



Message from Mrs Walford:



Dear Highfield Families,

What a wonderful week it has been at Highfield!

We are absolutely delighted to share our recent Ofsted report with you, and we would encourage all our families to take the time to read the report in full - <https://www.highfieldceprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=OFSTED&pid=64> . We are incredibly proud of the outcome and, most importantly, of what it says about our wonderful school community.

We are particularly thrilled to have achieved the Strong Standard in **ALL** areas. This is a real achievement and is something we are immensely proud of. It is also an outcome that not many schools nationally receive, making this recognition particularly special for our whole Highfield community.

The report reflects the hard work, dedication and commitment of our incredible staff, as well as the enthusiasm and character of our wonderful children. We are so proud of every member of our school community and the part they have played in making Highfield the happy, ambitious and inclusive school that it is.

While we are taking a moment to celebrate this achievement, our focus remains firmly on the future. We will continue to work hard to ensure that every child at Highfield receives the very best education and opportunities, enabling them to flourish and reach their full potential.

A huge thank you to all our parents and families for your continued support. Your encouragement, partnership and belief in our school make such a difference, and we are very grateful to have you as part of the Highfield family.

Reminders for Next Week:

A reminder that our Year R Phonics Workshop with Miss Ellis will take place after school on Thursday.

We look forward to seeing lots of you there!

Have a wonderful weekend, everyone, and thank you once again for your continued support.



SEND Update from Mrs Bond

This week, I attended two days of Local Authority training focused on SEND. One session explored the support, services and resources available across the city for schools, parents and children with SEND, while the other was the first of six sessions exploring Inclusion Support Bases and approaches to strengthening inclusive practice. I am excited to put this learning into action and look forward to the positive changes we will make to further enhance our provision for all pupils.



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Term: Autumn 1

Date: 02/10/2026



Next week's collective worship:
Mattering





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

Tuesday 13th October at 9.00am - SEND Parents Get together at the junior department

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

Friday 16th October - Last day of term

Monday 19th October to Friday 30th October - Half Term

Monday 2nd November - First day back at school after Half term break



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.



Weekly Notice Board



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

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.

Information

THE BIG DROP IN

Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

As part of World Mental Health Day, we are running a series of **FREE** drop-ins across Hampshire.

This is an opportunity for parents/carers, professionals or young people to come and chat to our CAMHS clinicians, ask questions, get advice and resources.

Bookable slots available via our website or just drop in.

8 October 2026 10am - 4pm

ETCHYouth Club, The Old Drill Hall,
79 Leigh Rd, Eastleigh SO50 9DF

For more information scan the QR code or visit
<https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events/>

School Age Immunisation Service

Your child's Flu vaccine is due

The immunisation team will be in the school on
Monday 9th November 2026

FLU: 5 REASONS TO GET PROTECTED AGAINST FLU

1. Protect your child - The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia.
2. Protect you, your family and friends - Having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family.
3. No injection needed - The nasal spray is painless and easy to have. (A placebo (fake) injection is available)
4. It's better than having flu - The nasal spray helps protect against flu and has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record.
5. Avoid costs - If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare.

Scan the QR code to complete a flu consent form (even if you wish to opt out)

School Code
CW116395

For more information, visit our website:
www.healthforkids.co.uk/hampshire/annual-nasal-flu-vaccination-programme/

SCHOOL MEALS DELIVERY DRIVER NEEDED

Regular Term-Time Work

We are looking for a reliable, friendly self-employed driver to help deliver school meals for this school.

Regular term-time work
Competitive daily rate
School holidays free
Short daytime working hours
Use of your own suitable vehicle

Routes operate during the school day and are typically around 30 minutes to 2 hours per day, depending on the requirements of the route.

The work is ideal for anyone looking for regular daytime work during school term time, including retired or semi-retired people, parents, or anyone with availability during the day.

Interested?
Contact Sheridan Myers for further information:
adminsupport@sheridanmyers.co.uk
01922 453500

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Pair this with the wide range of enrichment clubs, activities and trips together with our beautiful 29-acre campus, and you have the ideal environment for children to learn and play.

We know the difference it makes to every one of our pupils.

We invite you to come and see for yourself.

Open Evening
Thursday 8th October
4.30pm - 7pm

Open Morning
Tuesday 24th November
9.30am - 11.30am

Book now!
thegreggschool.org

Play Together

Bringing women and girls of all generations together through football.

We've booked an entire pitch and run multiple sessions side by side at the same time, allowing family members and friends of different ages to play together in one location.

EVERY WEDNESDAY
6:00 - 7:00pm
Southampton Outdoor Sports Centre, SO16 1AT

£4 per person (first session free!)

Development@hampshiresfa.com

Infant Department updates and Brilliant Butterflies



What's been happening in the department this week:

Year R:

In year R, the children have been looking at Harvest festival and thinking about helping others. They enjoyed carrying their donations over to the collection box. In maths they have been learning how to subitise. They have been focusing on recognising numbers just by sight!

Year 1&2:

The children in year 1 and two have been doing a wonderful job in their literacy and maths this week! In year 1 the children have started learning about part whole models, splitting numbers into parts and seeing what combinations they can make. Year 2 have been looking at comparing numbers and using tens and ones to order. In literacy, all the children have been practising their setting descriptions, using adjectives and even fronted adverbials to give extra detail!



Maple butterflies:
Noah EB has worked really hard on his dictation this week, completing his work quickly and accurately. He also showed lovely behaviour throughout the lesson with Mrs Smith, staying focused and setting a great example to others.

Henry LB for consistently showing our school value of respect through his excellent manners and the kind, thoughtful way he speaks to both adults and other children. He always tries hard with his learning and approaches school with a positive attitude, making him a wonderful example of the Golden Goals.



Ash butterflies:
Melek For showing all of our Golden Goals, you are always ready to learn and you are kind and respectful to everyone in our class. You have settled into Ash Class so well, and we love seeing your happy smile every morning. Well done, Melek!

Daya: You have had a fantastic start to Year 2! You come into school ready to learn, and you have worked really hard, especially on your writing plan. Your work is neat, and you are showing more confidence in your learning. Keep up the great work and positive attitude, Daya!



Beech butterflies:
Olivier: For showing such kindness this week! He has been a super star in maths and has been helping others who need it. He has been thoughtful and caring and has been explaining concepts to his friends without just telling them the answer!

Alice: Alice always follows our golden goals! She is kind, hard working and respectful to everyone she meets. She is always putting 110% effort into everything and she is a pleasure to be around. Well done Alice!

Junior Department updates and Brilliant Butterflies



What's been happening in the department this week:

3/4: We have been exploring humans as animals in Science this half term, with a particular focus on our muscles and bones. We're very lucky to have a full skeleton hanging out in our Science cupboard, which has really helped to bring our learning to life! The children have been able to see exactly what our bones look like, where they are in our bodies and how they fit together. It has been fantastic to see their curiosity and enthusiasm as they have explored how our bodies are built and how our muscles and bones work together.

5/6: The children have fully immersed themselves in their first extended piece of writing, and we could not be more impressed with the ambitious vocabulary they have used to create a spooky and mysterious setting for their Wild Boy narratives. This creativity has continued in Art, where the children have explored the techniques of Degas and Nash, studying a range of their works before experimenting with replicating their distinctive styles. In PE, the children have demonstrated fantastic courage, peace and teamwork while taking part in a variety of invasion games. They are now very excited to put these skills into action when they play Capture the Flag next week!



Well done, **Marcell**, for a wonderful week! He has shown fantastic courage in seeking support when he has needed it, which has helped him make excellent progress in maths. His kind and caring nature has also really shone around the school this week. Marcell has gone out of his way to help others feel included and welcome, always ready to offer a friendly high five or fist bump to those he sees. It has been wonderful to see his confidence and thoughtfulness shine through!

Jayraj has really stood out this week for his enthusiasm for learning and the pride he takes in his work. His courage in literacy has been a joy to see, particularly as he has challenged himself to use ambitious vocabulary and more complex sentence structures. Jayraj approaches his learning with such a positive attitude and a genuine determination to do his very best. His enthusiasm, growing confidence and willingness to challenge himself have been a joy to see this week!



We would love to celebrate **Alfie** in Africa for being an all-round positive, friendly and engaging member of our class. We are thoroughly enjoying getting to know you, Alfie and are proud of the progress you are making.

Keep it up!



Otilie has displayed our school value of 'courage' everyday so far in Africa class. Moving from the Infants to the Juniors is a big change and Otilie has shown real bravery in tackling her new environment and different challenges. Otilie, we love your sweet nature and beautiful smile. Thank you for being kind and brave.



Esther has had a fantastic start to year 3. I have been so impressed with how knowledgeable she is and how confident she has been in the class. She is actively engaging in discussions and she has been supporting her peers to be successful too!

Béa has been an amazing addition to Australasia and we have loved having her back in the school community. She comes in everyday with a smile on her face, ready to do her best. She is kind to everyone and the children are lucky to have such a good friend!



Aydin G for a brilliant and courageous week where he has really challenged and pushed himself in his learning. Showing a fantastic attitude in his maths and literacy, Aydin has challenged himself to be really independent. In art, he showed great focus, really focusing on making a fantastic celebration card. On the playground, Aydin has shown a lot of respect in spending his lunchtimes tidying up the school. Well done Aydin!

Harry L for a wonderful week of courage and peace. Harry has shown such a fantastic and enthusiastic attitude to his learning. Always engaging in lessons, putting up his hand, providing ideas and answers, and completing his learning. Harry worked so hard with his writing, putting in lots of fantastic ideas into his instructions. Harry also demonstrated a lot of peace and resilience when faced with a challenging situation. A great example to others! Well done, Harry!



Kimi consistently approaches learning with enthusiasm and a determination to do her best. She clearly enjoys learning and continues to persevere when tasks are challenging or she does not get something right the first time. Her willingness to keep trying makes her a lovely example of courage: she remains committed even when success takes time and effort.

Emma has demonstrated courage through her adventurous approach to literacy. In her Wild Boy narrative, she has explored a range of writing features to create suspense and tension, showing a willingness to experiment with new ideas. This has resulted in an outstanding setting description that draws the reader into the scene. Her work shows how being brave enough to try different approaches can lead to impressive writing.



Wilf - Probably without knowing it, this week Wilf has shown great courage. I am impressed how Wilf quietly, steadily and steadfastly carries on with his school day. Keep it up Wilf.

Joseph continues to be a credit to North America class. He is always alert, always courageous and proud to offer an answer or be part of a discussion with his insights. This week he's shown great self belief by working hard even when he's not feeling the best.

Asia butterflies:

Africa butterflies:

Australasia butterflies:

Europe butterflies:

South America butterflies:

North America butterflies: