



Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from Mrs Walford:

It has been a wonderful week here at Highfield, and a definite highlight was celebrating World Book Day together. The children (and staff!) looked fantastic in their costumes, and it was lovely to see so many creative ideas bringing favourite book characters to life. Throughout the day the children took part in a range of activities including shared reading with different classes, book discussions, and storytelling sessions. It was a fantastic way to celebrate our love of reading across the school. Thank you for all the effort you put into helping the children prepare their costumes.

We would also like to send huge congratulations to Mr and Mrs Lewis on the arrival of their beautiful baby on Tuesday. Baby Cash Lewis weighed a healthy 8.4lb and we are delighted for the whole family. We wish them lots of happiness as they enjoy this very special time together.



Next week we will be celebrating **British Science Week** across the school. The children will be taking part in a range of exciting investigations, experiments and problem-solving activities in their classes. Our junior children will also be taking part in a special paper planes workshop, where they will explore the science of flight while designing and testing their own planes. We are really looking forward to a fun and inspiring week of science.

- A reminder to parents and carers that our **SEND Parent Coffee Morning** will take place on Friday at 2pm in the Junior building. This is a lovely opportunity to meet with staff and other parents in a relaxed setting, share experiences and ask questions.
- Next week we will also be holding our **Infant Stay and Share** session on Wednesday. We always enjoy welcoming parents into the classrooms and look forward to seeing many of you there.
- Finally, a reminder about the **Doodle Parent Workshop** taking place on Thursday straight after school. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about how the Doodle learning platform works and how you can support your child with it at home.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Social Media Update



Thank you to all parents who have already completed the social media consent form. We now have a school facebook and instagram page where we will be sharing regular updates. Please follow us! The Instagram account name is **highfieldceprimary** and our Facebook name is **Highfield CE Primary School**. Both accounts have our school logo as the profile picture.



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Next week's collective worship:

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Amendment to Australasia, Beech & Asia Class Assemblies:

Thursday 23rd April at 9.00am - Australasia Class

Friday 15th May at 2.45pm - Beech Class

Friday 17th July at 9.00am - Asia Class

Sorry for any inconvenience caused, a separate email has been sent to each class explaining the reason for the amended dates.

With only a few days to go before our Great Athletes visit, please remind your child to either fill in their sponsorship form (on paper or online) if they would like. We will be welcoming our Olympic athlete at our junior school on Tuesday next week! Even if your child does not want to fundraise, they can still take part in the fitness circuits on the day!



Big Walk and Wheel

Following its success in 2025, in which 2069 journeys were logged for Highfield School (up from 1946 in 2024!), we are once again taking part in WalkWheel Cycle Trust's Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 16 March- 27 March 2026. It's free to take part and we would love everyone to be involved. A ParentMail was sent out on 3rd March with all the details.



EID

Any families who will be requesting absence for their child/ren for the upcoming EID celebrations, please can you complete a leave of absence form before. These can be obtained from the school office or emailed to you by request.

Monday 30th March
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.

Tuesday 31st March
Let's get messy Easter Special! – A messy creative experience with an Easter twist to let your imagination run wild – DRESS FOR MESS!! Easter bonnets, Easter baskets, crafty spring flowers, Easter wreaths, hanging Easter decorations and much more!!!

Wednesday 1st April
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!!!

Thursday 2nd April
TS Explorers: Games Galore – A day of all things games: giant board games, competitions, and active board games brought to life such as real life Mario kart, Pac Man tag and speed noughts and crosses.

Tuesday 7th April
TS Explorers: Festival of Food – A day of making and tasting different foods. Throughout the day children will make their own 3 course meal to be able to take home, share and enjoy!

Wednesday 8th April
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, capture the flag, dodgeball and more!

Thursday 9th April
TS Explorers: Great Outdoor Adventure – Den building, orienteering, archery, nature hunts, bug hotels, hot chocolates and marshmallows! This is one adventure you do not want to miss out on!

Friday 10th April
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!!!

SOUTHAMPTON CITY ART GALLERY

Let's Celebrate: Free Family Activity Day For The Gallery Reopening on Saturday 7th March, 11am-4pm - FREE

Please follow the link below for more information

[Let's Celebrate: Free Family Activity Day for the Gallery Reopening - Ticketing.](#)

Tickets on sale for Highfield's Musical Afternoon Tea - Sat 14th March

Highfield's school orchestra and talented soloists will be performing to friends and family on Saturday 14th March. There are two sittings: 2-3.30pm or 4-5.30pm.

The ticket includes a delicious afternoon tea of scones, cakes, macarons and more - all served in vintage china.

All children and families are welcome - and it's a perfect Mother's Day treat for mums, grandmas and carers!

Use the QR code on the leaflet to book tickets and email familyandfriends@highfieldschool.co.uk if you have any questions.

From,
HSFF



The HSFF presents Highfield's

MUSICAL

AFTERNOON TEA

With music from our
School Orchestra and Musicians

Saturday 14th March

2-3:30pm or 4-5:30pm

At the Juniors

Tickets

£10 adults

£4 Children

Book Here



Infant Department updates and Brilliant Butterflies



Important information for Infant parents:

Beech Base will be going to the **library on Weds 11th March**.

If you can come along to help out please speak to Miss Ellis and please bring your library cards.

KS1 Please make sure you have completed the Google form for the trip to the art gallery so that your child can come along for an exciting artistic adventure!

What's been happening in the dept this week:

What an amazing WORLD BOOK DAY we had this year! The children had so much fun dressing up as their favourite characters and doing some fun story based learning. It was lovely to see all the children getting involved and having a great time just loving reading!



Year R- Magical maths!

This week, the children in year have been doing some super number work and looking at doubling. They practised using resources to help them add and then wrote number sentences to match!

Oak butterflies:



Elora has been wonderful this week and has had a great learning attitude, especially in guided reading. She is respectful to others in group sessions and she shows kindness and patience to everyone. Thank you for being so lovely Elora.



We have been very impressed with **Oscar** this week, particularly in choosing time where he demonstrated fantastic sharing and teamwork. Oscar created some careful artwork too. Well done Oscar - we love how your smile lights up every room you enter!

Willow butterflies:



Mark is always a kind and helpful member of Willow Base and he is always greeting everyone with a smile. He is always focused on his learning and has been doing some great work recently. You're a star, Mark!

Virtuous has really impressed me with his speedy writing this week. He has been coming up with lots of fantastic and creative ideas and he has been so proud of his learning. Keep up the great work, Virtuous!



Beech butterflies:

Mabel H has worked so hard in literacy this week. She really showed our value of courage by working independently and writing some fantastic descriptive sentences. Well done Mabel!

Henry H has been a literacy superstar! He has put in so much effort and his writing has been amazing. He wrote some fantastic ideas for the Great Fire of London and we are so impressed.



Ash butterflies:

Penny – For working really hard in maths and making sure your answers are accurate. You also share lots of great ideas during carpet discussions. Keep up the fantastic effort.

Theo – For working hard in lessons and not giving up when things feel tricky. Your handwriting has been great recently, and I can see how much effort you are putting in. Keep up the brilliant work.



Maple butterflies:

Wilf has been so resilient in his writing this week. He has written some super descriptive sentences about The Great Fire of London and I was so impressed with his independence and determination. Well done.

We are so proud of what a kind, respectful and courageous friend **Bethany** is. She is always looking out for others and doing all she can to be inclusive and kind to everyone around her. You are an absolute star Bethany!!

Junior Department updates and Brilliant Butterflies



Important information for Junior

Class assembly season is here again - North America will be getting things going with their performance next Friday morning - family members very welcome! Please keep an eye on the bulletin board page for your child's class assembly date - there have been a few recent changes.

What's been happening in the department this week:

Year 3/4: It has been a super fun and busy week in Year 3/4, with lots of exciting activities taking place! On Wednesday, the children took part in a PSHE anxiety workshop led by the MHST, where they learned helpful strategies for managing their worries. On Thursday, it was wonderful to see everyone dressed up in their fantastic costumes for World Book Day, and the children thoroughly enjoyed a special literacy lesson. Today, the children spent the morning learning about a range of religious festivals and created crafts linked to each faith, producing some lovely work to celebrate their learning.

Year 5/6:

It's been all change in Year 5/6 this week as Mr Lewis has temporarily stepped away from Asia to be a dad to his newborn son, leaving the class in the very capable hands of Mrs Caveney and Mrs Cable. Asia class have been very helpful in welcoming them back to Highfield and the Upper KS2 routine! In class, children have been busily getting on with writing adverts for Camp Green Lake from *Holes* - a challenging task for such an unwelcoming place!



Bella always shows the school values of peace and respect every single day. She is a delight to have in the class as she is always polite, considerate and thoughtful! You are a fantastic member of Australasia Bella! We have been so impressed with **Millie** recently in her confidence to try new things and give them a go! It takes a lot of courage to do something we're not used to so she should be super proud of herself as we are of her!

South America butterflies:



Scarlett W for consistently showing excellent focus and enthusiasm in class. This week she has particularly shone through her commitment to her Camp Green Lake advert in Literacy and her careful work with spreadsheets in Computing, demonstrating real peace as she worked quietly to make sure she was doing her very best.

Thomas H for continuing to show fantastic focus and courage when getting on with his work in lessons. His Camp Green Lake advert this week was especially persuasive, showing a strong understanding of the features of an advert.

North America butterflies:



Tiana truly shines as a Brilliant Butterfly for demonstrating our core value of peace. She approaches everything she does with a calm, thoughtful attitude, working quietly and diligently to give her very best. Her gentle focus and respectful manner help create a peaceful and positive environment for everyone around her. Tiana's dedication and steady effort make her a wonderful role model, and we are so proud of the way she spreads calm, kindness, and positivity in all she does.

Anson has been a Brilliant Butterfly for demonstrating our core value of courage. He has shown great determination in his literacy work, really pushing himself to try new ideas and challenge his thinking. Anson has been bravely incorporating new features into his writing, and the progress he has made since the start of the year is fantastic to see. His willingness to step outside his comfort zone and keep improving is something to be very proud of. Well done, Anson—keep being courageous in your learning!

Africa butterflies:



Celeen continues to be an attentive, calm and happy member of Africa class, who is always enthusiastic about her learning, even when she finds it tricky. She always demonstrates our school values of courage and respect. Well done, Celeen, for continuing to be such a lovely member of our class!

Leen has been making a real effort so far this half term to demonstrate all of our school values and to follow our golden goals. She has continued to make great progress in her maths learning, particularly with length and perimeter. We have just started learning about fractions and Leen is doing such a great job of listening during inputs and applying new knowledge. For this reason, I want to give Leen one of this week's butterflies to celebrate how courageous she is being in learning. Well done, Leen!

Europe butterflies:



Noor Z for a wonderful week showing so many of our school values. In literacy, I really noticed Noor's courage when she was writing dialogue thinking of brilliant actions for her characters to be doing and showing lovely emotion. Noor is so respectful on the carpet in all her lessons, always doing her best listening and putting her hands up to answer questions. Finally, Noor is so peaceful with her friends, always showing kindness, understanding and patience. Well done Noor!

Idris M for a brilliant week where he has been so courageous with his maths. Engaging with the learning, putting his hand up on the carpet and challenging himself to get on to reasoning questions. In literacy, he has shown wonderful respect in how he has engaged with the learning and made sure his speech is punctuated and shows emotion. Finally, Idris is a brilliant friend to others inside and outside the class. Always kind and always willing to help. Well done Idris.

Asia butterflies:



We are celebrating **Marcy** this week for being an all-round superstar in Asia. She so beautifully displays our core value of Peace by approaching everything calmly, being kind to everyone and by helping wherever she can. Mrs Caveney and Mrs Cable are very grateful to Marcy for all the help she has given them this week! Thank you!



Pelumi has shown our core value of Respect this week by engaging fully in his lessons without distraction. He is always on-task and focussed on the challenge at hand. He interacted enthusiastically with music and PE in particular this week - keep it up, Pelumi! We're lucky to have you.