

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE 97.50%

UPCOMING EVENTS

17th - 21st November - DT Week

19th November - Y5 Tile Museum Trip
21st November - Y3 & Y4 Stoneage Workshop
24th November - Reception Trip To Comer Woods
26th November - Open Morning - Reception Intake 2026
28th November - Christmas Fayre (5-7pm)
8th December - Reception Class Eye Screening
9th December - Y6 Singing At Friendship Club
9th December - Y3 &4 Carols - at the Church (2:15pm)
10th December - Reception Christmas Nativity (9:30am)
11th December - Christmas Jumper Day
11th December - Y5 & 6 Carols - at the Church (2:15pm)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

KS2 Dodgeball I2th Nov - I7th Dec Choir I8th Nov - 9th Dec (Y2 & Over)

SCHOOL LUNCHES

W/C 17th November

Week I Menu

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14TH NOVEMBER 2025 MESSAGE FROM MR PLIM

Dear Parents and Carers.

What a grotty week of weather we've had! Still, it's been brilliant to see so many children arriving with wellies so they can continue to make the most of our outdoor spaces — even if they do need the occasional reminder to swap back into shoes before coming inside! Thank you also for making sure children have come in well-equipped with coats; it's meant we've still been able to enjoy the fresh air, even with the rain coming down.

Despite the drizzle, Years 3 and 4 braved the elements on Monday for their walk to and from the Country Park.

They took part in a fascinating workshop exploring the park's local history and different rock types, before digging for fossils and identifying their discoveries. Staff were so impressed by how much the children remembered from their Science lessons – and Ed the Park Ranger even commented, "Highley kids really get stuck in!" The best part for the children was being able to take some of their fossils and stones home. Mrs Kelly describing Station class trudging back up Pit Bank, sodden, but overjoyed with pockets full of stones really captures the spirit of the day!

Our Year 6 pupils have also had an excellent week completing their Bikeability training with Keith and Paddy from 'Learn Cycling'. They've now earned their Level 2 award – learning to start and stop confidently, pass parked cars safely, understand road signs and markings, negotiate junctions, and share the road more responsibly. The instructors were full of praise, and we hope these skills will help the children cycle safely around the village.



Speaking of being out and about, a big well done to our Reception, Year I and Year 2 children for their superb behaviour during Tuesday's cinema trip to see 'Paddington in Peru'. There were at least two other schools at the screening; one of our parent helpers made a point of telling me how well-behaved our children were by comparison fantastic feedback and well deserved! A big thank you too, to all adults who helped make the trip possible.

Finally, as we head into the festive season (yes, it's coming fast!), I've included a list of all our upcoming Christmas dates below. There's plenty to look forward to over the next few weeks!

Monday 24th November - Reception trip to Comer Woods
Friday 28th November - PTA Christmas Fayre (5-7pm)
Tuesday 9th December - Year 3 and 4 Carols - at the Church (2:15pm)
Wednesday 10th December - Reception Christmas Nativity - in school (4:30am)
Thursday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 11th December - Year 5 and 6 Carols - at the Church (2:15pm)
Friday 12th December - Year 1 and 2 Christmas Play - in school (4:30am)
Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Lunch
Thursday 18th December - Team Treat (winning house team)

I've run out of room and haven't even mentioned the fabulous drumming performance yesterday for some of our budding musicians, or our efforts today to make a coin trail for Children in Need!

Have a great weekend, Mr Plim





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This week, we were delighted to welcome our Learning Support Advisory Teacher, Mr Lavell, into school. During the visit, he met with a number of pupils and assessed various areas of their learning so that we can support them in school as effectively as possible.

Miss Francis and I also carried out a Key Stage I Learning Walk, giving us a fantastic opportunity to observe the learning environments and see our SEND children in action across KSI, as well as in the Sunshine Room.

The Learning Walk allowed us to celebrate the inclusive practice happening across the school and to reflect on how we can continue to support every child's individual needs. It was wonderful to see the positive relationships between staff and pupils, the use of targeted interventions, and the range of strategies in place to promote engagement and independence. Every single adult was working with groups of children, from Miss Delmar running Story Time and a Fine Motor Skills intervention, to the children in Miners working in various groups to practise their kinetic handwriting (on their tummies of course!), to the children in Arley reading beautifully in pairs, groups or with an adult.

In the Sunshine Room the children were so excited to be eating porridge with a variety of sweet sauces and fruit- they all had big smiles on their faces!

I will visit Netherton next week as I ran out of time today.

A big thank you to all staff for your continued commitment to supporting our SEND learners

- your dedication and creativity make a real difference every day.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Williams





The star in Clee this week is Ace. He has been noticed by several members of staff for his lovely manners. He always remembers to say please, thank you and excuse me, he will wait patiently to speak rather than interrupt and he is very good at sharing. Ace has also cracked blending this week and is now reading books with words. Well

working really hard in phonics, putting his hand up and answering questions. He also is a kind friend to everyone and has also cracked blending this reading books with words. Well done Ace!

Vinnie is the star if Arley Class this week! He has be wowing us with his reading, decoding quickly and adding more and more expression each time he reads. We have also been impressed with how brave he has been, dealing so much better with changes in the school day. Well done Vinnie! xx Vetherlow

Oliver really impressed us on our trip to the cinema this week, with his excellent behaviour. He showed a lovely maturity and self-control throughout the visit. It was wonderful to see him enjoying the experience while being such a positive role model. Well done, Oliver – we are very proud of you!

Albie is the star in Miners this week for

Patron

Station's star of the week is Olivia. Olivia has such a positive attitude to all areas of school life. We love to see how kind she is to her friends and to the younger children in school. She really is a great role model for Anti-Bullying Week. Olivia is also always respectful to everyone around her including the many different adults in school. Well done Olivia and keep being you!

Attendance Bear



Stars of the Week Stars browbridge

The star in Hazelwells Class this week is Oakley! We have chosen Oakley for his fantastic attitude towards his learning. He is pushing himself to achieve his full potential and thrives on challenge! Keep it up, Oakley! This week in Ironbridge class, Alfie is our Star. This is for engaging with learning and showcasing his knowledge about rocks and soils on the school trip as well as his improved behaviour and attitude in school. Keep it up Alfie, well done.

Severn

The star in Severn this week is Miya for blowing our socks off with her determination to improve her maths! Miya works incredibly hard in maths and has started spotting things her classmates don't always see! It is fantastic to see her taking responsibility for her own learning and pushing herself to achieve more.

Wow Miya! We really are blown away!

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Our star this week is Callum. He is such a hard worker in class and his 'Space' project was absolutely phenomenal. He is polite and a good role model; we are looking forward to seeing how his confidence grows this year as he takes part in new activities and pushed himself out of his comfort zone.

Hitchens

Our star this week is Kaidyn. Over the last weeks,
Kaidyn has really started to shine, both in his writing
and in maths. As a result of his determination and
resilience, Kaidyn is really starting to progress. Keep it
up and you'll really soar!

