



## Message from Mrs Walford:

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lovely week at Highfield CE Primary, with lots to celebrate across school.

A huge well done to our girls' football team, who came second in their recent tournament. We are incredibly proud of their teamwork, effort and sportsmanship.

Thank you to all families for your support with the extended half term trial in October. We hope that this adjustment will help enable positive changes for pupil wellbeing and attendance moving forward.

This week we also launched our new Top Doodler of the Week award in each department. Congratulations to our first winners – we hope you enjoy your family crazy golf vouchers. This will now be a weekly award, celebrating creativity and engagement across the school.

We would also like to remind parents about the upcoming Parent Forum on Tuesday. This will take place in the Junior Department, starting at 2:00–2:30pm with a member of the Neurodiversity Team, who will be talking to parents about strategies to support neurodivergent children. This will be followed by the usual Parent Forum from 2:30pm–3:25pm. We hope as many parents as possible are able to attend. If you are unable to come along, please feel free to pass any comments on to your parent representatives or add them to the Google Form.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

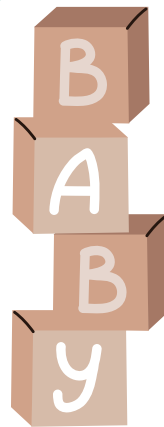


On Monday 9th February, to launch Children's mental health week, children are invited to wear something that makes them feel comfortable and safe — this could be favourite colours, a cosy jumper, or a kit or clothes for a club they belong to.



### Next week's collective worship:

## Friendship



Mrs Shorey has exciting news... she is expecting another baby! The baby is due at the end of July and she is planning to remain in Maple Base for the rest of the year. Mrs Shorey will be going on maternity leave in the summer holiday so it is unlikely there will be any further teaching changes for the class. Huge congratulations to Mr and Mrs Shorey and to big brother Jacob!



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# HSFF



## Represent your country at our International Food & Culture Fayre on Feb 7!



We are very excited to announce that tickets are now available to purchase for the International Food & Culture Fayre on Saturday 7th February 2026 - 3.00pm to 5.30pm.

Book your tickets here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hsff/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=110947>

Tickets purchased in advance will receive a discount: adult entry is £4.50 (£5 on the door) and child entry is £2.00 (£2.50 on the door).

The booking cost covers entry and an amazing array of international food offered by our host families, cultural workshops and fun crafts. Families will be provided with a food box and cutlery to use at the event.

Our award-winning International Fayre is always a highlight of the year! It's a chance to sample delicious food, visit tables hosted by Highfield families, see items from around the world, learn a few words in a new language and get hands on and crafty.

Sign up to represent your country:

THANK YOU to the wonderful families that have signed up to host a stall representing their culture. We've got stalls from Brazil, Turkey, Australia, Italy, India, Ghana, Iraq, Germany, New Zealand and many more.

We'd love even more countries so please consider hosting a table. All the information you need is here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9KOfztgmNvYuh4yJuSWNFfeK5L1jagcBTvD8dLvhmnuB5BA/viewform>

Feel free to share a stall with other families or team up with a friend to help out.

Any questions about the Fayre, please email HSFF at [familyandfriends@highfieldschool.co.uk](mailto:familyandfriends@highfieldschool.co.uk)

You can see highlights of previous International Fayre's on our YouTube video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=CGAl24dUDko>

Love,

The HSFF Team x

## Upcoming Dates:

Friday 30th January - School Disco

Saturday 7th February - International Fayre (Junior Site)

Saturday 14th March (Musical Afternoon Tea).



### School Disco 30th Jan - Don't forget to book tickets!

It's time for your children to get their party clothes on - the Highfield School Disco is returning on Friday 30th January! Tickets are open to book! 🎉🕺

The Infant Disco runs from 3.45 - 4.45pm at the Junior site. Parents are required to remain on site during the disco. There will be refreshments available to purchase.

The Junior Disco runs from 5.00 - 6.00pm at the Junior site.

Admission to the Discos is £3.00 per ticket (plus booking fee).

Children attending will receive a drink and snack.

Book your tickets here:



### Notes for adults:

Adults do not need to book a ticket.

Parents are required to remain on site for children attending the Infant Disco - there will be a cafe serving tea/coffee and cakes.

Parents do not need to stay for the Junior disco but must provide a mobile phone number in case of emergency.

There will be a tuck shop selling sweets, crisps, drinks and hot dogs. Hedgehog Money will be available to buy at the entrance for use in the cafe and tuck shop.

# Infant Department updates and celebrations



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

The infant children have been working very hard in their maths lessons.

Year 2 pupils have been working out change from £1 and the children in year 1 have been learning to double numbers.

If ever parents want to see what pupils are doing in their maths learning, take a look on this website:

<https://whiteroseeducation.com/resources?subject=primary+maths&year=year+1+%28v3%29>

You can see exactly what the children will be learning, week by week, and it also has videos and resources to support at home.

This week, the children in year R continued to engage with activities that develop their understanding of composition, or the numbers within numbers. They have been reinforcing their subitising to 6 skills by playing track games both indoors and outdoors (drawn with chalk) using a dice.



## Maple celebrations:

This week we are celebrating **Jude** and **Theo** for their phenomenal writing! They have been super independent and resilient and we were so proud of the animal sentences they wrote in literacy this week. Keep up the amazing work both of you, you are absolute superstars!

## Willow celebrations:

**Charlie** has had a week full of fantastic learning-especially his beautiful writing. He has also been working so hard to always show the School value of Respect.

So proud of you, Charlie!

**Arthur** has been so super focused on his learning this week and he has produced some amazing work. He approaches all lessons with such creativity and he loves sharing his great ideas with the class. You're a star, Arthur!



## Beech celebrations:

**Hugo B** has had a really stand out week with his writing! He has really impressed everyone with his amazon learning attitude and his super writing. He has been challenging himself to even use some of the year2 skills and he is really shining! Well done Hugo!

**Oscar R** always makes sure that no matter what the learning, he tries his hardest and does his absolute best in everything he does. He is kind and sweet to everyone in the class and is always following our golden goals. You are a star Oscar!



## Oak celebrations:

**Florrie** has been an absolute SUPERSTAR writer in Oak Base lately! She has been doing some brilliant sentences and has been working on ways to even uplevel them with her word choice!

**Alexander** is always super engaged and interested in his learning and absolutely loves to share his wonderful thoughts and amazing work! We love to see him light up when learning and trying something new!



## Ash celebrations:

**Lily** – You have had such a lovely start to Highfield! You try really hard in your learning and always give things a go. It's been wonderful to see you growing in confidence and enjoying your time in class. Well done, Lily!

**Ibrahim** – You are a very kind and caring member of our class. You are always happy to help others when they need it, and you come to school with a big smile and a positive attitude. Your kindness and positivity make a real difference in our classroom, Ibrahim.





# Junior Department updates and celebrations

## Important information for Junior parents: Year 3/4

A reminder that next **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January** is the trip to the Living Rainforest. Please ensure your child arrives promptly to school in order for the class to be ready when the coaches arrive. **Please ensure your child brings a packed lunch.**

Thank you to all the year 4 children who came to **Times Table Rockstar Club** on Wednesday. We would love for as many year 4s as possible to join us in **Africa at 8:15am every Wednesday morning.**

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

**Year 3/4:** The children have enjoyed continuing their geography learning about climates and rainforests. We have been really impressed with how confidently they have used atlas' to locate different countries. They have been exploring how proximity to different lines of latitude influence the climate. Specifically they have looked at the tropical climate zone and it's link with rainforests in preparation for the trip next week!

**Year 5/6:** It has been another fantastic week in Year 5/6! The children showed excellent planning and connections during our art morning, where they explored two different printing techniques inspired by Hokusai and Picasso. The finished results are superb. We have also begun our newspaper writing in literacy. The Year 6 pupils have been given full choice over their survivor and the planning process, making this their first assessed piece of writing completed with complete independence. They have shown great determination and reflection, demonstrating just how creative and thoughtful they are as writers.

A HUGE well done to our girls' football team who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall at the county finals in Portsmouth!



**Naiya** for continuing to make fantastic progress with her English and show super effort in lessons. She's been writing a lovely newspaper report in Literacy lessons this week, has tried hard in her French and showed real focus and skill on the glockenspiels in our Music lesson.

**Zaina** for showing great courage and resilience in Maths this week, particularly with improving her confidence in short division. She has worked calmly and carefully, treated others with kindness and respect, and has also made a strong effort in her newspaper writing in Literacy

## South America celebrations:



**Toby** has been brilliant in literacy this week! His attitude has been fantastic as he has settled straight away and just begun writing by being resourceful and using his plan. He should be really proud of himself and I can't wait to see where this excellent attitude takes him in his writing next!

**Arisztid** has been a superstar during class discussions this week! He has been really engaged and motivated to share his wonderful ideas with the class. Arisztid always has something thoughtful and intriguing to share and the class love hearing his thoughts! Well done Arisztid!

## Australasia celebrations:



**Annabelle:** For a fantastic and concerted effort in her work. She is trying incredibly hard and showing great focus! She has made good progress in her writing and maths and demonstrates a fantastic attitude! Well done Annabelle

## North America celebrations:

**Amrita:** A brilliant attitude to learning and a fabulous work ethic. She is demonstrating great focus and a readiness and willingness to do her best! Absolutely fantastic!

## Asia celebrations:



Well done **Ted** for a fantastic week! She really stood out for her performance for the girls' football team at the County finals where she made some incredible saves and played with a smile on her face. She is a wonderful member of the team and school!

What another wonderful week it has been for **Harrison!** He has been a superstar in our literacy lessons and shown excellent determination to work so well independently! You can see his perseverance to connect with each writing section and this has really shown across his newspaper so far!

## Africa celebrations:



**Elise** is absolutely always showing our school value of respect. She is always polite, she listens well and shows a genuine interest and care in all of her learning. She is a wonderful role model for the rest of the class and really takes the golden goals seriously. Well done, Elise, for being such a shining example of a Highfield School child!

**Emma** is always kind, caring and enthusiastic. She always does her best to follow our golden goals and our school values and as a result, she is an absolute pleasure to teach. Emma, you have done such a good job of being a role-model already this year, keep up the amazing work. Well done!

## Europe celebrations:



**Ibraheem T** for a brilliant week showing our school value of courage. We have really noticed how courageous Ibraheem has been in his learning whether this was in our literacy lessons producing wonderful writing and be as independent as possible or in our geography, where Ibraheem was also fantastic, showing lots of focus and helping others with their learnings as well! Well done Ibraheem!

**Kimaaya P** for a wonderful week showing our school values of respect and courage. Once again we have noticed Kimi's courage in her learning whether producing wonderful literacy or contributing wonderful answers in our RE lesson. Kimi has also shown her peaceful and respectful personality in how she helps around the classroom, supports her friends with kindness and is so positive in all of her lessons. Well done Kimi!