



## Message from Mrs Walford:

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a brilliant return back into the second half of our Autumn term — the children have settled back in so well. Routines are back, learning behaviours are sharp, and we've had a really purposeful, hardworking feel across the school this week.

Next week we are really looking forward to seeing everyone at Parents' Evening on Monday. A reminder that this will be held in the Junior Hall. After your appointment with your child's class teacher, you are very welcome to take time and look through your children's core subject books. This is always a really valuable chance to see progress in their learning in their books.

If you have not yet booked an appointment slot, please could you do this as soon as possible.

Thank you as always for your support.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Next week's collective  
worship:  
Remembrance**



**Term:** Autumn 2  
**Date:** 07/11/2025

**Update number: 1**



## Upcoming dates for this half term:

### Autumn 2 Dates (so far)

- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November** - **ODD SOCKS DAY**
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November** - Parent's Evening, 1.30pm - 7.30pm
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November** - Photos for absentees and family photos 3.30pm - 4.30pm
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November** - Year 5/6 boy's football @St Marks
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November** - Road safety week
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November** - Flue vaccines
- Thursday 20 November** - Year 5/6 boy's football @St Marks
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November** - **Free workshop for parents and carers hosted by the MHST on how to manage challenging behaviours.**
- Friday 21 November** - **Infant Stay and Share**
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November** - Table tennis country finals @Basingstoke
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November** - Year 5/6 girl's football @St Marks
- Friday 28 November** - **Junior Stay and Share**
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November** - HSFF Christmas Fayre
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December** - Year 5/6 indoor athletics tournament @Woodlands
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** - Parent Forum ONLINE 4.30-5.30pm - [meet.google.com/gjx-hzdh-ywu](https://meet.google.com/gjx-hzdh-ywu)
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** - Year 3/4 netball/ handball festival @Solent uni
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 5/6 boy's football @St Marks
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December** - School Nurse Appointments. Please book with the office.
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December** - **Year R Nativity**
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 3/4 basketball festival @Cantell
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas jumper day
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - **KS1 Christmas Service- Nativity**
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - HSFF Christmas parent social
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - **KS2 Carol Service**
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - last day of term. Finish one hour early

We Knead You! 🍞😊

🍰 A Little Bake, A Little Make – Can You Help? 🍪

**Saturday 29th November | 3:30–6:30pm**

Our much-loved **Christmas Fayre** is just around the corner, and one of the highlights is always the **Cake Café** – this year we're also adding a **Sandwich Stall!** 🥪



To make them a success, we'd love your homemade or store-bought donations of:

🍰 Cakes, biscuits, cookies, or festive bakes



🥪 Simple sandwiches (e.g., cheese, ham, egg, tuna, jam) – individually wrapped.

Yummy treats, happy faces, and funds raised for our children — what could be better?



♥ Help us plan ahead – please register in advance!



Your lovingly donated cakes, cookies, and sandwiches make the **Christmas Fayre** so special. Please fill out this [Google Form](#) to let us know what you'll be contributing so we can prepare a stall full of festive delights.

A quick reminder:

🚫 Nut-free only – the school is a nut-free zone due to severe allergies

✍ Label all ingredients clearly

Thank you so much for your generosity – your treats make our **Christmas Fayre** magical and raise funds for the school. We couldn't do it without you! 🎅🎁



With Love,

HSFF



## Weekly bulletin board:

**SAVE THE DATE!!**  
HIGHFIELD SCHOOL'S  
**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**  
SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
3.30PM - 6.30PM

Next week at **Re:Minds...**  
10th - 14th November 2025

<p><b>ADHD Advice Clinic</b></p> <p>Monday 10th November 10am</p> <p>Book a private 10 minute, virtual Zoom appointment to speak with a clinician about any issues related to ADHD</p> <p>Appointments will be with Laura Nibbel, Lead ADHD Nurse from CAMHS</p> <p>Email <a href="mailto:info@reminds.org.uk">info@reminds.org.uk</a> to book</p>	<p><b>Autism Advice Clinic</b></p> <p>Tuesday 11th November 10.30am</p> <p>Book a private, 10 minute virtual Zoom appointment to speak with a clinician about any issues related to Autism</p> <p>The clinic is led by the Southampton Autism Assessment Service</p> <p>Email <a href="mailto:info@reminds.org.uk">info@reminds.org.uk</a> to book</p>
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Please email [info@reminds.org.uk](mailto:info@reminds.org.uk) to book your space at the clinics

We're taking part in **Road Safety Week** to talk about safe vehicles.

Safe vehicles are roadworthy | Prevent crashes | Protect people

**SAFE VEHICLES SAVE LIVES.** Road Safety Week

[www.brake.org.uk/road-safety-week](http://www.brake.org.uk/road-safety-week) #RoadSafetyWeek

**Winter Clean Air Challenge**

Become a small detective and find cozy swaps for wood burning to help reduce air pollution, improve your health and even win some prizes!

Take an evening walk - can you spot or smell wood smoke?

Note your findings on our activity sheet, then get creative with ideas for staying cozy that winter without a fire. To enter, please use the activity sheet provided.

Entries must be in receipt by 12th December

[www.environmentcentre.com/clean-air-for-schools](http://www.environmentcentre.com/clean-air-for-schools)

**SOUTHAMPTON MHST**

**Managing Behaviours that Challenge**  
A Workshop for Parents/Carers

Does your child show challenging behaviours at home? Do you want to learn tools to manage these behaviours?

We all use behaviours as a way to communicate however children can demonstrate behaviours which can be difficult to understand and manage at times.

It can be difficult for parents/carers to know how best to support children during these challenging times.

This workshop is for parents and carers to understand more about why children show challenging behaviours and learn some tools which help with managing behaviour at home.

Where: Highfield Primary School, Hawthorn Rd  
When: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025  
Time: 9.30 - 10.30am  
Facilitator: Beth Jackson

Southampton Mental Health in Schools Team

**SPOTLIGHT UK**

**CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE**

Donation Point

Donate new & unwrapped toys for children this Christmas

Deadline for donations 1st December

**Morrisons Totton**

Spruce Drive, Totton, Southampton, SO40 8AD

For More Information:  
07804880072 or [michaela@spotlightuk.org](mailto:michaela@spotlightuk.org)  
Spotlight UK registered charity 1125258

**BLACK SPECIAL DISCOUNT FRIDAY**

SIGN UP FOR CHILDRENS SWIMMING LESSON FOR ONLY

**£50**

**FOR 6 WEEKS OF LESSONS**

LESSONS STARTING W/C 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER - W/E 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

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# Infant Department updates and celebrations



## What's been happening in the department this week:

We hope everyone had a lovely half term and we are looking forward to seeing you at parents evening on Monday.

Now we are back, please make sure your child has a PE kit in school everyday. Some PE topics will be outside so ensure children have appropriate clothing for colder weather.

## Important information for Infant parents:

Parents evening Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Stay and share 8:50-9:15 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November

Parents evening Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November

## Beech celebrations:



**Oscar G** has been amazing this week with our literacy. We have just started our poetry unit and Oscar has really run with it! He has even begun to practise writing his own acoustic poems in his free time! What a star Oscar!

**Max C** is such a wonderful and kind member of Beech Base. He is our wellbeing ambassador and it is so well deserved! He is always looking out for others and is always so caring towards everyone.

## Maple celebrations:



Since starting year 1, **Zivaan** has increasingly displayed our school value of 'Courage' as he comes into school. He comes into school happily now, with a smile on his face, always making

sure to wish his teachers a good morning. Zivaan focuses and listens to instructions throughout the day and this concentration is helping him with his learning. Well done, Zivaan!



**Wilf** is such a joy to teach in Maple. He consistently shows our school value of 'Respect' to all his friends and teachers. Although Wilf is very quiet, we are proud of him starting to speak up and contribute more. You can always count on Wilf to be listening, following instructions and being kind to others. You're a star, Wilfy!

## Ash celebrations:



**Theo** – For working really hard in lessons and being a shape superstar! You could

name all the 3D shapes we looked at on Thursday – well done!

**Jasmine** – For always showing our school values and trying your very best in everything you do. You listen carefully to feedback and keep improving your work – fantastic effort!

## Willow celebrations:



**Mark** has been showing the School value of Respect in everything that he does; he always thinks of others, always shows kindness and is always helping people that need it. You are such a star, Mark!

**Ralaya** has been showing the Golden Goal 'Be Ready'. She is always doing great listening, always focused and always putting her best effort into all of her learning. Thank you for being so super, Ralaya!

## Oak celebrations:



**Saskia** has done some brilliant maths this week! She made some super connections and links between her learning!



**Henry** has been representing the school value of peace by showing kindness and doing good listening this week!

# Junior Department updates and celebrations



## Important information for Junior parents:

We hope everyone had a lovely half term and we are looking forward to seeing you at parents evening on Monday.

Now we are back, please make sure your child has a PE kit in school everyday. Some PE topics will be outside so ensure children have appropriate clothing for colder weather.

## What's been happening in the department this week:

**Year 3/4:** It has been lovely to have the children back after half term, and we have been impressed with how they have thrown themselves into their learning. On Thursday, they participated in some science workshops led by students from the University. They were so engaged and they participated in multiple scientific investigations on sound, electricity and states of matter

**Year 5/6:** It has been a fantastic first week back after half term and the children have been fully immersed within their new topics! We started the week with a DT morning where children researched bug hotels and began planning their own for the playground. They identified locations, resources and which creatures they were looking to attract - it was great to see the collaboration and thought going into their plans!

A BIG well done to our year 5/6 girl's football team too! They began their season with a 2 - 0 win! They showcased skill, teamwork and courage to work together as a team! ⚽



**Theo B** for showing excellent understanding of conjunctions in our Literacy lesson on Wednesday. He really showed the school value of courage by volunteering to answer lots of questions during his group work with Mr Dodson - well done Theo!



**Esmé S** for her always impeccable behaviour in school and her positive, enquiring attitude towards learning - she can always be relied on to do her best, never dipping below 100% effort. This week, she particularly impressed Mr Dodson with the depth of her thinking in our Monday morning DT lesson - well done!



## Australasia celebrations:

**Finley** has had a fantastic first week at Highfield and we feel so lucky to have him as a part of our school. He has settled incredibly well, and he has already shown what a kind, thoughtful, caring and lovely boy he is! We can't wait to get to know him even more!

**Vlad** is an all round superstar! He is always following the golden goals, showing the school values to his peers and staff, and just ultimately being somebody I can rely on. You are amazing Vlad, thank you so much for wonderful! Keep being amazing!



**Beth W** for working so hard at everything she does in school! She is always ready to learn, to join in and offer her opinion as well as being keen to support others in their learning. In addition, she is incredibly polite and respectful towards others. Finally, she is such a calm and steady character, demonstrating our school value of peace wherever she goes! Well done!

**Maciej A** for being such a hardworking and focused individual! He comes into school every day ready to learn. During inputs and independent learning he gets his head down and cracks on with the task! He shows fantastic understanding of his learning and puts in superb effort with presentation! He is a very respectful, kind and peaceful soul in our class and an absolute pleasure to teach! You should be so proud!



## Asia celebrations:

Well done **Jack** for a fantastic first week back after half term! He has shown a wonderful attitude across our DT lessons and been really immersed within our new topic. He has shared some fantastic ideas and really thought critically about his bug hotel ideas - I have loved hearing his reflective responses! What another great week it's been for **Julia**! I have been so impressed with her confidence and readiness to share her thoughts and ideas in lessons. In RE, she thought deeply about our new topic and in literacy she has really stood out for her confidence to challenge herself with her sentence construction. Well done Julia!



## Europe celebrations:

**Stella W** for a brilliant week and start to year 4, showing all of our values. I have really noticed how much more courageous Stella has been in her learning since the start of the year, especially in maths where she has really been challenging herself to complete her learning and achieve the objective. Stella is a kind and peaceful member of our class, always happy to help others. Well done Stella!

**Evie M** for a fantastic start to year 3 where she has been a fantastic role model showing all of our school values. Every lesson she shows respect in how she listens to instructions, courage in how she pushes herself to contribute lovely ideas, complete her learning and get onto additional challenges and peace in how she is always willing to help others and is so kind to her peers. Well done Evie!

## Africa celebrations:

**Aydin** had an amazing day yesterday during our science day. He followed his golden goals beautifully and was incredibly engaged in his learning. He showed our school value of courage and it was lovely to see him getting involved, answering questions and having a great time! Well done, Aydin!

**Teddy** showed courage in his learning this week, particularly in science. He really thought about his vocabulary and used words well to explain his scientific ideas! Great job, Teddy!

## South America celebrations:

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