



HIGHLEY SCHOOL BULLETIN

1ST DECEMBER 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1st December - Christmas Fayre - 5pm - 7pm
- 5th December - Y1/2 Christmas Performance - 2pm
- 7th December - Y3/4 Christmas Performance - 2pm
- 12th December - Y5/6 Christmas Performance - 2pm
- 14th December - Reception Nativity - 2pm
- 18th December - Team Treat
- 19th December - Christmas Lunch
- 20th December - Christmas Jumper Day
- 21st December - HAF Christmas Camp
- 21st December - 3rd January - Christmas Break
- 4th January - Return to School
- 18th January - Fundraisers AGM
- 22nd January - Mental Health Week
- 29th January - Y6 Arthog Trip
- 2nd February - Y6 Return From Arthog Trip

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

- Wednesday - KS2 Dodgeball
- Thursday - KS2 Writing Club
- Thursday - Choir

SCHOOL LUNCHES

W/C 4th December
Week 1 Menu

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Twitter @highley_school
- Facebook @highleyprimary
- Instagram @highleyschool
- [School App](#)

MESSAGE FROM MR PLIM

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another amazing week in school comes to an end. I think when staff finally get home tonight, they will definitely need to catch their breath as it has been utterly frenetic!

On Monday, we launched our OPAL playtimes, starting with the introduction of zones for different play styles. It is amazing what a few builders' bags, a Spotify playlist, crates, wooden planks and a few cardboard boxes can do to transform our outside spaces - children's play at lunchtime has already benefitted massively. We must pay a huge thanks to one of our parents, Matthew Abbott for building the most amazing mud kitchen (see picture below) which children have absolutely loved using. We are incredibly grateful and we love that he has etched our school values onto the wooden frame!

Year 3 and 4 have had an intense week of curriculum enrichment with a geology workshop at the country park on Tuesday where many of the children found fossils. If that was not enough, yesterday, Dan and Naomi from Outback2Basics gave the children perhaps the most memorable workshop we have ever hosted at Highley! What a wonderful way to consolidate their learning in these topic areas. On the subject of consolidating learning, Year 5 and 6 were treated to a planetarium visit on Monday (picture below) and were in awe of the wonders of earth and space! As you can see from the picture, the Wonderdome in our hall looked more like a spaceship landing!

Not to be missing out on the party were Cleo, who were invited to Comer Woods on Wednesday to decorate a tree; they hung their wooden decorations, made bark rubbings and had a thoroughly good time exploring the forest. A big thank you to all our parent helpers for braving the bracing cold weather! On the subject of the weather, we are definitely in a cold snap at the moment - please do send children into school with a warm coat, hat and gloves. Something which we hope will warm you up is Mrs Cook and Miss Humphries' handiwork around school, transforming reception into a 'festive foyer', decorating our school hall, and creating a magical grotto for Father Christmas' arrival at the Fayre later. Thank you very much to both members of staff and also Miss Sedgley, who came in to decorate a Christmas tree but ended up staying all day to help!



I hope to see lots of you back at school later for our Christmas Fayre!

5-7pm, 50p on the door and under 12s free!

Mr Plim



TTRS ROCK HEROES



Naomi



Evelyn

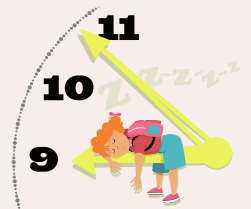


Stanley





Attendance



We had our half-termly register review with our Education Welfare Officer on Tuesday. It was fantastic to see some improvements in children's attendance, with 76 children maintaining 100% attendance! There are currently 46 children in the persistent absenteeism category (below 90%, this means that children have missed 5.5 or more days this year so far). If your child falls into this category you may receive some communication over the next week in the post. Please be assured that any letters sent are as offers of support, we want to work alongside families to improve children's attendance. If you have any concerns, don't hesitate to contact us or the Education Welfare Officer.

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
Clee	97.32%	Hazelwells	93.27%
Miners	96.44%	Ironbridge	88.89%
Arley	93.49%	Severn	88.48%
Netherton	94.35%	Hitchens	87.61%
Station	96.14%	Wrekin	93.59%

RED = Under 90%  AMBER = Under 96%  GREEN = Above 96% 

Well done to Station who have earned golden time for all being on time for 4 weeks! Netherton have earned extra play for all being on time for 2 weeks!





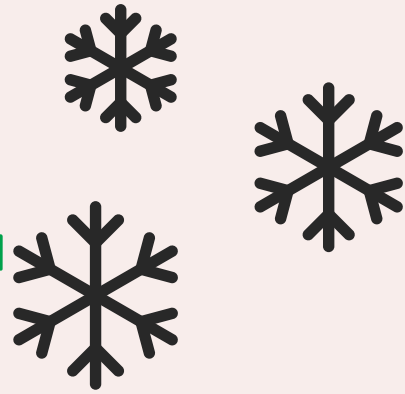
Christmas Fayre

Raffle Tickets



Raffle tickets are now available to buy and we have lots of prizes up for grabs!

When purchasing raffle tickets please make sure that money is in a sealed, named envelope including a contact number and amount.

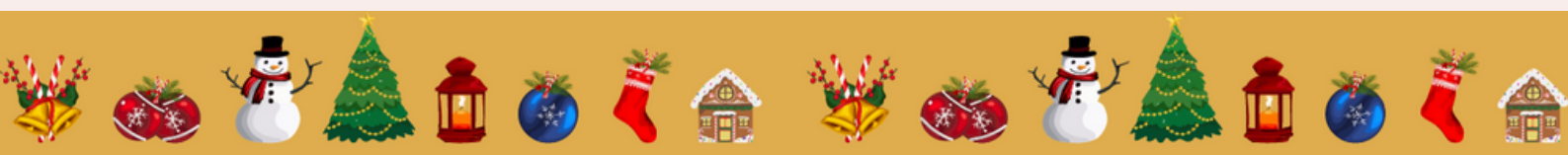


Individual tickets are available to purchase for £1 or a book of 5 tickets for £5.00
All tickets will be sent home with children.



Good Luck!





HIGHLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FROST FAYRE

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 5PM - 7PM

WE WILL HAVE A VARIETY OF STALLS INCLUDING:

RAFFLE

VARIETY OF TOMBOLOS

WINE AND WATER

STUDENT CRAFTS

GLITTER TATTOOS

GRACES BAKES

BALLONS AND BOWS

HOT DOGS

PIZZA

CREPES

MINCE PIES AND MULLED WINE

AND MORE...

50P ENTRY - UNDER 12'S FREE





VISIT SANTA



FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

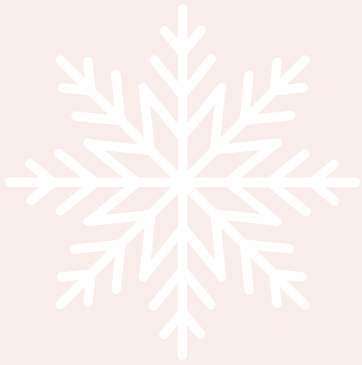
5PM - 7PM

SANTA WILL BE VISITING US IN HIS GROTTO ALONG WITH HIS ELVES!

VISITS COST £2.50 PER CHILD AND INCLUDE A GIFT.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BOOK IN TO SEE THEM, PLEASE VISIT SCHOOL MONEY AND BOOK A PLACE PER CHILD. WE ARE NOT OFFERING TIME SLOTS THIS YEAR IT WILL BE A TURN UP AND QUEUE BASIS.





Thank you!



We would like to say a huge
thank you to Lee Gough at
Stanmore Gardens for
donating this years beautiful
Christmas tree!





Stars of the Week

Clee

The star in Clee class this week is Seth. He has become a really enthusiastic learner and is always keen to practise new skills. He also has an amazing imagination and draws fantastic pictures, telling the story of what he has drawn using interesting language. Well done Seth, keep it up!

Miners

Miners star of the week is Rossco for his enthusiasm and hard work in every lesson. It doesn't matter which subject he is working on, Rossco always tries his very best. He doesn't allow himself to be distracted by what is going on around him but continues to stay on task and make good choices in his behaviour and attitude - such a polite young man! Well done Rossco.

Arley

The star of the week for Arley Class is Elijah! There are so many reasons why! He is so enthusiastic in everything we do at school. He is a brilliant mathematician, amazing writer, enquistive scientist, enthusiastic historian and superb shepherd! Elijah is an all round superstar who can be relied upon to do everything to his full potential. Such a fantastic learner and member of our class!
Well done!

Netherton

Brandon is the star this week in Netherton class. Brandon is always doing the right thing and is wonderful role model in Netherton class. He is a hardworking member of our class and has really impressed us with his maths work. We can see his confidence is growing each week and he is starting to make some fantastic contributions in class. Well done
Brandon keep going!

Station

Station's star of the week is Edie! Edie works hard and squeezes the opportunity to learn out of every moment. She is also a lovely friend to everyone. Keep being you, Edie - you're amazing!



Stars of the Week



Hazelwells Ironbridge

This week we have chosen Carter as our star. He is a conscientious member of Hazelwells and he always tries his best even if he finds some tasks a challenge. However, what we are most impressed with is the interest he shows in our spelling investigations. When he is reading he is always looking out for the rules we've been working on over the weeks - he never forgets what the patterns are. We think this is amazing! He's a real word detective!

This week our star in Ironbridge is Jack for working so hard! He has behaved beautifully on our school trip. Jack has been trying so hard with his words for the Christmas play. Well done Jack keep up the good work!

Severn

The star in Severn this week is Evelyn for working so hard at everything! You are like a reading and TTRS machine and it's really making a difference in class. Keep it up Evelyn, you're brilliant!

Hitchens

Hitchens star is Cody who has absolutely 'wowed' us all with his knowledge about space (especially during our Wonderdome visit!) Cody- you are so settled in our class; you are growing in confidence daily and I am so glad that we are starting to hear that brilliant voice of yours! Well done!

Wrekin

Wrekin star of the week is Mikey. We have been doing lots of writing in Wrekin this week and whilst we always knew he was a 'writer' he has sometimes found it difficult to put his thoughts into writing. This week, with the help of his 'magic pen', he has completed loads of writing! His resilience with each task he has undertaken, has been a pleasure to see. All with the help of a 'magic pen'! Well done, Mikey - keep this up!

