



Message from Mrs Walford:

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a successful and busy week at Highfield, with lots of exciting activities taking place across both sites. The children have been wonderful, and we are so proud of how positively they continue into the term.

Our Bike Doctor visited the Juniors this week, carrying out checks and offering helpful advice to keep bikes safe and road-ready. Year 6 are now feeling even more excited for their residential trip to Avon Tyrrell next week, which promises to be a fantastic experience. The weather doesn't look too bad, and we hope they have lots of fun!

Our lovely new Year R children have settled beautifully into school life. They have been confident, happy and eager to join in with everything. They will be full-time next week, and we hope they won't be too tired as they adjust to their new routines.

Reminders:

- Please continue to log onto Doodle Learning with your child and ensure that their reading diary is filled in regularly. These small daily habits make a huge difference to progress.
- Next Thursday, we are holding a KS1 Maths Workshop with Miss Ellis at 3.15pm, where she will be sharing practical strategies to support your children in maths. We hope many of you will be able to attend.
- A reminder that Year 5 children need to bring their bikes in next week for Bikeability. Please ensure bikes are in good working order so they can fully participate.

Have a wonderful weekend and see you all on Monday.

SEND Update from Mrs Bond

Staff have been working hard to ensure all interventions are ready to begin this term. Over the past week, we have carried out 1:1 benchmark assessments with pupils so we can clearly understand every child's starting point before the intervention begins. Each intervention runs for around ten weeks. At the end of this cycle, we will repeat the same assessments so we can review the children's progress and analyse the impact of the intervention. This start-and-end approach helps us see exactly how the support has helped each child and plan next steps.



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Term: Autumn 1

Date: 11/09/2026



Next week's collective worship:

Peace





Weekly Notice Board



Upcoming Dates

Autumn 1

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

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

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

Parent forum dates

All at 3.30pm - 4.15pm

on Wednesdays at the juniors.

All parents welcome to attend

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

Pre-Loved Uniform

The HSFF have created an online order form for buying gently used school uniform that invests in the school and helps the environment. The link to access this is below and will be on the update every week:

[Pre-Loved Uniform Order Form](#)

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

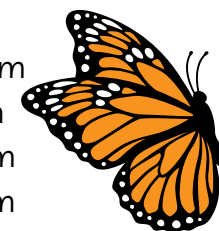
Wednesday 14th April at 9am

Wednesday 12th May at 9am

Friday 18th June at 2pm

Thursday 15th July at 9am

We would love to see you there.





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SAVE THE DATE

2026
**OPEN
EVENING**

THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

16:30 - 19:00



YEAR 5 & 6

**OPEN
EVENING**



WEDNESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER | 4PM - 6:30PM

Join us for guided tours and a presentation by the Academy Principal.



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19 SEPTEMBER 2026
ALDERMOOR COMMUNITY FARM
11AM - 3PM

WHAT'S ON?

- ✓ APPLE-PRESSING
- ✓ LOCAL CRAFT TABLES
- ✓ FREE KIDS ACTIVITIES
- ✓ FAMILY-FUN DAY OUT

ALDERMOOR Community Farm Charity Number: 1160393 | Company Number: 8821484

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**St Anne's
Catholic School**

warmly invites Year 4, 5 and 6 families to

Open Morning 9:15-11AM

Open Evening 6-8PM



**Wednesday 23rd
September 2026**

FULL DETAILS AND BOOKING INFO CAN BE
FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE

Infant Department updates and Brilliant Butterflies



What's been happening in the department this week:

Year R: It has been so super to see how well all the new yearR children have done at finding their feet and learning new routines. They have been incredible at lunchtime and have been playing so nicely together. They have done a brilliant job of learning where everything is in their classroom and are really getting into the swing of school!

Year 1&2: It has been amazing to see how well the children have settled into all the new routines full not that have done their first full week. They have begun lots of exciting new topics such as self portrait in art, the senses in science and everyday technology in computing! They have been looking at representing numbers and counting in 10s and 1s. In literacy, they have been learning all about their new text 'Lights on Cotton Rock' and have been learning about punctuation and adjectives. Well done KS1!



Maple butterflies:

Aron T for making such a fantastic start to life at Highfield and showing real courage as he settles into a new school. He has quickly become part of the class, approaches his learning sensibly and always tries his best. He has already produced some super work, including working quickly and carefully in Maths and showing excellent knowledge in Geography.

Ella R for making an excellent start to Year 1. She is consistently switched on in lessons, keen to contribute her ideas and always tries hard with her learning. Ella behaves sensibly, listens carefully and shows real enthusiasm in class, always demonstrating our value of respect.



Beech butterflies:

Wajid has been a star this week! He has really worked hard in all of his learning and even wanted to carry on doing extra handwriting when the lesson had finished! What an amazing attitude to learning! Well done Wajid!

Oscar has settled back into school life amazingly! He has been so engaged in all his lessons and has been so resilient in not being distracted. He always works so hard and has really been amazing in everything we have done. Well done Oscar.



Ash butterflies:

Kianna – For always following our golden goals and school values. You are helpful around the classroom and you try your best every single day. We are very proud of you.

Olivia A – For working hard during lessons and asking questions when you are not sure what to do. Your handwriting is neat and you always try to make your work look its best. Wonderful effort.

Junior Department updates and Brilliant Butterflies



What's been happening in the department this week:

3/4: It's been a brilliant first full week back, and we've really enjoyed getting stuck into our foundation subjects. We've had a lot of fun in our first few French lessons, with the Year 3s wonderfully engaged and giving everything a go. Our Year 4s have been excellent role models, confidently demonstrating their French and helping to set the tone for the year – bien joué!

5/6: It has been another fantastic week with children fully immersing themselves in their new topics and classroom routines. In literacy, children have been exploring the character of 'Wild Boy' and learning more about his personality and backstory. We also explored periscopes in science, helping to understand how light travels in straight lines. The children are also all very excited for next week as they get ready for the residential and bikability!



This week we would like to celebrate **Sofia** who has been a true role model, embodying the golden goals. She is so helpful and works so hard, always with a smile and with passion. She has been a true asset to the new year 3s, showing them around. Well done Sofia, what a fantastic start!



Sienna has been so calm, mature and organised in class. She listens to instructions so well and sits beautifully on the carpet. She is always on task and then afterwards, is even looking to help others. We are so proud of you Sienna.



Jessica has been a delight to teach this week. She is always showing the school value of respect through listening carefully, making sensible choices and being a fantastic role model to the rest of the class!

Eliza has been a real superstar in maths this week and she has blown me away with her secure mathematical knowledge and how she has applied new learning to more challenging questions. She's absolutely smashed it!



Well done, **Eddie** on another wonderful week in Asia Class! His attitude towards learning has been fantastic, and has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm he brings to everything we do. Eddie is always keen to get involved in lessons, and I have loved hearing his creative and thoughtful ideas. Keep up the fantastic work, Eddie!

What another wonderful week it has been for **Alex**! She is a joy to have in the classroom and brings such a lovely sense of calm and laughter to our class. Her independence and creativity have really shone through this week, and I have loved seeing the extra care and attention to detail she has put into all of her learning, especially in Science! Well done, Alex



This week I would like to celebrate: **Safaa** who has shown great resilience this week. As part of our class charter we all resolved to learn from our mistakes. Even when sometimes that learning can make us feel upset we can bounce back and resolve to succeed in the future.

If there was an award for bounce-back-ability I'd be awarding it to **Nathan**. After hurting his wrist badly without a second thought he got on with his work using a chromebook and has been just the same thoughtful and busy classmate in North America. Thanks Nathan for showing us nothing can get in our way!



Hashir has settled into Year 6 brilliantly. He listens carefully to instructions and puts so much effort into his learning. He has shown our school value of courage by persevering, even when he finds things tricky. Hashir is also incredibly polite to both adults and his peers. What a fantastic start to Year 6—well done, Hashir!

Amélie is a fantastic role model to everyone in her class. She is a keen learner who listens carefully and puts so much effort into everything she does. It is impossible to choose just one school value for Amélie this week because she has demonstrated peace, courage and respect beautifully. Well done, Amélie!



Maryam T for a brilliant and courageous week. Maryam has had a fantastic start to Year 3 showing so much courage from the morning task to the end of the day whatever the subject has been, Maryam has tried her best, worked well with other members of the class, listened to instructions and does it all with a wonderfully positive attitude. A fantastic example to others! Well done Maryam!

Daniella J for a most wonderful week of courage and respect. Daniella has had a brilliant week of learning with fantastic engagement in her maths lessons, and working so hard in her literacy, it has been so brilliant to see. What has also stood out is the peace that Daniella has shown in working with others, helping people and being a fantastic friend. A fantastic role model. Well done Daniella!

Africa butterflies:

Australasia butterflies:

Asia butterflies:

North America butterflies:

South America butterflies:

Europe butterflies:



You are warmly invited to the Year R

Teddy Bear's Picnic

Saturday 12th September

3 - 5pm Highfield Church Centre

Facepainting

Crafts

Story

Friends

- Your Grown Ups can chat and get to know each other over a cuppa and a piece of cake!
- Pre-loved uniform will be available to buy.
- We love our siblings, but to reduce numbers of big children, if it's possible, please could they stay at home.
- Please ask your Grown Up to stay and that they not pack any food containing nuts.

Bring along a sandwich and a Teddy!

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Come along to the teddy bear picnic!