



HIGHLEY SCHOOL BULLETIN

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2nd February - Y6 Return From Arthog Trip
- 5th - 11th February - Mental Health Week
- 6th February - Safer Internet Day
- 7th February - Y4 Pioneer Trip
- 9th February - Y4 Return From Pioneer Trip
- 12th - 16th February - Half Term
- 19th February - Return To School
- 21st February - Rec & Y6 Height & Weight Screening
- 22nd February - Y6 Parent SATs Meeting @ 3.30pm
- 23rd February - OPAL Cake Sale
- 24th February - Table Top Sale
- 26th February - 4 & 5 Year Old Dental Survey
by invitation
- 28th February - LKS2 Sportshall Athletics
by invitation
- 5th March - KS2 Tag Rugby
by invitation

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Y6 Maths Booster - Tuesday

Stageworkz - Thursdays

SCHOOL LUNCHES

W/C 5th February

Week 1 Menu

SOCIAL MEDIA

Twitter @highley_school

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[School App](#)

2ND FEBRUARY 2024

MESSAGE FROM MR PLIM

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance this week has significantly dropped and we have had a few queries about children being in school when they are unwell, so I thought it best just to clarify the school's position. I think that most people would agree that if a child has a 'minor illness' then there is no reason for them to be missing school but there is a fine balance to be struck - we don't want to teach our children that they should be off school for every little sniffle but neither would we want them to pass on their illnesses to other children and potentially make them ill. It is probably easier to say when a child should not be in school:

If they have a high temperature;

If they have had any repeated bouts of vomiting and/or diarrhoea in the last 48 hours

If a doctor has advised them not to attend - if you are unsure please phone Miss Francis for advice

For World Book Day (Thursday 7th March), as well as championing the love of books and reading, we have also combined it with 'Open Morning', an opportunity for you to come in and work with children in class. Our focus for World Book Day is: 'the benefits of reading at home' and activities will be based around enthusing children about the power of reading and enthusing them to go home and pick up a book - there are some statistics on the next page about the importance of reading every day. As has become the norm, we encourage children to come dressed as a book character on the day or if they prefer, wearing pyjamas or something they can be comfortable in - I know of one child in school who spotted a costume back in September!

We have another exciting and enriching day on the calendar before that with a Science Day planned for Friday 1st March. The team from 'Science Boffins' are joining us for the day and will kick off with a whole-school assembly filled with amazing experiments - loo roll, Aladdin's lamp, a poorly elephant and disappearing water are all part of the show! Key Stage 2 children will then have a hands-on workshop with the team and it will hopefully make for a really memorable day filled with amazing science!

Year 6 have enjoyed another amazing week at Arthog on their week-long outward bounds residential. The photographs have really shown how jam-packed the trip has been and I am sure tonight the Year 6s will have the best night's sleep ever! A huge thank you to staff for giving the Year 6s this experience and for giving up a whole week to be away from their own families to ensure our children have had the most memorable time.

We look forward to hearing all about it next week - next week is also Children's Mental Health Week and we also have Safer Internet Day on Tuesday. Please see the attached information that explains what we will be doing next week in school. Together with those events, Year 4s are also off to Pioneer on their residential on Wednesday before we finish for half term on Friday. I am exhausted just listing what's going on next week!

Have a lovely weekend, Mr Plim

TTRS ROCK HEROES

Kevin



Jacob H



Leland



Why is reading important?

The National Literacy Trust conducted a survey of 71,400 children early in 2023. They found that fewer than 1 in 3 children (28%) aged 8 to 18 read daily for enjoyment. Reading for pleasure is in decline and at it's lowest level since 2005! This is partly due to the rise of social media, lack of time, games and online distractions and also that some see reading as a process rather than a pleasure activity.

We want children to enjoy their reading because when pleasure drives their reading, children achieve more. This World Book Day, we will really be focusing on encouraging reading for pleasure and reading regularly at home.



Why Your Child Can't Skip Their 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight

James

reads 20 minutes per night,
5 times per week



Travis

reads only 4 minutes per night
...or not at all



In one week:

100
minutes of reading



20
minutes of reading

In one month:

400
minutes of reading



80
minutes of reading

In one school year (9 months):

3600
minutes of reading



720
minutes of reading

By the end of eighth grade:

28,800
minutes of reading



5760
minutes of reading

- Which student would you expect to read better?
- Which student would you expect to know more?
- Which student would you expect to write better?
- Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?
- Which student would you expect to be more successful in school and life?
- How do you think each student will feel about himself as a learner?



GREER GENIUS
BRILLIANT DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT



Attendance



Punctuality Rewards – Spring 2024

Class	1st Jan	8th Jan	15th Jan	22nd Jan	29th Jan	5th Feb	19th Feb	26th Feb	4th Mar	11th Mar	18th Mar
CLEE											
MINERS											
ARLEY											
NETHERTON											
STATION											
HAZELWELLS											
IRONBRIDGE											
SEVERN											
HITCHENS											
WREKIN											
WHOLE SCHOOL											

1 week on time arrival
Well Done!

2 weeks on time arrival
15 Minutes Extra Play!

4 weeks on time arrival
Golden Time!

1 week on time arrival
Non-Uniform Day!

Severn were the only class without a late arrival this week. Children are regularly arriving late and missing their morning activities and the opportunity for a bagel in class. Children should only be arriving late due to exceptional circumstances

so we would really appreciate your support in getting children in school on time each morning prepared for the day's learning.



Sometimes the hardest part of a child's school routine is leaving their parents/carers and getting through the school doors.

Below is a link with some guidance on how to help children if they are struggling.

[Separation Guidance](#)

Well done to Hazelwells and Ironbridge who had over 96% attendance this week. We'd love to see more classes in green before half term!

Attendance Overview – Spring 2024

Class	1st Jan	8th Jan	15th Jan	22nd Jan	29th Jan	5th Feb	19th Feb	26th Feb	4th Mar	11th Mar	18th Mar	Term
Clee	91%	96.40%	90.40%	94.40%	86.32%							
Miners	94%	92%	90.80%	94.62%	89.32%							
Arley	84.38%	87.08%	84.17%	87.92%	91.67%							
Netherton	94.55%	96.01%	96.01%	88.32%	90.69%							
Station	85.87%	94.35%	91.30%	87.83%	90.34%							
Hazelwells	86.84%	93.16%	94.21%	96.50%	98.33%							
Ironbridge	89.24%	94.76%	95.24%	93.33%	96.83%							
Severn	92.59%	99.26%	99.26%	97.41%	90.95%							
Hitchens	86.54%	93.85%	91.54%	80.77%	85.47%							
Wrekin	91.35%	91.51%	85.77%	90.38%	94.02%							
Whole School	89.84%	93.88%	91.87%	91.04%	91.12%							91.79%

96% or above
On Target - well done!

95.99% - 90.00%
Under Target - room for improvement

90% or below
Persistent Absence - concerning



Stars of the Week

Clee

The star in Clee this week is Hudson. Every day he amazes us with his creativity, using our craft materials to make all sorts of interesting models and he is able to use his great problem solving skills to work things out for himself. He inspires other children to get making too! Hudson is also showing better listening skills in class and is making good progress with blending. Well done Hudson, Keep it up!

Miners

Annalise is Miners star this week. She doesn't always find things easy but has shown us how resilient she is by keeping going, even when she hasn't been feeling 100%. We have been so impressed with how she always tries her best and contributes in lessons with enthusiasm and interest. Well done Annalise, you are a complete star!

Arley

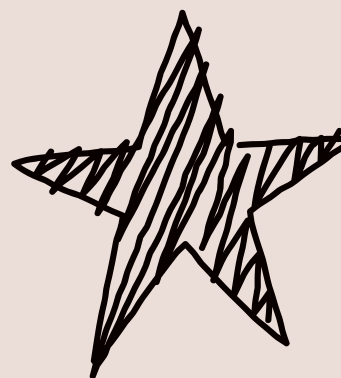
The star of the week for Arley class is Harry! Harry has tried so hard in his writing this week. He doesn't always find it easy, but he has been on fire this week! Well done Harry, we looked forward to reading your story next week!

Netherton

Marnie is the star in Netherton class this week! She has really impressed us with her efforts in her writing. She is working on her speed and making sure her sentences are clear with capital letters, full stops and adjectives! She has also really shown off her art skills this week and created a lovely piece of art work in the style of Steven Brown. She has really taken her time and listened to instructions well! Well done Marnie, keep up the hard work!

Station

Station's star of the week is Arthur.
Arthur has great relationships with everyone in class and across school. He is a kind and fun friend to be around and always happy to celebrate the achievements of others. Arthur continues to work well in class and tries hard to maintain his focus. He is always well-organised with resources to help him with his work, especially his writing. Arthur shows great resilience and doesn't give up, even when learning is challenging.
Well done, Arthur!





Stars of the Week

Hazelwells

Our star this week is Edward for making a fabulous start at Highley. Edward has met many new challenges during the past two weeks; adapting to a new school routine and rules, getting used to a new classroom, unfamiliar adults and new classmates. But despite all of these obstacles Edward has not only coped, but he has thoroughly embraced the Highley school way of life! He has approached English, maths, science and music with vigour and enthusiasm and has already made so many new friends in Hazelwells, that we cannot wait to see what the rest of the year holds for him. Well done Edward, we are super-proud of you!

Severn

Lydia is our star this week. She has come in every day this week with an infectious smile. She has worked really hard showing great resilience especially in maths. Well done Lydia!

Ironbridge

This week in Ironbridge, Darcey is our star. This for her amazing Maths work and generally being a super role model. Well done Darcey!

Hitchens

Charlie has been on fire in maths, his hand has been up in every lesson. He has had a much more positive attitude to his learning and it has shown in the work he has produced. Charlie is also a great friend to everyone. keep up the good work!

Wrekin

Freya is our star of the week in Wrekin. She is an example of resilience to all: can sometimes be a little bit unsure in maths but shows great determination to 'give things a go' and does not let the fear of making a mistake stop her doing this. What an excellent role model of good learning! She always has her hand up in class and her enthusiasm to do her very best is second to none. Well done, Freya! Such a pleasure to promote your positive learning attitude to all!

