



# HIGHLEY SCHOOL BULLETIN

## THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

**89.99%**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> June - Y4 Multiplication Check
- 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> June - Y1 Phonics Check
- 10<sup>th</sup> June - Rounders Tournament (By Invitation)
- 11<sup>th</sup> June - Y5/6 Swimming
- 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> June - Fathers Day Sale
- 13<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> June - Y6 Arthog Residential
- 19<sup>th</sup> June - Y5 Workshop at Oldbury Wells School
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Reception Intake Visit 1
- 30<sup>th</sup> June - 4<sup>th</sup> July - Bikeability
- 30<sup>th</sup> June - Reception Intake Visit 2

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Gardening Club - 19<sup>th</sup> May - 14<sup>th</sup> July

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

W/C 9th June

Week 2 Menu

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Twitter @highley\_school

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**6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025**

## MESSAGE FROM MR PLIM

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our final half term of this academic year! The year has flown by - I can't believe that it has gone so fast and we are rapidly approaching the end of the year.

Can I firstly remind parents that we are a nut-free school - we have a child in school with a severe nut allergy. This means children must not bring in snacks or items in their lunchboxes made with nut products. This week, staff have spotted a pecan pastry and a snickers bar!

In 2023, we started running the NHS 'Brilliant Brushers' toothbrushing programme with Reception - each child was given a drinking bottle which was kept in school and was used for water only. This year we extended this to all children in Year 1 and 2 and from September, this will be extended to Year 3 and 4 meaning that all children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 will have a water bottle provided by school from September. The following year, this will be extended to Year 5 and 6.

I mentioned before half term that we would run a cycle/scoot-a-thon on our daily mile track - we will be doing this on Friday 11th July. Children will be able to bring their bike or scooter to school and each class will have a slot to ride around the track. This is to promote being active, enjoying the outdoors and celebrating the benefits of exercise - children must bring a helmet to be able to take part.

The summer term is when we see a lot of children's writing really starting to rocket! This week, the children in Clee have been writing about The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Year 3 and 4 have been writing some beautifully descriptive narrative pieces about flowing rivers and Year 5 and 6 have produced some amazing writing based on a video clip of a boy who discovers super powers!

Please remind yourselves of our Sports Day arrangements by checking the letter sent out before half term - I have attached this year's programme to the bulletin so that you can have a sneaky read before next Friday. The forecast for Friday looks changeable - fingers crossed this settles - if the forecast changes for the worse, we will let you know in advance and arrange a back-up date.

Wishing you all a lovely and restful weekend,

Mr Plim

**TTRS ROCK HEROES**

**ELLA - ROSE**

**MARSHALL**

**ISLA E**



# Focus On SEND

This week, with Arthog approaching, I thought I'd give you a little insight into how trips are organised with our SEND learners in mind. The Year 6 trip to Arthog involves activities such as rock climbing, gorge walking and team building and these activities are led by a qualified instructor. In preparation for Arthog, teachers will ensure that pupils can follow instructions carefully and this may lead to conversations with parents so that we can ensure that every child we take remains safe. Mrs Halliwell oversees all of our Educational Visits and ensures that thorough risk assessments are carried out.

Arthog staff specialise in catering for everyone and being as inclusive as possible. Their catering team provide a wide range of foods that take into account allergies and medical conditions. We also take qualified First Aiders with us so that, even on the bus, each child's needs can be met.

Each year, there are different SEND needs- staff begin the week with a meeting to discuss any children who need extra support. Provision is made for children who wear hearing aids, glasses, carry inhalers or have other needs.

If children are neuro - diverse, staff will discuss strategies that work with the Arthog instructors so that they can follow instructions safely and enjoy their time.

In terms of bedrooms, we recognise that certain children may need extra support at this time and so ask the children to suggest a 'bunk partner' but then position staff and children in the most appropriate way so that everyone gets at least some sleep!

As staff, we have a lot of experience with SEND needs and have been able to accommodate most SEND and medical needs. I also like to think that we are experienced at navigating squabbles caused by tiredness, homesickness and wet beds! Parents are very welcome to phone or ask to chat with year 6 staff if there are further needs that they would like to bring to our attention.

We want everyone: parents, children and staff to feel comfortable with the plan for Arthog. Going somewhere like Arthog takes a lot of planning- but is always worth it! We look forward to sharing lots of photos with you!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Williams



# OPAL

Here at Highley school, we value play and try to provide a fun and interesting environment for children during play times.

Please take a look at the attachments which explain how important play is for children's development and how you can help us here at school and yourselves at home.

Our OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning) provision is going from strength to strength, with the welly storage shed almost complete and new resources appearing outside regularly.

We will soon be hosting a parents play afternoon, where parents and carers are invited into school to experience the wonderful play seen here at Highley Primary. Watch out for information coming soon!

If you have any ideas or resources to help us continue to improve our OPAL provision, please contact us.



# Stars of the Week

Clee

Regan is the star this week! For making good choices at playtime and for great progress in reading and writing.

You are such an enthusiastic learner! Keep it up Regan!

Miners

Our star in Miners this week is Grace T! Grace is making brilliant progress with her reading - skipping quickly through book bands and she's clearly enjoying her books at home and school. She's reading with lovely expression and fluency, and it's clear from our discussions that you're really understanding what you're reading too. Keep up the amazing work, Grace. You're becoming a wonderful reader, and we're so proud of you!

Arley

Kassie is Arley's star this week! Kassie always gives 100% all of the time, and is so happy and enthusiastic at school. She loves to learn and is a great friend. She has particularly wowed us this week with her progress in reading. She is becoming so much more confident and is using great expression. Well done, Kassie!

Netherton

Quinn is the star in Netherton class for excellent presentation for her rain poem and she used very imaginative ideas in her writing this week. Well done Quinn!

Station

Station's star of the week is Jacob. Jacob, we have been so impressed with your resilience in writing recently. You have been working hard as soon as you arrive in school on your handwriting and your letter formation is now so much better. Well done Jacob and let's keep working together on this - all the hard work will pay off!

KS1  
Attendance Bear



# Stars of the Week

## Hazelwells

Our star in Hazelwells this week is Kayci! She has returned to school with a good attitude, has been working hard all week and has impressed us with her reading, confidently moving up to the next book band! Well done, Kayci, keep up the hard work!

## Ironbridge

This week in Ironbridge, we have decided that Dulcie deserves some recognition for her hard work and determination she has displayed in recent weeks, not just this last week. Dulcie has worked tirelessly on her handwriting and general presentation in all her books, has shown commendable determination towards 'Going Green' on TTRS and has worked her socks off in maths lessons too. She should be extremely proud of herself. Well done, Dulcie!

## Severn

The star in Severn is Carter Walford for absolutely smashing it this week with fantastic knowledge and discussion in class. You always join in and have something new to bring to our conversations and it is great to see your hand always up in Maths and to see you really increasing in confidence.

## Wrekin

Stan is the star in Wrekin this week! Stan is showing a little bit of tenacity and resilience in maths. It was lovely to see you not giving up and really giving things a go. You successfully responded to the questions as a result of this positive learning behaviour! We would love to see more of this over the coming weeks. Just give it a go Stan!

## Hitchens

Our star in Hitchens is the lovely Isla. You work so hard and are so polite and kind but, in recent months, it has been lovely to see you smiling, chuckling and generally having a great time with friends. I love the fact that you come in to class a little bit early; you have a lovely, calm presence. However, this week, your writing has REALLY improved. The difference in two days was amazing and I can't wait to see what you produce next week!

Well done Isla!

## KS2 Attendance Trophy Station

