



## Message from Mrs Walford:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for a successful Parents' Evening. It was wonderful to see so many of you in school, and we hope you found the meetings both helpful and informative.

This week, we were delighted to welcome Mrs Shorey, who spent time with Maple Base and also visited RE lessons across the junior department. She was extremely impressed with the thoughtful discussions taking place and commented on what a pleasure it was to see such reflective learners engaging so deeply with their work. We look forward to her full return after the Christmas holidays.

Looking ahead, next week is Road Safety Week. The children will be learning about how to stay safe when out and about, including important messages about being alert, visible, and responsible on the roads. We will also be welcoming the Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST), who will be running workshops with the infants throughout the week.

### A few reminders for the week ahead:

- Flu immunisations will take place on Wednesday.
- Infant Stay and Share is on Friday, from 8:50–9:10am. We look forward to welcoming INFANT parents into classrooms.
- On Friday, from 9:30am, we have an MHST workshop in the Junior Hall. All parents from both infants and juniors are warmly invited to attend. We expect this session to be extremely useful and supportive for families. The focus of the session is on managing challenging behaviour.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.  
Wishing you a restful weekend.

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



**Term:** Autumn 2

**Date:** 14/11/2025

**Update number: 2**



## Upcoming dates for this half term:

### Autumn 2 Dates (so far)

**Monday 17th November** - Road safety week

**Wednesday 19th November** - Flue vaccines

**Thursday 20 November** - Year 5/6 boy's football @St Marks

**Friday 21st 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 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 29th 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](https://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** - Christmas jumper day

**Friday 12th December - KS1 Christmas Service- Nativity**

**Friday 12th December** - HSFF Christmas parent social

**Thursday 18th December - KS2 Carol Service**

**Friday 19th 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:

**SPOTLIGHT ON**  
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  
Spotlight UK registered charity 1152529

FUNDRAISER EXTRAVAGANZA!  
FOR: NASA TRIP 2027 & THAILAND ADVENTURE 2026  
**CANTELL CHRISTMAS FETE**  
SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
CANTELL SCHOOL  
11:00 AM - 2:30 PM  
**FREE ADMISSION!**  
• HOME-MADE FOOD & TREATS  
• CHRISTMAS CARDS & DECORATIONS  
• FUN ACTIVITIES  
• MEET FATHER CHRISTMAS  
• RAFFLE!  
ALL STALLS CASH ONLY

**Winter Clean Air Challenge**  
Become a small detective and find easy swaps for weed burning to help reduce air pollution, improve your health and even win some prizes!  
Take an evening walk - can you spot or smell weed smoke? Get your findings on our activity sheet, email for creative writing ideas for recycling toys that would be a fire, to water, please use the activity sheet provided.  
Extra! Must be in receipt by 15th November  
tec www.environmental.gov.uk/clean-air-for-schools

Southampton Family Trust  
Does your child have ADHD or ADHD traits?  
**FREE ONLINE SEMINAR**  
"An Introduction to Parenting Children with ADHD"  
Insights and strategies for families  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025, 12.30-14.00  
No booking required. Bookings for the seminar are open to all. Please email us at [info@afftrust.org.uk](mailto:info@afftrust.org.uk) for the Zoom link.  
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www.afftrust.org.uk

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

Southampton Family Trust  
Does your child have or might have autism?  
**FREE ONLINE SEMINAR**  
"An Introduction to Parenting Children with Autism"  
Insights and strategies for families  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025, 12.30-14.00  
No booking required. Bookings for the seminar are open to all. Please email us at [info@afftrust.org.uk](mailto:info@afftrust.org.uk) for the Zoom link.  
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www.afftrust.org.uk

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 #RoadSafetyWeek

Next week at **Re:Minds**...  
17th - 21st November 2025  
Weston  
10am Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November  
We're here to help!  
18<sup>th</sup> November 11am-1pm  
Please email [info@reminds.org.uk](mailto:info@reminds.org.uk) to book your space at the clinic.  
You do not need to book to attend the support group, or the drop in in Thornhill. Please just come along!

**SOUTHAMPTON MHST**  
Managing Behaviours that Challenge  
A Workshop for Parents/Carers  
Do you have a child who shows challenging behaviours at home? Do you want to learn tools to manage these behaviours?  
We will use behaviours as a way to communicate how children can demonstrate behaviours which can be difficult to understand and manage at home.  
It can be difficult for parents/carers to learn how best to support children during these challenging times.  
This workshop is for parents and carers to understand more about why children show challenging behaviour and learn some tools which help with managing behaviour at home.  
Where: Highfield Primary School, Haverford Rd  
When: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025  
Time: 9.30 - 10.30am  
Facilitator: Beth Jackson  
Southampton Mental Health in Schools Team

# Infant Department updates and celebrations



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

This week, the children across the school have been thinking about Remembrance. On Tuesday, the children went out to the Cenotaph and read very thoughtful prayers and poems to remember those who gave their lives during war. The children also made poppies to wear and to put up in the classroom.

### Important information for Infant parents:

We look forward to seeing you for stay and share on Friday! We also would LOVE to have more parents in to hear children read on a regular basis. If you would like to volunteer, please email Mrs Walford on [info@highfieldschool.co.uk](mailto:info@highfieldschool.co.uk) and she will be able to talk you through the process.



## Beech celebrations:

**Jude C** has been working SO hard on his writing! This week he really focussed on making his letters look neat for his poetry. Well done Jude!

**Theo R** has been so resilient in maths this week. The children in year 2 have been working really hard on exchanging and he has really pushed himself to be independent. Great job Theo!



## Maple celebrations:



**Freddy** is an enthusiastic, engaged and positive member of Maple Base. We can always trust Freddy to be doing the right thing, to be on task and to be trying his best. Freddy you are a great role model for your friends - thank you for always showing our school value of 'Respect'. Keep it up!



**David** has shown our school value of 'Courage' by settling so quickly into his new school and class. He contributes to discussions, is engaged in his learning and plays nicely with his new friends. We are lucky to have you as a new member of our class, David! Thank you for joining in so beautifully, we are really proud of you.

## Ash celebrations:



**Anora**: For always being respectful to those around her. She is a joy to have in class and is always smiling.

**Arthur**: For working hard during our literacy lessons. He has really shown how resilient he is! Well done!

## Willow celebrations:



**Karam** worked so hard on his writing this week and he showed a lot of resilience when thinking of what sound comes next. You're a star, Karam!

**Erin** has been showing the School value of Respect by helping others and always doing fantastic listening. Keep up the super work, Erin!

## Oak celebrations:



**Sulaiman** has been trying extra hard with formation this week and we are proud of his resilience and efforts.



**Elora** is such a kind hearted member of the class and beautifully demonstrates our school values of Peace and Respect.



# Junior Department updates and celebrations

## Important information for Junior parents:

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, the junior department are taking part in a friendly TTRS competition involving schools in England. This will be from 7:30 Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November until 19:30 Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November. If you would like your child to participate, then they can play in any game mode, during the above times, with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average - the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a daily 60-minute limit. Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average. We will be introducing this to the children on Monday. Thank you for your support in helping your child with their times tables!

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

Year 3/4: Another great week of super learning across the classes! In literacy, the children have begun to practice their skills of using speech punctuation and applying their knowledge to a piece of dialogue. In RE the children continued their learning around the concept of 'prophethood' and discussed the story of Elijah and Mount Carmel. Then in science they delved deeper into how different types of rocks are formed!

Year 5/6: It has been another fantastic week in year 5/6 and wonderful to see the children fully immersing themselves in the broad curriculum we deliver! The children have been busy putting their sawing skills to the test as they create their bug hotel prototypes, working on their samba dance skills in PE and making inferences about the Ancient Greeks! The 5/6 team have been so impressed with the curiosity, collaboration and focus!

### 5/6 football update:

A HUGE well done to both girl's football teams that attended the Southampton Schools competition last week. Our year 5 team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in their group, which was an incredible achievement, and our year 6 team finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place overall! They will now go onto represent Southampton in the county finals!



What a wonderful pupil! **Tiana** works incredibly hard, tries her best and is always ready and respectful in lessons! If faced with challenge, she shows enormous courage to keep going and overcome any hurdles! Wonderful! **Zayed** for making a real effort in class to use his metacognitive skills to reflect on making sensible choices about learning, for showing readiness by always offering answers to questions in the input and for working hard on showing respect to his teachers and peers! Well done!



## Asia celebrations:

Well done **Jason** for another fantastic week! He has come into class each day ready to learn, and I have been so impressed with his resilience, courage and determination to always look to do his best! He has really stood out for his resilience in literacy to work upon his presentation and sentence construction - well done Jason! What another wonderful week it has been for **Poppy-May**! She has shown excellent noticing and determination when solving long multiplication problems and using a range of devices in her writing. She also stood out last week during the Southampton football tournament! She brought peace, calmness and confidence to the team, helping them to win the tournament (with some lovely left foot finishes too!).



## South America celebrations:

**Josiah W** for clearly demonstrating the Golden Goal of being kind in our DT lesson on Wednesday. He was really helpful in helping his friend in Year 5, who had not done woodwork before, in holding everything still while he was sawing - excellent reciprocity! **Alex L** for super focus during our DT work this week. She worked diligently and accurately when putting together the parts for her bug hotel, helping her group to create a fantastic prototype - well done Alex!



## Australasia celebrations:

**Asher** always shows the school value of courage in how he approaches his learning. He always has the best attitude and is happy to take on any challenge thrown his way. He is a fantastic role model to others! **Bella** has been brilliant in engaging with her learning and especially sharing her ideas during the class input. She is always full of interesting and insightful thoughts and I am really impressed with the courage she shows to share them!



## Africa celebrations:

**Finn E** for a wonderful start to year 4 where Finn has really shown all of our school values. This week, I have once again noticed how courageous Finn is. He's always willing to answer questions on the carpet, and challenges himself in his learning to complete his learning to the best of his ability. He is so respectful in both how he approaches all of his learning and how he listens to others and treats everyone in Highfield. His peaceful nature makes him such a fantastic member of our class. A role model to all! Well done Finn.

**Maya H** for showing all of our school values so often since starting year 4. Maya's courage is really noticeable in how she approaches her learning. Always wanting to challenge herself and improve her learning to make it as fantastic as possible. Her respect and peace can be seen in how she always wants to support and help others with their learning and how kind she is to her friends and how she approaches her learning with care and thoughtfulness. A fantastic example for everyone. Well done Maya.



## Europe celebrations:

**Celeen** has been showing our school value of respect this week by doing an amazing job of following her golden goals. She has been listening beautifully, always ready to begin her learning and she has been putting such a great effort into everything she does in school. Celeen's effort has really paid off in maths and she has been making great progress in her understanding of times tables and multiplication. Well done, Celeen!

**Cécile** has had a brilliant week this week. She has been impressing me with her amazing times tables knowledge and also the effort that she has been putting into all of her learning. She has been demonstrating our school value of courage beautifully, Well done, Cécile!