



Message from Mrs Walford:

We've had another wonderful week at Highfield!

One of the highlights was our fantastic author visit from Banji Alexander. The children were completely inspired by his energy, creativity, and passion for storytelling. The sessions were full of laughter, imagination, and excitement — and we now have lots of pupils who are aspiring to become authors themselves! It was wonderful to see so many of them asking thoughtful questions and sharing their own story ideas.

This is a perfect opportunity to remind everyone about the importance of reading at home **every day**. Please continue to read with your child daily and record this in their reading diary. Regular reading not only helps to develop vocabulary and comprehension skills, but it also builds imagination, empathy, and confidence. Children who read widely and often are more successful learners across **all areas** of the curriculum.

A quick reminder that Parents' Evening will take place on Monday 10th November. Please make sure you book your appointment through SCOPAY as soon as possible to secure your preferred time slot. It's a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and celebrate their achievements so far this term.

Thank you for your continued support with encouraging reading at home — it really does make a difference.

Wishing you all a lovely, restful weekend.

Next week's collective worship:

Loneliness



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Weekly bulletin board:

KIDS HOLIDAY CAMPS
 TEAM SPIRIT
 PROUD TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE
 27TH - 31ST OCTOBER

Join us this half term for some action packed days of enjoyable activities! MULTI-SPORTS, FOOTBALL, TEAM XTREME AND OUR HARRY POTTER SPECIAL. SO MUCH FUN TO BE HAD - DON'T MISS OUT BOOK TODAY!
 Full list of courses and dates on next page.

Visit our site

Highfield CE Primary School (Junior Site) - Hawthorn Road, SO17 1PK
 Short day option - 8:45am - 3:15pm / Long day option - 8:45am - 5:15pm
 Multi-day discounts and sibling discounts available

021 80 658 634

Next week at Re:Minds...
 20th - 24th October 2025

CAMHS Advice Clinic
 Thursday 25th October 10am

Book a 10 minute, private, virtual Zoom appointment to speak with a clinician about any issues CAMHS deal with

The clinic is led by the Southampton Specialist CAMHS Service and is open to ALL members of Re:Minds for general advice

Email info@reminds.org.uk to book

Please email info@reminds.org.uk to book your space at the clinic
 No need to book to attend the support group - just drop in!

Let's get moving this **Walktober!**
 Get moving for our wellbeing, our community and our planet

WALKTOBER 2025

SAVE THE DATE!!
 HIGHFIELD SCHOOL'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE
 SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER
 3.30PM - 6.30PM

27th and 31st October
 Multi-sports and activity courses - A range of your favourite sports, including dodgeball, benchball, hockey, tennis, cricket and much more, will be available to take part in along with arts, crafts, Legoastic and lots of other fun and games!!!

28th October
 Football courses - A course dedicated to all things football...skills, shooting, setpieces, goals, matches, tournaments, competitions and challenges! The perfect course for every football mad superstar! Suitable for all ages and abilities.

29th October
 Team Xtreme is a course for children with lots of energy, imagination and a sense of adventure. Children will take part in a range of activities that will put both mind and body to the test! Nerf guns, archery, capture the flag, dodgeball and more!

30th October
 Harry Potter World - Come and join us on a trip to the wizarding world. Broomstick lessons, wand selection, quidditch matches and more magical activities. Wigwagium leviosa!

Upcoming dates for this half term:

Tuesday 21st October at 3:45 PM in Asia Class - KS2 curriculum meeting
Thursday 23rd October - KS2 skills swap after school in the hall - the mayor of Southampton is coming to support Zeyno - the children's mayor of Southampton!
Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October - Half term (school closed all week)

Autumn 2 Dates (so far)

Monday 3rd November - First day back after half term
Monday 3rd November - Y5/6 football at St. Mark's
Friday 7th November - School Nurse Appointments. Please book with the office.
Monday 10th November - Parent's Evening
Tuesday 11th November - Photo retakes for absentees and family photos 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Thursday 13th November - Year 5/6 boy's football @St Marks
Monday 17th November - Road safety week
Wednesday 19th November - Flu vaccine
Thursday 20 November - Year 5/6 boy's football @St Marks
Friday 21 November - Infant Stay and Share
Monday 24th November -Table tennis country finals @Basingstoke
Monday 24th November - Year 5/6 girl's football @St Marks
Friday 28 November - Junior Stay and Share
Saturday 19th November - HSFF Christmas Fayre
Monday 1st December - Year 5/6 indoor athletics tournament @Woodlands
Tuesday 2nd December - Parent Forum ONLINE 4.30-5.30pm - meet.google.com/gjx-hzdh-ywu
Wednesday 3rd December - Year 3/4 netball/ handball festival @Solent uni
Thursday 4th December - Year 5/6 boy's football @St Marks
Friday 5th December - School Nurse Appointments. Please book with the office.
Friday 5th December - Year R Nativity
Wednesday 10th December - Year 3/4 basketball festival @Cantell
Thursday 11th December - KS2 Carol Service
Thursday 11th December - Christmas jumper day
Friday 12th December - KS1 Christmas Service- Nativity
Friday 12th December - HSFF Christmas parent social
Friday 19th December - last day of term. Finish one hour early.

HSFF

Welcome to the 25/26 school year from the Highfield School Friends and Family charity!

For those new to the school, we are a charitable group run by a team of parents. Our goal is simple: bring the wonderful Highfield School community together to create treasured memories and raise money to support our children's education.

Throughout the year, we organise a wide range of fun events that bring together the children, teachers, families and carers that make our school community so special.

All the money raised from these events goes straight back into making Highfield School a fun, varied and nurturing place for all our children to learn and grow!

2025/2026 fundraising target:

We are really excited about the year ahead and have lots of fun things planned!

This year HSFF is aiming to raise
£8,000

Key events to put in your diary:

- Christmas Fayre - 29th November
- Parents' Quiz - 12th December
- School Disco - 30th January
- International Fayre - 7th February
- Summer Fayre - 13th June
- More events to follow!

What will the money raised be spent on?

THANK YOU so much to the school community for all your amazing support! Here are just a few examples of the projects our fundraising supports:



SCHOOL ESSENTIALS: School repairs, stationary, musical instruments, staff welfare, maths equipment and class furniture.

ENRICHING EDUCATION: Sprit of the Wild wildlife day, annual pantomime show, Times Table Rockstars subscription and Twinkl subscription.

MAKING LEARNING FUN: Class treats, classroom displays, sports day lollies and a Father Christmas gift for every child in the school.

MAKING HIGHFIELD INCLUSIVE: Supporting any families in need to access school uniform, events and other essentials.

How can I support HSFF?

There are loads of ways you can help:

- **Come along to our events.** Bring friends and family and have fun!
- **Volunteer at events.** All help is hugely appreciated - lookout for volunteer requests in ParentMail and WhatsApp.
- **Charitable giving.** HSFF welcomes one-off or regular donations. As a registered charity, donations qualify for many employer-matching schemes. Visit [this link to donate](#).
- **Join the HSFF team.** It's a fun way to meet other parents and give back to the Highfield School community. Please email familyandfriends@highfieldschool.co.uk. We would love to hear from you!

2024/5 HSFF annual review

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Infant Department updates and celebrations



Maple celebrations:



Rachel is an incredibly helpful member of Maple class. If there is a job to be done - Rachel is the first with her hand up ready to help her teachers and friends. She often thinks of a job before the teacher has even got there! Rachel, thank you for always thinking of others - we are very lucky to have you!



Bethany has been working very hard during literacy. Whilst writing a setting description, she was resourceful using her plan effectively from the previous lesson. She made sure to include spelling corrections her teacher had given her for her final piece. Well done, Bethany!

Ash celebrations:



Penny – For always showing our school values of peace, courage, and respect. You are always on it with your work and try your very best, both in class and in everything you do!

Enzo – For being super focused with your work and helping us so well in our class Science experiment. You measured your heart rate carefully, which helped us get a brilliant result!

Important information for Infant parents:

What's been happening in the department this week:

The infant children had a great time seeing Banji Alexander. The pupils sang his song with enthusiasm and thought of very interesting questions. What a super day!

Reminders: All children need to wear BLACK school shoes. The soles must be black too please.



Beech celebrations:



Thabi N is such a wonderful member of Beech Base. She is always so kind to everyone and brings joy to us all. She always works so hard and follows the golden goals in everything she does! Well done Thabi!

Theo R is such a hard working and conscientious member of Beech. He is always following the golden goals, being respectful in all his lessons. He is kind and gentle with his friends and a joy to be around!

Junior Department updates and celebrations



Important information for Junior parents:

Next week, all children will be being tested on this half term's keywords, so please continue practising them with your child at home.

Parent workshop:

KS2 curriculum meeting on Tuesday 21st October at 3:45 PM in Asia Class.

What's been happening in the department this week

Year 3/4: Children have been getting ready to make their pneumatic monsters in DT next week. They have been looking closely at how pneumatic systems work, and they have started to plan for their final product. We are excited to see their outcomes! Thank you for everyone who has already brought in a box with a hinge for their child to use. We will be using them next week, so please continue to bring them in if you haven't already.

Year 5/6: The children thoroughly enjoyed their rivers trip on Monday, and came back to school with lots of knowledge which they used to create some excellent presentations! A big thank you to Mr Dodson for planning such a great trip which led to some very informative fieldwork! The children have also come to the end of their first writing journey and should feel so proud of their detailed and persuasive adverts. They have really immersed themselves in the text features and produced a fantastic first piece of writing!

The children in KS2 also loved their visit from the author, Banji! It was a fantastic experience for all the children!



Well done to **Ifechukwu** for showing incredible courage and confidence in Geography! You spoke with such enthusiasm and shared your ideas beautifully, demonstrating a deep understanding of your learning! You showed so much pride in your work which was wonderful to see!

What another wonderful week it's been for **Jayraj**! He has shown excellent focus and a fantastic readiness to learn! You have impressed me with your thoughtful contributions in literacy and guided reading. Your hard work, attention to detail, and positive attitude have really stood out - keep up the brilliant effort!



Inayah for putting an amazing effort into her Geography project this week. She showed real resilience and focus when getting down the results of her fieldwork, presenting them in an informative and well presented manner. Well done too for the extra learning she did on Doodle to help her write some formal Terms and Conditions in her advert in Literacy!

Abigail for showing real courage and determination with her recent Literacy work. She should be really proud of the advert that she wrote over the course of a few lessons, which contained the features we had been practising in class including some lovely persuasive language - and she even went the extra mile and added some Terms and Conditions too! Well done too for the part she played in putting together a super Geography project.



Sammy has been working incredibly hard in his literacy this week and he has written a brilliant setting description! I have been so impressed with how he has used his plan to inform his writing. Keep up the good work Sammy!

Warda shows the school value of peace everyday at school. She wants to help her peers and her teachers as much as possible and her sensible and caring nature makes the classroom a lovely place to be! Well done Warda!



Maryam for her focus, concentration and ability to produce excellent work in her lessons. This shows fantastic READINESS and also RESPECT within learning time. Well done!

Noah for a fantastic start to the year! He has shown excellent READINESS in class, RESPECT towards adults and peers alike and COURAGE when faced with challenging learning. He is going to have a FANTASTIC year!



Dahli for a wonderful start to the year in Europe Class showing all of the school values. I have really noticed how courageous Dahli is in all of her learning. Working hard to complete her work with beautiful presentation and consideration. She is so peaceful in the kindness she shows to all of her classmates in Europe and so respectful in how she listens to others and makes sure everyone feels included. Dahli is a brilliant example to all! Well done Dahli!

Idris for a fantastic start to year 4 in Europe Class. This week I have seen Idris being a brilliant example to everyone of all of our school values. He has shown so much courage in maths, persevering and keeping going to complete his work and also with his writing in literacy. He has shown respect in how he has listened on the carpet and been so ready to answer questions and peace in how kind he is to his classmates. Well done Idris!



Esther is a wonderful member of Africa Class. She consistently follows her golden goals, showing dedication and kindness every day. This week, we are especially celebrating Esther for showing our school value of peace. Her kind heart and cheerful nature bring so much positivity to our classroom. Esther's enthusiasm for learning is inspiring - she approaches every task with a smile and a great attitude. She is always ready to support her peers, showing care, patience, and encouragement. Esther is not only a good friend but also a great role model for her classmates. Well done, Esther - thank you for being such a positive and peaceful presence in Africa Class!

This week, we are proud to celebrate **Arthur** for showing fantastic courage in his learning. He has stepped up to every challenge with determination, particularly in literacy, where he has made impressive progress. Arthur has been putting in great effort to develop his writing skills, focusing on using prepositional adverbials and expanded noun phrases to add detail and depth to his work. He has also been working hard on improving his spelling and punctuation, and it's been brilliant to see his creativity shine through in his writing. Arthur's willingness to keep going, even when things feel tricky, shows real resilience. He is becoming more confident every day and is showing others what it means to be brave in learning. Well done, Arthur - your courage and commitment are making a big difference. Keep it up!

Asia celebrations:

South America celebrations:

Australasia celebrations:

North America celebrations:

Europe celebrations:

Africa celebrations: