



Message from Mrs Walford:

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest donations on Thursday. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and the food collected will go a long way in supporting those in need within our community. Please note that children will not be attending church again until Thursday, 6th November. Until then, Thursdays will follow the usual school timetable, and children should be collected at their normal times and from their usual departments.

We are also in the process of checking whether children and families are entitled to Pupil Premium funding. This is additional government funding given to schools to help support children who may be eligible for free school meals, are in care, or have parents serving in the armed forces. It allows us to provide extra resources, support, and opportunities for children across the school. If you think your child may be entitled, or if you would like further information, please don't hesitate to contact the school office. All you need to provide is your national insurance number and we can check your eligibility.

Have a wonderful weekend and hopefully see you all at the Dance Live car boot sale tomorrow!

Next week's collective worship:

Change - bring peace to every situation.



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Weekly bulletin board:

Parent Reps

We are looking for parents reps for year R and year 3. The parent reps attend the parent forum and pass on any thoughts, concerns or ideas. All parents are welcome to attend the parent forum or complete the online feedback form. If you would like to be a year R or year 3 rep, please get in touch. Also huge congratulations to Ingrid Muller (one of our parent reps) who had her little baby girl last week - congratulations!



SCMSchools Cross Connecting Scripture Union

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:

- Saturday 27th September** - Dance Live car boot sale
 - Monday 29th September** - Banji Alexander visit for children
 - Wednesday 1st October** - Walktober month begins
 - Thursday 2nd October** - Table tennis competition at Cantell
 - Friday 3rd October** - Cross country league starts (weekly on a Friday at the Sports Centre)
 - Monday 6th October** - Active Travel Raffle
 - 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 20th October** - 3.25pm-4.00pm: Active Travel Shop at the Junior department
 - Monday 27th - Friday 31st October** - Half term
 - Friday 7th November** - Deadline for Active Travel Competition
- 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:

Sofia C – For showing our school value of courage, you have been coming in so beautifully in the mornings, getting yourself ready for the day, and working really hard in maths to make fantastic progress.



Poppy – For always showing respect to others and helping your friends when they need it. Your kindness makes everyone feel welcome and cared for, and you set a lovely example to others.

Maple celebrations:

We are so proud of **Daya** this week! At first, she struggled to come into school in the mornings and we know moving from Year R to Year 1 can feel like a big jump. But Daya has been brave and shown real resilience, now coming into school with her beautiful smile ready for the day! Well done Daya! Keep it up because we love having you in our class.



Sufiyan has started Year 2 in a positive, enthusiastic and resilient manner. Everyday, he consistently shows our Golden Goals, is focused, engaged and determined to do his work to the best of his ability. Thank you Sufiyan! What a great role model you are to your friends.



Beech celebrations:

Frankie is always such a star! He has a wonderful attitude to his learning and his friendships! He is always eager to help and shows all of our golden goals every single day. You are amazing Frankie!



Viktoriiia has been working so hard on all of her amazing year one learning! She always puts in 100% effort and we have been so very impressed.

Important information for Infant parents:

Reminders for labelling clothes

We are beginning to accumulate more lost property that we are currently unable to return to current owners. Please make sure your child's clothes are labelled and that any old names are being over written or removed if the uniform is second hand.

Author Visit- Banji Alexander

On Monday the children will be visited by the author Banji Alexander. They will get a chance to ask him questions and find out more his amazing journey on Monday.



What's been happening in the department this week:

Year R- Well done on your first full week in YearR! It has been great to see how well the children have been getting on and settling into a full day of routines.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the YrR phonics workshop, it was great to see you all. This week the children have



been looking at the 'm' and 'a' sounds in phonics. Below is a link that will help you with the first few sounds that the children will be learning. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KUbrJPA65g>

Year 1/2- Year 1 and 2 have been carrying on with their learning all about Inside the Villains. This week they have been creating some practise writing pieces based on Little Red Riding Hood. Amazing work KS1.

Junior Department updates and celebrations



Important information for Junior parents:

Football at lunch time:

Our lunchtime provision is now fully up and running, with a fantastic range of sports led by our brilliant Team Spirit coaches! We have a range of sports on offer for your child to enjoy, but if they have any suggestions, please have them come to speak to Mr Lewis or the Team Spirit coaches. To support positive play, we have introduced a new red and yellow card system on the football pitch. This highlights the importance of respect—both for fellow pupils and for coaches—and works alongside our school behaviour policy. The aim is to prevent unkind words or comments during games and to ensure football remains the inclusive, enjoyable sport it should be for everyone at Highfield.

What's been happening in the department this week:

Year 3/4: The children absolutely loved Stone Age Day! It has been so amazing to see them all in their costumes, so thank you so much for your support in making the Stone Age come to life! The children spent some time creating their own Stone Age homes out of clay and straw, creating their very own cave paintings, and most importantly acting as archaeologists by examining artefacts. Overall it was an excellent day full of brilliant learning!

Year 5/6: Year 5 and 6 have had very busy weeks indeed! The children in year 6 had an absolute ball at Avon Tyrell - and so did the staff! They have been climbing, playing sports, absailing and dancing at the disco. The behaviour from pupils has been absolutely wonderful and we are so pleased they had such a great week. The children in year 5 have been improving their bike skills in school! This week, the children have been out on the road completing their 'bikeability' training. The children have been learning to safely ride their bikes on the road and how to signal. In between times, the year 5 and 6 children at school have been completing batik creations. What a great week for everyone!



Emma has shown great courage in her writing this week. She has worked hard to include all of the skills we have been learning in our instruction writing, and her presentation is consistently beautiful. It is wonderful to see the pride she takes in her learning – a fantastic effort, Emma!
Mattia has really shown our school value of respect this week. He has worked hard to follow our golden goals and has made a great effort to be consistently respectful towards others. Well done, Mattia!

Europe celebrations:



Isabella J for the most fantastic start to year 4 showing all of our school values. She is so peaceful during her learning and on the carpet, so courageous in how she challenges and pushes herself forward to ensure her learning is as brilliant as possible and so respectful to everyone in our class. A role model to everyone in Europe and the whole school. Well done Isabella!
Mahir M for a wonderful start to year 3 in which he has shown all of our school values. I have really noticed how courageous and peaceful Mahir has been this week especially in literacy where his hand is constantly up, and he has been so focused when writing his instructions. Mahir has been a fantastic example to the whole of our class and our school. Well done Mahir!



Australasia celebrations:
I have been so impressed with **Toby** this past week! He has displayed the school value of courage by thinking of ways to support himself and seeking help when he needs it. It's been wonderful to see his growing independence and confidence!
Alexander is a real superstar in the classroom. He is an incredible child and he has been trying so hard in all his learning and it has paid off! He has produced some excellent learning this week! Well done Alexander!



Year 5 celebrations:

Well done to **all of year 5** for a brilliant week! They've mastered new cycling skills in Bikeability – showing confidence, concentration, and determination – and they've also let their creativity shine through their fantastic Batik art designs. They've worked with such enthusiasm and imagination, and everyone should be very proud of what they've achieved. A huge well done to Year 5 for an amazing week of learning and success!



Year 6 celebrations:



What an incredible week it's been for our **year 6s** on their residential! They've shown courage, teamwork, resilience, and shared lots of laughter along the way. Every challenge they've faced with positivity and determination, and they should all feel so proud of what they've achieved. A huge congratulations to each and every one of you for making it such a memorable and fantastic experience – they've represented themselves and our school brilliantly!