

Highfield CE Primary School Half-Termly Update



A message from Mrs Walford and Mrs Bond

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of a wonderful autumn term at Highfield, I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate all that has been achieved over the past few months.

First and foremost, well done to all of our children for their super learning this term. They have shown great enthusiasm, resilience and curiosity in their work, and we are extremely proud of the progress they have made. We are especially proud of our year R children who have completed their first term at school! Well done, we are all so proud of you.

Thank you to our parents and carers for your continued support during such a busy time of year. Your encouragement at home, help with routines, and support of school life make a real difference and are very much appreciated. We know the emails have been relentless - Christmas jumper days, reverse advent, Christmas fayre donations, shows, dress up days, stay and shares... the communication never seems to end! We hope the children appreciate all the wonderful opportunities that have been given to them and have some lovely memories to take away.

A special well done to all the children for their amazing Nativity shows and carol concerts. They were a joy to watch and truly captured the spirit of the season. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us and support these special events.

Finally, I would like to give a big thank you to our staff for their hard work, dedication and commitment this term. Their efforts ensure that Highfield remains a happy and supportive place to learn.

We wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for the spring term. The first day back is Monday 5th January and the children have a great first day back - the pantomime!

Merry Christmas and have a very happy new year.



Term: **End of Autumn Term 2**
Date: **19.12.2025**



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Upcoming dates for Spring 1



Monday 5th January - **First day back** to school after the Christmas break

Monday 5th January - PM - **HSFF Robin Hood Pantomime** in school for the children - pick up as normal.

Thursday 8th January - **Church** - Children to be collected from Church today (except for children not attending church who will be picked up as normal)

Friday 9th January - **School Nurse** in from 9.30am to 12pm (Book appointments with the school office)

Monday 19th January - **Additional Parent Meetings** (By invitation only)

Tuesday 27th January, 3.30pm-4.30pm - **Parent Forum** in person at the Junior department

Wednesday 4th February, 8.55am-9.15am - **KS2** Stay & Share

Friday 6th February - **Dance Live Day (juniors)**

Friday 6th February - **School Nurse** in from 9.30am to 12pm (Book appointments with the school office)

Thursday 12th February - **Church**, Children to be collected from Church (except for children not attending church who will be picked up as normal)

Friday 13th February - **INSET** Day (School closed)

Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February - **HALF TERM**

Thursday 26th February - **Church** - Children to be collected from Church (except for children not attending church who will be picked up as normal)

Thursday 5th March - **World Book Day**

Friday 6th March, 9.00am - **Asia** Class Assembly

Tuesday 10th March, 3.30pm-4.30pm - **Parent Forum** in person at the Junior department

Wednesday 11th March, 9.00am-9.15am - **KS1** Stay & Share

Friday 13th March, 9.00am - **North America** Class Assembly

Friday 20th March, 9.00am - **South America** Class Assembly

Friday 20th March, 2.30pm-3.15pm - **Infant** Easter Bonnet Celebration in Church

Thursday 26th March, 2.30pm-3.25pm - **KS2** Easter Service in Church

Monday 30th March-Friday 10th April - **Easter Holidays**

School Development Priorities 2025 2026



What is the School Development Plan?

The SDP is a strategic plan for improvement. It should bring together, in a clear and simple way, the school's priorities, the main measures it will take to raise standards, the resources dedicated to these, and the key outcomes and targets it intends to achieve. This year, these are our main headlines.



1. To establish a culture of metacognition, self-regulation and personal responsibility.



2. To strengthen the leadership team's capacity and support staff development.



3. To enhance adaptations that improve outcomes for all children.



4. To improve phonics outcomes for our children and ensure fidelity to the Read Write Inc. (RWI) program.

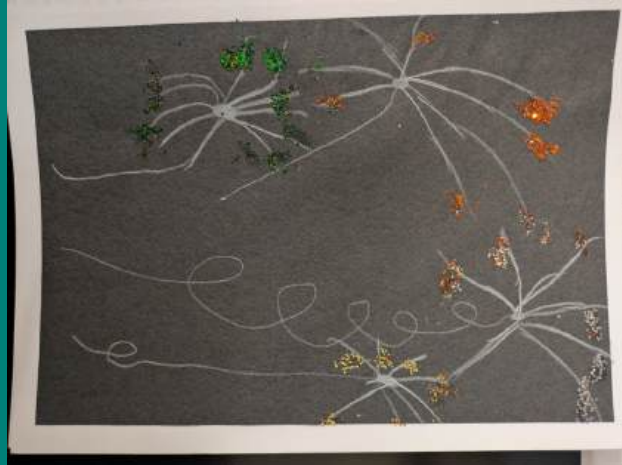


5. To deepen pupils' spiritual growth and embed Christian values.

IN SCHOOL THIS TERM

W/C 3rd November

It was wonderful to talk about the 5th of November, including the Guy Fawkes history and the essential safety aspects. Well done KS1.



Year 5/6 girl's football tournament

A HUGE well done to all the children that took part in the Southampton Schools girl's football tournament. We took a team of year 5s and a team of year 6s and they did the school proud with their teamwork, resilience and courage on the pitch! They each played 3 group games. Our year 6 team won all their matches and made it into the top league.

Our year 5 team then came through an epic penalty shootout to finish in the second division! You could see the progress that each team made throughout the tournament and they both finished in incredible positions! Our year 6s ended up winning the whole tournament (out of 15 other teams!) and will now go onto the county finals next year!

Our year 5s finished 3rd in their groups and are taking home bronze wrist bands!



IN SCHOOL THIS TERM

W/C 10th November

Maple had their 180 reading treat of popcorn and den building in their pjs this week :)



W/C 17th November

A HUGE well done to our year 6 boy's football team for a fantastic season!



IN SCHOOL THIS TERM

W/C 24th November

The year 6 table tennis teams showed great courage and resilience at the county tournament this half term! They both made it to the quarter finals and should feel so proud of how well they played!



Well done to our girl's football team who won their league this term! They showed courage, resilience and teamwork to work as a team to win lots of matches! Here are some quotes from the players:

"I loved getting to play with my friends - it was a lot of fun! Everyone tried their best!"

"I enjoyed all the matches and even scored some goals with my left foot (I'm usually right footed!)"

"I saved lots of goals and helped the team to win!"



IN SCHOOL THIS TERM



W/C 1st December



Sports
Event



IN SCHOOL THIS TERM

W/C 1st December

Wreath making
for dance live!



W/C 8th December

Pizza/popcorn party



Australasia winning coin war!
Thank you HSFF for the
pizza/popcorn party we loved it!!



IN SCHOOL THIS TERM

W/C 8th December



Some children in year 3/4 had a super fun time practicing their basketball skills with professional basketball players!



W/C 15th December



Well done to Oak base who earned their reading treat with 180 reading points. They had great fun having a Christmas disco party and quiz!





IN SCHOOL THIS TERM



Christmas Lunch



Well Done



Lizzie, Alex, and Harriet from Year 5 took part in a five-mile charity walk on Sunday, 2 November. Together with Lizzies family - collectively raising £175 with more donations still coming in! Everyone had a wonderful day exploring Salisbury, enjoying a scenic walk from the city up to Old Sarum Castle.



Thank You

After hearing the school announcements, Alexander decided on his own that he would like to clear the alley by the Junior school. On the weekend of 22nd November, they moved 20 large bags of leaves and baked back the stones. It may need some more bags of rocks, but it is a bit better, he was very proud!

Thank you Alexander, that is amazing!!!





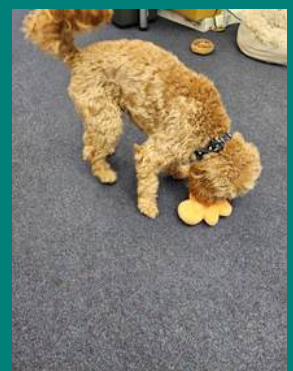
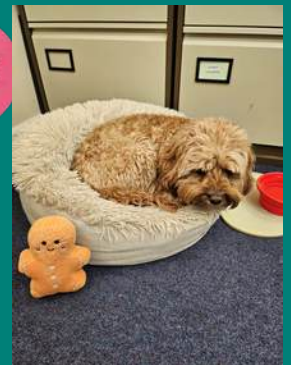
Thank You



Thank you to Mr Knight for coming in to plant the trees the school won from the Clean Air Campaign, he even got some help from his son Alfie in Australasia.



Frankie would like to say a big thank you for all his lovey Christmas presents which he absolutley loved! He is one very happy pooch!



Team Spirit After School Clubs



TEAM SPIRIT – AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS – 2026

Team Spirit will be delivering their after-school clubs after the school break. Team Spirit will be managing the administration of these clubs. Please ensure you book to secure your space!

Details of after school clubs at the Infant Site:

Monday – 3:25pm – 4:15pm – Multi-sports (Yr R-2) - With a different sport/activity each week there is plenty of fun to be had as we set the children various challenges for them to complete. Will it be football, dodgeball or maybe some kwik cricket? Come and join in the fun to find out!!!

Tuesday – 3:15pm – 4:15pm – Football (Yr 1 & 2) – Our football sessions are perfect for children of all ages and abilities. Delivered by our fully qualified coaches, our sessions are action packed and filled with fun and high quality content. All sessions finish off with matchplay for the children to put into practice all what they have learnt within the session.

Wednesday – 3:15pm – 4:15pm – Arts, Crafts and Lego (Yr R-2) – Each week we will work on a different aspect of art/crafts and Lego. We encourage the children to explore and be creative as we make, draw, stick, cut, build and design.

Thursday – 3:15pm – 4:15pm – Football (Yr R & 1) – Our football sessions are perfect for children of all ages and abilities. Delivered by our fully qualified coaches, our sessions are action packed and filled with fun and high quality content. All sessions finish off with matchplay for the children to put into practice all what they have learnt within the session.

Friday – 3:15pm – 4:15pm – Dodgeball and Benchball (Yr R-2) - Two of our most popular sports at Team Spirit combined to make one great club! Master the art of dodging, ducking, dipping and diving. Work on your throwing and catching skills while having a whole host of fun!

How to book:

Team Spirit will be taking and managing all bookings so for full details of the courses available and to book please visit: www.teamspirit4sport.co.uk. Click the yellow 'courses' bar at the top of the page select 'Highfield CE Primary School (Infant Site)' on the sidebar where a list of all of our courses will appear. Select the course(s) you wish to book and this will navigate you to our booking system. Sign up/login and enter your child's details. Add the course to your cart (you can add multiple courses and children at the same time to complete in one booking). Click the cart icon to pay and finalise your booking. A confirmation email will be sent to you with details of all of the course dates and details.

Spaces on our clubs are limited and are offered on a first come first served basis. Once a club is filled, we are able to place your child on a waiting list for any spaces that come available – if this isn't possible you will be offered a place as priority for the following course that starts the following term. To join the waiting list click on the club you wish to book on our booking portal and click the 'join waitlist' button. Our system will then notify you when a space comes available – you will have 48 hours to complete your booking from this notification.

Alternatively, you can get in touch with our admin team through email: admin@teamspirit4sport.co.uk or by phone: 02380658636 for support booking your children's places.

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We can then pass this information onto the relevant coaches. Please pass this information directly to us rather than the school admin teams.

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Tuesday – 3:2pm – 4:25pm – Football (Yr 5/6) – Our football sessions are perfect for children of all ages and abilities. Delivered by our fully qualified coaches, our sessions are action packed and filled with fun and high quality content. All sessions finish off with matchplay for the children to put into practice all what they have learnt within the session.

Wednesday – 3:25pm – 4:25pm – Football (Yr 3/4) – Our football sessions are perfect for children of all ages and abilities. Delivered by our fully qualified coaches, our sessions are action packed and filled with fun and high quality content. All sessions finish off with matchplay for the children to put into practice all what they have learnt within the session.

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Friday – 3:25pm – 4:25pm – Team Xtreme (Yr 3-6) - Team Xtreme is a club for children with lots of energy, imagination and a sense of adventure. Children will take part in a range of activities that will put both mind and body to the test! Nerf guns, archery, capture the flag, dodgeball and more!

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Join us for an evening of classical music with the

CHAMBER ENSEMBLE OF LONDON

In aid of the charity **Caraway**

led by Peter Fisher

Jenkins – Mendelssohn – Paganini – Delius – Shostakovich – Gershwin and much more!

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH
HIGHFIELD CHURCH, SO17 1RL
7PM

Ticket Prices include complimentary pre-concert drink:

Full Price – £25
 Early Bird (before 6th January) – £20
 Students – £15
 Children – £5

- All profits go to Caraway
- Dementia Friendly
- Children very welcome but sadly no under 5s this time

Tickets available at caraway.uk.com

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AUTUMN TERM HIGHLIGHTS

IT'S BEEN A FULL AND FUN-PACKED TERM! THANK YOU TO ALL THE FAMILIES, STAFF AND CHILDREN THAT HAVE SUPPORTED HSFF ACTIVITIES AND FUNDRAISING THIS TERM, AND COME TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY AT OUR EVENTS.

Teddy Bears' Picnic

It was a joy to welcome YR children and families to the Highfield community at the start of the year with a picnic and preloved uniform sale.

Christmas Fayre

We kicked off the festive season with a lot of sparkle, merriment and jolly jars! The Fayre raised over £2,300!!

Coin War

Classes enjoyed some friendly competition - and raised a fabulous £550!! Congratulations to the winners: **Australasia** and **Maple**. We hope you enjoy your pizza parties!



Next Term: Dates for the Diary

- **5 January:** Pantomime and First Day of Term
- **30 January:** School Disco
- **7 February:** International Fayre
- **14 March:** Musical Afternoon Tea

Christmas Quiz

Over 50 parents battled it out over pizza and drinks to win the prestigious trophy. Well done to the winning team **O'Quizmas Tree**. The evening raised £253.

Christmas gifts

We spread a little Christmas joy with presents from Santa - ensuring every child gets a gift this festive season.

With your support, this term we've raised over: **£3,100**

All of the money HSFF raises goes straight back into the school. This term we have spent £4,300 on:

- Book bags for Year R
- Musical instruments
- A new rug for Beech
- Times Tables Rockstars
- Spirit of the Wild
- Dyslexia-friendly books
- The January pantomime
- Petty cash for each class

Did You Know?
We are aiming to raise £8,000 this year



HAVE A PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS.
LOVE, THE HSFF TEAM X