



Highfields Primary newsletter



20th March 2026

Head's Welcome

As we come together following the very sad loss of Amelia, I would like to begin by sincerely thanking you for the kindness, understanding and support you have shown during this difficult time. Your thoughtful messages and compassion have meant a great deal to us all and have been a real source of comfort. There are currently flowers being laid outside school which will remain there until we break up next week and from Monday 23rd March there will be a book of condolence in the front office during school hours if you would like to share a message with the family. As a mark of respect for the family school will also be closed to all staff and children on Monday 13th April

Please take care of each other

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 98.5%

KSI - 2D 97.9%

KS2 - 3K 98.3%



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Spring Term - Diary Dates

March

- 20th March - 4G swimming
- 23rd March - KSI Easter bonnet parade at 2.30pm
- 24th March - Reception Easter bonnet parade at 2.45pm
- 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 - school closed to all children
- 14th April - children return to school
- 14th April - Y4 multiplication check parent meeting at 3pm
- 20th April - Y4 Bell Heath parent meeting at 2.45pm

May

- 11st May - Y5 assembly to parents at 9am
- 4th May - Bank holiday - school closed
- 7th May - school closed for voting
- 8th May - school closed for staff training day

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.

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**





FAMILY GAMES

Join the Reflexions team for a fun event where children, young people and families can enjoy their favourite board games together. This is a chance to connect with others, build communication skills, and make friends in a relaxed and supportive space.

Parents to accompany children under 13 years old.

11 am - 3 pm

Oak House Museum

Oak Rd, West Bromwich, B70 8HJ



Tuesday 31st March
2026

For additional information or brief sign up form to register your attendance, please email bchft.reflexions@nhs.net or feel free to pop in!

Golden Book Awards

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

13th March

RP - Florence
RH - Kaleb
ICS - Tyler
ISS - Liam
2B - Fateh
2D - Na'imah
3K - Jensen
3C - Yahya
4G - Reggie
4M - Ebony
5R - Koray
5A - Talhah
6P - George
6C - Lewis
PE - Jeevan (Y4)
French - Joanna (Y3)

20th March

RP - Jacob
RH - River
ICS - Zahra
ISS - Reuben
2B - Kymarni
2D - Samee
3K - Kevin
3C - Luna
4G - Ivy
4M - Jeevan
5R - Jeeven
5A - Ava-Rose
6P - Jasneet
6C - Isabelle
PE - James (Y3)
French - Harrison (6C)



Mrs Garratt's Tea Party



6th March

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



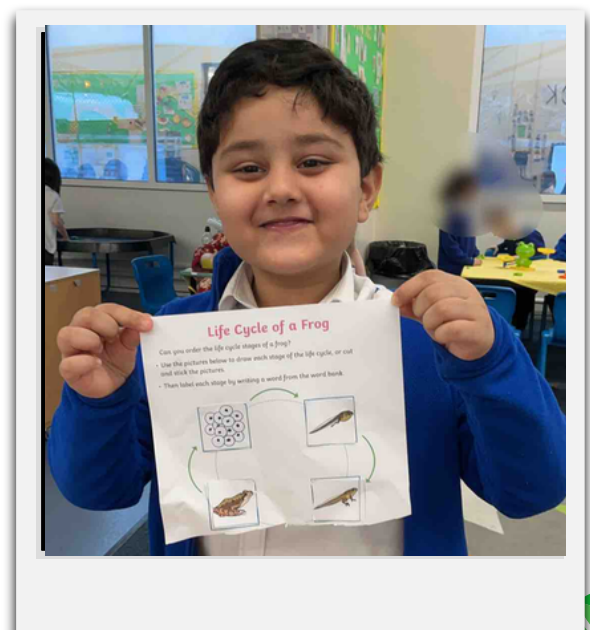
Reception Newsletter

Reception are really enjoying our topic Crazy Creatures! This week we have been reading '999 Tadpoles Find a New Home' and have even learnt about the life cycle of a frog along the way.

Don't forget your bonnets on Tuesday 24th March as Reception will be holding their bonnet parade in the afternoon.

On Thursday 26th March we are having a visit from the Animal Man and will have the opportunity to hold lots of different creatures! Please make sure you have returned your child's consent slip to school.

We would also love to take this opportunity to invite you to our class assembly on Friday 19th June at 9.00am in the school hall.



Y2

Year 1 & 2's Newsletter

In Geography Y1 have been looking at the symbols that you find on a map and have made our their own map using these symbols. We then made our own key so that people could understand the map. If you have any maps at home or use a Sat Nav please could you share this with your child.

In Art we have been mark making with a range of media such as pastels, charcoal, pencils and crayons.

Y2 had a fantastic trip to West Midlands Safari Park, check out our class page on the website for all the photos of the day. In DT we have started to make our Safari vehicles and they are looking fantastic! In Art we have created a line drawing of a toucan or a poison dart frog and they are incredible!

In English we have written our own versions of The Lion and The mouse, children have impressed us with their ambitious vocabulary and original ideas.

Year 3 & 4's Newsletter

Year 3 had a fantastic time on their visit to Sheepwash Farm this week. During their trip, the children explored the vegetable garden, where they spotted leeks, purple sprouting broccoli, and carrots growing. They also met two friendly cows, Toffee and Coffee, who are expecting calves, which the children found very exciting. One of the highlights of the day was a fun tractor ride, where the trailer was even reversed towards the lake for an extra thrill.

Last week, Y4 had an exciting and informative visit from the West Midlands

Fire Service. The children watched a powerful video demonstrating how quickly a fire can spread, helping them understand the importance of fire safety. They learned what to do in an emergency, including shouting "FIRE" and calling 999. The session also covered water safety, where children were taught to float if they ever found themselves in open water.

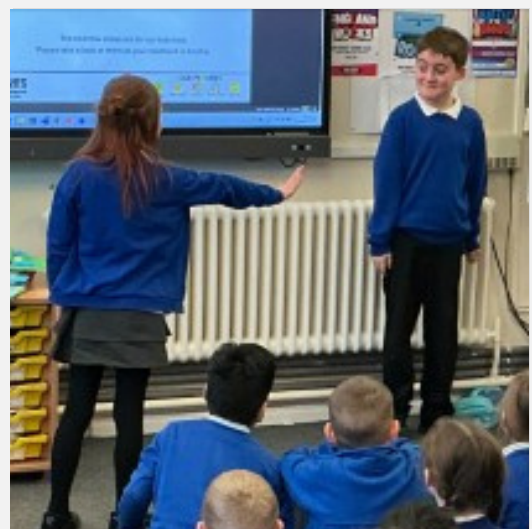


Y5

Year 5 & 6's Newsletter

On Wednesday, the children enjoyed an excellent First Aid workshop with Mr Nixon. They learnt how to administer CPR, place a casualty in the recovery position and bandage a wound. The children learnt a great deal and behaved brilliantly throughout. We have also begun to experiment with using the technique of batik in Art. The children created simple designs with they then coloured using dyes. We will be producing our finished work over the next week.

In Year 6, we have been thinking about Chinese food in Design Technology. The children have planned their meals considering the ingredients that are commonly used in Chinese cuisine. Next week, the children will be cooking their meal which we're sure they will find exciting!



Y4



Highfields Hall of Fame

This page is used to celebrate the things your children do in their spare time that they would like to share with us all e.g earning gym certificates, football or swimming trophies etc. If you would like your child to appear here, please could send a photograph and a short explanation via email to highfields.enquiry@highfields.sandwell.sch.uk so we can will publish them.

A massive well done to Tayla who took part in a dance competition and entered seven dances, earning seven medals - four gold and three silver. Her solo earned silver, with the rest achieved alongside her dance troupe.

They worked so hard and danced their socks off on the day!

#myaspirations

