



Message from Mrs Walford:



Dear Parents,

What a wonderful week it has been at Highfield . A huge well done to all the children who took part in Sir David . Attenborough's 100th birthday celebrations. Their kindness towards the natural world was lovely to see. It was fantastic to watch so many children outdoors, exploring, discovering, and showing genuine care for nature — a perfect tribute to someone who has spent his life helping us understand and protect our planet.

I also want to send a very special message to our Year 6 children, who will be taking their SATS tests next week. Good luck to each and every one of you. We know how hard you've worked, and we believe in you. Remember to try your best, stay calm, and come to school refreshed, rested, and ready to shine. We are all cheering you on and we hope you all enjoy the SATS breakfast!

Across the school, from Reception to Year 6, we'd like to remind families to keep encouraging their children with Doodle Learning. Regular 'doodling' really does make a difference, and there are great prizes to be won for children who stay engaged and keep practising. A few minutes each day can build confidence and strengthen key skills.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

We hope you all enjoy a peaceful, happy and hopefully sunny weekend.



SEND Update from Mrs Bond

We have been developing a whole-school transition approach to ensure that every child - including our children with SEND - experiences a transition that helps them feel safe, settled and ready for their new class in September. Transition activities will begin on 1st June and continue through the final term. During this period, all children will have opportunities to explore their new classroom, meet key adults and become familiar with new routines.



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Next week's collective worship:
Resilience to try hard things





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 if your child will be leaving Highfield at the end of July or before. A 'Leavers' form will need to be completed, preferably as soon as possible.

Thank you

Upcoming Dates (Next 2 weeks)

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

W/C 18th May - Walk to school week

Monday 18th May - Cardwell & Simons in for Class photos

Monday 18th May, 2.45pm-3.15pm - Doodle Parent Q & A drop in with Ian from Doodle Learning

Thursday 21st May - Last day of term before half term

Friday 22nd May - INSET Day, school closed

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May - Half term

Monday 1st June - INSET Day, school closed

Tuesday 2nd June - First day back to school after half term



Save the dates!

SATURDAY 13TH JUNE

SUMMER Fayre

JUNIOR SCHOOL 3:30-6:30

SATURDAY 11TH JULY

Summer Social

FAMILY FUN! CRICKET IN THE PARK



HAPPY BIRTHDAY 100



Arlo and Frankie Cable made a birthday banner with their brother Jude while watching Attenborough's 'Gorilla Story' and they went for a nature walk amongst the tall trees on Ornamental Drive in the New Forest!

Marcy from Asia class really enjoyed making this floral tribute to David Attenborough's 100th birthday.



Enzo from Ash class wanted to share that, with help from his dad, he built a hedgehog house using some old offcuts of wood they had at home. Inspired by the new 'Secret Garden' series, he decided to create a home for the hedgehogs they've spotted in their garden to celebrate David Attenborough's 100th birthday. We hope they enjoy their new house!

Infant Department updates and Brilliant Butterflies



We think that **Aayan** has been drinking special literacy juice for breakfast this week because his writing has been amazing! He has been thinking so carefully about his phonics, his neat handwriting and checking his sentences. We are so proud of you Aayan, keep up the incredible work! **Amina** has settled beautifully into Maple class. It is lovely to see her making friends and starting to take pride in her learning. We are thrilled to have you as part of our class Amina and look forward to getting to know you even more and seeing you progress in your learning.

Maple butterflies:



Grace has been a stellar example of all of our Golden Goals this week. She has been so focused, working so hard and she did some beautiful writing about the seeds we have been growing in Willow. Keep up the super work, Grace!
Ila has shown our School value 'Respect' this week. She has been very considerate of her friends and has noticed when others need help. She has also been respecting our environment by thinking about ways to care for nature. Amazing work, Ila!

Willow butterflies:



We would like to celebrate **Leo** for doing some amazing independent writing this week. He wrote sentences about Jack and the Beanstalk, using word mats to support him. This showed excellent courage and respect for his work. Keep it up Leo!

Oak butterflies:



In Oak, we would like to celebrate **Florrie**, who has completed her whole sticker chart! This proves she is always showing the golden goals and school values at all times. She is a role model to everyone and we are so proud of her and her growth.

Ash butterflies:



Anora – For working really hard during Literacy lessons. You have been so focused, tried your best every day, and shared some fantastic ideas. Well done!

Nina – For always being kind and caring towards others. You are a wonderful friend who helps everyone feel happy and included. Well done!

Beech butterflies:



Max D has been so reflective in his learning and has been working on his handwriting. Now it is beautiful! He has worked so hard to make it as neat as possible and his lead in and lead outs are brilliant. He has even chosen to practise in his own time!

Filip S has had such a positive attitude to all his learning this week. He has been pushing himself to put 110% into his work and it is really paying off! He has been a super star and he should be really proud of himself.

Important information for Infant parents:

Reminder: It is the Beech Base class assembly on **Friday 15th May**. Parents and families of children in Beech are invited to come along and watch in the **church hall**. The assembly will start at **2:45** so parents will be let in to sit down once all the children are in place.

Please can costumes be in school by 14th May for dress rehearsal.

Ash Base will be going to the library on Wednesday 13th May

What's been happening in the dept this week:

On Tuesday, Beech Base came back to school to find 5 happy healthy butterflies flapping around their class net! The children took the net up to the wild area where the butterflies were released and they watched as they fluttered away!



In YrR the children have been learning about the story of Jack and The Beanstalk. They have been doing some incredible writing in their new books and have even created some beanstalk artwork!

Junior Department updates and Brilliant Butterflies



Important information for Juniors

The Year 6 children have their SATS assessments across next week.

Monday - SPaG

Tuesday - Reading

Wednesday + Thursday - Maths

What's been happening in the department this week:

3/4: The children have written some fantastic biographies this week and we have loved reading them. First they researched about their chosen famous naturalist either Jane Goodall, Mary Anning, David Attenborough or Charles Darwin. Then they planned each section of their biography before writing them this week whilst including excellent language, fronted adverbials and subordinating conjunctions.

5/6: The children have come to the end of their complaint letter writing unit and across all 3 classes produced some stand out pieces of writing for the year! The use of language, structure and emotion was incredible to see and the children really took on tone of the writer! Our next writing unit is based upon the 'Savage' where children will look to write a descriptive scene and narrative. Across the afternoons, children have enjoyed learning more about the Ancient Maya and sharing their views on what the Kingdom of God would look like in society today.



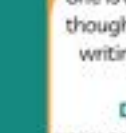
Adam comes into school everyday with such a fantastic attitude. He puts his all into every piece of learning and it pays off because he is really successful. This has been particularly evident in his writing this week! He is always **Maria** has been a delight to teach this week. She approaches each day with peace in her heart and she is just a wonderful, friendly presence to have in the class. You're amazing Maria!



Prisha for her consistently positive and conscientious attitude towards school, always showing excellent focus and a determination to do her very best. She is a thoughtful and reflective learner who goes the extra mile with her work, takes great pride in presentation, and treats everyone with respect and kindness, demonstrating the Golden Goals of being ready and being respectful every day.



Marcell for being an attentive, energetic and imaginative member of the class who always participates fully in lessons. This week, he showed particular enthusiasm and courage in his learning during our work on The Savage, sharing thoughtful and creative ideas that helped enrich class discussions, while consistently demonstrating the Golden Goals of being ready and being respectful.



Safaa consistently shows the core value of respect through her positive attitude and the way she supports everyone around her. She is always super helpful in school and works hard to make the classroom an organised and welcoming place for others. Safaa is kind, thoughtful, and always willing to help her classmates, joining in enthusiastically with every activity. She also shows great courage in her writing by trying new ideas and experimenting with challenging techniques to improve her work. Her determination to keep learning and pushing herself is wonderful to see, and she should be very proud of all she achieves.

Dhillon has shown fantastic courage in his learning by constantly pushing himself to make progress, especially in maths. He approaches challenges with a positive attitude and never gives up, even when learning becomes difficult. His determination to improve and his strong focus during lessons have been truly impressive. Dhillon should be very proud of the effort he puts into his work each day, as his resilience and hard work are helping him grow in confidence and achieve great progress.



Emma has shown incredible resilience and determination during our maths lessons as she has prepared herself for her SATs next week. She has demonstrated just what a methodical and accurate mathematician she is, approaching every challenge with focus and perseverance. In literacy, Emma has worked hard to capture the voice within her complaint letter, using a range of sentence structures and ambitious language to produce an outstanding piece of writing. Emma should be extremely proud of all she has achieved!

Lizzie always approaches school with a wonderful attitude and continually strives to do her very best. Her complaint letter in literacy was outstanding, and she worked brilliantly to capture the emotion and voice of an upset parent through her carefully chosen language and sentence structure. In geography, Lizzie's presentation about Maya food was impeccable and showcased the effort and pride she takes in her learning. She should be extremely proud of all she has achieved!



Audrey O for a week and a half term of showing courage in her learning. Audrey is always challenging herself to complete her learning tasks accurately with beautiful presentation and challenging herself to go further and complete any extra challenges. Audrey continues to be so respectful in how she listens, how she helps and looks after others and her positive attitude makes our classroom a lovely and peaceful place. Well done Audrey!



Ivy N for another week of courageous learning. Ivy shows courage in how she is always wanting to contribute to discussions, and approaches her learning tasks, always wanting to do her best and so resilient if she finds it challenging. She's respectful in how she listens, how hard she tries and how kind and understanding she is to others. Her eagerness to help out, tidy and help others makes our classroom even more peaceful. Well done Ivy!



Well done to ALL of Africa class for a fantastic class assembly! You were all fantastic.

Australasia butterflies:

South America butterflies:

North America butterflies:

Asia butterflies:

Europe butterflies:

Africa butterflies: