



Message from Mrs Walford:

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very much looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow afternoon at the Christmas Fayre. Thank you for your generous donations—they have made such a difference to the preparations. A huge thank-you also to the HSFF for their fantastic organisation and festive hard work. We know how busy school life becomes in the run-up to Christmas, and we truly appreciate your support. The children are already excited for the performances coming up over the next few weeks!

This week, KS2 had great fun 'meeting the musical instruments', exploring a wide range of sounds and discovering how each instrument works. We hope the experience has inspired many of them to try learning an instrument or even consider joining our school orchestra, which performs on Tuesday mornings.

Our Junior children also enjoyed their sporting events, showing great enthusiasm and teamwork. We were particularly impressed by the pupils' archery skills, which were nothing short of remarkable. A special well-done to Josh, who showed fantastic focus and talent—brilliant effort!

Across both departments, our NSPCC events were a great success. The children engaged thoughtfully in the workshops and assemblies, learning about staying safe, speaking out, and recognising trusted adults they can turn to. Staff were incredibly proud of the maturity shown and the important discussions that took place. Thank you for supporting this valuable work.

A gentle reminder that our Parent Forum will now take place next Wednesday at 4.30pm (online), following a change from the previously scheduled Tuesday. All parents are warmly invited to join us—we always appreciate your feedback and ideas.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Next week's collective worship:

Courage



Term: Autumn 2

Date: 28/11/2025

Update number: 4



Upcoming dates for this half term:

Autumn 2 Dates

Saturday 29th November - HSFF Christmas Fayre

Monday 1st December - Year 5/6 indoor athletics tournament @Woodlands

Wednesday 3rd December - Parent Forum ONLINE

4.30-5.30pm - meet.google.com/gjx-hzdh-ywu

Wednesday 3rd December - Year 5 residential meeting for 2026 (IN PERSON AND ONLINE) at 3:30 - 4:00.

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

As many of you will be aware, we launched a 'reverse advent calendar' a few years ago as a way of collecting basic food and hygiene supplies to donate to Southampton City Mission's Basics Bank. We would be delighted if you could join in again this year to help children see the value of serving their community by giving a contribution on any day of the advent calendar. The idea is that on any day, rather than receiving something, we can give a specific item, which will be collected and then distributed to a local food bank. Below are the items that you can donate on each school day of Advent. Any contributions would be hugely appreciated and will greatly benefit our local community.

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	

15% off My Clothing School Uniform, ends 1st December, follow the link:

www.myclothing.com/discount/SAVE15

SPOTLIGHT UK
Creating positive memories

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 1129234

The Big Christmas Give

Can you help Spotlight bring joy this Christmas by purchasing a toy for our Christmas toy appeal or making a small donation...

Use the qr codes below for ways to donate.

Amazon Wishlist

Give As You Live

Information for Parents: Understanding Neurodiversity

What is Neurodiversity?
Neurodiversity is the idea that human brains work in very different ways. Just as we all have unique fingerprints, we also have unique ways of thinking, learning, and connecting. Neurodiversity means that these differences are normal and valuable.

What does Neurodivergent mean?
This word describes people who think and learn in different ways. The term neurodivergent refers to the differences between neurotypical brains and neurodivergent brains. For example, children with autism, ADHD, dyslexia, or dyspraxia are all neurodivergent.

Associate vs. Associated Conditions
Some conditions are present from birth or early development. Examples include autism, ADHD, dyslexia, dyspraxia, and Tourette's. There are others that develop later in life. Examples include anxiety, depression, and bipolar disorder. These are called associated conditions because they often occur alongside neurodivergent conditions.

Why This Matters
Understanding these differences helps us to:
• Recognize that differences are part of normal human variation.
• Support children to reach their full potential.
• Celebrate the strengths and individuality of every child.

Useful Resources
• [Autism.org.uk](https://www.autism.org.uk)
• [ADHD.org.uk](https://www.adhd.org.uk)
• [Dyslexia.org.uk](https://www.dyslexia.org.uk)
• [Dyspraxia.org.uk](https://www.dyspraxia.org.uk)
• [Tourette.org.uk](https://www.tourette.org.uk)
• [NHS.uk/conditions/autism](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/autism)

Weekly bulletin board: Next week at Re:Minds... 1st - 5th December 2025

Shirley Evening Support Group Monday 1st December 6pm-8pm Join us for a friendly supper with others who enjoy 'get to'!	SEND Legal Advice Clinic Wednesday 3rd December 12.30pm We are working with Shiretons Solicitors to offer free SEND legal advice clinics to our Hampshire families who require advice around education, tribunals, appeals etc.	Shirley Support Group Friday 5th December 10am Join us for a friendly tippa with others who enjoy 'get to'!
---	---	--

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!

TEAM SPIRIT
JOIN US FOR OUR CHRISTMAS SPECIAL COURSE

22nd December
8:45AM - 3:15PM

WWW.TEAMSPIRIT4SPORT.CO.UK

HIGHFIELD CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
HAWTHORN ROAD | SO17 1PX

A RANGE OF DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES ALL WITH A CHRISTMAS THEME:
SNOWBALL FIGHTS, GINGERBREAD DECORATING, ELF OLYMPICS, REINDEER RACES AND LOTS MORE!

FESTIVE FUN, A SPECIAL GIFT FOR ALL CHILDREN WHO ATTEND. NO HO HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!

FUNDRAISER EXTRAVAGANZA!
FOR: NASA TRIP 2027 & THAILAND ADVENTURE 2025

CANELL CHRISTMAS FETE

SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER
CANELL SCHOOL
11:00 AM - 2:30 PM

FREE ADMISSION!

- HOME-MADE FOOD & TREATS
- CHRISTMAS CARDS & DECORATIONS
- FUN ACTIVITIES
- MEET FATHER CHRISTMAS
- BATTLE!

ALL STALLS CASH ONLY

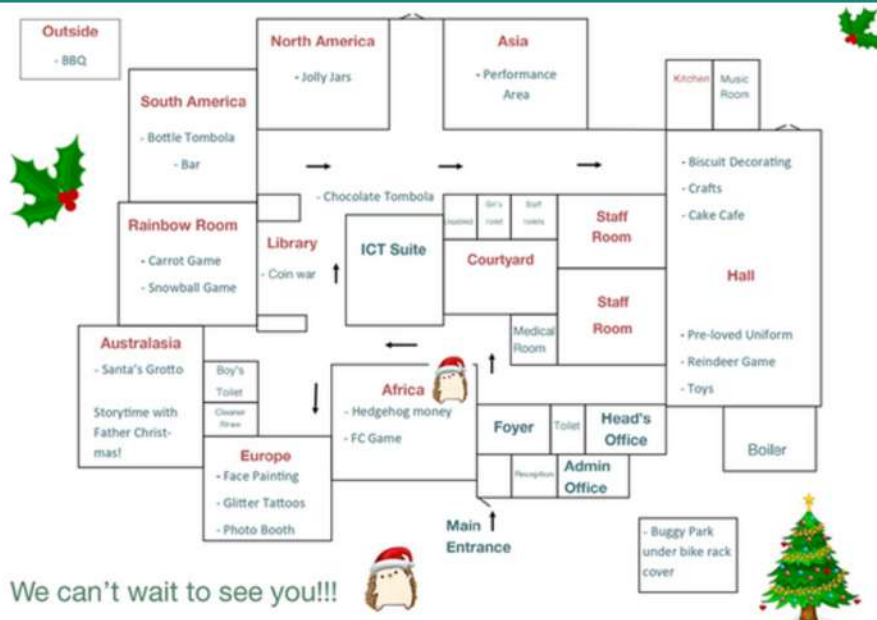
HIGHFIELD SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER
 3.30PM-6.30PM HIGHFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL

JOIN US FOR SOME FESTIVE FUN!

SANTA'S GROTTTO
 FESTIVE GAMES & JOLLY JARS
 DELICIOUS FOOD
 MULLED WINE
 AND LOTS MORE!

ORGANISED BY THE HSFF CHARITY
 ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AND YOUR SCHOOL



We can't wait to see you!!!

DONATIONS

Collecting from the 17th November

Boxes for donations are at the main entrances of the Infant and Junior sites.

EVERYONE

Jolly Jars - Fill a jam jar and decorate! (sweets, toys, hair clips, lego etc) Empty jars will be available for you to use from the collection boxes. These are SO popular, we need every child to make at least one and aim for three!

Children's Christmas Jumpers - Any Christmassy jumpers/cardigans hanging around that are too small? We're doing a pre-loved Christmas Jumper Stall!

Children's toys - NEW STALL! Any toys in good condition that you no longer use. We're introducing a second-hand Toy Stall! Please remove batteries.

Homemade Cakes & Sandwiches, cookies, biscuits, traybakes for the Cake Café (no nuts please!) in a sealed, named container, labelled with a list of ingredients. Simple sandwiches individually wrapped also welcome. PLEASE DROP THESE IN THE BOXES ON FRIDAY 28th NOV, OR TO THE JUNIORS ON SAT 29th, 12-3PM.

INFANTS

Chocolates (bars, selection boxes, advent calendars) for the ever popular Chocolate Tombola

JUNIORS

Bottles - ANY bottles e.g. fizzy drinks, ketchup, wine, shampoo, prosecco, olive oil, beer or pasta sauce, for the Bottle Tombola

ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL FAMILYANDFRIENDS@HIGHFIELDSCHOOL.CO.UK

Thank you!

If it's easier to make a donation than pick up an item - please use this link:

The final preparations for Highfield's Christmas Fayre are underway, the children are decorating their classrooms and Father Christmas is dusting off his hat ready for the show to commence this Saturday!

🎄 The Fayre will start at 3.30pm at the Junior site and runs until 6.30pm. Please see the site map below so you can find your way around the stalls. 🎄

💰 Entry is free and cash or hedgehog money is welcome on the stalls. Hedgehog money can be purchased by card or cash on the door.

🍰 If you are dropping off cakes on the day, please do so by 1pm. You can also leave them at the school entrances on Friday.

🌟 **THANK YOU** for all the amazing donations and help from volunteers, it would not be possible without you! It's not too late to volunteer and we still have some slots that need filling so please sign up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/QDE4C>

Any last donations (jolly jars / chocolate / bottles etc) can also be dropped at school on Friday.

We can't wait to see you all on Saturday to kick off this year's Christmas festivities

Please come prepared for mulled wine, food and games and lots of Christmas fun! Love, The HSFF Team

Infant Department updates and celebrations



What's been happening in the department this week:

Year R have been enjoying learning about thanksgiving. They created beautiful turkeys and thought about things they are thankful for. KS1 have been very busy. We had our first day with a phonics specialist come into the department to coach teachers on our phonics programme 'Read, Write Inc.' One of our school development targets is to further improve phonics and the session was highly positive.

Important information for Infant parents:

The Year R nativity is next Friday. Please refer to all communication sent on Parent Mail for costumes and times.

Beech celebrations:



Well done to all of Beech Base for a super week. We are so proud of your hard work and for showing ALL our school values of PEACE, COURAGE and RESPECT.



Maple celebrations:

Jono is such a superstar in Maple. He always puts in maximum effort with all of his learning and we can count on him to be doing the right thing. He has wowed us all with some fantastic show and tell creations! This week he has been working very hard during literacy, he even challenged himself by using similes in his setting description. Well done, Jono!



Mais has been working extremely hard on her handwriting. We are so proud of her determined attitude to make good progress here, keep it up Mais! She is an utter delight to teach, always using beautiful manners, putting others before herself and being kind to all. What a star you are, Mais!

Ash celebrations:



Arthur - For keeping going and trying your absolute best during Literacy. You listened to the feedback you were given and improved your writing.
Ibrahim - For working hard in maths and always aiming to get onto the extensions. You always follow our school values and set a lovely example to those around you.

Willow celebrations:



Ayat has been coming into School with a beautiful smile and it has been lovely to see her confidence in class grow. She has also worked so hard on learning her sounds and her reading too; keep up the fantastic work, Ayat!
Rishabh has been working so hard to be focused on his learning and he's been so proud of himself. He has also been cheering on his friends and showing such kindness by telling them what a great job they've done, and how proud of them he is!

Oak celebrations:



Fatima comes into school each day with a huge smile that brightens all of our mornings. She has been incredibly reflective and hard working in phonics. Well done Fatima!
We would love to celebrate **Jay** this week for being an all round superstar! He shows creativity and imagination in choosing time and wonderful artist. Well done Jay for being helpful and caring to those around you too.





Junior Department updates and celebrations

Important information for Junior parents:

The Junior children have been busy learning their songs for the upcoming KS2 carol service! Please check your emails as you have been sent a google link with the songs and words to have a practise at home!

What's been happening in the department this week:

Year 3/4: We have been absolutely blown away by the narratives the children have written in literacy this week! Their enthusiasm has shone through in every piece, resulting in some truly exciting stories. Not only have they focused on making their writing engaging, but they have also done a brilliant job of adding dialogue and applying accurate speech punctuation. It was wonderful to see at Stay and Share the children proudly showing how skilled they have become at building descriptive sentences that include a variety of the features we've learned this term.

Year 5/6: It's been a busy and exciting week in Year 5/6, with a wonderful range of opportunities on offer for the children. They took part in interactive NSPCC sessions, enjoyed a visit from the police on Tuesday to learn about staying safe, and got creative in an interactive music workshop on Wednesday, where they had the chance to try out a variety of instruments! The children have also been incredibly reflective and fully immersed in their newspaper writing, and they loved having the opportunity to share their wonderful work with you during Stay and Share!



Manuela comes into school everyday embodying the school value of peace and respect through her interactions with peers and staff. She shows she has a genuine interest in the wellbeing of others, Manuela you are a delight to be around!
Everytime I read **Arlo's** literacy I am always impressed with his creativity and way with words. In his narrative this week, Arlo has worked really hard to choose powerful language which makes his story a really enjoyable one to read! Well done Arlo!

South America celebrations:



Eros for showing fantastic dedication in his recent Literacy unit. He has produced lots of writing in our newspaper topic, and has been resilient in terms of editing this week to make sure it sounds just right!
Alesha for keeping on going with her fractions work this week in Maths, even when things have got tricky! She's shown the school value of courage by putting her hand up to answer questions in class and share her understanding, and even brought in some extra work she's done at home!

North America celebrations:



Wilf for his fantastic attitude to his learning this year. He consistently shows he is ready to learn in class, offers ideas and answers and demonstrates focus when working independently. A fantastic pupil to have in class!

Fleur for her brilliant and creative ideas that she shares in class. She is always keen to learn and demonstrates amazing courage when faced with any challenges in her learning. She has made great progress in her learning so far this year, and with this continued positivity, she will have a great year!

Asia celebrations:



Well done **Lizzie** for another wonderful week! She has come into class full of positivity to always do her best! I have been so impressed with her determination and immersion in our writing task and she has really stood out for the great range of features she has used!

What another wonderful week it's been for **Suzy!** She has showcased our school values of courage and peace across all lessons! She has always looked to challenge herself and do her best, and really stood out for her fantastic performances on the football pitch!

Europe celebrations:



Myla for a wonderful week showing our school values. Myla has been so courageous in her learning with fantastic maths, and brilliant writing really challenging herself. She has been so respectful in listening on the carpet and answering questions and as always a peaceful and kind friend to others. Well done Myla!

Yuqiao for another brilliant week showing all of our school values. Yuqiao is such a respectful learner always listening and so courageous in how he challenges himself - in his writing or with his fantastic maths. Yuqiao is so very peaceful and is always happy to work with and help others. Well done Yuqiao!

Africa celebrations:



Rahul has been endlessly helpful throughout the school Year so far. He does so many things for me, like be my travel-tracker monitor, hand out the children's books and even order my lunch for me in the mornings. He always models our school values of peace, courage and respect and is a genuine pleasure to teach. Well done, Rahul for being such an amazing helper!

Aurora always tries her best in her learning and so this week I'd like to celebrate her for showing the school value of courage. This week, we have been writing adventure narratives that include dialogue to advance the plot, which can sometimes be really tricky to do. Aurora has been super resilient and written some lovely dialogue, resulting in a well written adventure narrative. Well done, Aurora!