



# HIGHLEY SCHOOL BULLETIN

**THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE  
94.14%**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

27th January - Football Tournament (By Invitation)  
28<sup>th</sup> January- Y6 Parent SAT's Meeting - 3.30PM  
3<sup>rd</sup> February - PTA AGM -3.30PM  
3<sup>rd</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> February - Mental Health Week  
10<sup>th</sup> February - Safer Internet Day  
10<sup>th</sup> February - Y4 Parent Meeting - Pioneer -3.30PM  
16th -20<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term (School Closed)  
23<sup>rd</sup> February- Return To School  
24<sup>th</sup> February - KS2 Tag Rugby (By Invitation)  
4th March - Y1 Parent Phonics Meeting - 2.45pm

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Coming Soon

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

W/C 26<sup>th</sup> January

Week 1 Menu

## SOCIAL MEDIA

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**23RD JANUARY 2026  
MESSAGE FROM MR PLIM**

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a dismally wet week in school! Incredibly, it hasn't deterred us from being outside for break, lunchtime and our PE as normal! Our School Councillors for this year have embarked on a project to develop some play rules for OPAL on behalf of Mrs Sherry (who is joining School Council next week to go through what they have come up with in their classes).

On the note of OPAL, during an OPAL playtime, children are exploring, building and getting fully immersed in outdoor play, whether it is loose part play, using the mud kitchen, or yesterday - tennis! During this time of year, a lot of our grassy areas become saturated and 'welly only' zones. We now have our welly storage fully up and running, but there are still a lot of children without a pair of wellies in school. A gentle reminder to send some in if you haven't already, so that children can access all parts of our playtime offer, and play comfortably and confidently!

This year, some of our staff meetings are being delivered by the Sports Partnership and on Monday, the focus was gymnastics. This was a staff meeting with a difference...as 6 children came along to help demonstrate some of the activities and techniques - a huge thank you and congratulations to Arabella, Tilda, Olivia, Blake-Isla, Harry and Sydney who were amazing at helping to show the progression to forward rolls, backward rolls and cartwheels!

Staying with sport, some of our Year 5 and 6 children journeyed to William Brookes School in Much Wenlock on Wednesday to take part in an athletics event where they had to compete in events such as: sprint races, 'speed bounce', long jump, vertical jump, chest push, indoor javelin, relays and Paarluf running - which I've had to look up what it means! Speaking to Miss Humphries and Mrs Cook on return, the children's behaviour was (and I quote): "impeccable" - they came a very respectable 7<sup>th</sup> out of all the schools who were competing.

2026 is the national 'Year of Reading' due to a huge drop in the number of people nationally who are reading for pleasure. In school, our approach to teaching and promoting reading is a real strength and next week we will be launching the Year of Reading with the children; building on all the fantastic practice across school and really promoting the importance of linking what they are reading with their own interests (not just books as reading material).

Our Year 5s are currently taking part in an initiative called 'Bookfest', looking at a range of exciting texts by a range of authors and really getting under the skin of the content. Just around the corner of course is World Book Day at the start of March - please start thinking about costumes if pupils would like to dress up. As we have done in previous years, every single child in school will take home their chosen World Book Day book on the day!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend, Mr Plim

## TTRS ROCK HEROES



Kassandra



Roman



Dominic



Rock

# Parenting Help and Support Line



The Parenting Help and Support Line are here for all parents, including those parent carers of children and young people with SEND, with a friendly listening ear and practical advice on everything from behaviours that challenge to sleep issues. No judgment, just support.

Call 01743 250950 Monday - Thursday, 9.30am - 4.30pm or Friday, 9.30am - 3.30pm or email: [parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk)

# 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

Head lice 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.

# Clee

Jake is the star in Clee for being a delightful member of our class and a great role model. We are also impressed with how hard you are working to improve your writing and reading.

# Arley

Arley's star this week is Indy! We have been so impressed with how focused he is in class. He always has his hand up and listens so well, which means he is quickly grasping new concepts in mathematics. He has blown us away with his hard work and dedication to improve. Well done Indy, superstar!

# Station

Station's star of the week is Sienna. Sienna is simply wowing us! She is bursting with ideas in all lessons showing how engaged she is with learning. Sienna is challenging herself all the time, fulfilling her great potential. Well done, superstar!

# Miners

Since returning after Christmas Elexus has been working really hard to make positive choices. Elexus has shown great resilience too- even on mornings when leaving mum feels a little difficult, she comes into school, settles well and gets on with her day. Elexus is engaging well with her activity boxes, phonics and reading, she is also learning how to build positive relationships with both pupils and staff in SSR and Miners Class. We are incredibly proud of the progress she is making. Well done Elexus keep up the good work

# Netherton

Luca is Netherton's star this week, for always showing lovely enthusiasm for learning. We've been especially impressed with your fantastic writing inspired by The Leopard's Drum - you've worked thoughtfully and creatively. We also love the way you join in with our class discussions. You always have something positive to contribute, and your kind words about your friends make our classroom a happy place to be.

# KS1 Attendance Bear



# Stars of the Week

## Hazelwells

The star in Hazelwells this week is Blue-Belle!

Blue-Belle is growing in confidence and showing lots of determination in maths.

Well done Blue-Belle!

## Ironbridge

This week's Star of the Week in Ironbridge is Arlo.

As a new member of our class this term, Arlo has shown fantastic resilience, working hard to overcome things he finds challenging. He approaches each day with bravery and always brings a smile when he can. Well done, Arlo, we're so proud of you!

## Severn

Star of the Week in Severn this week is Isabelle for being a super star in all areas! Izzy has had her hand up throughout our Maths (fractions) lessons, which is great to see because it is not always the easiest. And her ideas in English never let us down - she has a fabulous way with words! Fantastic at forward rolls too! Well done Izzy, you've had a great week.

## Wrekin

Wrekin star of the week is Holly. Holly joined us a few weeks ago from another school. She has settled really well into Wrekin class and has become a valued member of our 'team'! Although she might find things challenging at times, Holly has proven herself to be a hard worker! She is extremely friendly and always has a big smile on her face. We are delighted she is here to share in our final year of primary school!

## Hitchens

Poppy is the star in Wrekin for growing in confidence and always contributing in lessons. Your hand is always up and you are 'on fire' in Maths - amazing focus and effort.

You are kind, helpful and a truly lovely friend to everyone.

Keep up the fantastic work - you're a superstar! We are very proud of you!

KS2  
Attendance Trophy

