



Message from Mrs Walford:

Dear Highfield Families,

What an incredible week it has been. We are absolutely thrilled to share that Highfield came 3rd in the Dance Live final. This is a fantastic achievement, and we could not be prouder of our children. Their hard work, teamwork and enthusiasm shone on stage.

A huge well done to all the children, and a MASSIVE thank you to Vanessa, Mrs James and Ellie for their dedication and creativity. We are also so grateful to all the parents who supported the team — especially those who helped with hair, make-up and the many behind-the-scenes jobs that made the day run so smoothly. We are bursting with pride.

David Attenborough’s Birthday Celebrations – Friday 8th May - We would love families to join in with our celebrations for Sir David Attenborough’s birthday. Encourage your child to take part in some outdoor or nature-themed activities at home — exploring wildlife, creating nature art, planting seeds or simply enjoying time outside. Please send in your photos; we would love to see what the children get up to. In school, we’ll also be marking the day with activities that inspire a love of the outdoors and a sense of responsibility for our planet.

Scooter Loan Scheme - A reminder that families can now borrow a scooter for a whole term. If you’d like one for your child, simply email the school office and we’ll arrange it for you.

Reminders for the Week Ahead

- Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday School is closed.
- Tuesday 5th May – Parent Forum (Juniors, 3.30–4.30pm) Parents are welcome to attend in person, add suggestions to the Google form previously shared, or pass ideas to parent reps who will bring them to the meeting. The first part of the session will focus on an open discussion about the Silver Reading Charter we are working towards as a school.
- Friday 8th May – Africa Class Assembly We look forward to seeing families there.

Year 6 – SATs Countdown

Only two weeks to go until SATs. A couple of helpful revision ideas:

- Short, regular bursts of practice — 15–20 minutes at a time — can be more effective than long sessions.
- Try mixing activities: reading a news article, practising a few arithmetic questions, or reviewing key grammar points.

A little each day can make a big difference!

Wishing all our families a lovely weekend. We hope you enjoy the bank holiday and some well-earned rest.

Here is the link for the Google Form:
<https://forms.gle/rKQuhJ26zgEzrioo6>

SEND Update from Mrs Bond

We are taking part in the KS1 SEND event at Turner Sims. Four of our children will be participating in the performance of opera Tutti by the Welsh national opera! It’s a multi-sensory concert, designed for children with special educational needs.



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Next week’s collective worship:
Trust





Weekly Notice Board

Leavers 2025/2026

Except for the Year 6 children who will be leaving Highfield at the end of the school year to move to secondary school. Please can you let Mrs Sketcher know in the school office of any other children who will be leaving Highfield at the end of July. A 'Leavers' form will need to be completed, preferably as soon as possible. Thank you

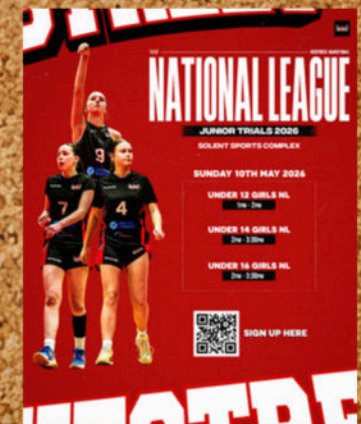
Upcoming Dates (Next 2 weeks)

- Monday 4th May** - Bank holiday (school closed)
- Tuesday 5th May, 3.30pm-4.30pm** - Parent Forum at the junior dept
- Friday 8th May, 9.15am** - **Africa** Class Assembly in the junior hall
- W/C 11th May** - SATS Week for Year 6
- Monday 11th May, 11am-6.00pm** - **Ash** class Parents evening
- Tuesday 12th May, 9.00am** - **KS1** Stay and Share
- Thursday 14th May, 2.00pm-3.00pm** - SEND parents Coffee Meeting at the junior department
- Friday 15th May, 2.45pm** - **Beech** Class Assembly in the Church centre



Come and join the City of Southampton Orchestra at Thornden Hall, Chandler's Ford, on the 16th of May for their next concert "In Nature's Realm". Stroll through the countryside with Antonin Dvorak's "In Nature's Realm", hear the beautiful birdsong in Vaughan Williams' "The Lark Ascending" featuring soloist Cat Lawlor, and travel through the Austrian Alps with Bruckner's Symphony No. 4. Book your tickets now through Thornden's website <https://www.thorndenhall.co.uk/whats-on/in-natures-realm-with-the-cso> or call their box office on 02380 246555. For more information about this concert and future concerts, please visit our Facebook Page: (www.facebook.com/cityofsotonorch) or go to www.csorchestra.org

Order tickets



Infant Department updates and Brilliant Butterflies



Important information for Infant parents:

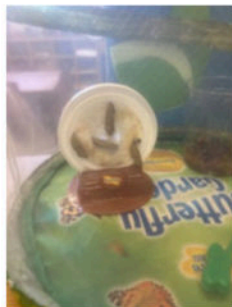
Please encourage your child to join in with the David Attenborough activities at home. We would love to see some photos of what they have been doing!



We have infant sized scooters that can be lent to children. If you would like to borrow one, please get in touch with the office.



What's been happening in the dept this week:



Children at the infants have been enjoying caring for their caterpillars. They are excitedly awaiting their transformation to butterflies! This week, Maple Base went to the library. They had a great time reading and listening to stories.

Ash butterflies:



Olivier for being a kind and respectful member of Ash Base. You try your best every day and show care and understanding towards others. You have also done a great job learning to recognise what makes a letter.

Enzo for listening carefully to feedback and using it to make your work better, especially in Literacy. I have seen a big improvement, and you are showing what you can do!

Oak butterflies:



We would love to celebrate **Emma** this week for her excellent effort with her learning, especially in phonics and maths. She has been trying really hard and showing our school value 'courage'. Keep up the excellent work Emma!



We are so proud of **Olivia** for litter picking on her way to school this week. We have been learning about rights and responsibilities and following on from Earth day, we discussed ways we can help look after our environment. Thank you Olivia - You are a star!

Maple butterflies:



Aarav is always such a wonderful, respectful and positive member of the class. His attitude to his learning is brilliant and he is such a good example and a kind friend. Well done superstar!

I have been especially impressed with **Henry** this week. He has been really challenging himself and showing so much positivity in all areas of school life. Well done Henry, we are so proud to have you in our class!

Willow butterflies:



After talking lots this week about the Golden Goal 'Be Ready', **Nicholas** has been an absolute star example. He has been doing fantastic listening and he has also impressed me with how sensible and how respectful he has been. Keep up the fantastic work, Nicholas!

Emr has blown us away with his fantastic learning, especially his super maths - even Counting Croc couldn't believe the challenges he was doing! Emr is also always working so hard to show our School value of 'Respect' and he shows this to everyone around him. You're a star, Emr!



Beech butterflies:

Leo R has been working so hard on his handwriting recently! He has really pushed himself to try and join his letters and his writing from our story 'The Dark' was beautiful! Well done Leo!

Mahdi T has also been a star in his writing recently! He has really challenged himself to do his best writing and his work looks fantastic! He has really worked on his neatness and his sense. Great work Mahdi!

Junior Department updates and Brilliant Butterflies



Important information for Juniors

The date for the **Year 6 leavers service** date has been confirmed for **Thursday 25th June**. Further information will be sent out in the upcoming weeks.

What's been happening in the department this week:

3/4: In DT, the children will be making their own memory box. As research for this, the children looked at a variety of different shaped nets and practised making them. They then evaluated which ones would be best for a memory box. They are excited to design their own memory box in the next few lessons!

5/6: In literacy, the children have been beginning to write their complaint letters and really enjoyed using a range of challenging vocabulary to suit the tone and purpose of the piece. The children have then been applying their historical noticing skills to a range of Ancient Maya sources to make inferences about what the civilisation was like at the time - some children even then compared these to other civilisations they have studied! There has also been the first meeting about the Year 6 play, which is a very exciting upcoming performance!



Europe Class for all of the courage and respect they have shown this week in putting on our class assembly! They were so courageous in how they performed all of their parts, and the songs too. They have shown so much respect in the focus, and hard work they have put into their performance. Finally, I have been so impressed by how creative they have been with their own ideas to make our class assembly even better than I could have imagined!



Zulfah has been a wonderful example of our core value of peace in everything she does. She approaches her learning with a calm and thoughtful attitude, showing kindness and respect to those around her. Her quiet determination is particularly impressive; she remains focused and resilient, even when faced with challenges. This steady effort has led to clear and meaningful progress in her work. Zulfah should be very proud of the positive impact she has on our classroom environment as well as her growing confidence and achievement.

Noah has shown an excellent commitment to our core value and golden goal of respect, consistently demonstrating a positive attitude towards both adults and his peers. He listens carefully, responds thoughtfully, and treats everyone around him with kindness and consideration. Noah sets a great example in the classroom through his polite manners and willingness to support others. This respectful approach has created a positive impact on our class environment and has helped him to build strong relationships, making him a valued member of our learning community.



Alesha S for continuing to try hard in all lessons and showing great courage in her learning. She has made pleasing progress in her recent reading assessment and worked particularly well this week when learning to measure and draw angles using a protractor.

Zeyno A for representing her peers with outstanding courage and respect during her time as Children's Mayor of Southampton. She has been a fantastic ambassador for children across the city, successfully leading her Super Skills Project, and delivered a confident and thoughtful speech at the mayor's parlour yesterday to mark the end of her term. We are all very proud of her!



As usual **Oren** has spread his positive, enthusiastic attitude through the class this week. Oren always has a smile on his face and he lights up the room making his peers and teachers feel welcomed and happy. Keep being a star Oren!

I have been really impressed with how **Daya** has been thinking of others and acting in ways to best support them. She has shown that she is a wonderful friend and the children are lucky to have her as one!



Jayraj has really demonstrated our core value courage this week. I have been so impressed with his determination in literacy to share his ideas and look to challenge himself with his wonderful ideas in writing! Great work Jayraj!
Teddy has really stood out this week for his readiness to learn and confidence shown across all learning. He has engaged incredibly well with all lessons and really stood out for his calm and considered approach to solving SATs style problems. Well done Teddy!



Royce has been continuously following our golden goals and our school values throughout this school year. Every day, he is polite, attentive, helpful and focused on his learning and as a result he has been a great role model for everybody else in his class. Well done, Royce!

Cecile is always quietly focused on her learning and trying her best to follow all instructions given to her about her work. She cares deeply about the work that she produces and responds brilliantly to feedback to help her make improvements. Well done Cecile for being so courageous in your learning.

Europe butterflies:

North America butterflies:

South America butterflies:

Australasia butterflies:

Asia butterflies:

Africa butterflies: