

Highfield CE Primary School

Half-Termly Update



A message from Mrs Walford and Mrs Bond

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another wonderful half term, we wanted to take a moment to reflect on what a **fantastic** few weeks it has been. The sunshine has **finally** arrived, and the weather is looking absolutely glorious for the half term break ahead — we hope everyone enjoys plenty of fun, fresh air and time together in the sunshine.

The children have enjoyed so many memorable experiences this term: many sports events, inspiring history dress up days, and of course our Year 6 pupils completing their SATs with determination and maturity. We are incredibly proud of them all.

A quick reminder of key dates for the coming break:

Friday 22nd May is an INSET day — school will be closed to pupils.

Monday 1st June is also an INSET day.

Children return to school on Tuesday 2nd June.

We wish all our families a restful, happy half term break. Thank you for your continued support — we look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 2nd June.



Term: **End of Summer Term 1**
Date: **21/05/2026**



**1:1 Teaching Assistant - 30 Hours
starting September 2026**

If you are interested or know anyone who is, please follow this link to our website for further information and application form:

[1:1 Teaching Assistant Vacancy](#)



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Safeguarding Update

It is vital that we work closely with parents and carers to ensure children and families are safe and this includes out of school hours. In most cases, it is parents and carers we turn to first when we are concerned about a child and very often we are able to put support in place quickly if it is required. Asking for help with a challenge or difficulty at home is not a sign of weakness – it is most certainly a strength and demonstrates your commitment to wanting the best for your child and your family. School staff will always be ready and happy to help you in any way they can.

If you wish to contact a DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) by email during the Easter break, please send concerns to:

highfielddsl@gmail.com

This email address is monitored throughout the year, including in school holidays.

The Children's Resource Service

If you are a child, young person, parent or carer, and you would like to discuss your worries or seek advice and support, please get in touch. You can contact the Children's Resource Service on **02380 83 3004** (office hours) or **02380 23 3344** (outside of office hours).

If you are not a professional involved with the child or family, you do not have to give your name and your conversation will be treated confidentially. Or in an emergency, contact the police by telephone on 999.

NSPCC Freephone Child Protection Helpline: **0808 800 5000**



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Headteacher



Mrs Bond
Deputy DSL
Deputy
Headteacher and
SENDCO



Miss Collins
Deputy DSL
Year 34 Phase
Leader



Miss Bignell
Deputy DSL
Year R teacher





Upcoming dates for Summer 2



Monday 1st June - INSET Day, school closed

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

Thursday 4th June - Church today, so pick up is from Highfield Church not school

Friday 5th June, 9.15am - **South America** Class Assembly in the junior hall

Friday 5th June, 9.30am-11.30am - School Nurse in (Appointments only, which can be booked via the school office)

Tuesday 9th June, 2.45pm - **Maple** Class Assembly in the Church Centre

Tuesday 9th June, 4.00pm-4.30pm - New Year R (Sept 2026) Parent drop-in

Saturday 13th June, 3.30pm-6.30pm - HSFF Summer Fayre

Monday 15th June, 9.00am-10.00am - MHST Parent Workshop (Introduction to Anxiety) in the junior hall

Tuesday 16th June, 8.55am - KS2 Stay and Share at the junior department

Wednesday 17th June, 9.00am-10.00am - SEND Parents Coffee Meeting at the Junior dept

Wednesday 17th June, 3.30pm-4.30pm - Spring Concert (Orchestra + Year 6 Musicians)

Wednesday 17th June, 4.00pm-4.30pm - New Year R (Sept 2026) Parent drop-in

Thursday 18th June - KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Beaulieu trip

Wednesday 24th June, 9.30am - Infant Sports day

Wednesday 24th June, 1.45pm - Year 6 Matinee Performance

Wednesday 24th June, 6.30pm - Year 6 Evening Performance

Thursday 25th June, 6.00pm-7.30pm - New Year R Parent Welcome Meeting

Wednesday 1st July - Transfer Day/afternoon

Friday 3rd July, 9.30am-11.30am - School Nurse in (Appointments only, which can be booked via the school office)

Wednesday 8th July, 9.30am - KS2 Sports Day

Thursday 9th July - WIMBLEDON TENNIS DRESS UP DAY

Friday 10th July - Reports sent home to parents

Friday 10th July, 2.45pm - **Willow** Class Assembly in the Church Centre

Saturday 11th July - HSFF Summer Social - Cricket in the park

Monday 13th July, 2.00pm-3.00pm - SEND Parents Coffee Meeting at the Junior dept

Wednesday 15th July - Year 2 Graduation (further details to follow)

Thursday 16th July, 2.30pm - Year 6 Leavers Service (Whole School. Collect from Church 3.25pm)

Friday 17th July, 9.15am - **Asia** Class Assembly in the junior hall

Friday 17th July, 2.45pm - **Oak** Class Assembly in the Church Centre

Monday 20th July, 3.30pm-5.00pm - Year 6 BBQ and waterfight

Wednesday 22nd July - Last day of school, finish 1 hour early, 2.15pm Infants, 2.25pm juniors

Tuesday 1st September - INSET Day, school closed

Wednesday 2nd September - First day back to school for all years

Save the dates!



SATURDAY 13TH JUNE

SUMMER Fayre

JUNIOR SCHOOL 3:30-6:30



SATURDAY 11TH JULY

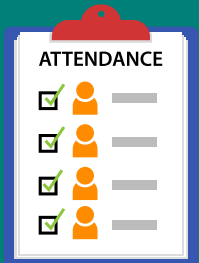
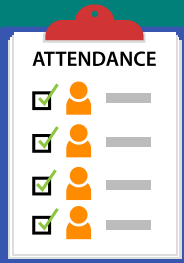
Summer Social

FAMILY FUN!

DETAILS TBC



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".



IN SCHOOL THIS TERM



W/C 13th April

Year 3/4 Roman Day





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Roman day was so much fun! They made their own mosaics, trained to be a Roman soldier and even looked at some Roman artefacts!



IN SCHOOL THIS TERM

W/C 13th April

Eco club news

Eco club met today and set up a litter picking station and planted some wild flower seeds with Gavin from Southampton aldermoor farm. Big thank you to Mr bond for putting up a new notice board for them!



Ballet Lessons

Happy Summer Term! We kicked off the new term with the Highfield school of Dance coming in to do ballet lessons with each class in the school. These will all be taking place over the coming days. Asia class had a fabulous first lesson and showed real talent! It was then down to the infant department for Year R.





IN SCHOOL THIS TERM



W/C 20th April

Next it was Year 3/4. The children absolutely loved the ballet lesson that was delivered by Highfield School of Dance. We were impressed with how talented they were!



This week, Year R had a visit from a super cheeky Evil Pea. He unfortunately left lots of vegetables in distress, wrote on our boards and even scribbled in some books! We were all shocked! The children came up with some great describing words for Evil Pea and used these in letters to help Mrs Walford find him.





IN SCHOOL THIS TERM



W/C 11th May

Year 6 SATS Breakfast



IN SCHOOL THIS TERM

W/C 11th May



Year 6 at
Boulder
Shack



IN SCHOOL THIS TERM

W/C 18th May

Year 3/4 Sound Trip

One of the highlights was stepping into the incredible “cheese sponge” rooms, where sound seemed to disappear completely – the children were amazed by how strangely quiet it felt. They were equally fascinated by the room filled with speakers that transported us into a jungle, with animal noises surrounding us from every direction. It truly felt like we were standing in the middle of a rainforest.



KIDS HOLIDAY CAMPS

TEAM SPIRIT
PROUD TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

26TH-29TH MAY



Join us this school break for some action packed days of enjoyable activities!
MULTI-SPORTS, FOOTBALL, TEAM XTREME, AND LEGOTASTIC 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/>

Tuesday 26th May

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!

Wednesday 27th May

TS Explorers: Lego-tastic Special - Building and designing own games using Lego - e.g. marble run, minute to win it challenges, Lego competitions and team builds, Nerf target Lego zone. Creativity and imagination in a world of Lego!

Thursday 28th May

Football course - A course dedicated to all things football...skills, shooting, nutmegs, goals, matches, tournaments, competitions and challenges! The perfect course for every football mad superstar!

Friday 29th May

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!!!

WHAT'S ON May 2026

Southampton
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SOUTHAMPTON
CITY COUNCIL

May Half Term

Drop off your young people

Southampton Culture Club for Kids: Story Worlds (6½-12yrs)
Tue 26, Wed 27, Thu 28 May
9am-4pm
SeaCity
£35, £90 all three days



Bugs in Boxes (4+)

Tue 26 May
10.30am, 11.30am, 1pm, 2pm
Tudor House £6

Tour for All: Southampton Myths and Mysteries (6+)

Tue 26 May 11am
Tudor House
£10 (children FREE)

Art for All: Clay Capybaras (5+)

Wed 27 May
10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm
Art Gallery £8

Art for All: Birds, Beetles and Butterflies with Watercolour (7+)

Thu 28 May
10.30am, 1.30pm
Tudor House £8

Art for All: Make a Clay Stitch! (4+)

Thu 28 May
10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm
Art Gallery £8



Toddler Time: Under the Sea (under 4's and friends)

Fri 29 May 10.30am
SeaCity £6

Art for All: Minecraft Mosaic Worlds (7+)

Fri 29 May
10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm
Art Gallery £8



Wide Lane Sports Ground, Eastleigh

10am, Sunday 14 June 2026

roseroad.org.uk/colouredash

Rose Road Association
Making a positive difference to the lives of young disabled people

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See our "What's on" brochure or venue websites for details on events and to book
seacitymuseum.co.uk | tudorhouseandgarden.com | southamptoncityartgallery.com





WICKETZ

BASSETT

**FREE SOFTBALL CRICKET
FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 8-15**

Ages 8-11 • Thursdays 5-6pm
Ages 12-15 • Thursdays 6-7pm

TERM TIME ONLY
CANTELL SCHOOL, SO16 3GJ

To register and for more information, please contact Dani Ransley:
Danielle.Ransley@utilitabowl.com | 07880724768



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**PARENTS AND KIDS CARDIO DANCE
10AM SATURDAYS
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BUGGYFIT

**OUTDOOR POSTNATAL WORKOUT
11AM WEDS ON THE COMMON
11AM FRI RIVERSIDE PARK**



MESSY BUNS

**POSTNATAL DANCE AND CONDITIONING
1PM WEDNESDAYS
HIGHFIELD CHURCH CENTRE**

**FOR MORE INFO AND BOOKINGS:
WWW.FITHAPPENS.UK**



Visit our Open Day

Saturday 27th June, 10am-1pm

Families with children from Reception to GCSE are all welcome!

*Come and explore at your leisure:
Grounds, Woodland and New Prep Location
Classrooms, Music and Art Exhibition
Activities, Story Trail and Free Refreshments*

Plus join us for our summer charity celebration
GreggFest
on 20th June!

Book online at thegreggschool.org/open-events



Discount Activities May Half Term

- 25th May | Bowling Eastleigh | 6pm
| Bowling Portsmouth | 6pm
- 26th May | Oceans Play Soft Play | 10am
| Rock Up Whiteley | 1pm
- 27th May | Family Swim Romsey | 1pm
| High Score Southampton | 1pm
| Ice Skating Gosport | 3pm
| Ninja Warrior Southampton | 3pm
| Monkey Bizness Southamtpton | 6:15pm
- 28th May | Monkey Bizness Gosport | 6:15pm
- 31st May | Ninja Warrior Southampton | 3pm

All discounted prices are subsidised by Spotlight UK



For more details please email activities@spotlightuk.org

BE WILDFIRE AWARE AND HELP PROTECT THE COUNTRYSIDE



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NOT A BBQ



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START CAMPFIRES



EXTINGUISH
CIGARETTES
FULLY



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DROP LITTER



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