



HIGHLEY SCHOOL BULLETIN

**THIS TERM'S ATTENDANCE
93.33%**

UPCOMING EVENTS

21st January - KS2 Athletics (By Invitation)
27th January - Football Tournament (By Invitation)
28th January - Y6 Parent SAT's Meeting - 3.30PM
3rd February - PTA AGM -3.30PM
3rd -9th February - Mental Health Week
10th February - Safer Internet Day
10th February - Y4 Parent Meeting - Pioneer -3.30PM
16th -20th February - Half Term (School Closed)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Coming Soon

SCHOOL LUNCHES

W/C 19th January

Week 2 Menu

SOCIAL MEDIA

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**16TH JANUARY 2026
MESSAGE FROM MR PLIM**

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the snow leading to school closure last Friday, this happens to be the first bulletin of 2026!

Firstly, I would like to extend a huge thank you for the many kind messages received from parents and carers at the end of last term, through emails and Christmas cards. They are genuinely appreciated – the Highley team are always so grateful, and it is lovely to feel so supported and recognised.

What a difference a week can make. This time last week, snow lay thick on the ground and temperatures were well below freezing. This week has brought much milder (and rather wet!) weather – thank you, as always, for ensuring your children are coming to school with coats.

Making decisions based on weather forecasts is never straightforward. Sometimes snow is predicted but doesn't materialise, and decisions can feel like a little pot luck. However, the early decision made on Thursday evening to close the school was very much the right call in hindsight. Roads around the school were treacherous throughout Thursday night and into Friday morning, and asking families to travel – whether on foot or by car – would have increased the risk of accidents. We also later discovered that the school had been without power for over 20 hours during the closure, meaning we would not have been able to open safely regardless of snow clearance.

I spent some time on Friday looking through the children's Seesaw accounts and was delighted by the wonderful experiences being shared from home. From trips to London and local visits to places such as Kinver Edge and Ludlow Castle, to the 'behind the scenes' photos of home learning projects from last term – these give staff such valuable insight into the meaningful conversations and experiences you are sharing at home to complement learning in school. There were also some fantastic photos of children enjoying the snow – some core memories made, I'm sure!

We are hopeful that the illness affecting attendance at the end of last term has now passed. Encouragingly, every class has completed their first Awesome Attendance poster this week – well done to everyone. Please find attached the diary dates for what promises to be a short but busy spring term. There will be many opportunities for you to come into school, including information meetings about Pioneer, KS2 SATs, Year 1 Phonics, and the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check, alongside parent consultations in March. Once again, there is a great deal to look forward to.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Mr Plim

TTRS ROCK HEROES



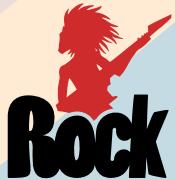
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Sunny



Blake-Isla



Stars of the Week

Clee

The star in Clee this week is Isabella. You were set the challenge of learning to write your very long name over the holidays, and you did it! You are also making great progress with your reading, starting on red guided reading books. We also enjoy your lovely conversations and observations in class. Well done,

Keep it up!

Arley

Arley's star this week is Lylah! She has settled into school so well. She is so well behaved and puts 100% effort into everything we do. It is great to see Lylah making so many new friends and growing confidence each day. Welcome to Highley School!

Station

Station's star is Eli. Eli has come back to school with a positive attitude to learning. Eli, we are always impressed with your resilience. You work hard and always try your best. Thank you for also being such a lovely friend to everyone.

Miners

Theo is our Star of the Week!

He has been pushing himself to improve his writing and has worked extremely hard during our maths lessons, showing great enthusiasm by putting his hand up and being ready to learn.

He is such a lovely boy with a gentle, kind nature.

Keep it up, Theo!

Netherton

Eva is Netherton's star of the week. She is a lovely, hard-working girl, whose emotions often reflect how deeply she cares, and she always tries her very best. This week she created a beautiful piece of art inspired by our work on Henri Rousseau, showing real care, creativity, and determination. We are so proud of her effort and the progress she is making.

KS1 Attendance Bear



Stars of the Week

Hazelwells

To the whole class for being so welcoming and helpful for Miss Cottey!

Ironbridge

In Ironbridge class this week Junior is our Star. This is for committing to improving his reading skills, trying to be more responsible with his belongings, being kind and sensible at breaktimes and having a positive attitude coming back to school after Christmas. Keep up the good work!

Severn

The star in Severn is Jack for coming back after the holiday with a great attitude to learning. We have been so delighted to see your hand up more in Maths lessons and even though reading isn't your favourite thing, you have really embraced Bookfest. Well done Jack. Keep it up!

Wrekin

Reece is our star of the week in Wrekin. Reece is someone who genuinely wants to do well at school! He always tries his hardest and is quick to respond to any advice he is given. He's currently endeavouring to join his handwriting - surprising us all with how beautifully he can write! He sets high expectations for himself and works exceptionally hard. His positive attitude is recognised by adults and his classmates alike - keep this up Reece!

Hitchens

Edie is our star of the week in Hitchen's. It has been an absolute pleasure to watch Edie grow in confidence over the last term. She is now one of the first to volunteer answers or responses in most subjects and is more than happy to articulate her thinking in order to aid her peers. Edie has a fabulous work ethic, which results in her often being one of the first to attempt the challenge questions or tasks. She also has a lovely caring demeanour and demonstrates empathy to her classmates. It has been lovely to observe her with her reading buddy during these initial days of Bookfest and how supportive she is being.

KS2 Attendance Trophy

