

HIGHLEY SCHOOL BULLETIN

THIS WEEK'S **ATTENDANCE**

93.23%

UPCOMING EVENTS

5th May - Bank Holiday - School Closed 12th - 15th May - SATs Week

19th - 23rd May - Walk/Scoot/Bike To School Week

26th - 30th May - Half Term

2nd June - Return To School - Summer Term 2

4th June - Y6 Swimming Starts

2nd - 13th June - Y4 Multiplication Check

9th - 13th June - YI Phonics Check

13th June - Sports Day

16th - 20th June - Y6 Arthog Residential

23rd June - Reception Intake Visit I

AFTER SCHOOL **CLUBS**

Gardening Club - Coming Soon

SCHOOL LUNCHES

W/C 5th May

Week 2 Menu

SOCIAL MEDIA

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School App

2ND MAY 2025 MESSAGE FROM MR PLIM

Dear Parents and Carers.

Typically, the lovely weather we had before Easter did not continue into the holidays(!) but inevitably made a comeback as soon as we returned! Over the break, we have had a lot of work done inside and outside of the school building, with some work done to the KSI playground and our school hall has also been given a fresh coat of paint! Mr Cooke has also built a stage for performing which is on the top playground.

Wednesday afternoon on the field was simply delightful - 4 classes doing PE at the same time with another class on the daily mile! Uniform this year has been generally better, but on a PE day, please remember our PE kit is a <u>plain red t-shirt</u> with <u>plain black shorts or jogging bottoms</u> and a plain black hoody (the latter is not as necessary at the moment!).

To make sure uniform is accessible for everybody, unlike other schools, we do not insist on uniform and PE kit having the school badge on - this is to keep costs to a minimum for our parents and carers. However please do not send children into school wearing branded items of clothing. I have lost count of how many times I have asked a child whether it is their birthday and they've replied "no, I've got PE today!" Staff have lots of spare PE kit in their classrooms now which children will be asked to change into if they arrive wearing inappropriate items.

Our free Breakfast Club pilot has started and thank you for booking places in advance. <u>If you</u> have booked a place for your child for the free session (8:10am - 8:40am), please do not arrive before 8:10am - this week, we have had number of children arriving at breakfast club up to 25 minutes before the free session. Our staffing is based on the numbers of children booked in, so if you arrive too early, you will be asked to wait or you will be charged for the first session.

One of the attachments coming out with the bulletin is an overview of summer term diary dates including national 'Walk to School Week' - and the second half of this term particularly is PACKED with activities and events for your diaries including sports day, swimming, Bikeability training for Year 6 and visits for new Reception children for September. Next Saturday, school will be opening the hall up for the Highley Repair Cafe to run 'The Big Fix' - thank you for your poster entries which are going up around the village this weekend, thank you Jacob in Year 6 for doing this!

Best wishes and have a lovely bank holiday weekend, see you back in school on Tuesday!

















May the 10th @ 10:00-16:00

Contact: repaircafehighley@gmail.com

Please book in larger items for repair and come enjoy a tea or coffee.

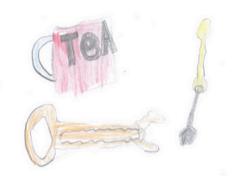






Saturday 10th may

Saturday School



THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO
ENTERED THE POSTER COMPETITION
TO ADVERTISE THE UPCOMING
'REPAIR SHOP' - WELL DONE TO
JACK, ZAC AND BEN WHO WILL
RECEIVE A PRIZE FROM THE
REPAIR SHOP TEAM - YOU MIGHT
SEE THEIR POSTERS AROUND
HIGHLEY OVER THE BANK HOLIDAY



WEEKEND!





10:00 - 16:00

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Focus On STND

I have been now been writing this SEND bulletin for a number of months and spoke with a parent yesterday about how she now knows far more about what is happening SEND-wise as a result of it. This is really pleasing but I still want to improve SEND communication further and ensure that you have access to the information that you need.

I have already outlined that, if you have any concerns about your child regarding SEND, the first point of contact is your child's teacher. From there, they will often refer back to me and we can meet or they may be able to reassure you about the strategies they use in class if a child has a suspected Special Educational Need or Disability. Often, these strategies improve the situation for the child and no further action is needed.

I know that many of you find me on the gate on a Wednesday morning and afternoon or e mail in to ask for an appointment. It is also possible to ask in the office for me to call or e mail you when I am available.

One thing that has been really pleasing to me is that SEND seems to be going 'hand in hand' with our 'Good To Be Green' behaviour system. I believe that Highley is a very special place where the children will leave in Year 6 more tolerant, more understanding of each others' differences and needs, with the ability to regulate their emotions and ultimately help themselves to thrive throughout their whole lives.

Our Nurture team and Informal Nurture team are going from strength to strength and I strongly believe that all of the staff in our school are able to spot when a child needs 'Time Out' to de-escalate or when a child's behaviours could be drastically altered if they were offered sensory input or a 'brain break.'

As I walked around school yesterday afternoon, it was incredibly calm. A group of children were working on social skills with one of our Informal Nurture team, our Sunshine Room team were preparing for the term ahead through liaising with staff, a group of year 6 children were mentoring a little group of Clee Class children and all other classes were enjoying their learning. Some children wore ear defenders, some had resistance bands on their chairs to help them to concentrate and others were wearing tinted glassed to help them to read. The

I felt very proud to be part of this special school.

Best wishes, Mrs Williams



Evaniya is the star this week for being such a lovely member of our class. You are always smiling, you are a lovely friend to everyone and you are also a great artist! We will miss you.

Arley

Arley's first star of the summer term is Olivia! Olivia has such a positive attitude towards school and always wows us with her enthusiasm. She has come back from the break as keen as ever, excitedly sharing her knowledge with us. Olivia has especially shone in History this week. She is such a great classmate and we are proud to have such a great role model in our class.

Sairon

Station's star of the week is Kaidyn. Kaidyn, you have come back to school with a great attitude to learning.

You have got straight back into your work and the standard of all your work continues to be high. Keep it up through this final half term in Year 4 and you will be more than ready for Year 5!

Kathleen is Miners star this week and what a lovely addition to our class she is as well. Kathleen is settling in really well to our school, she is getting to know our class routines and is learning the 'Highley Way' of doing things very quickly. She is also making some lovely new friends and we know that she will be very happy here.

Netherton

Hughie is star this week for Netherton! You have had such a positive first week back and have tried so hard with making the right choices and being a good friend to everyone in Netherton! Keep it up and keep making those good choices we are very happy and proud to see you trying!

Attendance Bear

Netherton





Isla V has been noticed by several adults this week, so she is our star in Hazelwells! She has come back to school from the holidays with a wonderful attitude and great enthusiasm for her learning! Keep it up, Isla!

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Star in Severn is Zach for showing us his wonderful handwriting on Tuesday and trying his hardest to keep it up all week! We are so impressed with your hard work and the effort you are putting into your lessons Zach, well done!

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Star of the week for Wrekin is Shylah. Over the last week, Shylah has been an enthusiastic learner: quick to recall facts and having her hand up in class, rather than being a passive learner. Mr Wilkinson and I have been impressed by her contributions during our preparations for SATs, and we know, when she completes her tests the week after next, she will try her hardest and do herself proud, what ever the outcome. Well done, Shylah, for your efforts and that final push!

This week in Ironbridge class Libby is our star. This is because she is always trying her best and is a wonderful role model for her peers. She is polite to all members of our school and has a great sense of humour. During the school day you will always find Libby doing the right thing and working really hard. Well done Libby!

Hitchens

Our star in Hitchens is Lydia. You have impressed us all with your positivity and great attitude to your learning. It has been lovely to chat with you each day and to see your confidence improving. You have been a kind friend to others and were SO mature when we had a little visitor in Hitchens on Tuesday. We are really proud of you Lydia. Keep it up!

