



Message from Mrs Walford:

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another lovely week at Highfield School, and we would like to say a huge well done to all of our children. They have been working incredibly hard, showing great effort and enthusiasm in their learning, and it has been wonderful to see.

Unfortunately, we have also had two incidents reported this week relating to parking and driving around our school sites. We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers of the importance of being considerate, safe and vigilant when parking and driving near school.

In particular, please remember **not to park on the double yellow or zig zag lines**. These restrictions are in place to help keep everyone safe and to ensure that children, families and staff can move around the school site safely.

We have had two near misses reported, which is a serious reminder of how important it is that we all take extra care. Please drive slowly and carefully, be aware of pedestrians and children, and take your time when arriving at and leaving the school site.

We appreciate that the start and end of the school day can be busy, but the safety of our children and families must always come first. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us to keep Highfield a safe and considerate community for everyone.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

SEND Update from Mrs Bond

It was a complete delight to carry out a SEND book look this week across Years 1, 2, 3 and 4. The scrutiny highlighted the excellent adaptations staff are making to ensure that pupils with cognition and learning needs can successfully access the curriculum. The books showcased wonderful scaffolding and effective live marking, with clear evidence of staff identifying and addressing misconceptions. It was particularly pleasing to see that, once these misconceptions had been corrected, similar errors were not evident in subsequent work, demonstrating the impact of timely intervention and feedback. It was also fantastic to see the quantity and quality of work completed so far this year, reflecting the high expectations and commitment of both children and staff. I am very much looking forward to looking at the Year 5 and 6 books next week.



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Date: 25/09/2026



Next week's collective worship:

Respect





Reminder

We would like to remind all families of the legal requirements and vital safety expectations when transporting children to and from school.

This week, a member of our school community witnessed two young children leaving the church centre car park without wearing seatbelts. Sadly, this is not the first time unsafe travel has been observed at both the Infant and Junior sites.

Under UK law, children must use the correct car seat, booster seat or seatbelt for their age, height and weight. This is not optional. It is a legal requirement designed to protect children from serious injury. Even short journeys—such as driving out of the car park—carry risk if children are not properly restrained.

Please ensure that:

- All children are correctly secured in an appropriate car seat or booster seat.
- Seatbelts are worn at all times, even for very short trips.
- Doors and windows are safely managed so children remain safely inside the vehicle.

We know our parent community cares deeply about keeping children safe, and we appreciate your support in modelling responsible behaviour.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe environment for every child.

REMINDERS & Well Done!



Save the Date
Friday 13th November
Children in Need



The official theme for BBC Children in Need 2026 is "Challenge Yourself" (inspired by the number 26), encouraging supporters to take on a sponsored challenge of 26-themed activities or 25/26-related goals.

**Children are invited to come to school
dressed in active/ sports wear.**

Reminder

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

Caterlink!

We have received amazing feedback about our new school meals provided by Caterlink. Not only are the meals looking and tasting amazing, we are seeing so many more children enjoying their school lunches – which is exactly what we hoped for! The colourful salad bar is also a hit with many children trying different foods.

In addition, the Catering Team received an unexpected visit from Environmental Health last Friday and we are incredibly proud to announce that they achieved a 5-star food hygiene rating, recognising the high standards already being maintained in our new kitchen.

Well done Caterlink and our catering team,

Danielle, Jane, Alice, Caroline, Sam, Santosh and Sarah.





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>

Thursday 1st October - KS1 phonics and writing workshop with Miss Ellis straight after school

Friday 2nd October, 7.30pm-10.30pm - Parent Quiz - at the Junior Department

Thursday 8th October - Year R Phonics workshop with Miss Bignell and Miss Ellis straight after school.

Wednesday 14th October - School photographer (Cardwell & Simons) in to take individual school photos

Wednesday 14th October - Parent Forum - straight after school at the juniors.

Thursday 15th October - Junior reading and writing workshop with Mr Upson straight after school

Weekly Notice Board

Our School of Sanctuary Journey

We are delighted to share that our school is working towards becoming a School of Sanctuary — a place where everyone feels **welcome, included, and valued**.



Welcomed



Included



Valued

Throughout the year, pupils will take part in activities that help them learn about **kindness, belonging, and supporting others**. Together, we will explore what it means to create a community where everyone can thrive.



Kindness



Belonging



Support

We look forward to sharing our journey with you as we celebrate inclusion and understanding across our school.



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.

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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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](#)

Infant Department updates and Brilliant Butterflies



What's been happening in the department this week:

Year R:

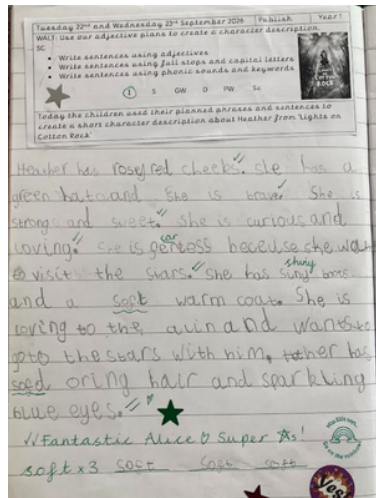
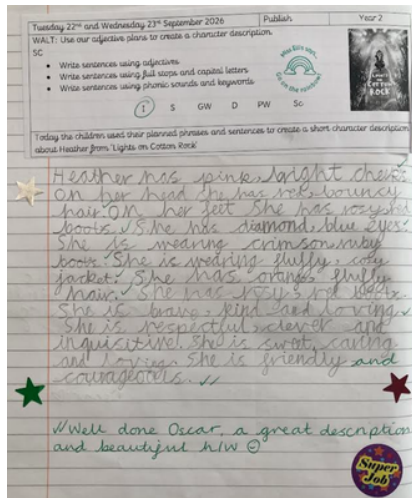
Oak base loved
meeting Frankie, our
school dog, this week.



Year 1&2:

This week, the children did their first publish
write of the term. They focussed on using
adjectives and full stops and capital letters to
write character descriptions. They all worked
so hard and wrote some amazing pieces.

Well done KS1!



Maple butterflies:



Aarav Singh Roath for being such a peaceful, polite and sensible member of
Maple Base who can always be relied upon to behave brilliantly. He has shown great
courage in his writing this week, producing a super character description, and continues to
impress with the care and pride he takes in his beautifully neat handwriting. Aarav is a
wonderful example of our values of peace and respect.

Charlotte Hodge for bringing such a bright, bubbly and enthusiastic attitude to Maple Base
every day. She approaches her learning with a smile, behaves beautifully and always seems
keen to get involved. This week, she has produced an amazing character description packed
with thoughtful detail, showing real courage and enthusiasm in her writing.

Ash butterflies:



Saskia: For working so hard in lessons, especially in Literacy. You always take
such care with your work and make sure it is neat and tidy. You are always proud of
your work and try your very best. Well done, Saskia!

Mabel: For working so hard in lessons and always trying your very best. You never
give up and always keep going, even when something is tricky. You show all of our
school values every day. Well done, Mabel!

Beech butterflies:



Rebecca: Rebecca has been working really hard on her number formation
this week. She has tried so hard and can now write some more numbers perfectly!
She even chose to do some in her choosing time! Amazing Rebecca!

Erin: Erin was sooo independent in her writing this week. She worked really hard on
her character description and did an amazing job of describing Heather from
'Lights on Cotton Rock'. Well done Erin!

Junior Department updates and Brilliant Butterflies



What's been happening in the department this week:

3/4: We have been so proud of the year 3/4s this week. They have completed their first piece of writing in literacy and we have been blown away with the effort they have put into their work. They've been including a huge range of skills such as: time adverbials, expanded noun phrases, conjunctions, adverbs and imperative verbs. Well done year 3/4!

5/6: It has been a wonderful week back with all the children across the phase. We have heard so many wonderful stories about the residential last week, and it has been fantastic to see the Year 6s already applying the skills they developed, particularly resilience, teamwork and determination. In Literacy, we have been preparing for our first writing task. The children have explored a range of descriptive language and literary devices before bringing their ideas to life by acting out their narrative scenes. Through this, they have been able to identify the journey their characters will take and consider the key details they could describe to bring their writing to life.



Adam works hard every day to be sensible, make positive choices, and uphold the school value of respect. He can always be relied upon to do the right thing and sets a positive example for those around him. During every lesson he is engaged and involved - well done Adam!

Dahli has been a gift these past few weeks! I know without a doubt I can rely on her to be kind, dependable and ready to do the right thing. Her maturity and thoughtful nature have shone through and we are lucky to have such a valued member of Australasia.



Well done **Humza** on another wonderful week! His attitude towards all lessons has been exceptional, and he has consistently looked for opportunities to challenge himself and give 100% to his learning. In particular, he has worked incredibly hard in maths to consolidate his understanding, demonstrating what a thoughtful and articulate mathematician he is. Keep up the fantastic work, Humza! Well done **Henry** on a fantastic week! He has particularly stood out for the courage and attention to detail he has shown during guided reading. He confidently shared some excellent definitions for new vocabulary and demonstrated a thoughtful understanding of the text. It has been wonderful to see him contribute his ideas with such enthusiasm and confidence. Well done Henry!



This week we would like to celebrate **Fraser** for his kindness and determination in everything he does, particularly in his maths learning the 3x table this week. Well done Fraser!



We would also like to celebrate **Mattia** for writing some incredible survival instructions in literacy. He included lots of year 4 skills and really tried hard. Well done Mattia!



Filip S for being such a courageous writer this week, full of brilliant ideas and wonderful words to make his instructions so interesting. Filip has really been challenged this week in his literacy lessons and he has risen to that challenge showing fantastic resilience. This courage was also seen on the carpet, putting his hand up to answer questions and across other lessons too. A brilliant start to Year 3! Well done Filip!

Jack M for a fantastic week of courageous writing where Jack has packed his writing with skills which make his instructions detailed, clear and precise. What has really stood out is Jack's fantastic attitude to his learning! Jack always wants to do his best, always wants to make his work better, and is brilliant in responding to feedback given. A fantastic role model to all, and a wonderful start to the year! Well done Jack!



Juniper – Juniper has made a brilliant start at Highfield. In her first week, she has worked hard, shown our school values in the way she treats others and quickly made new friends.

Aardith – Aardith has settled in quickly and shown a great attitude to school. He approaches his learning with enthusiasm, works hard and has shown courage in trying new things.



Sam, you have a naturally inquisitive nature. This week I have been impressed how you have challenged yourself with your book choices. Being brave in your choices and exploring knowledge independently. I've also really appreciated how you have shared that knowledge with your friends in class and myself. Stay curious!

Tiana, I continue to be impressed by the effort you put into your learning. This week in particular you have been attentive, respectful and have demonstrated to all around how to conduct yourself. You are quietly confident and I'm proud to have you in my class.

Australasia butterflies:

Asia butterflies:

Africa butterflies:

Europe butterflies:

South America butterflies:

North America butterflies:



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INFORMATION EVENTS AT VARIOUS
LOCATIONS ON **15TH OCTOBER.**



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FROM 4:15-5:15PM
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CHRISTCHURCH FROM 5:30-
6:30PM
- DANEbury SCHOOL,
STOCKBRIDGE FROM 3:30-
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