



HIGHLEY SCHOOL BULLETIN

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

94.05%

UPCOMING EVENTS

31st March - 4th April - DT Week

2nd April - Bringing The Zoo To Yo - Y3/4

2nd April - Menu Change - Bringing The Zoo To Lunchtime

3rd April - Y5 Matilda! At BES

8th April - KSI X Country - OWS

10th April - Team Treat

14th - 25th April - Easter Holidays

28th April - PD Day - School Closed

29th April - Return To School

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Coming Soon

SCHOOL LUNCHES

W/C 31st March

Week 2 Menu

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28TH MARCH 2025 MESSAGE FROM MR PLIM

Dear Parents and Carers,

Compared to how eventful last week was in school, this week has been significantly quieter!

A mist of smoke has been seen daily, coming from underneath the doors of Hitchens and Wrekin - that's because all of our Year 6s have been well and truly 'working their socks off'! Their attendance as a cohort this year so far has been over 96% which is phenomenal! Mrs Williams, Mrs Butler and Mr Wilkinson have commented to me on several occasions since half term, just how much progress the children are making because of their dedication and focus. Whatever outcomes they achieve in their SATS this May, it is safe to say with some certainty that they are preparing brilliantly and whatever the outcomes, they should be very proud of how hard they have worked.

Whilst we have had a lack of events in school, out of school has been different with some superstar cross country performances at Idsall in the spring sunshine! Children from Early Years and Key Stage 1 ran, and for many of them, this was their first sport event representing Highley and competing against many other schools - they did an amazing job at it! How brilliant to see 3 of our youngest children putting in marvellous performances - Theo, Bertie and Finley ran their socks off in the Reception race - we had two top five finishes! In Key Stage One, Pippa came 5th overall in the Year 2 girls' race, whilst Eli, Cam, Josh and Roman represented Highley in the Year 2 boys' race - all four finished in the top 20, with Roman coming first! Incredible boys!

The spring sunshine has finally dried the grounds out and this week we have been using the field more and more at breaktime and lunchtime. It is always such a joy when the children first go onto the field after the winter months and can spread out and use more of our wonderful grounds. Long may the dry weather last!

Thank you for the efforts you went to in our cake decorating competition for Red Nose Day last Friday - we are just waiting for our prizes to arrive to announce the top 3 in KSI and KS2. Thanks to your donations for wearing red, and also buying Red Nose Day biscuits and our cake sale last Friday, we raised £359 for Comic Relief and £60 towards Darren Edwards' Adaptive Expeditions charity. A massive thank you for your support!

Finally, we would really appreciate you taking just one minute to complete our survey about the plans for Breakfast Club following the Easter holidays - please click the link [here](#) to our survey. Your feedback is essential to help us plan what is organised going forwards.

Have a wonderful weekend, Mr Plim

TTRS ROCK HEROES



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Thank you
for all your
AMAZING
entries!



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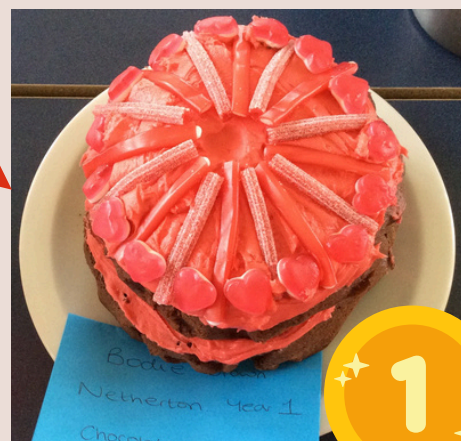
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Focus On SEND

SATs focus:

This week, I have been looking at the arrangements for the SATs which take place each year in May. As we have a number of SEND learners in each year group, Year 6 is no different and so there is a lot of work to be done in order to ensure that every child feels fully supported and able to do their best.

What does this look like?

At Highley, children sit their SATs in the hall, in classrooms and in quiet offices, depending on what their needs are. Some children are allocated extra time for tests, or a scribe (an adult who will write their responses for them). Other children need access to rest breaks if they feel anxious or worried or perhaps need reminders to focus during the tests. It is really important that we get the provision right for these children and, if you were to walk through Hitchens and Wrekin at the moment, you would feel the 'buzz' as children are getting excited about the improvements they are making. It may seem like they are doing a lot of work but I can confirm that the children are getting extra time outside and getting excited about their plans for after SATs.

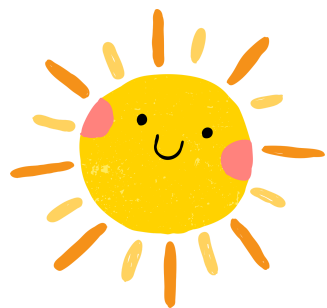
Other SEND news:

I was delighted to sit down with Polly from Spectra (a service that specialises in helping children with their social and communication needs) this week. She was really impressed with the work that we are doing with Zones of Regulation and the fact that children could explain to her how they can move from the 'red' zone to the 'green' zone so that they feel calm and ready to learn. She also noted how calm our corridors are and that we have spaces for children to regulate their emotions as needed. Our Community Mentors who visit school and provide informal nurture to some of our children have also commented upon this and how sensibly our KS2 children use this space now.

It is great being at Highley School, particularly when the sun shines!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Williams



A Quick Guide To Head Lice

Symptoms & Detection

The main symptom is an itchy scalp. Children may hardly notice head lice or may have only minor scalp irritation.



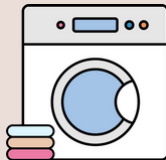
Move a fine tooth comb through wet hair from the scalp outward. Lice are usually found at the back of the head or behind the ears.

Eggs (or nits) are oval-shaped, greyish white and can be seen firmly stuck to the base of hair shafts. They are easier to see because they greatly outnumber lice.

Care

Use a special shampoo, cream or lotion to kill the lice eggs. To get rid of them, use a fine tooth comb to carefully pick them out.

Wash your bedding and clothes in hot water. These items should probably be dried in a drying machine that reaches 54 degrees Celsius for about 30 minutes.



Transmission

Headlice are most common among children aged 5-11, but can affect almost anyone. The infestation is spread by close personal contact and possibly by shared combs, brushes, hats and other personal items.

Stars of the Week

Clee

Everleigh is the star in Clee class for making great progress in reading and writing. You are a lovely, kind friend to everyone in our class and always very helpful.

Miners

Destiny is Miners' star this week. She is such a lovely member of the class who demonstrates our value of resilience so well. Her hard work and cheerful attitude make her a pleasure to teach and is certainly paying off. We've seen great progress in all her subjects, but especially in maths! Destiny has so much compassion and kindness for others, she is a real star!

Arley

The star of the week for Arley Class is Johana! Johana continues to blow us away with her progress in reading and writing. When she reads, she is adding so much more expression now and her decoding is so quick! When writing, Johana has so many ideas which she loves to share with us, and she is writing complex sentences with brilliant spellings. We are so impressed with how far she has come in a short space of time. Her bubbly enthusiasm always makes us all smile. Well done!

Netherton

Roman is Netherton's star this week because he has been trying his best in all areas. We really have noticed a huge difference so please keep it up. Not only this, but Roman gave 100% in x country after school this week and came 1st. It was really nice to see your determination Roman! Well done!

Station

Station's star of the week is JJ. You are always working hard, and we see this in every lesson. You also practise regularly at home which is great. Keep working on your targets, JJ - all this work will pay off as we have seen in your latest independent hot write.

KS1 Attendance Bear



Netherton

Stars of the Week

Hazelwells

The star in Hazelwells this week is Charlie! Charlie is a fountain of knowledge and a sponge for technical vocabulary! He works hard in class and tries to achieve any targets he is given. Charlie is also a happy soul, a wonderful friend to others and great fun to be around!

Ironbridge

Harley is our star in Ironbridge this week. This is for being a good all-rounder, working hard in all his lessons and trying his best to be a good role model

Severn

Star of the Week in Severn is Lola-Rose for working incredibly hard on her maths in class and at our Maths club. Lola has really turned a corner over the past few months and is showing not only an amazing understanding, but also an enthusiasm to learn and do more. We're really proud of you Lola!

Hitchens

We have two stars in Hitchens this week! The whole of Hitchens class are working their absolute socks off but Freddie and George have really impressed us with their 'can do' attitude this week, particularly when it comes to their Maths. Their Arithmetic skills are rapidly improving and they are challenging themselves each day to improve and often doing extra work at home. Well done boys!

Wrekin

Felicity is our star this week! She has been demonstrating a real commitment to improving her mathematical understanding. She has then gone on to volunteer to share her understanding with her peers, when she thought it would be of benefit to them.

KS2 Attendance Trophy Station

