



Dear Parents and Carers,

## Message from Mrs Walford:



Welcome back to a brand-new school year at Highfield and special welcome to our new year R children. It has been wonderful to see the children return so happily and settle so quickly into their new classes. Their behaviour, enthusiasm and readiness to learn have been excellent, and we are incredibly proud of how smoothly the term has begun.

We have been especially impressed with the children's smart uniforms and shiny new black shoes – they have come back looking so smart and ready for the year ahead. Thank you for your support in helping them start the term positively.

We are very much looking forward to working with you throughout the year. As always, our priority is ensuring the very best for every child, both academically and personally. Strong partnerships with families make a huge difference, and we value your support enormously.

Our new school kitchen has already been a great success - thank you again HSFF! It has been fantastic to see healthy, freshly cooked meals being prepared on site and served hot and nutritious each day. The children have enjoyed trying new dishes, and we are delighted to be able to offer such high-quality meals and at a lower cost to families.

The classrooms are looking absolutely lovely. Our teachers have worked incredibly hard over the summer to refresh and prepare their learning spaces, and the results are clear – welcoming rooms that set the tone for a positive year ahead.

We would also like to send our best wishes to Mr Iszatt, who is currently unwell. We hope he makes a speedy recovery. In the meantime, we know that Mr Phillips will do a fantastic job teaching North America Class while Mr Iszatt gets better. The children already know him well, and he has made a great start.

Wishing everyone a happy, successful and enjoyable year ahead.

### Update from Mrs Bond

We are beginning our move to Medical Tracker, a secure web-based system that will support all of our first aid and medical recording in school. Staff received full training during the INSET day and we will now start using the programme alongside our current systems. This allows us to embed it gradually, learn from any early mistakes, and make sure everything runs smoothly. During this transition period, our high standard of care for your children remains exactly the same. Once we are confident the system is working well, we will move fully over to Medical Tracker. We always value your feedback, so please do share any thoughts on the new system as we begin to use it.



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**Term: Autumn 1**

**Date: 04/09/2026**



**Next week's collective worship:**

**Peace, Courage and Respect - our core  
Christian values**



# Reminders and Notices

- Please aim to **read with your child at least five times each week** and record each session in their reading diary. This supports fluency, confidence and a love of reading. Further information about our Reading Points Initiative will be shared next week.
- We encourage all families to log onto **Doodle Learning** and support your child in using the platform regularly. It is an excellent way to reinforce key skills across the curriculum.
- We kindly ask all parents and carers to **park responsibly and respectfully** around both school sites. Unfortunately, a local resident was recently unable to leave their driveway due to blocked access. Please ensure you do not park on double yellow lines or zig-zag markings at any time.
- Follow us on **Instagram and Facebook** to keep up to date with school life, celebrations and events.
- When requesting meetings, please follow our communication flowchart, which can be found here: <https://www.highfieldceprimaryschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1219&type=pdf>
- If you would like to **volunteer** your time, we would be delighted to hear from you. We are always looking for parents to support with:
  - Hearing children read
  - Art activities
  - School trips
  - Library support

If you would like to volunteer regularly, please email [info@highfieldschool.co.uk](mailto:info@highfieldschool.co.uk) and we will be in touch with next steps.



# Mobile Phone Policy Update

We have recently updated our policy on use of mobile phones and smart watches. Highfield is a mobile phone-free and smart watch-free environment for pupils.

## Mobile phones

Some older junior pupils in years 5 and 6 may bring a mobile phone for travel safety. If so, pupils must:

- Hand their phone in to the school office on arrival
  - Collect it at the end of the school day
- Not have their phone on them at any time during the school day

## Smart watches

Children are **not** permitted to wear smart watches to school.



This includes any device capable of:

- Sending or receiving messages
  - Making calls
  - Accessing the internet
- Taking photographs or recordings
  - Tracking location or activity



## Reasons for this rule:

- Smart watches pose the same safeguarding and data protection risks as mobile phones
  - They can distract pupils during lessons
- They may allow unauthorised communication during the school day
  - They can record or photograph without consent
  - They are high-value items at risk of loss or theft

We strongly encourage pupils to wear a simple analogue watch, which supports learning to tell the time and avoids unnecessary distraction.



# Weekly Notice Board

## Autumn 1 Upcoming Dates

A full yearly calendar is published on our school website here -

<https://www.highfieldceprimaryschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=8&viewid=1>

- 14 - 20 September - Year 6 at Avon Tyrell
- 14 - 20 September - Year 5 bikeability
- Junior maths workshop with Mr Lewis – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> – straight after school
- KS1 phonics and writing workshop with Miss Ellis– Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> straight after school
- Year R Phonics workshop with Miss Bignell and Miss Ellis– Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October straight after school
- Junior reading and writing workshop Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> with Mr Upson straight after school
- Parent Forum Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October– straight after school at the juniors.

**Parent forum dates\_ All at 3.30pm - 4.15 pm  
on Wednesdays at the juniors.**

**All parents welcome to attend**

14th October  
9th Decemeber  
10th February  
24th March  
19th May  
21st July

## SEND Parent Get Togethers

We'd love to invite you to our SEND Parents Get Togethers. These sessions are relaxed, friendly and a lovely way to connect with other families. It's a chance to chat, share experiences and feel supported by people who truly understand the journey.

Although the school is hosting these meet-ups, staff will not be present. The sessions are simply an opportunity for parents to come together in an informal, welcoming space. The meetings will take place at the junior site (due to limited space at the infants) on the dates listed below, and everyone is welcome. Whether you'd like to pick up ideas, talk things through or simply enjoy a hot drink and a biscuit in good company.

Monday 21st September at 2pm

Tuesday 13th October at 9am

Wednesday 18th November at 2pm – Danielle will be available for you speak to, she is a speech and language therapist.

Thursday 17th December at 9am

Friday 13th January at 2pm

Monday 22nd February at 9am

Tuesday 16th March at 2pm

Wednesday 14th April at 9am

Wednesday 12th May at 9am

Friday 18th June at 2pm

Thursday 15th July at 9am

We would love to see you there.





# Look at our AMAZING new kitchen!



# Infant Department updates and Brilliant Butterflies



## Important information for Infant parents:

In KS1, the children attend weekly trips to the library, one class at a time.

Please look out for an email with more information and a link to a permission form for this academic year.

In this email, there will also be a form attached if your child does not have a library card. This form needs to be returned to a local library, not to school.

## What's been happening in the department this week:

What an amazing start to the term we have had! It has been wonderful to see all the children come back to school and settle back into routines so quickly!

We are also very impressed with our amazing year R children who have been such stars during their first week of school! They have been having a fantastic time exploring their new classes and meeting new friends.

**Well done everyone!**



### Beech butterflies:

This week, I would like to celebrate all the children in **Beech Base!**

It has been wonderful to have them all back and to hear about their summer holidays.

They have come back with big smiles and such excitement to see all their friends again. They have worked so hard to show all of our golden goals and I am so proud of all of them!



### Maple butterflies:

**Karam** : For a wonderful start to a new year at Highfield. Karam has been a kind, thoughtful and respectful member of the class, showing consideration for his new teacher and classmates in all aspects of his learning, free choosing time and when tidying up. A lovely boy through and through!

**Emma** : For making a brilliant start to the year, showing a positive, resilient attitude towards starting in Year 1 and trying her best in everything she's done. It's been lovely to see her playing and sharing well with her friends during Rainbow Time, and has demonstrated our school values of Peace and Respect when speaking to adults in the class. Well done, Emma!



### Ash butterflies:

I want to celebrate EVERYONE in **Ash Class** as they have all settled in so well and work so hard during their first few days. You have followed the Golden Goals and shown all the adults in Ash how kind and respectful you all are. You should all be so proud.

# Junior Department updates and Brilliant Butterflies



## What's been happening in the department this week:

**3/4:** We have been so impressed with how well the children have settled in this week, they should be really proud of themselves! It was an exciting start to literacy as some clues had been left behind and the children had to work together to try and decipher what they meant. They worked out that maybe the clues were showing someone going on a journey....

**5/6:** What a fantastic start to the new school year! The children have settled back into school routines brilliantly and have already shown great enthusiasm for their learning. In Writing, we have begun exploring Wild Boy, which has already sparked lots of excitement and imagination. In Science, we have started our new topic on Light, with the children building upon their understanding from year 3/4. We are very excited to make periscopes next lessons!



I have been so impressed with **Leone**! He has come into school with a fantastic attitude and he has shown this through how much he has been contributing in class discussions. I have loved hearing his ideas, he is truly a brilliant addition to Highfield!

**Rosie** has shown the school value of courage this week. She has blown me away with how confidently she has come into year 3 and already demonstrated how conscientious and hard working she is. She should be super proud of herself and I can't wait for her to continue to shine this school year!



**Harriet** for courage - she has shown extreme resilience and courage in settling into her new setting in North Africa with Mrs Holmes and Mr Phillips. She is talking through her feelings with trusted adults and is being a great example to others.

**Alfie** has shown a great improvement in maturity since I last saw him. He is being respectful of his surroundings, other pupils and has already shown that he is capable of hard work. Keep it up Alfie.



What a fantastic start to Year 5 it has been for **Alyssa**! Your brilliant effort throughout your first week has been wonderful to see, and I have loved seeing your enthusiasm and love of learning shine through. Your thoughtful and creative answers in Literacy and Science have really impressed me - keep up the amazing work!

What a wonderful start to Year 6 it has been for **Zibah**! Your positivity shines through in everything you do, and it has been wonderful to see the kindness and thoughtfulness you show towards those around you. You are already proving to be such a caring and supportive friend to those around you - well done Zibah!



**Sufiyan A:** for a courageous and respectful start to year 3! Sufiyan has been brilliant this week in his learning. His hand has been up, answering questions with brilliant, informative answers which takes courage. His learning shows so much respect in terms of how thoughtful and detailed it is including his prediction in literacy which was so creative. Well done Sufiyan!

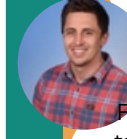
**Eloise C:** for a respectful and peaceful start to year 3! Eloise has had a wonderful week of learning. Every task she has been given, she has approached with care and focus showing so much respect. Her prediction in literacy was so thoughtful and detailed. Eloise has also been so peaceful in how she has worked, quiet and calm to ensure brilliant outcomes. Well done Eloise!



It has been wonderful getting to know **Cecile** this week! She is a joy to teach and a role model for others in modelling our school values. She is always respectful and showed great courage when helping us in French this week! Thank you, Cecile!



We are so proud of how **Theo B** has started his year 3 journey! He has settled into life at the juniors beautifully. He comes into school everyday with a smile on his face, ready to listen and learn. Thank you for always showing your teachers and friends the utmost respect, Theo. We are lucky to teach you!



**Finley** has had a fantastic first week back at school. His positive attitude, effort and brilliant personality have been a real joy to see. He has shown our school values of courage and respect throughout the week and has made a wonderful start to the new school year. Well done, **Finley**!

**Elijah** has made a fantastic start to the new school year. His enthusiasm, hard work and wonderful personality have really stood out this week. He has consistently demonstrated our school values of courage and respect, and it has been a pleasure to see him settle back into school so positively. Well done, Elijah!

### Australasia butterflies:

### North America butterflies:

### Asia butterflies:

### Europe butterflies:

### Africa butterflies:

### South America butterflies: