



## Message from Mrs Walford:

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a very busy week here at Highfield. Thank you to all the parents who attended the recent Parent Forum. We really value your time, input and engagement. Parent representatives will be circulating the minutes shortly for those who were unable to attend.

We would also like to say a **huge** thank you for the generous donations made towards school resources. We are incredibly grateful for your continued support, which makes a real difference to the children's learning and experiences at Highfield.

There has been very exciting learning taking place across the school this week - Year 3 and 4 had a fantastic time on their recent trip to the Living Rainforest. The children were a credit to the school and thoroughly enjoyed exploring the environment and learning about the plants and animals they encountered. Dance Live preparations are in full flow and we look forward to their performance at the Guildhall next week.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We wish you all a very happy and relaxing weekend.

## SEND Update from Mrs Bond:

I have created a page on the school website that will be regularly updated with information about additional support available in Southampton for families of children with special educational needs and disabilities. This page will include details of any upcoming parent courses, support groups and family events shared with us. <https://www.highfieldceprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=SEND+Family+Support&pid=131>

We have purchased a new SEND programme that allows us to share Learning Plans directly with parents. This means parents will be able to see the targets we are working on with your child in school, as well as the additional provisions they are currently receiving. We aim to send out parent access invitations by the end of this half-term so you can view this information easily.



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.

**Term: Spring 1**

**Date: 30/01/2026**

**Update number: 4**



**Next week's  
collective worship:  
Friendship**



# KIDS HOLIDAY CAMPS

**TEAM SPIRIT**  
PROUD TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

16TH JULY - 20TH FEBRUARY

Join us this school break for some action packed days of enjoyable activities! MULTI-SPORTS, FOOTBALL, TEAM XTREME, AND CIRCUS & MAGIC COURSES AVAILABLE  
SO MUCH FUN TO BE HAD - DON'T MISS OUT BOOK TODAY!  
Full list of courses and dates on next page.

Visit our site

Highfield CE Primary School (Junior Site) - Hawthorn Road, SO17 1PX  
Short day option - 8:45am - 3:15pm / Long day option - 8:45am - 5:15pm  
Multi-day discounts and sibling discounts available

For more information, contact us: [admin@teamspirit4sport.co.uk](mailto:admin@teamspirit4sport.co.uk)  
023 80 658 636

Limited spaces - BOOK TODAY:  
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## Weekly bulletin board:

SPECIAL OFFER FROM MYCLOTHING

### Save 10% on School Uniform

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## SOUTHAMPTON SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FESTIVAL

6th - 15th March 2026

Free events and activities.

SAVE THE DATE

## SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING DAY

SATURDAY 14th March 2026  
Highfield Campus and Boldwood Innovation Campus, Southampton

Free activities, workshops, talks, lab tours and live shows suitable for all ages.

SAVE THE DATE

## impact ACADEMIES & CAMPS SOUTHAMPTON

### Southampton Parent Research Study and free family offer:

Impact Academies & Camps Southampton is offering two free coding & IT lessons for children this term, as part of a local parent study. Sessions are held at Richard Taunton College — safe, fun, and GDPR-compliant. Parents are invited to take part in a voluntary short chat. More info at: <https://impactacademies.co.uk/southampton/researchstudy>

Multi-sports and activity courses – A range of your favourite sports, including dodgeball, benchball, hockey, tennis, cricket and much more, will be available to take part in along with arts, crafts, Legotastic and lots of other fun and games!!!

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**  
Football courses – A course dedicated to all things football...skills, shooting, nutmegs, goals, matches, tournaments, competitions and challenges! The perfect course for every football mad superstar! Suitable for all ages and abilities.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February**  
Team Xtreme is a course 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!

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February**  
Circus and Magic -This day will be focused all around the circus and magic. Our goal is to use the day to learn circus tricks, circus history, types of circus acts, face painting and creative arts challenges. Learning the skills of magic in a workshop ran by the coaches. Each child will learn at least 3 magic tricks and perform in team magic shows created in sub teams with coaches to support. Each team to put on a circus and magic show at the end of the day.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February**  
Multi- sports and activity courses – A range of your favourite sports, including dodgeball, benchball, hockey, tennis, cricket and much more, will be available to take part in along with arts, crafts, Legotastic and lots of other fun and games!!!

## Love your journey to school

This Valentine's Day we want you to tell us everything you love about your active travel journey to or from school!

Can you complete the squares and share your adventure?

**How to Play**

- Complete as many activities on your bingo card as you can - walk, cycle, scoot, jump, skip and wheel!
- Tick off each square when you finish the activity.

**Show Us Your Journey**

- Send us your photos, drawings, papers, a short story or a report about what you enjoyed most.
- Be creative - make it fun and colourful, it's up to you!

**Why Take Part**

- Discover new ways to travel.
- Help the planet by reducing car journeys.
- Stay healthy and active while having fun!

**TOP PRIZE**  
JD Bug Classic Scooter

**My Journey Goosie Badge**  
A special badge to celebrate your journey to school!

**How to enter:**

- Ask your school for a copy of the bingo card or download a copy from [www.growinggreen.org.uk/active-travel](https://www.growinggreen.org.uk/active-travel)
- Photograph or scan a copy of your completed bingo card with your journey information and email to [myjourneyschool@growinggreen.org.uk](mailto:myjourneyschool@growinggreen.org.uk)
- Prizes will be awarded based on your journey to school by 01/03/2026. Entries must be submitted by Friday 20th February.

Approved/endorsed activities in: 1000+ Schools, Southampton City Council, Southampton and Planning, UK Green, Southampton, SO4 1T (Southampton - Buses & Highways) (2026) to allow for delivery.

\*This offer is subject to availability. Terms and conditions apply. For more details about the prize draw including competition terms.

## BUSHCRAFT HOLIDAY CLUB

SPEND YOUR HOLIDAYS EXPLORING THE OUTDOORS!

Unleash your sense of adventure at our Bushcraft Holiday Club! This one-day outdoor course is perfect for young people aged 9-14 (Year 5 and up) who are ready to explore the great outdoors and learn real bushcraft skills.

Spend the day building shelters, cooking delicious food over campfires, mastering the use of Kelly Knives, and trying your hand at woodwork. Whether you're a first-time explorer or an experienced adventurer, there's always something new to learn! Sign up and book your space through the QR Code.

**School holidays**  
Bishop Valley Country Park, Altonlee Lane

**YOUTH SPORTS**  
[www.growinggreen.org.uk](http://www.growinggreen.org.uk)  
Book Online or a registered Charity (1184842)

PREVENTION TARGETED PROGRESSION OUTDOOR LEARNING

## WOODLAND HOLIDAY CLUB

SPEND YOUR HOLIDAYS EXPLORING THE OUTDOORS!

Unleash your sense of adventure at our Outdoor Registered Forest School-themed holiday club!

Designed for children aged 5-11 (Year 1 and up), our holiday club offers a magical mix of outdoor activities: from shelter building and campfire cooking to woodland art games, nature walks, and habitat exploration, there's something for every young explorer. Join us for a holiday experience full of learning, fun, and fresh air!

Sign up and book your space through the QR Code.

**School holidays**  
Outdoor Learning Centre, Boldwood Road, Eastleigh

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# Infant Department updates and celebrations



## Important information for Infant parents:

In science, the children in year 1 and 2 will be doing an experiment to test materials. Can we ask that children bring a clear jar or pot to school for the week beginning the 9<sup>th</sup> February as they will need one each to complete their experiments.

2026 is the year of reading, and as such we are partnering with Portswood library for KS1 children to make regular trips.

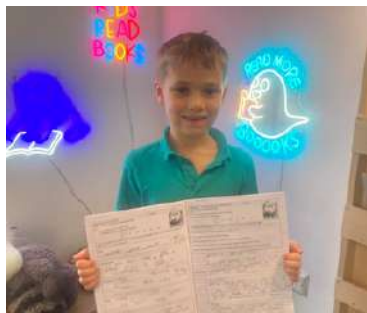


Each week, a year 1/2 class will visit the library for a special workshop and library session. The children will also be able to borrow books if they have a library card. If you would like to sign your child up for a free library card, please look out for a form in your child's bag. Once complete, please drop the form off at Portswood library so that they can create the card for your child.

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

Perfect Polar Bears!

In KS1 the children have been learning all about animal fact files and this week they created their own examples all about Polar Bears.



## Maple celebrations:



**Jack** was an absolute star in literacy this week. His Polar Bear report was a joy to read. He included so much amazing detail and really thought about his language and how to make his report sound exciting. Keep up the brilliant work Jack!

**Eloise** has settled in brilliantly to our class. She is so resilient and respectful and her attitude to her learning is a joy to see. We are so happy that you have joined us in Maple, keep on being a star!!

## Willow celebrations:



**Sarah** has been an absolute star with her sounds and I have been SO impressed with her fantastic reading this week. Well done for being so resilient and working so hard, Sarah- you are a star!

**Nicholas** has done a superb job of following all of the Golden Goals this week. He has been especially showing the Golden Goal 'Be Ready' and has done fantastic listening at all times. Keep up the super work, Nicholas!

## Beech celebrations:



**Esther S** has been an absolute star with her polar bear writing this week! She has really impressed us with her resilient attitude and her attention to detail. Her handwriting is fantastic and she has been working so hard to get in as many different skills as possible! Well done Esther!

**Orlaith G** has really been trying her best in maths this week and has been brilliant in our new topic where she has needed to count in 10s and 1s. She has really been pushing herself to be independent in tackling new tasks and we are so proud of her. Keep it up Orlaith!

## Oak celebrations:



**Ella** has been working so super hard on her phonics lately and has been doing some really brilliant learning! She has also been a star at managing her distractions! We are so proud of you Ella! Keep up the great work!



**Artie** has been working incredibly hard on his letter formation and his blending and he has been doing some lovely work! It is amazing to see the pride he is showing in his learning! Well done Artie!

## Ash celebrations:



**Arthur** - For persevering and making sure you are adding everything you need to your writing. You are always ready to learn and have been trying your absolute best at everything. Well done, Arthur

**Robert** - For working really hard during Literacy and creating some lovely sentences about Polar bears I was really impressed with some of the words you phrases you chose to use. Well done, Robert



# Junior Department updates and celebrations

## Important information for Junior parents:

Next **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February from 8:45am is Stay & Share**. It would be lovely to see as many parents as possible, so the children can share with you some of their excellent learning!

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

**Year 3/4:** The children absolutely loved their trip to the Living Rainforest, so thank you so much for supporting your child in coming. They saw so many different types of animals and plants. Some particular favourites included the blue poison dart frogs, a green iguana, rays, turtles and the water banana plant. We learnt so much about how different animals have adapted for their environment and the different layers of the rainforest. Overall it was a brilliant day and the children represented Highfield excellently!

**Year 5/6:** It has been another fantastic week, and the year 5/6 team have been so impressed with the children's final newspapers which they have produced in literacy. The year 6s have now finished their first piece of independent writing which will go towards their end of year assessments. They have highlighted what fantastic writers they are, and it has been great to see them rising to this challenge! They shared their writing in the hall on Friday morning so they could celebrate their writing with their peers!



Well done **Humza** for a fantastic week! He has really stood out for his confidence across all lessons to involve himself and share his creative thoughts and ideas. He has also shown super 'connecting' during our writing lessons and produced a great newspaper!  
Well done **Dayyan** for another great week! He has been incredibly courageous during our writing lessons and produced an incredible newspaper which meets the purpose perfectly! I have been so impressed with his desire to do her best!



**Abi Warr:** For showing real courage and focus in her newspaper report writing this week. She worked hard to explain the story of Poon Lin's survival in the ocean clearly and engagingly, and took great pride in producing a neat, well-presented final version.  
**Marcell Balogh:** For consistently trying his best in everything he does and always wanting to do what is right. He shows kindness and consideration towards others at all times, living out our values of peace and respect and demonstrating the Golden Goals of being ready and being respectful every day.



I have been so impressed with **Henry WN**, he has really stood out recently with just how considerate he is of others. Without having to be asked he is always the first to offer support to his peers. Thank you for always being a super role model of the school value respect!  
**Alisa P** has been absolutely brilliant in maths this week! She has had a fantastic attitude which has led her to be really successful in all her lessons. She is applying what she has learnt and using her knowledge to answer more challenging questions. Keep being amazing Alisa!



**Samuel:** A fantastic start to his time at Highfield. He has shown excellent respect every single day since joining us, has always been ready to learn and has demonstrated brilliant determination in new topics! What a start!  
**Zulfa:** A brilliant beginning to her life at Highfield. She is lovely, smiley and always keen to help! She is very respectful towards both adults and her peers and is always keen to challenge herself and try her best! We are very fortunate to have her in North America! Keep it up!



**Sam** has been persevering in maths this week as we have been learning column multiplication and bus stop division for the first time. Sam has been so focused on his learning that even though he found these processes tricky at first, he got there in the end and was able to use both methods very effectively. Well done, Sam for showing your school value of courage in your learning, it really paid off!  
**Nathan** has been trying so hard this week to follow his golden goals and to be a great representative of our school values. He has been following instructions really well and listening carefully during learning. As a result, Nathan has made excellent progress in maths and in writing this week! Well done, Nathan, for trying your best and having a great week!



**Emily S** for another wonderful week showing all of our values. Emily was so courageous in writing a wonderfully persuasive letter and worked hard with her editing. In maths she has shown so much respect in how she has listened and engaged with her learning and made wonderful contributions in our discussions. A wonderful example to others. Well done Emily!  
**Isabella J** for once again having a week where she has shown all of the values. Isabella was once again so peaceful in PE where she was happy to work with anyone and support them with their learning. In literacy the respect she showed to her learning was brilliant, producing a brilliant letter packed with features, and very persuasive. Truly a role model to our school. Well done Isabella!

## Asia celebrations:

## South America celebrations:

## Australasia celebrations:

## North America celebrations:

## Africa celebrations:

## Europe celebrations: