



Highfields Primary newsletter



17th April 2026

Head's Welcome

We hope everyone had a wonderful Easter holiday and enjoyed some time with family and friends. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school ready for the busy and exciting summer term ahead, we have lots planned over the coming weeks, including a range of trips, enrichment activities and residential experiences that we know will create lasting memories for our children.

The children are already showing enthusiasm as they begin their new topics, and we are looking forward to seeing their curiosity, creativity and confidence continue to grow across all areas of the curriculum.

We would also like to say thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the recent parent survey. Your feedback is incredibly valuable and helps us to reflect on what we are doing well and where we can continue to improve.

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 93.2%. The highest attending classes this week were;

EYFS - RP 90.4%

KSI - ICS 96.2%

KS2 - 4M 97.2%



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Easter winners 2025/26

Thank you to everyone who supported school with our Easter activities this year. There were some absolutely amazing bonnets, capes and egg designs seen throughout the school. Here are the runners up and winners for 25/26

Reception

RH Winner - Rosey-Mae

RH Runner Up - Freyja

RP Winner - Lyra

RP Runner Up - Charmaine

Year 1

ICS Winner - Noah K

ICS Runner Up - Gabriel

ISS Winner - Benji

ISS Runner Up - Alice P

Year 2

2B Winner - Thomas

2B Runner Up - Adrian

2D Winner - Zara

2D Runner Up - Hope

Year 3

3C Winner - Morgan

3C Runner Up - Lilly

3K Winner - Layla

3K Runner Up - James

Year 4

4G Winner - Emily

4G Runner Up - Chace

4M Winner - Ira

4M Runner Up - Summer-Rose

Year 5

5A Winner - Oliver

5A Runner Up - Ava C

5R Winner - Harrison

5R Runner Up - Reggie

Year 6


6C Winner - Lewis

6C Runner Up - Luca

6P Winner - Jensen

6P Runner Up - Mya





Summer Term - Diary Dates

April

20th April - Y4 Bell Heath parent meeting at 2.45pm

28th April - Y1 Phonics parent meeting at 2.50pm

May

1st 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

11-15th May - Y6 SATs week

12th May - Reception Stay & Play 2.30pm

14th May - Reception Stay & Play 2.30pm

15th May - Reception tractor visit

18-22nd May - Plas Cwynant residential

22nd May - break up for half term

25-29th May - half term holiday

June

1st June - children return to school

PE Days

Here are the days you will need to send your child to school in their PE kits for the first half of the summer term -

Monday - Reception, Year 1 and 2

Tuesday - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

Wednesday - Year 3, 4 and 5

Thursday - Reception, Year 1, 2 and 6

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. 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 - April



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

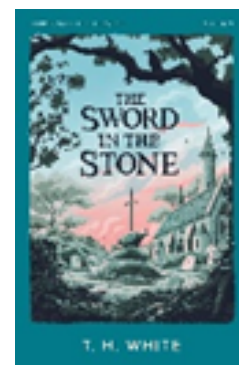
The books for April are:

EYFS: 'Paddington' by Michel Bond

Years 1 and 2: 'Little Bear Lost' by Jane Hissey

Years 3 and 4: 'The Snow Spider' by Jenny Nimmo

Years 5 and 6: 'The Sword in the Stone' by T. H. White



Theme of the Month - April

Freedom

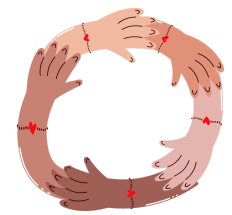


During the month of April, we will be looking at the theme, freedom. We will be asking the children to think carefully about what freedom is, how we might achieve it, what freedoms should people have and when do they feel most free.

At home, we hope you will continue the discussions to build on these thoughts.

SMSC

April



All month- Stress Awareness Month
April 2nd - World Autism Awareness Day
April 7th - World Health Day
April 15th - World Art Day
April 22nd - Earth Day





School Council

School Council were very excited to meet their class mascot. The teddies for each class are the same teddy as they were chosen by Amelia and will therefore give each class a lovely memory. The children in each class did chose their individual class logo for their bear and can be seen in the list below. Wow, well done Highfields, what wonderfully creative children we have at our school!

The rest of the school will be introduced to their mascot on Wednesday 15th April in Mr Savvides' Picture News Assembly. The mascot will then be given to the children to live in their classrooms. The children of Highfields voted for the school mascot in December as their idea for improving the school (Democracy). The mascots will be used in classrooms to further promote our school values of Ready, Respectful and Safe.

RP and RH - Ready Respectful Safe

ICS - Never ever give up!

ISS - Try your best, be confident!

2D - Be un-bear-lievable!

2B - We can bear any challenge!

3K - Believe in yourself!

3C - Make yourself proud!

4G - You're braver than you believe!

4M - Never back down, never give up!

5R - Be the best you can be!

5A - You Matter, Be Yourself!

6P - Never back down, never give up!

6C- Chase your dreams!





Golden Book Awards



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

27th March

RP - Osan
RH - Esmé
ICS - Hooria
ISS - Anya
2B - Frankie
2D - Oliver
3K - Royalty
3C - Amari-Rome
4G - Lacey
4M - Ira
5R - Ismail
5A - Dave
6P - Dawson
6C - Mikey
PE - Corey
French - Freddie

17th April

RP - Qais
RH - Scarlett
ICS - Isla-Mae
ISS - Adiva
2B - Elliott
2D - Savannah
3K - Corey
3C - Karta
4G - Noah
4M - Albie
5R - River
5A - Yusuf
6P - Matthew T
6C - Toby N
PE - Luca
French - Ismail



Mrs Garratt's Tea Party



As there was no tea party on the last day of the spring term, we are joining two groups together for a mammoth tea party today! (Hope there's enough cakes!

A huge well done to this weeks nominees...

17th April

ICS - Riley
2D - Liliana
4G - Millie
4M - Lucia
5R - Ismail and Ana
5A - Coby
6P - Mya
6C - Poppy





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

This half-term our topic is 'On The Move'. We will be learning about different modes of transport and journeys around the world!

On Thursday 15th May, we will be having a visit from Motus Commercials, who will be bringing a special vehicle for us to take a look at - keep an eye on our website for some photographs.

On Friday 19th June we invite you to watch our class assembly at 9am. We will be telling you some of the things we learnt about in the Spring term and singing lots of songs!

Reminder - Our PE days are now Monday and Thursday. !



Year 3 & 4's Newsletter

In Year 3, the new topic this term is called Ancient Greeks. The children have been exploring different aspects of this fascinating period in history through a range of engaging activities. They have enjoyed tasting a variety of traditional Greek foods, including olives, tzatziki, and feta cheese, giving them a hands-on experience of Greek culture. The class has also been learning to write their names in Greek, using the Greek alphabet.

In Year 4, we have started our exciting new topic about Rainforests. On our stunning start day, the children explored the locations of rainforests around the world using maps. They also had the opportunity to taste a variety of foods linked to the rainforest, including grapefruit, dark chocolate, cinnamon, and banana. In Art, the class has been researching the artist John Dyer, while in English they have begun studying a new book called *The Sharman's Apprentice*.



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!



Amelia & Rosie

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



Elsie

Elsie competed in a dance competition at the weekend and came away with 2nd place for her solo and two 2nd places for her troupe dances. We are also incredibly proud that she also found out that after an audition, she's secured a place with a dance associate's program, 'Perform like a Pro', where she will be going to BOA college in Birmingham once a month for the next year for extra training with some of the best dance teacher and choreographers around. We are very proud of her.

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