

Highfield CE Primary School

Half-Termly Update



A message from Mrs Walford and Mrs Bond

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful term at Highfield, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. Your encouragement at home, attendance at events, and partnership with us to truly make a difference to the children's experience and achievements.

It has been a fantastic term, filled with so many exciting learning opportunities and memorable experiences. We have enjoyed so many trips and activities, giving our pupils the chance to explore, discover and learn beyond the classroom. The outdoor learning days at the infants have been fantastic, exciting fencing sessions at the juniors, a trip to the living rainforest, a wonderful international fayre, Irish dancing performances and many sporting events. The children have always represented Highfield brilliantly, and we are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and maturity they have shown at all our out of school activities and visits.

A particular highlight this term was our participation in Great Dance Live. We are absolutely thrilled to share that we won **again!** This is a tremendous achievement and a real testament to the hard work, dedication and talent of our pupils, as well as the commitment of the staff who supported them. Well done to everyone involved — you represented Highfield with pride. Bring on the final in April!

Thank you once again for being such a supportive and engaged school community. We wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term and look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting term ahead. Have a wonderful break and see you all on Monday 23rd February.



Term: **End of Spring Term 1**
Date: **12.02.2026**



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This week the children got involved with Children's mental health week. We are very proud to say that each class has a fully trained "Wellbeing Ambassador" by the Mental Health in Schools team. They will be meeting with Mrs Whitlock regularly to help promote wellbeing across the school. Although we have just 11 class representatives, we believe all children can be wellbeing champions!



Contractors on Site



Infant School Roofing Works - JML Interiors will be on site at the Infant School next week carrying out essential roof repairs, so please don't be alarmed if you see contractors on the school roof and grounds.

Junior School Works - You may also see contractors on site at the Junior School to carry out essential internal repairs, however the school will be open for Team Spirit Holiday club.



Upcoming dates for Spring 2



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

Thursday 26th February - Travel Kit Sale - Outside the infant dept straight after church, Junior Travel Ambassadors will be selling items such as bike reflectors, high-vis jackets and reflective snap wrist bands for either 50p or £1, depending on the item.

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day - Children can dress as their favourite book character

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 in the junior hall

Monday 16th to Friday 20th March - British Science week

Friday 20th March, 9.00am - South America Class Assembly in the junior hall

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

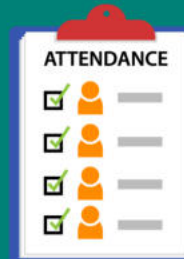
Thursday 26th March, 2.30pm-3.25pm - KS2 Easter Service in Church

Friday 27th March, 9.00am - Asia Class Assembly in the junior hall **(This is a change of date, previously on 6th March)**

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

Monday 13th April - First day back to school after the Easter holidays

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION



LATES	
When your child is:	In a year your child would lose the following days of education:
5 minutes late	3 days
10 minutes late	6.5 days
15 minutes late	10 days
20 minutes late	13 days
30 minutes late	19 days

AS A SCHOOL

We review all attendance concerns on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the reasons provided and any supporting evidence submitted.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The section 7 education Act 1996, places a duty on parents to ensure that their child of compulsory school age receives a suitable education, either by regular attendance at school or otherwise.

MEDICAL & DENTAL APPOINTMENTS

If your child needs to be absent from school due to a medical or dental appointment, we kindly ask that you provide proof of the appointment. This can be emailed or shown to the school office either in advance or at drop-off or pick-up on the day of the appointment. Acceptable proof may include an appointment card, text confirmation, letter, or screenshot from the medical practice. Providing this helps us to accurately record attendance and ensures our registers are up to date. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

FIRST OFFENCE - FIRST PENALTY NOTICE

Leave of absence from school during term time for 5 days or more, will result in a Penalty Notice being issued through the Local Authority. The cost is: £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days or £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days

If there is a pattern of requesting 4 or 4 ½ days a Penalty Notice can still be requested.

SECOND OFFENCE - FINAL PENALTY NOTICE

(2nd Penalty Notice within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time absence the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days.

No reduced rate will be offered.

THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES

(Within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for term time leave or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court:

Fines can be up to £2500 **per parent, per child**

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show up on a parents future DBS certificate, due to "Failure to safeguard a child's education".

ZACTIV FAMILY



Welcome to the Zactiv Family App "EVERY HOME, EVERY HEART, LIVING HEALTHY TOGETHER"

The Zactiv Family App is FREE to download and use, because your school is proudly a Zactiv School!

The app is designed to:

- Encourage families to be active together
- Help build healthy habits at home
- Support wellbeing beyond the school day
- Strengthen the connection between school and home

Inside the app you'll find:

- Fun, family workouts to enjoy together
- Four different workouts released every week
- Simple, body-weight sessions that are inclusive and suitable for all ages
- Healthy snack and meal ideas to try at home as a family

Build positive, healthy habits together — and have fun along the way with Zactiv

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Start your
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IN SCHOOL THIS TERM

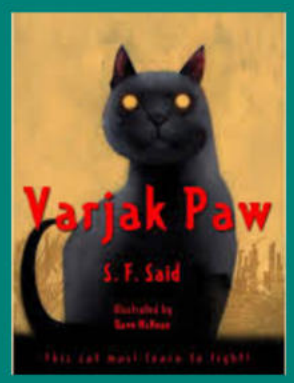
W/C 5th January

Robin Hood Pantomime



It was so fantastic to see the children in all their cat costumes for our Varjak Paw wow day! We had so much fun practicing our martial art skills!

Year 3/4 Varjak Paw wow day





IN SCHOOL THIS TERM



W/C 5th January

Photos of Gavin Marsh from aldermoor farm working with our junior eco warriors. They got hands on, making compost in a jar and played a game sequencing how a cotton t-shirt and plastic water bottle are made. The eco team were left feeling enthusiastic and well informed. Thank you Gavin for coming in, we look forward to seeing you again!



ECO-FRIENDLY





IN SCHOOL THIS TERM



W/C 12th January

KS1 Outdoor Learning Day



The children thoroughly enjoyed learning outside, exploring their surroundings and taking part in practical, hands-on activities. It was lovely to see their enthusiasm and engagement as they made the most of being outdoors.



**LEARNING
EVERYDAY**



IN SCHOOL THIS TERM



W/C 26th January

Year 3/4 School Trip



Year 3/4 had such a brilliant day at the **Living Rainforest!** They saw so many interesting animals and plants





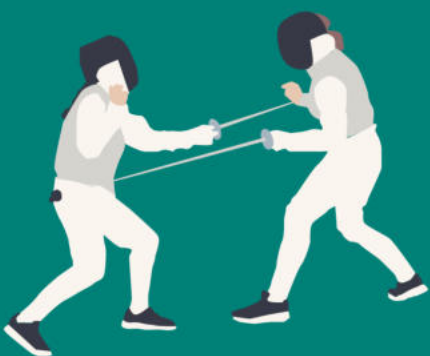
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W/C 2nd February

KS2

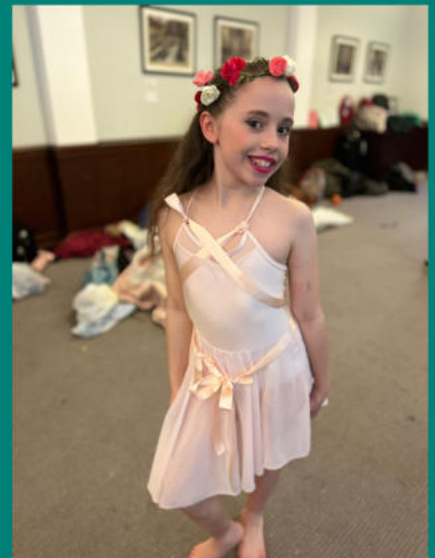
The children really enjoyed their unique taster session in fencing!



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W/C 2nd February

Dance Live



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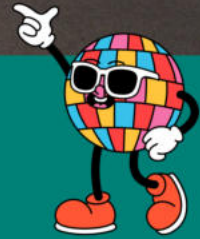


IN SCHOOL THIS TERM

W/C 9th February



Well done to Oak class who together as a team achieved 180 reading points. They had a great time having a pyjama party with a disco and games!



In Early Years, we celebrated Lunar New Year and the children made their own lanterns, watched some lion dancing and created horses for the 2026 Year of the Horse.





IN SCHOOL THIS TERM



W/C 9th February



Year 3/4 were very lucky to have a member of the Highfield community come in and deliver some karate workshops! The children absolutely loved the experience and it really made their Varjak Paw learning come to life!

If anyone is interested (children and adults!) are given a free 4 week trial before meeting to join or buy any kit to see if they like it.

<https://www.sei-bu-kan.com/>



WELL DONE JUDE!!!



At the end of January Jude in Year 6 was selected to play in a football tournament in Malta with Southampton Football Academy. Jude was made captain and had a brilliant weekend. They won a trophy, so Jude got to accept the cup! Such an incredible experience for him. Well done Jude!!





Our **International Food & Culture Fayre** was an incredible celebration of the different cultures within Highfield's community!

Children and families sampled an amazing variety of delicious food and drink from around the world, learnt about other cultures, and took part in workshops ranging from martial arts to Bollywood dancing. What a treat!

THANK YOU to all our host families for making it an unforgettable day!



Thanks for the generous raffle prizes donated by these local businesses:



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Call for entries

An exciting opportunity for students aged 4–18, who are living and studying in the UK, to exhibit their artwork on site or online at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Open for submissions

5 January–4 March 2026

Find out more and enter royac/youngartists @royalacademyarts

Young Artists' Summer Show 2026

Royal Academy of Arts

Made possible by Robin Hambro

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World Book Day Events

From **Monday 2nd March to Friday 6th March**, Scholastic Book Club Live is hosting **7 exciting virtual events** designed to spark a love of reading in every child. Children can enjoy a brilliant mix of activities, including live draw-alongs, Q&As with authors, sneak peeks at new books, and even behind-the-scenes looks at how books are created.

Here are just a few highlights on offer:

Become a Wild Apprentice with conservation expert Sarah Roberts (7+)
Wednesday 4th March 10am

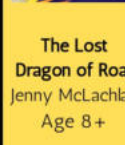
The Velveteen Rabbit with David Litchfield
Storytime and draw-along (2+)
Friday 6th March 11am

How Books are Made: How your favourite stories reach your shelves (8+)
Thursday 5th March 12pm

New Releases



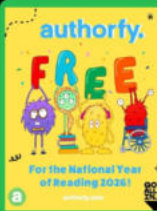
Meanwhile Back on Earth
Oliver Jeffers
Age 3+



The Lost Dragon of Roar
Jenny McLachlan
Age 8+



Nadia Islam, On the Record
Abida Jaigirdar
Age 9–14



Have you signed up for free access to Authorfy yet?

This fantastic online platform brings thousands of videos, book extracts, writing challenges and ready-made schemes of work from some of the UK's best-loved children's authors. To celebrate the National Year of Reading 2026, Authorfy is offering schools completely free access to its full range of resources. [Click here](#) to explore the free resources and get your school involved.

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 023 80 658 636
Limited spaces - BOOK TODAY:
<https://team-spirit-4-sport.pembee.app/>

- Monday 16th 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!!!
- 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 football mad superstar! 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! Nerf guns, 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 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 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!!!

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Hands on History: Castles and Catapults (6+)
 Mon 16 Feb | 10.30am, 1pm | Tudor House | £8

Art for All: Introducing Acrylics - Winter Scenes (8+)
 Mon 16 Feb | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

Tour for All: Saxons, Vikings and Normans Walking Tour
 Tue 17 Feb | 11am | Tudor House | £10 (accompanying children FREE)

Art for All: Minecraft Mosaic Worlds (7+)
 Tue 17 Feb | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

Art for All: Great Fire of London Clay Scenes (5+)
 Wed 18 Feb | 10.30am, 1pm | Tudor House | £8

Art for All: Bluey Inspired Pen Pots (3+)
 Wed 18 Feb | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

Art for All: K Pop Demon Hunters Clay Sculpture (6+)
 Thu 19 Feb | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

NEW FOR 2025
Toddler Time: Characterful Dogs! (under 4s and friends)
 Thu 19 Feb | 10.30am | SeaCity | £6

Hands on History: Awesome Egyptians (7+)
 Fri 20 Feb | 10.30am, 1pm | SeaCity | £8

Junior Art School: Go Wild with Wool (7 - 13 years)
 Drop off your young people
 Fri 20 Feb | 10.30am - 3.30pm | Art Gallery | £26

CULTURE CLUB FOR KIDS ACTIVITY DAYS

(Age 6½ - 12 years)

Drop off your young people

Three days per week | 9am-4pm (drop off from 8.45)

SeaCity | £35 per day or £90 for all three days

Get creative, explore our collections and learn new stuff while making really cool things at our themed activity days.

Cruise Adventures
 Mon 16, Tues 17, Wed 18 Feb



See venue websites for further details on events and to book
seacitymuseum.co.uk | tudorhouseandgarden.com | southamptoncityartgallery.com



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



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



HALF TERM FOOTBALL COURSE



DATE **16-20 FEB**
 9AM - 3PM

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
 AGES 5-13

SHOLING FC 3G PITCH

The Mortgage Decisions Stadium

Portsmouth Road, Sholing, SO19 9PW

www.sholingfc.co.uk

£20 PER DAY

£75 PER WEEK

FURTHER DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE - SEE FAQS

Secure your place by emailing pitchbookings@sholingfc.co.uk

FAQ'S



ARE THERE DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE?

If your child is a current Sholing Youth player, a Sholing FC Supporters club member or Project 10,000 member, there will be a £5 a day discount.

COURSE TIMINGS

The course runs Monday-Friday between 9am and 3pm, however, drop off is from 8.30am and collection by 3.30pm.

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD BRING?

- Packed lunch (nut free)
- Water bottle
- Weather appropriate clothing

WHAT FOOTWEAR IS REQUIRED?

- Artificial ground, hard ground and firm ground boots are permitted
- No blades or flat soled shoes are permitted

IS FOOTBALL EXPERIENCE NEEDED?

No, the course is open to all abilities. Coaches will adapt activities so everyone is included and enjoys themselves.

HOW DO I BOOK MY CHILD'S PLACE?

Please complete the form on our website. We will then contact you with payment information. Spaces are limited so we recommend early booking.