



Message from Mrs Walford:

What an absolutely magical afternoon we had with the Year R nativity! The children sang beautifully, their faces full of confidence, and filled the church with festive spirit. We are incredibly proud of every single child — their lovely singing, their enthusiasm and smiles made the performance truly special. It was a joy to see our youngest pupils shining so brightly. A huge thank-you to all the families who came to support them.

Looking ahead — next week on Friday we will host our Infant Nativity. We can't wait to see our Infant classes perform and share festive cheer with all of you.

Next Thursday is our annual Christmas Jumper Day, paired with the School Christmas Lunch. It's a wonderful opportunity for the children to get into the festive spirit and enjoy a special meal together. If you'd like to support or contribute to Save the Children fundraising efforts, you can donate here:

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day>

Thank you for your continuous support and enthusiasm. Wishing all our Highfield families a restful weekend — we look forward to seeing you next week for the Infant Nativity!

Upcoming dates for this half term: Autumn 2 Dates

Wednesday 10th December - Year 3/4 basketball festival @Cantell

Thursday 11th December - Christmas jumper day & School Christmas dinner

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.**

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Next week's collective worship:

Christmas



Weekly bulletin board:



<https://tudorhouseandgarden.com/christmas/>

Infant Department updates and celebrations



What's been happening in the department this week:

The infants had a fantastic week in school. They have been very busy in their science lessons, learning about seasonal changes. The children have been making careful observation of the weather and recording these in a chart.

Important information for Infant parents:

The KS1 nativity performance is next Friday at 2.30pm in the church. All costumes need to be in school please by Monday 8th in a named bag. We look forward to seeing you then! Please note that no photographs will be able to be taken during the performance but there will be plenty of opportunity to take individual photographs once the performance has finished.

Beech celebrations:

Rosie has been working so hard in all her learning recently. She really showed her perseverance in maths this week and has been really pushing herself to do her best writing in literacy! Great job Rosie!

Artemis has been such a star in everything we have done this week! She is doing her best and working her hardest to do some really super learning. She is an absolute joy to have as a member of our class!



Maple celebrations:

Aarav has been working really hard on his hand writing. At the start of year 1 Aarav's writing could sometimes be a little too small to read, but he has put a lot of effort into forming his letters more clearly and ensuring they are a good size. Now we can read all of his wonderfully descriptive sentences! Well done, Aarav!

Ivo has been a keen participant during our nativity rehearsals! He is always joining in with the actions, sings with enthusiasm and loves to dance! He is a joy to watch and we know family and friends will love watching him perform.

Thank you for joining in so beautifully, Ivo!

Ash celebrations:

Rose: For working really hard during lessons and making sure she is staying on task during independent work.

Felix: For working really hard during Nativity rehearsals. You are always up ready to sing with a big smile and amazing actions.

Oak celebrations:

Willow celebrations:

We would like to celebrate ALL the children in year R today. We could not be more proud of their fantastic nativity show. The children sang beautifully and spoke so well. Their acting was fabulous and we are so proud of all their hard work. Well done to ALL of year R - you are AMAZING!



Junior Department updates and celebrations

Important information for Junior parents:

It has been fantastic to see the children loving the range of sporting opportunities available on the playground! The children in year 5/6 have been loving their badminton PE lessons and it has been fantastic to see so many children looking to play at lunch time! As part of our lunch time provision, we have two members of Team Spirit on the playground who are always keen to hear new sports and activities that children would like to try! Please have your child speak to them with any ideas! Please also have your child check the PE sports board and lunch time schedule to see what activities we have going on that day!



On Monday and Tuesday break-times in the Junior Department, some of the Dance Live team are doing a fundraising 'Christmas Crackers' event where they will be selling cakes and treats, Christmas gifts and a lucky dip! Junior children please bring in some money for a Christmas extravaganza. All proceeds to the Dance Live team. Thank you

What's been happening in the department this week:

Year 3/4: In maths year 3 have been carrying on learning their times tables. We have learnt the how to multiply and divide by 8 this week using a range of strategies such as: arrays, bar models and grouping. Year 4 have been learning different strategies to help them check their answers. These strategies include: estimating, using the inverse and counting on. Thank you so much for your support in practicing times tables with your child every week, we have been impressed with their results in their weekly times table test!

Year 5/6: It has been another fantastic week for the children in year 5/6 and they have approached their practise SATs and NFER papers with courage and confidence! It is a great way for children to show what they know and they should feel so proud of all they have achieved. It has also been wonderful to hear and see the finished results of the children's published newspapers! They have taken so much care in planning their layout, taking on board all of their guided reading lessons on layout and structure. They cannot wait to show you their finished pieces!



Well done **Krishan** for a fantastic week! I have been so impressed with his positive attitude, attention to detail and desire to do his best! He has showcased fantastic immersion in our newspaper writing and he should feel so proud of his incredibly detailed final piece!



Well done **Teddy** for another wonderful week! He has showcased all of our core values inside the classroom and around the school. He is a role model to others and goes out of his way to support and encourage those around him! It was great to see these qualities shining on the football pitch on Thursday too!

South America celebrations:

Gigi has shown excellent focus this week and always puts in her very best effort, especially with the care she takes over her presentation. She approaches every task with determination and pride, making her work **Isaac** has been a kind and conscientious presence in the classroom this term, always thinking of others and doing the right thing without being asked. His considerate attitude and steady effort help to create a positive and supportive learning environment for everyone.

Australasia celebrations:



Ophelia is a delight to teach every day and we really appreciate having her as a member of our class. This is because Ophelia is always showing the school value of peace through making the classroom environment a calm and welcoming place to be!



Elise has worked incredibly hard in every single lesson this week. She always puts her all into her learning and you can see that she really cares about doing her best! Well done Elise, keep up the good work!

North America celebrations:



Dhillon for his hard work and determination in his learning. He shows enormous courage and resilience in his approach to work and has made good progress this term. He is wonderful member of the class and is always kind and respectful

Zibah for her amazing enthusiasm and positive attitude to learning! She is a burst of energy and brings joy wherever she goes! What a fantastic start to her time at Highfield!

Africa celebrations:



Sam has been super courageous in his learning this week. He has made great progress in addition and subtraction, and it's great to see his confidence growing as we make our way through the school year. Well done, Sam.

Alexa is always super respectful to adults and her peers. She tries beautifully to listen carefully and follow instructions every day and as a result she is a great role-model for the other children in Ash base. Great effort, Alexa!

Europe celebrations:



Tommy W for a wonderful week of learning and a great start to year 4 where I have seen so much courage in Tommy's wonderful narrative with so many skills. Tommy is so respectful in his learning, making sure it is finished with wonderful presentation and that he shows his understanding including in RE this week. Tommy is a lovely friend to others thanks to his kind and peaceful nature. Well done Tommy!

Alex C for showing our school values this week and since starting in Year 3. This week it is Alex's courage I have noticed in his literacy being so creative with his lovely narrative and including lots of different skills. Alex is so respectful to his peers and his teachers, in science I really noticed him engaging with our soil lesson and being really independent. Finally, Alex is so peaceful and kind to all. Well done Alex!