep our school community safe and reduces the risk of accidents or injury. Thank you for your continued support and for helping us keep our children safe.



Spring Term - Diary Dates

March

- 6th March - 4G swimming
- 11th March - Class photographs
- 11th March - Superwoman gift sales
- 12th March - Y2 trip to Safari Park
- 12th March - Y4 SPARKS workshop
- 13th March - Y2 assembly to parents
- 13th March - 4G swimming
- 13th March - Superwoman gift sales
- 16th March - Choir concert at West Bromwich Town Hall
- 17th March - SEN Coffee Morning
- 17th March - Rocksteady concert to parents
- 18th March - 3K trip to Sheepwash Farm
- 18th March - Y5 first aid workshop
- 19th March - 3C trip to Sheepwash Farm
- 20th March - Comic relief - details to follow
- 20th March - Highfields Helpers Disco
- 20th March - 4G swimming
- 23rd March - KSI Easter bonnet parade at
- 24th March - Reception Easter bonnet parade
- 24th March - bring KS2 eggs into school
- 25th March - Parents evening
- 26th March - Parents evening
- 26th March - Animal man visit for Reception
- 27th March - 4G swimming
- 27th March - children break up for Easter holidays

April

- 13th April - children return to school

Photo Consent



At Highfields, we love celebrating the wonderful things our children do. Whether it's special events, themed days, class activities or proud moments around school, we always try to include as many children as possible in our photos. However, there are times when we cannot include every child. This is usually because we do not have parental consent for a child to appear in photos that may be shared outside of school. We must always follow the permissions parents have given us, and we take this responsibility very seriously.

We know that children are proud to see themselves in our newsletters and on the school website, and we want families to enjoy these moments too. Our school website is publicly accessible, which means it works in a similar way to other social media platforms. Because of this, it's very important that we only use photos of children whose parents have given full permission. Please can we ask all parents and carers to check their photo consent choices?

If you would like to change or update your consent, or if you're unsure what you have previously agreed to, please contact the school office and we will be happy to help.

Thank you for helping us keep our children safe while still sharing the lovely things happening across school.

Books of the Month - March



Please see below, March's Book of the Month that we will be sharing in school. This month we are focusing on poetry. 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.

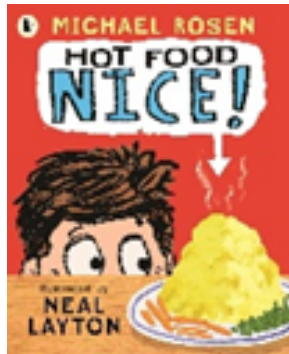
The books for March are:

EYFS: 'Ribbet Rabbit' by Philip Ardagh

Years 1 and 2: 'Hot Food: Nice' by Michael Rosen

Years 3 and 4: 'Poetry Pizza' by Simon Mole

Years 5 and 6: 'Small Poems for Big Imaginations' by Will Hughes



Theme of the Month - March

Charity



During the month of March, we will be looking at the theme, charity. We will be asking the children to think carefully about what charity encompasses. Many different needs, ideas and activities, from looking after children to climate change campaigns. all encourage an awareness of the world and those around us and ask us to volunteer our time. At home, we hope you will continue the discussions to build on these thoughts.

SMSC March



- March 3rd - World Wildlife Day
- March 8th - International Women's Day
- March 13th - Young Carers Action Day
- March 13th - World Sleep Day
- March 16th - 22nd - Sign Language Week
- March 18th - Global Recycling Day
- March 21st - International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- March 22nd - World Water Day





World Book Day 2026







World Book Day Quiz

Thank you to all the children who completed the book quiz put together by Mrs Adams. The highest scoring entries were out into a draw and the following winners have been presented with a book in today's assembly:

Reception: Aayan M, Millie-Mae S, Noah M, Zainab R, Hallie C,
Hunter, M, Jacob P, Esme F

Key Stage 1: Maisy C, Hermione S, Lilliana B, Isla-Rose H, Freya C, Laura B, Lawson R

Key Stage 2: Harper R, Corey C, Maryam F, Coby C, Reggie W, Millie W, Lacey C,
Summer C, Matilda P, Jasneet K

Well done to everyone who took part!



School Council

School Council were very excited to meet Janet Hunter, who is the Safeguarding Officer for Highfields. Janet held a meeting with the children to find out more about the School Council does to help the school.

Janet Hunter said, " It was a pleasure to meet you and the pupils from the school council, who were enthusiastic and helpful."

Well done School Council you represented the school fantastically!

The children explained that they help children to adhere to our school values of Ready, Respectful and Safe throughout the school. They also work hard to promote our British Values of Democracy, Mutual Respect, Tolerance, Rule of Law and Individual Liberty including presenting these values to the whole school in Mr Savvides Picture News Assemblies.

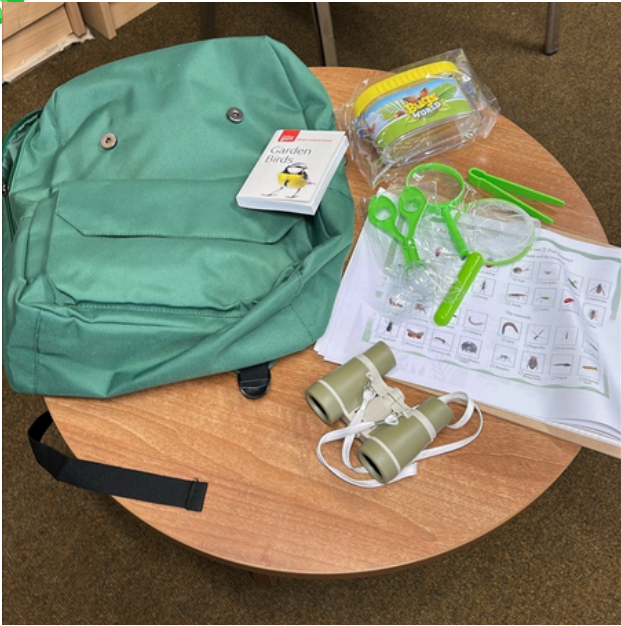
The councillors explained that they were voted as their class school council representative so that they can share the ideas of their classes of how to improve the school. By listening to the ideas of their peers, their ideas were discussed in School Council meetings and then shortlisted for Mrs Garratt to examine. After the children met with Mrs Garratt, the ideas were shortlisted. The whole school then took part in a whole school vote (democracy) and the children of Highfields voted for a new class mascot!

The children also talked about staying safe in school and the help they receive from the teachers and support staff. The children were also told about their Safety Walk which they will be doing in the next few weeks to check each classroom. Thank you School Council!



Eco Council

A big thank you to the Trustees of George and Thomas Henry Salter Trust who have made a grant of £350.00 to assist our Eco Council with the purchase of books with woodland, forest and nature themes for the school library.



Nature Back Packs

We are in the process of creating some Nature Back Packs for families to loan out over weekends to use to explore the natural world with their children whether this is in their own back garden, on a walk in the park or out in the countryside.

The benefits of nature backpacks for families include:

Strengthening Family Bonds: Spending time in nature fosters connection and communication among families.

Promoting Physical Health: Outdoor activities like walking help keep families active and improve overall health.

Emotional Mental Wellbeing: Nature has calming effects, reducing stress and anxiety while promoting relaxation.

Encouraging Environmental Stewardship: Nature backpacks promote love for the environment and encourage conservation values in children.

Providing Education Opportunities: Nature backpacks can serve as a classroom, allowing for families to learn about the natural world while exploring.

We are looking for four families to trial these back packs and then give us some feedback before we launch. The trial would be from Friday 13th March 2026 returning the backpack to school on Monday 16th March 2026.

If you would be interested in trialling a back pack then please email into school for the attention of Mrs Adams on highfields.enquiry@highfields.sandwell.sch.uk by Wednesday 11th March 2026.

Golden Book Awards

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

13th February

RP - Haya
RH - Elleil
ICS - Gabriel
ISS - Zita
2B - Gurtaaj
2D - Russell
3K - Maryam
3C - Rayan
4G - Summer
4M - Thorne-Grey
5R - Freddie
5A - Adam
6P - Matthew C
6C - Henry
PE - Elleil (RP)
French - Abu (4M)

27th February

RP - Lyra
RH - Zainab
ICS - Henry
ISS - Finley
2B - Ellissia
2D - Azaan
3K - Oliver
3C - Morgan
4G - Millie
4M - Irena
5R - Divine
5A - Carys
6P - Jayden
6C - Mahya
PE - Layla (5R)
French - Alfaaz (RP)

6th March

RP - Lornaya
RH - Arthur
ICS - Henna
ISS - Carter
2B - Taliyah
2D - Harry
3K - James
3C - Callie
4G - Esmé
4M - Oscar
5R - Finley
5A - Ehli
6P - Lily-Ruth
6C - Poppy
PE - Tiarna (3K)
French - Leo (6P)



Mrs Garratt's Tea Party



27th February

6th March

2D - Emma
3K - Lottie
3C - Harry
4M - Bobby
6P - Thea
6C - Jayden



ICS - Noah
2B - Lawson

ISS - Maisie
5A - Pixie



Y1

Year 1 & 2's Newsletter

The children in Year One have continued their learning about Castles. We had a fantastic time on Wednesday when we saw many of the features that we have been learning about when we visited Warwick Castle. The children were very brave and climbed to the top of the battlements. It was hard work! They particularly enjoyed walking around the castle and seeing some of the characters there such as Queen Elizabeth I Mum and Dad. We had a lovely day!

In computing Y2 have learnt how to use Chromebooks to create pictograms. In DT we have designed our Safari Vehicle and are planning to start building them in a few weeks time. In RE we have explored Holy Week and how Christians celebrate the different days in Holy Week. The children have been working hard to learn their lines for the Year Two assembly on March 13th, we cannot wait to show you everything that they have been learning.

Reception Newsletter

We were really impressed with Reception children this week during the Body Percussion workshop, they had so much fun and impressed the music teacher when making sounds to syllables.

To celebrate our careers week, we explored a range of careers and talked to the children about their aspirations.

We will soon be starting to brush our teeth every day in Reception so please make sure you have sent your permission slips back. This week everyone in Reception dressed up for World Book Day, and we looked fabulous!

Later in the term, we will be having a visit from The Animal Man, please keep an eye out for a letter and consent form for this!



Woody & jessie!

Year 3 & 4's Newsletter

This week the children have had a very exciting week focusing on careers!

Throughout the week, we have looked at different jobs and even got an fantastic visit from the local fire service. During this experience, the children got to ask interesting questions, see how the firemen and women protect themselves in emergency and even got to do a little target practice with the hose. They had a fabulous time!

The Y4 children had a lovely trip to Bewdley where they explored the River Severn and learnt about its importance. They recreated the River Severn using a long rope and worked together to place different towns along the river, helping them understand how rivers flow through towns. The children also enjoyed a walk along the river, where they learned how boats were once used to transport goods into towns in the past. They even made their own rope!



Y4



Ava & Laci-Mae

Year 5 & 6's Newsletter

In the week before half term we had a brilliant day at the National Space Centre in Leicester. The children really enjoyed controlling a Mars rover and were excellent at navigating it round 'Mars rocks'. They also particularly liked the 'Astronaut' show in the planetarium.

The behaviour of the children was fantastic throughout the day and they were a credit to the school. Photographs of our visit can be found on the school website via Year Group Pages/Year 5.

In Year 6, the children have been really enjoying our English work around the topic of Mount Everest. They have been fascinated by the experience of mountaineers and the challenges of climbing the world's tallest mountain. We have also been working on using wire and mod roc in Art to create a model of a mythical creature. The work so far has been messy but fun!

Happy Birthday
Amelia



Amelia

On Tuesday 3rd March we celebrated Amelia's 8th birthday here at school, all of the children were invited to come to school wearing her favourite colours so we could celebrate this event together. In the afternoon Amelia (and the Haden Cross firefighters!!) came to school so we could spend some time together - here is a little bit of a look at what we got up to!



Happy Birthday
Amelia



AMAZING NEWS!
90,320
Cards for Amelia!



Highfields Helpers Newsletter

Super Woman Gift Sales

Wednesday 11th March
and
Friday 13th March

£2.50 per gift,
will come wrapped

