



## Message from Mrs Walford:

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a wonderful week here at Highfield, and it was such a pleasure to see so many of you at our Infant Stay and Share session. The children absolutely loved having you in school, and we truly appreciate you taking the time to join us. We're very much looking forward to welcoming parents to the Junior Stay and Share next week.

As the colder weather sets in, please remember to send your child to school with a warm coat, gloves, and a hat. Our pupils continue to go outside throughout the day, and being properly wrapped up makes a big difference to their comfort and enjoyment.

Next week is shaping up to be a very busy and exciting one. The NSPCC will be visiting to work with children across the school, delivering important and age-appropriate learning sessions. We also look forward to welcoming the local police, who will be talking to our Year 5/6 pupils about safety.

The juniors are in for a treat as they 'Meet the Musical Instruments'! All pupils will have the chance to explore and try out a range of instruments. A reminder that children are welcome to join our school orchestra if they've been learning an instrument either in school or at home for at least one term. Orchestra runs on Tuesday mornings at 7:50am, and it's a truly special and enriching opportunity for our young musicians.

Our Year 5/6 pupils also have a Greek Art Day next week, which promises to be a creative and memorable experience.

Finally, a huge thank you for your generous donations to our Christmas Fayre. Your support makes such a difference to what we can provide for the children. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

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



**Term:** Autumn 2  
**Date:** 21/11/2025  
**Update number:** 3



## Upcoming dates for this half term:

### Autumn 2 Dates

- 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



## Revised School Menu reminder

**SCHOOL MENU - 24th November – 19th December 2025**

A reminder that the revised school menu will start next week, link here:

<https://www.citycateringsouthampton.co.uk/s/Swathling-Highfield-Primary-Menu-24-Nov-19-Dec-2025.pdf>

Please note, there will be no Green Choice which is the packed lunch option. We will send further updates towards the end of term regarding the new Menu for January 2026

**form will be emailed to you soon to choose your Christmas Lunch order.**





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:



Next week at **Re:Minds...**  
 24th – 28th November 2025

### Eating Disorders Advice Clinic

Tuesday 25th November 10.30am

Book a 25 minute, private, virtual appointment by Zoom to speak with a specialist clinician from the CAMHS Eating Disorder team for advice about:

• eating disorders / disordered eating patterns / increased activity  
 • ADHD / relationships with food  
 or any other aspects of concern around eating

Email [info@reminds.org.uk](mailto:info@reminds.org.uk) to book



Please email [info@reminds.org.uk](mailto:info@reminds.org.uk) to book your space at the clinic.

## DECEMBER'S REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Monday 1st Tinned Soup	Tuesday 2nd Rice / Noodles	Wednesday 3rd Nappies / Wipes	Thursday 4th Shampoo / Shower gel
Friday 5th Pasta	Monday 8th Tea / Coffee	Tuesday 9th Tinned Fruit	Wednesday 10th Tinned hot meat eg stew, pie
Thursday 11th Toilet Roll	Friday 12th Tinned meat / fish Eg spam / tuna	Monday 15th Tinned Rice Pudding / Custard	Tuesday 16th Baby Food
Wednesday 17th Cereal	Thursday 18th Pet Food	Friday 19th Tinned Veg	

# Infant Department updates and celebrations



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

This week, the children in KS1 have been reading 'The Winters Child.' They were immersed on Monday with their classrooms decorated in snow and ice to build the excitement for the unit. Children in year R have been looking at Elmer the elephant! The children have been creating wonderful artwork and learning to read and write the e sound.

### Important information for Infant parents:

Next week, please remember coats and gloves! The children will be going outside and we want everyone warm and cosy for any outdoor learning. Could we also remind children to bring in any donations for the school Christmas fayre.

## Beech celebrations:

**Eli** R has worked so hard this week on his writing. He always puts in 100% effort and has been using amazing noun phrases in his work. Well done Eli!

**Henry** H wrote a beautiful setting description this week. He really challenged himself not only to use best handwriting but also even more tricky vocabulary! Well done Henry!



## Maple celebrations:



**Mridani** consistently shows our school values of 'Peace' and 'Respect'. She is kind to everyone around her, she is calm, focussed and engaged with her learning all of the time. Mridani is such a respectful member of our class, always wishing us a good morning at the door and displaying beautiful manners throughout the day. What an amazing role model you are, Mridani.



**Jai** is such a hard-working member of Maple Base. We can always trust Jai to be listening, focussed on his task and trying his best. Jai contributes to class discussions and is keen to do his best, as well as helping his friends. We are so proud of you Jai, keep up your fantastic attitude to learning!

## Ash celebrations:



**Daniel:** For working really hard during lessons and making sure you were focusing on the work you had been given during lessons even when working with a partner.

**Nina:** For working hard during literacy and showing the school values of courage and peace. You are always willing to try your best and give everything a try.

## Willow celebrations:



**Virtuous** has been working so hard on his learning this week, especially in his reading, and he's been so proud of what he has accomplished. You're a star, Virtuous!

**Sofia** has been showing the Golden Goal 'Be Ready' this week. She is always listening and always putting in her best effort to her learning. Keep up the fantastic work, Sofia!

## Oak celebrations:



**Harrison** has shown wonderful resilience and courage this week and has shown a great learning attitude, which has helped him improve with his formation. Well done Harrison, keep up the fantastic effort!



We would love to celebrate **Mila** for showing our golden goals peace and respect. She is a wonderful role model to the other members of the class. We are so proud of you Mila.



# Junior Department updates and celebrations

## Important information for Junior parents:

On Wednesday afternoon next week, all children at the juniors are having a fantastic opportunity to 'Meet the Instrument'. This will consist of children having a small workshop on 4 different instruments. We hope this experience will spark interest in children who may not previously have thought about learning an instrument. It would be wonderful to have as many children as possible learning to play an instrument, as it is an enriching and highly valuable part of their development. If this is something your child is interested in after Wednesday, and you would like them to start instrument lessons then please get in contact with 'Southampton Music Hub'.

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

**Year 3/4:** Children have been enjoying their PE lessons of orienteering. This has involved making maps of the playground and following maps to find items. It has been fantastic to see the children so enthusiastic and working reciprocally in giving each other clear instructions. The other topic in PE children have been participating in netball. They have been learning the different types of passes and we have been impressed with the level of skill the children are displaying!

**Year 5/6:** This week, the children in 5/6 have been immersing themselves in their new Ancient Greece history topic. It has been great to see the children not only learning new facts about this civilisations, but making some excellent links to previous history topics they have learnt (and even civilisation today!). We have also been continuing to focus on metacognition within the classroom and considering how to manage emotions when met with challenging situations. The children have all been incredibly reflective and it's been lovely to hear strategies that children are using already!

**Football update:** A HUGE well done to our boy's and girl's football teams for embracing the cold and playing some fantastic matches this week! The girls team is one win away from securing the league title after Monday's matches, and the boy's team got their season off to a start with 3 great wins!



I have been so impressed with **Alyssa** this week in how she has shown real maturity and empathy in her interactions with her peers. Without prompting, Alyssa has noticed when her peers are in need of a little direction and she has stepped up and been a fantastic source of support for them! You're a superstar Alyssa!

**Ivy** always works incredibly hard in every single lesson, and this week she has shown how she can take on board feedback, reflect upon it and then apply it to her learning. This has shown what an incredible learner Ivy is and it is fantastic to see her making herself an even better learner through reflecting! Well done Ivy!



**Sorochi** for always being ready to learn! His knowledge and motivation to get going with a task is fantastic! He is always putting his hand up in class to offer answers and ideas! Such an enthusiastic learner! Well done!

**Aurora** for her wonderful enthusiasm and positive attitude to school life! She always brings a smile and humour into the classroom and helps make North America a better place to be! Her attitude to learning is great and she always does her best to try and be focused and ready! Fantastic!



Well done **Ned** for another fantastic week! He has brought so much curiosity to the classroom and I have loved seeing how engaged he has been within all lessons! He has really looked to challenge himself within literacy, and I have loved seeing his desire to always go above and beyond! Well done Ned!

It has been another great week for **Ted** and she has really stood out for her kindness and peaceful presence within the classroom. She is such a warm and welcoming member of the class who goes out of her way to support and celebrate others. It has really stood out within the classroom, playground and on the football pitch! Well done Ted!



**Karam Singh:** For always doing her best to show our three Golden Goals at Highfield. She is a pleasure to teach, always trying her best even when she finds the learning tough, and her behaviour in class is exemplary - not only is she always focused, but she is always polite to others and respectful to adults.

**Sithelo Ngubane:** For always doing his best to show respect and the school value of peace in every lesson. He is a joy to have in the classroom, models perfect behaviour and respect when it is time for quiet learning, and always tries his best in all elements of his learning, from the moment he arrives in school!



**Henry D** for a brilliant week of learning! Henry has shown so much courage this week when completing his NFER where he read everything carefully, and tried his absolute hardest. In Literacy, he was so respectful in how he listened to instructions and produced fantastic dialogue with correct punctuation, and in Science he was so peaceful in how he concentrated upon his learning, making a fantastic diagram. Henry is such a kind member of the class, always listening and always willing to help others! Well done Henry!

**Lenora J** for wonderful week where she demonstrated all of our golden goals. In her NFERs she was courageous in how she pushed and challenged herself to write accurate answers based on the text. In literacy, she has been making wonderful, detailed dialogue with informal language, and across her learning she shows peace in how she helps and support others. Lenora is a fantastic member of our class and a brilliant example of working hard in her learning. Well done Lenora!



**Josh** has been making a brilliant effort over the last few weeks to listen carefully to instructions and try his best in his learning. He has been amazing at taking onboard feedback and as a result has been making great progress in math and literacy. Well done, Josh, for being so courageous in your learning!

**Sophia El Bouchikhi** has been showing our school value of courage in literacy this week. We have been learning about writing dialogue using correct speech punctuation and action to move the plot forwards. Sophia has done a great job of this and has written a great dialogue between the characters Lila and Chulak from 'The Firework-maker's Daughter'. Amazing work, Sophia, well done!

## Australasia celebrations:

## North America celebrations:

## Asia celebrations:

## South America celebrations:

## Europe celebrations:

## Africa celebrations: