



Message from Mrs Walford:

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a lovely week here at Highfield , with lots of learning and exciting experiences taking place.

Our KS1 children had a great time on their visit to Portswood Library. They represented the school beautifully and thoroughly enjoyed exploring the books and listening to stories. A HUGE thank you to Miss Ellis for organising this and thank you to the parents who volunteered to come along.

We would also like to wish our KS2 children the very best of luck at Dance Live tonight! We are incredibly proud of all their hard work and dedication, and we know they will do brilliantly. Thank you again to Vanessa, Ellie and Mrs James for leading such a great experience for the children.

Reminders:

- A reminder that **Monday will be a non-uniform day** to mark Children's Mental Health Week. Children are encouraged to wear clothes that they feel comfortable and happy in. More information about Children's Mental Health Week can be found here: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>
- We have two parent workshops next week - a Year 4 parent multiplication check workshop, and also an AI workshop. These are both on Tuesday 10th. Please refer to the parent mails sent for further details.
- Finally, please remember that next Friday is an INSET day, and the school will be closed to pupils. This means that Thursday 12th February will be the last day before half term, and children will finish at the normal time.



We look forward to seeing lots of you at the international fayre tomorrow, which i'm sure will be a fantastic event!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

SEND Update from Mrs Bond:

We work hard as a school to ensure every child is supported, and we are continually developing staff training so that our ordinarily available provision meets the needs of all pupils, including those who are neurodiverse. Each class has a graduated response in place to identify children who may need additional support and we use cohort provision maps to outline the extra interventions pupils receive to help them learn and make good progress.



We have also invested in a new SEND provision software system, which is currently being populated with Individual Education Plans, Health Care Plans and other key information. Once this is fully set up, parents will be invited to view their child's plans so you are always aware of their targets and the support they are receiving in school.

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Next week's collective worship:

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Brilliant Butterflies

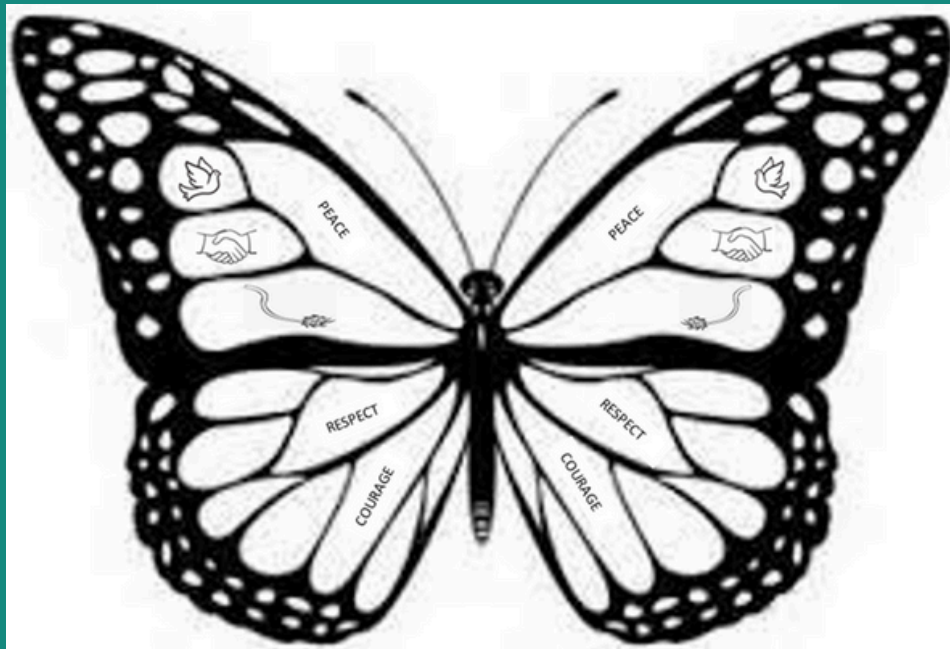
From today, we will be replacing our golden leaves to brilliant butterflies!

Each week, pupils are celebrated for showing our school values – demonstrating peace, courage and respect. Our butterfly represents our school vision.

We use a butterfly image to represent how our children spread their wings and bring the transforming power of Christian values to the world around them, in their own unique way.

Through the fostering of positive relationships, and through creating a safe and inviting space in which children can be themselves, our pupils can experience the 'fullness of life' – and not just the 'good' things that life has to offer.

Our vision helps our children to know that they are loved and valued for who they are. They flourish as they know that God loves them and that He is with them. They believe in themselves, respect others and are willing to show initiative, take risks and show courage. Our vision is talked about in every worship and our teachers refer to our vision when teaching the children.



Weekly bulletin board:

Change of date for **ASIA** class assembly, this has changed from Friday 6th March to **Friday 27th March**, still at 9.00am. Sorry for any inconvenience.



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 at admin@teamspirit4sport.net or 023 80 658 634. Limited spaces - BOOK TODAY! <https://team-spirit-4-sport.net/book>

Tuesday 17th February
Football courses - A course dedicated to all things football...skills, shooting, nutmegs, goals, matches, tournaments, competitions and challenges! The perfect course for every footballer! Suitable for all ages and abilities.

Wednesday 18th 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! Hot air balloons, archery, capture the flag, dodgeball and more!

Thursday 19th 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 run 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 20th 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!!!

A WORKOUT FOR YOU, A PARTY FOR THE KIDS. FUN FOR EVERYONE!

WE LIKE TO **MOVE IT!**

HALF TERM SPECIAL
WEDS 18 FEB 10AM
HIGHFIELD CHURCH CENTRE

FIT Happens FOR BOOKINGS: WWW.FITHAPPENS.UK
INFO@FITHAPPENS.UK

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 Boldrewood Innovation Campus, Southampton

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

SAVE THE DATE

Love your journey to school

This Valentines 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, stomp, jump, skip, and explore!
- Tick off each square when you finish the activity.

Show Us Your Journey

- Draw on your photo, drawings, a poem, 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 Goodie Bags

How to enter:

- Ask your school for a copy of the bingo card or download a copy from www.highfieldceps.org.uk
- Download or scan a copy of your completed bingo card with your journey information and email to highfield@highfieldceps.org.uk
- Please not to post your completed bingo card to the school.
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Prizes will be awarded on Friday 19th February 2026. Entries must be submitted by Friday 19th Feb 2026.

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**JOIN US AT OUR AWARD-WINNING
INTERNATIONAL FOOD & CULTURE
FAYRE THIS SATURDAY, 7 FEB, 3PM**

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Book your tickets using QR code:



Tickets purchased by midnight on Friday 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. All children will receive a fun activity passport to guide them round the event.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Please consider giving one hour of your day -

we are looking for people to help with the cafe, crafts, set up etc. More information and to sign up here:
<https://volunteersignup.org/QBKDB>

THANK YOU for the wonderful responses we've had to host country stalls – it's going to be a wonderful celebration of Highfield's diverse community!

Any questions about the Fayre, please email HSFF at familyandfriends@highfieldschool.co.uk.

INTERNATIONAL DAY

Sat 7 February 3-5:30pm

Meet up with old friends and make some new friends on your journey around the world!

Ticket cost covers all the international food offered by host families + workshops and crafts.

Facepainting
and Glitter Tattoos

Raffle Prizes
to be won

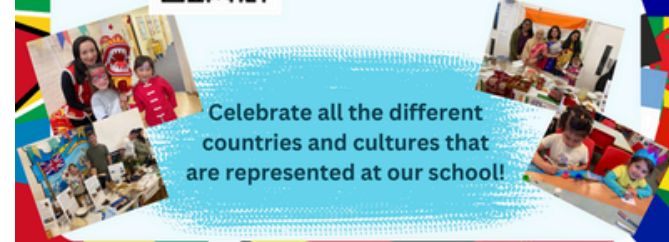
Free workshops!

Free Crafts from
around the world

Delicious Food
and Drink to try



**Book your tickets here or
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parentmail.**



Join us at Highfield's award-winning INTERNATIONAL FOOD & CULTURE FAYRE

Saturday 7 February

3 - 5:30pm

At the Juniors

Crafts
Workshops
Food
Friends



This event
is alcohol
free!



Adults: £4.50 (£5 on the door)
Children: £2 (£2.50 on the door)

Exploring our countries and cultures!

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Infant Department updates and Brilliant Butterflies



Important information for Infant parents:

We have seen an influx of toys coming into school recently. Please can children refrain from bringing in toys as we have had several incidents of toys getting lost or broken and children getting upset as a result.

What's been happening in the dept this week:

A tiger escaped from the zoo and visited yearR!

The children in oak and Willow were shocked to find their classroom in a state of disarray with paw prints and food wrappers everywhere! They were even more shocked when a letter arrived in the post to say that a tiger had escaped from a local zoo! Luckily, the children are on the case and have created wanted posters in case anyone happens across a very hungry tiger...



The Tiger Who
Came
to Tea



Judith Kerr

Oak butterflies:



We would love to celebrate **Alice** for her incredible sentence writing this week. She has been using sounds and even punctuation to create some wonderful writing. We are so proud of you Alice!



Jubair has been a super learner this week and consistently showing golden goal "be ready" too. Well done Jubair for your wonderful concentration and effort - You are a superstar!

Willow butterflies:



Charlotte has been showing the School value of Courage this week by doing some great writing and not giving up when it got a bit tricky. Fantastic work, Charlotte!

Clara has been showing the School value of Peace. She has been very reflective and she has been showing a lot more focus with her learning too. Keep up the super work, Clara!

Maple butterflies:



Mais is such a shining example of both peace and kindness in our classroom. She is always looking out for others and shows so much respect during her learning. I have also been so proud of Mais' maths this week, she has absolutely smashed her learning on division, doubling and halving. Well done Mais!

It has been a pleasure to see **Oliver's** independence and resilience in his learning this week. He wrote a great fact file about pandas, and reflected brilliantly on writing in full sentences. He is always so enthusiastic and keen to follow all of our school values and Golden Goals.

What a star Oliver!

Ash butterflies:



Jessica: For producing some really lovely writing about her chosen animals. You really thought about what you were writing and it was so engaging and exciting to read. Well Done Jessica!

Kaamil: You have shown fantastic courage and respect at school. You work really hard in your lessons and take pride in making your work neat. Keep it up!

Beech butterflies:



Hania has been showing the School value of Peace. Hania is always a kind and gentle friend to everyone around her. She is always calm and reflective and a true pleasure to be around.

Austen has been showing the School value of respect. He has been really working hard in his lessons and has been really focused on his learning. He has written a fantastic fact file this week and has really impressed us all.

Junior Department updates and Brilliant Butterflies



Important information for Junior parents:

Year 4 timestable workshop (on the MTC): After school in Australasia on Tuesday 10th March. The presentation will provide more information on the multiplication check and how to support your child at home.

What's been happening in the department this week:

Year 3/4: This week the children followed up on their learning about the rainforest and looked at deforestation and the impact it has on the planet. They practised using for and against arguments to support their own opinion. In science they completed their learning on forces by exploring the poles on a magnet. It has been great to see them investigating contact and non-contact forces and drawing their own conclusions.

Year 5/6: This week, the children have immersed themselves in a range of diary entries and focused on punctuation, tone and impact. It has been great to see the children really looking to connect with the writing intent and desired impact on the reader. We have had some fantastic class discussions, and it has highlighted how much the children have enjoyed the Survivor writing topic! In foundation topics, the children have creatively been improvising in music, making links with their French knowledge on planets and designed their own sacred places.



James P: For approaching school with a consistently cheerful attitude and showing real kindness and gentleness towards others. He tries hard in all areas of his learning and showed particular courage in Literacy last week by carefully editing and uplevelling his news report.

Zeyno: For showing excellent focus and courage in her news report writing. She took real pride in her work by using her own time to refine and perfect her writing, produced a lovely final outcome in the publishing book, and responded thoughtfully to feedback, demonstrating the Golden Goals of being ready and being respectful throughout.



Henry W always shows the school value of respect every single day. He is always listening to teachers and being sensible, polite and considerate. Henry is a brilliant role model to all! I have been so impressed with **Erin's** enthusiasm and how willing she is to have a go at answering questions during class input. It is wonderful to see her confidence growing, and this is clearly making her a better learner as she applies what she has learnt.



Florence has written a truly excellent news report on Juliane Koepcke, showing impressive research skills, clarity, and maturity in her writing. Her hard work and focus are clear in the way she handles a challenging real-life story with accuracy, sensitivity, and confidence. By taking on such a powerful subject, she has shown real courage—pushing herself beyond the easy option and rising to the challenge of telling an important story well.

Theo consistently shows a positive attitude at school by always being ready to learn and treating others with respect. He approaches all aspects of school life with focus and determination, trying his best whether the task is big or small. His willingness to give his best every day shows real commitment to his learning - AMAZING!



Well done **Krishan** for another wonderful week! He has really stood out for his courage to challenge himself with his writing this week, and showcased what a thoughtful, imaginative and determined writer he is! He has written an incredible newspaper which he should feel so proud of!

Well done **Julia** for another brilliant week! She always brings so much peace to the classroom through her positive attitude and kindness that she shows to others. Julia always goes over and above with her learning and always demonstrates our golden goals in all she does!



Sofia is always beautifully behaved, She always does her very best to follow her golden goals and to embody our school values. She is courageous in learning, respectful to everyone and always peaceful! I want to celebrate her this week for keeping this up all the time and for being such a great role model for Africa class. Well done, Sofia!

Celeen is always happy and cheerful and she is always trying her best. In maths, recently, I have noticed that Celeen is being really courageous in her learning and she has made brilliant progress in written methods for multiplication and division. I've been really enjoying Celeen's effort recently, Well done Celeen!



Yuqiao : For another wonderful week showing all of our values. In maths, Yuqiao has once again been so courageous in how he tackles questions, showing so much understanding but also the courage and respect to complete as many tasks as possible with great accuracy. In literacy, he demonstrates such courage in his writing, particularly in his vocabulary and respect in his presentation. Finally in group work, and around the class, he shows so much peace. Well done Yuqiao!

Alex G: for a brilliant week where he has embodied our school value of peace. Alex has reminded us this week of what a peaceful child he is, being so kind and respectful inside and outside of lessons. Alex has such a positive attitude to his learning, always wanting to learn more, always wanting to take part in discussions, and always trying his hardest with so much courage in every lesson. Alex's enthusiasm and kindness make him a wonderful role model. Well done Alex!

South America butterflies:

Australasia butterflies:

North America butterflies:

Asia butterflies:

Africa butterflies:

Europe butterflies: