



## Message from Mrs Walford:

Dear Parents and Carers,  
What a wonderful week it has been at Highfield!

### Nativity

Our infant nativity was absolutely brilliant. The children sang beautifully, danced with such enthusiasm, and impressed us all with their confident acting. Their hard work and talent really shone through—well done to every pupil who took part, and thank you to the staff who helped bring it all together. A special thank you to Miss Ellis for putting the show together!

### Christmas Lunch

On Thursday, the children enjoyed their Christmas lunch, which was lovely. The kitchen team did a fantastic job, and the children thoroughly enjoyed their festive meals.

### Staffing Update

We are pleased to announce that we have successfully recruited a new site manager! Mr Bond will be starting with us after the Christmas break and we know he will be an asset to our team. A HUGE thank you to the staff and parents who have helped maintain the sites for the last term.

### Healthy High 5 Silver Award

We are proud to announce that Highfield has been awarded the **Healthy High 5 Silver Award**. This recognises our commitment to promoting pupils' wellbeing through healthy eating, physical activity, emotional health support, and positive lifestyle choices. The award reflects the sustained effort of staff, pupils, and families working together to nurture healthy habits across the school.

### Sports Update

A huge well done to all our sports teams who have competed this week. Your teamwork, determination, and positive attitude have made us very proud. Year 3 and 4 children had a great time at their basketball festival and well done to the year 5 girls on their netball match.

### School Improvement Visits

Over the last couple of weeks, we have welcomed our School Improvement Officer (SIO) for two visits. We are pleased to share that our safeguarding was judged to be highly effective. This is because our systems are robust, staff are well trained, concerns are followed up promptly, and pupils know that there are trusted adults in school who will listen to them. Our SIO commented on the strong culture of care and vigilance that runs throughout the school, and we are grateful to our whole community for helping maintain such high standards.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another wonderful week as we move closer to Christmas. Remember on our last day (Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December) we finish one hour early - 2.15pm for infants and 2.25pm for juniors.

## Upcoming dates for this half term:

**Term:** Autumn 2

**Date:** 12/12/2025

**Update number:** 6



### Autumn 2 Dates

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2.30pm - KS2**

Carol Service

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - last day of term.

**Finish one hour early**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January** - First day back to school after the Christmas break

## Next week's collective worship: Christmas



## Weekly bulletin board:

The corkboard features two main posters. The larger one is for the 'TEAM SPIRIT SPORTS CONCERN' Christmas Special Course on December 22nd, 8:45AM - 3:15PM, at Highfield CE Primary School. It lists various activities like snowball fights, gingerbread decorating, and elf olympics. The smaller poster is titled 'WHAT'S ON' for September and December 2025, listing various school events like 'Table Decorations for all ages with Victoria Cross', 'Art School Fair', 'Christmas at Tudor House', and 'Culture Club For Kids'.

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

# Infant Department updates



## Important information for Infant parents:

Next week, children will be taking home their PE kits. Please ensure these come back into school on the first day after the holidays. We also ask that all library books are returned.

## Staffing Update

We are very sad that lovely Mrs Yeung will be leaving us after Christmas. She has been a fantastic teaching assistant and we will all miss her terribly. We wish her lots of luck for the future.

We will also be saying goodbye (for now) to Mrs Cable who has been a wonderful teacher in Maple Base. Mrs Bryant will be teaching across the school after the break and Mrs Shorey will be back full time teaching in Maple after her maternity leave.

Mrs Bryant and Mrs Cable have been **wonderful** teachers and i'm sure you will all agree, have done a fantastic job. Thank you Mrs Cable and Mrs Bryant, and welcome back Mrs Shorey!

## Beech celebrations:



**Max C** and **Ottillie B** did an amazing job of hosting our Christmas performance! They worked so hard on their lines and their delivery. They did a brilliant job with their singing and dancing too and really impressed us all!



## Maple celebrations:

**Aled** has been a joy to teach this term! He comes into school everyday with a determination to work hard and try his best. He follows all of our Golden Goals and has become a great role model to his peers. Thank you for always having such a positive attitude to learning Aled, we are so proud of the progress you've made!



**Oliver** has made incredible progress in all of his learning this term! He is focussed, engaged, on-task at all times and tackles everything with enthusiasm. He is polite, respectful and kind to his friends. Oliver - we could have celebrated you every week! Thank you for being a shining star in Maple.

**Sara** has grown in confidence during her time in Maple. She is kind to all, helpful to her teachers and keen to make good choices always. We are proud of how bravely she has engaged with our performance rehearsals and know her family are going to love watching her perform!



## Ash celebrations:

**Suubi**: Well done, Suubi! You have been so helpful in class, always ready to support your friends and join in. Your kindness and hard work make our classroom a really happy place.

**Ted**: Great job, Ted! You have been ready to learn, followed the rules to keep everyone safe, and tried your best in everything you do. Your effort and positive attitude make our class a lovely place to be.



## Oak celebrations:

**Mila** has been collaborating so nicely with others this week and shows all of our golden goals especially respect. Well done and thank you for being so wonderful Mila.



We would love to celebrate **Wajid** for being so hardworking. He has been demonstrating both his maths and phonic skills and even made himself into the letter X! You are such a super learner Wajid and we are so proud of you.



## Willow celebrations:

**Kiki** has been showing the Golden Goal 'Be Respectful' this week and she has really impressed me with her learning- especially her fantastic sentence writing! You are a star, Kiki!

**Rebecca** has been coming into school beautifully and she has been doing a SUPER job with her sounds! It has been lovely to see her so excited about her learning. Amazing work, Rebecca!



# Junior Department updates and celebrations

## Important information for Junior parents:

Next **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30** is the junior carol service in the **Church**. Please could all children that are participating, bring into school a Christmas/ colourful/ sparkly jumper in a named bag on 16th December so it is all ready for the concert. There are some year 6 pupils who are part of the tableaux and they will need to please bring in their costume in a named bag by 16th December.

We're looking forward to you seeing the children's performance!

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

**Year 3/4:** We have completed our geography learning on comparing New York City and Southampton. The children have explored a variety of different maps to find the physical and human features of both cities. They then used the information they had found out to compare both cities. The children were surprised to find that both cities had quite a few similarities even though NYC is a much bigger city with a higher population!

**Year 5/6:** The children have been thoroughly enjoying their new writing topic and have really enjoyed reading the text *Until I met Dudley*. They have learnt about the features of an explanation text and shown fantastic commitment to learn and use a range of new features within their writing. We then began writing a fictional text about how toasters *really* work, where the children have really let their creativity flow! As we come to the end of our foundation topics, the children have also been applying all they have learnt across the topics, demonstrating how much they have learnt! We have seen some fantastic DT models, Samba dance celebrations and excellent reflections in RE.



**Alfred** has been consistently reliable and well behaved, bringing a warm sense of humour to the classroom each day. He's been working hard towards his Literacy target and has made a strong start on our new explanation text unit, showing real effort and creativity - well done!

**Sam** continues to be a consistently strong member of the class who approaches every subject with focus and enthusiasm. He is a pleasure to teach, always fully engaged, and he joined in especially well during this week's History lesson, offering thoughtful ideas and great participation.



**Maria** has shown the school value of courage in relation to her learning this week. She has shown resilience and persevered and it has led her to be really successful. Everything Maria produces is of a high standard and she should be really proud of herself!

I can always rely on **Daya** to give her all to her learning. As usual she has worked really hard this week and I'm always impressed with how quickly she responds to feedback. Keep being a superstar Daya, you're amazing!



Well done **Anvitha** for another wonderful week! She has demonstrated wonderful positivity and brought a sense of peace to the classroom, especially when working collaboratively with others. She has been a joy to teach and radiates positivity!

Well done **Zac** for consistently challenging himself and showing a strong desire to do his best in all tasks! He has really impressed me with his wonderful writing in literacy and attention to detail when writing using passive voice! Great work Zac!



**George** has shown real courage and resilience in all of his learning this week. He has really impressed us with his 'can-do' attitude and it's been a real pleasure to see him thrive.

**Anson** for displaying such dedication in DT. His whole group worked really well but Anson stood out as being very encouraging and being a real team player.



**Alfie** has made fantastic progress in his reading this term, growing in confidence and showing a real spark of enjoyment when exploring new books. His enthusiasm and steadily improving fluency have become a genuine strength. He comes to each reading session ready to try his best and celebrate what he can do. Alfie has truly embodied our value of courage by believing in himself and taking proud steps forward every week.

**Nova-Rae** has been doing so well recently, particularly in her writing. This term, she has written some lovely instructions, a great narrative and today she had her first go at writing an amazing diary entry. Well done, Nova-Rae for being so courageous in your writing!



A HUGE well done to all of Europe who have worked hard all week! We are proud of each and every single one of you for trying your best, being kind and helpful and for following the golden goals.

## South America celebrations:

## Australasia celebrations:

## Asia celebrations:

## North America celebrations:

## Africa celebrations:

## Europe celebrations: