



# HIGHLEY SCHOOL BULLETIN

## UPCOMING EVENTS

11th March - STEM Week

13th & 14th March Parent Consultations

14th March - Y5 Oliver Trip

15th March - Red Nose Day Fundraiser

18th March - Team Treat

12th March - KSI X-Country

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18th March - Team Treat

20th March - Easter Assembly

21st March - Y1 Parent Phonics Meeting

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

KS2 Sign Language - Tuesday

KSI Football Skills - Wednesday

Y6 Maths Booster - Wednesday

Stageworkz - Thursdays

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

W/C 11th March

Week 1 Menu

## SOCIAL MEDIA

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## 8TH MARCH 2024

### MESSAGE FROM MR PLIM

Dear Parents and Carers,

An interesting week in school to say the least!

I am sure you are well aware that on Monday we had a call from Ofsted, who then came to visit us for a two day inspection on Tuesday and Wednesday. We had an extremely busy two days which involved LOTS of meetings, observation of teaching and learning across school; watching lessons, talking to the children, looking at their books and discussing the wider opportunities that we provide at Highley. The inspector also spent time on the playground before school and at lunchtime, and was taken around school by a group from School Council talking about their experience at Highley School.

Many thanks to those of you who filled out online questionnaires. This is a very important part of the process and information gathering during this period. Staff really appreciate the messages and emails received from many parents over the last few days - this has been warmly received and the smiles have certainly helped us through a very long week. We all feel very proud of the children and how willing they were to talk with the inspector, and also how articulate they were when the inspector asked them questions about learning, behaviour and activities they could do at school. A massive thank you from the bottom of my heart to every member of staff - there has been a lot in the media recently about the stress caused by school inspections, but staff were calm, unpanicked and did what they do every single day - what a great team!

Receiving the report is a long process as it has to be quality assured, drafted and finalised. We are not yet allowed to share the outcome of the inspection, but as soon as we have the go-ahead from Ofsted, we will share the report with you.

We could not have asked for a more enriching day following a school inspection than World Book Day! Our focus yesterday was 'share a book', the importance of sharing reading time - and it was certainly wonderful to invite you into school to promote that in our parent reading workshops. We also spent lots of time developing children's 'book talk' with you and sharing strategies to support reading at home. In the afternoon, there was some lovely paired reading between our oldest and youngest children. To finish the day, children signed up to listen to a story read by one of the adults in school and took home their chosen World Book Day book - two things that I absolutely love about working at Highley School on World Book Day!

Year 5 had an amazing opportunity to go to Bridgnorth Endowed in the afternoon to meet the author, Frank Cottrell-Boyce - children were absolutely 'buzzing' on return, feeling inspired to read!

Please remember the book fair will be open straight after school today for you to peruse with your children.

Have a great weekend everybody, Mr Plim

## TTRS ROCK HEROES



Khaleesi



Naomi



Lara



# Rock



# 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			Green								
MINERS									Orange		
ARLEY		Teal				Green					
NETHERTON				Teal			Green				
STATION								Orange			
HAZELWELLS	Orange							Green	Teal		
IRONBRIDGE	Green			Orange				Green	Teal		
SEVERN	Orange	Green		Teal	Green						
HITCHENS	Orange							Green			
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!

Well done to Hazelwells and Ironbridge for earning golden time and to Miners for earning extra play!

We had 96.95% whole school attendance on Thursday – fabulous!



95.23% overall attendance this week!

Well done to all the classes in green this week – super!

## 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%	98.7%	98.22%	92.68%	96.40%			
Miners	94%	92%	90.80%	94.62%	89.32%	90.77%	96.92%	96.92%	96.14%			
Arley	84.38%	87.08%	84.17%	87.92%	91.67%	94.17%	95.83%	87.50%	98.33%			
Netherton	94.55%	96.0%	96.0%	88.32%	90.69%	92.73%	97.12%	94.07%	94.44%			
Station	85.87%	94.35%	91.30%	87.83%	90.34%	87.83%	91.74%	92.73%	96.36%			
Hazelwells	86.84%	93.16%	94.12%	96.50%	98.33%	97.49%	93.50%	97.50%	89.00%			
Ironbridge	89.29%	94.76%	95.24%	93.33%	96.83%	97.35%	93.8%	96.19%	99.05%			
Severn	92.59%	99.26%	99.26%	97.44%	90.95%	98.14%	90.74%	90.74%	94.07%			
Hitchens	86.54%	93.85%	91.54%	80.77%	85.47%	85.38%	83.79%	98.40%	99.60%			
Wrekin	91.35%	91.5%	85.77%	90.38%	94.02%	87.69%	91.5%	87.3%	95.38%			
Whole School	89.84%	93.88%	91.87%	91.04%	91.12%	92.80%	93.24%	92.62%	95.23%			92.72%

96% or above  
On Target – well done!

95.99% – 90.0%  
Under Target – room for improvement

90% or below  
Persistent Absence – concerning

# ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY HAVE DECLINED NOTICEABLY THIS ACADEMIC YEAR. WE WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE ALL CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO ATTEND SCHOOL REGULARLY AND ON TIME. OVER THE NEXT FIVE WEEKS (19TH FEBRUARY - 22ND MARCH) WE WILL BE RUNNING TWO COMPETITIONS FOR ALL CHILDREN IN SCHOOL...

1) ANY CHILDREN WHO ARRIVE ON TIME EVERY DAY (BEFORE 8.55AM) FOR THE NEXT 5 WEEKS WILL BE ENTERED INTO A PRIZE DRAW TO WIN AN EASTER HAMPER.

2) ANY CHILDREN WHO ACHIEVE 96% OR ABOVE ATTENDANCE (1 DAY OR LESS ABSENT) OVER THE NEXT 5 WEEKS WILL BE ENTERED INTO ANOTHER PRIZE DRAW TO WIN AN EASTER HAMPER.

THIS GIVES CHILDREN TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO WIN!

WE HAVE WRITTEN TO LOCAL BUSINESSES FOR PRIZE DONATIONS, SO FAR THE PRIZES WILL INCLUDE A FRUIT BASKET, CHOCOLATES, BISCUITS, CAR MOT, EASTER EGGS.





# World Book Day





# Stars of the Week

Clee

Miners

Well done Luca you're our star this week in Clee for making great progress in your learning, especially writing and reading. Also for being a lovely friend to everyone in Clee class and always making good choices during choosing time.

There are two stars in Minors this week. Our first is Olivia for always trying her best, working hard and contributing to class discussion. She is a joy to have in Minors class! The second star goes to Lola for being such a wonderful and enthusiastic learner. We know you don't always find it easy but see that your strength and resilience is growing with each new day. We love having you in our class.... you bring energy and sunshine and make us smile every day .

Arley

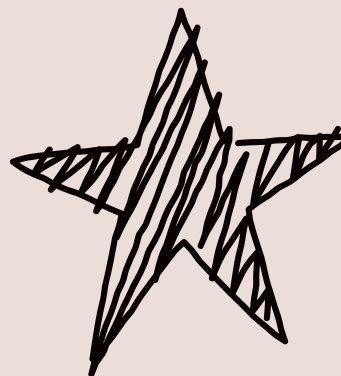
The star of the week for Arley class is George! He is always so enthusiastic at school, and has been wowing us with the progress he is beginning to make in writing. He always puts in 100%, and his hard work is really paying off. Well done George!

Netherton

Sydney is the star in Netherton this week! Sydney could have it every week and he truly deserves this recognition of how hard he has been working in school. His handwriting is just amazing - he takes his time and is always conscious about his presentation in all his work. He is also a kind and caring friend who always thinks about others around him and he is always respectful and polite to everyone around school.  
Well done Sydney!

Station

Station's star of the week is Matheous. We have been really impressed by how Matheous has been retaining his phonics knowledge and about how he is applying it in his reading and writing. Matheous, you always work hard and should be proud of how well you are doing. Well done for reading so much at home too - it's making a big difference.





# Stars of the Week

## Hazelwells

## Ironbridge

This week our star of the week award goes to Blake. Sometimes Blake finds it tricky to engage with lessons but over the past couple of weeks he has really made an effort to get involved and volunteer his thoughts and ideas. It is making a huge difference to his work in both English and Maths and has had a massive impact on his level of confidence during class discussions. Well done Blake, keep it up!

Oliver is the star in Ironbridge this week. This is because he has been super organised and has shared some fabulous general knowledge about the Romans. His enthusiasm is brilliant! Well done, Oliver!

## Severn

## Hitchens

Eva is our star this week for being an excellent school councillor and working hard on strengthening your relationships in class. You are learning so much about yourself and its great to see such a supportive, happy and confident young lady. Thank you Eva! Keep up the good work!

Our star in Hitchens is Frankie. He has really shone this week, been very focused in all lessons and has contributed well in class. He is great with the younger children and works hard to support them as well as helping our class during PE in his role as Sports Ambassador. Well done Frankie!

## Wrekin

Our star this week is Megan for her much improved confidence and willingness to contribute even when she is not 100% certain of the answer. This is a wonderful learning attitude! Keep it up Meg!

