

Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from Mrs Walford:

It has been a wonderful week at Highfield. The children are now really in the swing of their learning, and we have been so impressed by the effort, enthusiasm, and focus they are showing across the school. It is a joy to see their confidence and curiosity growing each day.

Update on end of Year 6 Results

We were very pleased with our outcomes at the end of Key Stage 2 this year, which not only exceeded local and national standard in all subjects, but also put Highfield in the Top 5 schools in Southampton in almost all areas as well, both in terms of children achieving the national standard and exceeding it!

88.9% of children at Highfield were awarded the expected standard in writing, much higher than the local average of 69.7% and national average of 72.3%. Ours are the third highest results in the Local Authority (LA) in terms of meeting the standard for writing. We are also joint second in the LA for our Greater Depth writing, with 33.3% of children achieving the standard. For Maths, 82.2% of children achieved the expected standard. 44.4% of our children achieved the higher standard in Maths. For reading, 84.5% met the expected standard and 44.4% of our children were awarded the higher standard, third place in the local authority, where the average was 29.1%.

These results put our combined Reading, Writing and Maths percentage at 77.78%, and local average was 56.6% and national was 62.2%. For the higher standard in Reading Writing Maths combined, we were the highest performing school in the local authority, with 31.1% children achieving the standard in all three subjects. We are very proud of these fantastic results and hope these wonderful children are continuing to thrive at secondary school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Wishing you all a lovely, restful weekend.

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Weekly bulletin board:



Invitation to our Training & Equipping event
for Christian Parents and Education Staff:

**Growing Faith at School:
Raising Up a Generation Together**

Wednesday 1st October

7.30pm

Highfield Church Centre, Southampton



Free Tickets!

Upcoming dates for this half term:

Monday 22nd September - Avon Tyrell week for year 6

Monday 22nd September - Bikeability week for year 5

Thursday 25th September - Year R parents phonics
workshop

Thursday 25th September - Church - harvest festival

Friday 26th September - Year 3/4 Stone Age day

Monday 29th September - Visiting author Banji
Alexander in school

Thursday 2nd October - Table tennis competition at
Cantell

Friday 3rd October - Cross country league starts (weekly
on a Friday at the Sports Centre)

Tuesday 7th October - Spirit of the wild at the juniors

Tuesday 7th October - Parent Forum - 4pm - 5pm online

Monday 13th October - Year 5/6 rivers trip TBC

Wednesday 15th October - School photos being taken

Monday 27th - Friday 31st October - Half term

*Please note, dates may be added/ changed as the term
progresses - please keep checking Parent Mail for full
information on the above events.*

Infant Department updates and celebrations



Ash celebrations:

Arjan: For showing such amazing bravery and never giving up, even when things are tricky. You keep going with a smile, and we are so proud of you!



Vashti-Charu: For always shows our school values so wonderfully. You are kind, caring and respectful, and your big smile makes everyone feel happy!

Maple celebrations:

We are so lucky to have **Theo** in our class! Theo has been working very hard independently and is always determined to finish his work. He is focused, listens well, helps his friends and always follows instructions beautifully - Keep it up, Theo!



We are so very proud of **Jude** this week. Leaving Mummy and coming into school has been hard at first, but this week Jude has been so brave, coming in the classroom door with a smile ready to start the day. Fantastic attitude Jude, well done and keep it up!



Beech celebrations:

Fraser: For coming into school with a big smile and a brilliant attitude to his learning. We are all really proud of him. Well done and keep it up!



Mabel: For working really hard in all of her learning and has really impressed us with her independence.

Important information for Infant parents:



Exciting baby news!



Mr and Mrs Lewis are expecting their second child! Their bundle of joy will be due to arrive at the start of March and they cannot wait for you to meet their new addition. As the baby will not be joining us for awhile, this means the Lewis's still have a great chunk of time to teach, support, guide and have fun with your amazing children up until they go on maternity/ paternity leave! Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Lewis!

What's been happening in the department this week:

Year 1 and 2 had a fabulous 'wow day' where the children came into school dressed as their favourite traditional tale character.



Reminder: Oxford Owl log on's are in pupils reading diaries. Books will be live from Monday! Please log on to access your child's account.



Junior Department updates and celebrations



Important information for Junior parents:

All children should now have their **Showbie** logins to access their weekly spellings and their doodle logins to support them with their learning at home. If you are having any trouble logging in please speak to your child's class teacher. Year 5/6 have an exciting week coming up next week! With both the residential trip and Bikeability taking place, it's a joy to be able to offer such wonderful experiences for our pupils. We know the children will gain so much from these opportunities, both in learning and in creating lasting memories. Year 3/4 we are really looking forward to our Stone Age Day next Friday 26th September! If your child would like to take part, they are very welcome to come to school in a Stone Age-inspired costume!

What's been happening in the department this week:

Year 5/6: It has been a fantastic week, with the children fully immersing themselves in all subjects. In football, we saw excellent coaching and reciprocity, with some brilliant teamwork on display. Our worship session, led by Surfers Against Sewage, was both informative and inspiring. It linked beautifully to our RE lesson, where the children shared their views on the importance of looking after our planet. We were so impressed by their mature, reflective answers and the passion they showed for protecting their local environment!

Year 3/4: It's been a fantastic week of learning across all three classes! In Literacy, we've been particularly impressed by how quickly they've begun to apply their understanding of instructional writing, including the effective use of modal verbs, adverbs, compound and complex sentences, as well as command sentences. We are looking forward to reading their published instructions next week! It was wonderful to see the year 4 children begin learning their new instruments in Music this week - whether it was the ukulele or trumpet. Their enthusiasm and curiosity were a joy to witness!



Bassam has been doing such a great job of following his golden goals. He has been listening carefully and trying his best in his learning. He really has been courageous!

Great job, Bassam!

Sofia has been doing such a great job in writing this week, she's tried super hard to make sure her writing includes all of the skills we have been learning about and she has been making sure her presentation is beautiful! Well done for being so courageous, Sofia!

Europe celebrations:



Olivia for a brilliant start to year 4 representing all of our school values. Olivia is always so respectful to her classmates and teachers. Courageous in how she challenges herself to complete her learning to a fantastic standard and so peaceful and calm in the class. A role model to everyone. Well done Olivia!

Hector for a fantastic start to year 3 representing all of our school values. I have really noticed how courageous Hector is in his learning, keeping going to complete the learning. How peaceful he is in class and how respectful he is to everyone at Highfield. A fantastic example to everyone.

Well done Hector!

Australasia celebrations:



Oren has shown outstanding kindness and care towards his peers. He has displayed empathy and made others feel welcome. His actions are a reminder to us all on the importance of including others and making them feel valued.

Shahwaiz has been incredible since coming back from the summer and he should be really proud of himself. He has been working incredibly hard at demonstrating the school value of courage through embracing any new learning thrown his way!

North America celebrations:



Harriet for her brilliant attitude to learning so far this year. She has shown that she is ready to learn at all times, has joined in with discussions and been an all-round superstar!

Alex for a super start to the year! He is showing already that he is keen and motivated to learn and has demonstrated a brilliant attitude at school!

Asia celebrations:



What a fantastic week it has been for **Henock**! He has shone brightly with his courage and determination, fully involving himself in lessons and sharing his thoughts with confidence. A real highlight was in French, where he was a superstar—asking and answering questions with enthusiasm and using lots of new vocabulary. Well done, Henock!

A huge well done to **Hashir** for another brilliant week! I've been so impressed with the way he eagerly contributes his ideas in lessons and love how he brings in interesting facts he's learned at home. He has really stood out in our geography, SPaG, and science lessons—what a fantastic effort, Hashir!

South America celebrations:



Prisha for consistently showing excellent, respectful behaviour and listening attentively in class. This week she has produced some fantastic Science and Geography work, clearly demonstrating her understanding of the circulatory system, as well as erosion and deposition.

Scarlett for always bringing her lively, positive presence to every lesson. She contributes fully to class discussions, shares brilliant ideas, and explains her understanding with real clarity.