



Message from Mrs Walford:

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy week at Highfield, I want to take a moment to celebrate the hard work and commitment shown across the school.

A particular highlight is, of course, our Junior children who are heading into the Dance Live! final this evening. We wish every single one of them the very best of luck. Their hard work, teamwork, and enthusiasm have been inspiring to watch, and we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved. Reaching the final is a fantastic accomplishment in itself, and they have represented Highfield with such confidence and talent.

We look forward to seeing you all at Parents' Evening on Monday. The HFSS are kindly running the café in the Chestnut Room, where parents can wait and look through children's work. All teachers (apart from Miss Hill) will be in the Junior Hall and will share your child's report card and targets, as well as celebrate their achievements.

A reminder that our school nurse will be in school on Friday 1st May, and parents are welcome to discuss any health concerns about their child, including sleep and nutrition. Please call the office on 02380 555793 to book an appointment.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

We look forward to sharing more celebrations with you next week. Have a lovely weekend.

SEND Update from Mrs Bond

Provision Map Access for Parents

Parents of children on the SEN register, as well as those with Individual Health Care Plans, should now have received an invitation to Provision Map, where you can view your child's current plans. We'll continue adding information over the year so that each child's support plan builds into a full, up-to-date picture. This also helps us review how well our school-based interventions are working. We're really pleased to be introducing this system. Being able to share plans directly with families is an exciting step forward in strengthening communication and working together to support every child.

Term: Summer 1

Date: 24/04/2026

Update number: 2



Next week's collective worship:

Responsibility





Weekly Notice Board

Important Dates for the Next Academic Year 2026/2027

2 x weeks off for October half term 2026 - this includes 3 x INSET days and 2 additional days (**W/C 19th October 2026 - Friday 30th October 2026**).

Therefore we will finish 2 days later at the end of the Summer term - finishing on **Friday 23rd July 2027** rather than Wednesday 21st July 2027).

The remaining 2 INSET days for the 2026/2027 school year are:

Tuesday 1st September 2026 & Friday 28th May 2027 (the Friday before May half term)

Upcoming Dates (next 2 weeks)

Monday 27th April, 1.30pm - 7.30pm - Full Parents' Evening (Not Ash class)

Friday 1st May - Book Swap in school

Friday 1st May, 9.15am - Europe Class Assembly in the junior hall

Friday 1st May, 9.30am - 1.30am - School nurse in (Appointments to be booked via the school office)

Monday 4th May - Bank holiday (school closed)

Tuesday 5th May, 3.30pm-4.30pm - Parent Forum at the junior department

Friday 8th May, 9.15am - Africa Class Assembly in the junior hall

Juliet Romeo
A SHOWSTOPPER PRODUCTION OF
Disney HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL ON STAGE!
Based on a Disney Channel Original Movie written by Peter Barncroft
April 22nd to 25th 2026
at University of Southampton Annex Theatre
Sing Along Show! Saturday 25th 14:30
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Early Years Programme

An 8-week programme for mothers/caregivers who have experienced unhealthy relationships.
Plus
Separate Therapeutic Play sessions for mothers and their children (3-5 years) delivered by a qualified Child Therapist.

Covering:

- The effects of domestic and sexual abuse on women as mothers and on children and young people
- Effective communication skills with children and young people
- Working with challenging behaviour
- Protective behaviours and strategies for keeping mothers, children and young people safe

Where: 30 Brookvale Road, SO17 1QR

Caregiver group: Thursday 4th June – 23rd July 2026
Time: 10am-12pm

Children's & Caregiver group: Tuesday 2nd June – 21st July 2026
Time: 10am – 11am

Referrals can be made via Yellow Door website: www.yellowdoor.org.uk
Email: info@yellowdoor.org.uk or call: 02380 636312

We are now taking referrals for our next programme:

ACES Recovery Toolkit
for Adults, Children and Young People
A 10-week programme for Mothers/careers who have experienced unhealthy relationships.

- Covering impact of trauma, building resilience, attachment and parenting, support networks, managing stress, child development, emotions and healthy relationships.
- A separate 8-week programme for their children (10-16 years) delivered by a trained practitioner.
- Covering keeping safe, managing stress and emotions, support networks, coping strategies, self-esteem, self-care and setting goals.

Where: 30 Brookvale Road, SO17 1QR
Dates: 20th May 2026 - 22nd July 2026 (excluding school holidays)
Time: Every Wednesday, 10am - 12pm
Drinks and snacks provided

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Infant Department updates and Brilliant Butterflies



Important information for Infant parents:

Next week **MAPLE** will be going to the library on Wednesday 29th April. Please make sure your child has their library card if they wish to borrow a book.

What's been happening in the dept this week:

Evil Pea has been up to his old tricks in Year R! This week the children came to school to find that their classrooms had been visited by the infamous Evil Pea! There were veggies in distress and only Year R could save the day!



Oak butterflies:

Henry It has been wonderful to watch Henry grow and flourish so much these past weeks. He is mature and so kind natured. We adore how he has a super work ethic and always tries his best, even when the work is hard. Well done Henry.



Emma in Oak has been a superstar doing extra reading and work in school. It has been wonderful to see her do some writing about the Evil Pea too! Well done for your good behaviour and super learning Emma!

Willow butterflies:



Kiki has done some fantastic, independent, work this week. She's been super focused during all learning times and is always putting in her best effort. Keep up the great work, Kiki!

Noah has been so resilient this week. He worked really hard when writing about Evil Pea and he did a great job with his letter formation. Really proud of your hard work, Noah!

Maple butterflies:



Harry I have been so impressed with Harry this week, especially in literacy. He has been reflective and courageous in his writing - slowing down and really being careful with his handwriting & phonics. Keep it up Harry, your hard work is really paying off!

David has been really applying himself in his learning this half term. He has made loads of progress in phonics and is trying so hard in other subjects too. Keep on being focused David, we are really proud of you.

Ash butterflies:

Your paragraph text



Annabel: For making the most of our writing time in literacy and writing some fabulous sentences that made your work really stand out! Well Done Annabel!

Sofia B: For always trying your best and being so good at getting things done. Your Literacy work has been amazing, and I loved seeing you try some new ideas in your writing—it made me really happy and proud!

Beech butterflies:



Henry H has been such a star in his writing this week! He didn't give up and showed real courage in his learning. Great work Henry!

Otis K has been working so hard on his handwriting recently. He has really been challenging himself to make his work as neat as possible. Well done Otis!



Junior Department updates and Celebrations



Important information for Juniors



Celebrations



We would like to celebrate **ALL** the junior children for their fantastic efforts in Dance Live! We wish them lots of luck in the final this evening.

Reminders:

Year 4: Please ensure your child brings in a separate bag of swimming items every Friday.

Year 5/6s: Spelling tests have now been moved to a Tuesday.

What's been happening in the department this week:

3/4: Over the past week the children have set up their own science investigation. They have been observing the affects of different types of drinks on teeth. They have used eggshells to represent enamel and they have loved observing the change in the eggshells every day. It has been fantastic to see the children working as scientists!

5/6: It has been another fantastic week, with the children making the most of the beautiful weather! We took the opportunity to enjoy ERIC time outside on the field, allowing everyone to experience the joy of reading in a natural setting. The classes have also been thoroughly engaged in their new athletics PE unit, where they explored key body movements for sprinting. Some classes then used iPads to record their performances to evaluate and improve their techniques—showing great enthusiasm commitment and reflection throughout!