



Message from Mrs Walford:



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lovely week at Highfield, and we would like to thank you all for your continued support. It has been wonderful to see the children working hard and enjoying their learning. Please remember to book your appointments for Parents' Evening, as outlined in the letter sent earlier this week. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress and achievements. Mrs Bond and I will be available during parents evening if you would like to meet either of us.

We are really excited that our new provider for breakfast and after-school sports clubs will be starting after half term! We are looking forward to this new partnership and the opportunities it will bring for our children. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding while we have been in an interim situation. We really appreciate your support.

Next Wednesday is school photograph day! Please ensure that children come to school looking smart in their school uniform so that we can capture some lovely photographs.

A reminder that our next Parent Forum will take place next Wednesday straight after school at the Juniors. We value your thoughts, ideas and feedback, and would love to see as many parents as possible attend.

Our last day of term is next Friday, 16th October, and the children will then enjoy two weeks off for the half-term holiday. We hope you all have a lovely, restful break when it arrives!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for being such an important part of our Highfield community. Have a wonderful weekend!

SEND Update from Mrs Bond

This week, I was pleased to secure additional SEND funding to renew our Speech and Language Link subscription and fund Widgit, a symbol-based communication programme. Speech and Language Link supports us in assessing pupils' speech and language skills and providing targeted interventions, while Widgit will enable staff to create visual resources to support communication and learning. Both programmes will help us meet pupils' needs and further develop a consistent Total Communication approach across the school, a key priority in our School Improvement Plan this year.



Update number: 6

Term: Autumn 1

Date: 09/10/2026



Next week's collective worship:

Truth builds trust





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>

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

Saturday 28th November, 3.30pm-6.30pm - HSFF Christmas Fayre



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

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.



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

SCC Neurodiversity Team

Are you a parent looking for advice, signposting, or ideas to help your child thrive?

Come and meet the SCC Neurodiversity Team!

This October you can find us and Southampton Parent Carer Forum...

SEND Get Togethers		
Date	Time	Location
Wednesday 7 th October	10-12	Lordhill Community Centre SO16 8LX

Parent Workshops			
Date	Time	Topic	Location
13/10/26	10-12	EBSA	Harbour Lights, Southampton SO14 3TL
26/11/26	10-12	Anxiety	Harbour Lights, Southampton SO14 3TL

If you would like to reach out to our team, please contact us on: SCCNeurodiversityteam@southampton.gov.uk

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.

GOOD FOOD HELPS KIDS THRIVE!

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

Be part of something good

NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

School Age Immunisation Service - Parent Newsletter

Annual Flu Vaccination Programme

All children are eligible to receive the flu vaccine. Parents and carers are sent a link to the online consent form between September and November, ahead of the school vaccination session.

The vaccine is usually given as a nasal spray. For children who cannot have the nasal spray due to medical or religious reasons, a porcine-free injectable vaccine is available. Details about how to request this are included on the electronic consent form.

Why should I get my child vaccinated? Flu is a highly infectious illness that children can catch and spread easily. For many children, flu can be very unpleasant and may lead to complications such as ear infections, bronchitis, or pneumonia. In some cases, it can result in serious illness requiring hospital treatment.

Vaccinating your child not only helps protect them from flu but also reduces the spread of the virus to others who may be more vulnerable to serious illness, including babies, pregnant women, older adults, and those with long-term health conditions.

What if my child misses their school vaccination session? If you provide consent for your child to receive the flu vaccine and they are absent on the day of the school session, you will automatically receive an email inviting you to book an appointment at a local community clinic, ensuring your child still has the opportunity to be vaccinated.

It's not too late to complete the consent form. Even if your child's school vaccination session has already taken place, submitting a form now will allow you to book an appointment at a local community clinic.

For contact details and further information about the School Aged Immunisation Service and the vaccination programmes offered, please visit:

<https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/hampshire/collections/school-age-immunisation-service/>

NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

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 porcine free 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/

King Edward VI, Southampton Year 7 Entry – Sept 2027

Y7 Application Deadline – 30th October 2026

Enquiry Form - [Enquiry Form](#) | [Admissions](#) | [King Edward VI School](#)

Admissions email – admissions@kes.school (Mrs Hughes and Miss Marchmont)

Bursaries - [Year 7 and Year 9 Bursaries](#) | [Admissions](#) | [King Edward VI School](#)

KES offer a wide range of Bursaries which range in value, exceeding 100% in some cases, so that pupils can benefit from the wide range of opportunities that KES has to offer. There are many Bursaries on offer – for example one of their donors funds a Bursary specifically for a pupil who demonstrates a particular strength in Science, others look for those wishing to make the most of the co-curricular offering... there is an opportunity for all.

Please get in touch with KES if you are at all interested, they would love to hear from you.

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 7AY

£4 per person (first session free!)

Development@HampshireFA.com

SCAN TO BOOK

IN ASSOCIATION WITH:

db just play. MADE FOR This Game

making music

SPOOKTACULAR FAMILY CONCERT

CENTRAL HALL SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2026 11AM & 2PM

HARRY POTTER GHOSTBUSTERS WICKED AND OTHER GHOULTASTIC MUSIC

CONDUCTOR JOHN TRAILL

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www.csoorchestra.org

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2 ADULTS AND 2 CHILDREN UNDER 16
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SCAN ME TO BUY YOUR TICKETS!

HSFF

Congratulations

Well done to the team

'And That's Why We're Not Teachers'

for fighting off fierce competition and winning
the prestigious HSFF Quiz Night last week!



Thanks to everyone
who took part!



SAVE THE DATE

Highfield School's

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

28TH NOVEMBER

3:30pm - 6:30pm
Highfield Junior School

DETAILS COMING
SOON....



Infant Department updates and Brilliant Butterflies



What's been happening in the department this week:

Thank you to everyone who has been able to make it to the KS1 and YearR phonics and reading workshops over the past two weeks. It was wonderful to so many of you and hopefully Miss Ellis will have answered some of the questions you may have had. For anyone who was unable to attend, please do not worry. Miss Ellis will be sending out links, information and copies of the Powerpoints to all families to have a look at at home.

Year R:

The children in yearR have been doing amazing work in phonics this week. They have even done **i-i-i**invisible writing and made **o-o-o**octopus pictures!



Year 1&2:



In KS1, the children have been having a great time learning to use BoomWhackers to create music with Miss Hill. They have been using compasses in Geography to help them create routes following directions.

They have been practising their sketching skills in art, creating some fabulous self portraits. In science they have been planning experiments in order to see the effect of exercise on the human body and in maths the children have been recapping number bonds and using this to solve part whole models!

Maple butterflies:

Henry H for consistently showing excellent focus in lessons and always treating others with kindness and respect. This week, he produced a fantastic self-portrait in Art, carefully considering the size and proportions of his drawing and showing a clear understanding of the sketching techniques we have practised. Henry is a wonderful example of the Golden Goals of being ready and being respectful.

Mridani NB for her consistently sensible behaviour and the fantastic effort she puts into her learning. She has particularly impressed me with the quality of her writing since the start of term, and this week showed real enthusiasm and courage in her learning by independently practising our sketching techniques at home over the weekend, demonstrating the Golden Goal of being ready and a wonderful determination to improve her skills.



Ash butterflies:

Sarah D For always trying your very best and working hard in everything you do. If you are not sure about something, you are confident to ask for help and learn more. You have such a happy and kind personality, and your smile brightens Ash Base every day.

Emr A For working really hard in lessons and always listening carefully to feedback to help you improve. You are such a cheerful and smiley member of our class, and you are a wonderful friend to everyone around you.



Beech butterflies:

Ayaan M has been working so hard on his writing recently. He has been so independent and has written some lovely descriptive sentences for our book 'Lights on Cotton Rock'. He has been really pushing himself to remember all the skills and I have been so impressed,

Grace S always makes brilliant choices in her learning and her play! She works hard and shows respect and kindness to everyone around her. Grace is always following our golden goals and is a wonderful member of the class. Well done Grace!

Junior Department updates and Brilliant Butterflies



What's been happening in the department this week:

3/4: We have been learning about the Christian Creation Story in RE this half term. The children created some informative and engaging posters about everything they have learnt about it. In art the children have been practicing their sketching techniques to create their final pieces of sketched fruit. They've been working really hard to focus on tone through shading.

5/6: The children have been working incredibly hard all week, applying a wide range of skills across their subjects. In maths, the Year 6 children have moved on to their four operations unit, demonstrating fantastic resilience as they explain and apply 'exchanging' within column methods.

In French, the children have been busy preparing for their French fashion show next week. They have been designing their outfits and writing descriptions using the vocabulary they have learned throughout the topic. It has been fantastic to see the children bringing all their skills together and approaching their learning with such enthusiasm!

Reminder: Year 5/6 Geography Trade trip on Monday 12th October

Africa butterflies:

We would love to celebrate **Noor** this week for showing our school value- 'respect'. Noor we have noticed a real shift in your focus this week. You have been working hard to listen to your teachers and it is having a positive impact on your learning. Well done and Keep it up!

We are celebrating **Max C** this week for being an all-round superstar! Max - you are such a joy to teach, we can always count on you to be listening and contributing to our learning environment. We would particularly like to celebrate your excellent use of conjunctions in literacy this week - great job!

Australasia butterflies:

Frankie has such a good heart, he really makes it his responsibility to ensure every child feels cared for and respected. This has been noticed by other members of staff on a number of different occasions. Well done Frank, you should be really proud of your kindness!

Arthur is an incredibly hard worker, and I am always impressed by him in every single lesson. He is focused and engaged at all times, which has led to him being really successful so far this term. He is an excellent example of how to have a positive, enthusiastic attitude towards learning.

Asia butterflies:

Well done **Sithelo** for another fantastic week! His positive energy and determination are a joy to have in the classroom, and he has really shone across all subjects this week! I was particularly impressed by the courage and teamwork he demonstrated during our PE lessons, showing excellent skill and determination when collaborating with his team. He brought together all the key teaching points from our lessons this half term, and it was fantastic to see him confidently applying his knowledge in practice!

Well done **Eléonore** for another wonderful week! Her growing confidence has been a joy to see, and she has really stood out for the courage she has shown when answering questions in class and sharing her understanding with others. I have loved hearing her ideas in literacy, where she has challenged herself to develop her vocabulary and explore increasingly creative ideas! She was also fantastic during our French lesson this week, taking the initiative to create her own personalised French vocabulary mat to support both her own learning and the rest of the class!

Europe butterflies:

Aurora N for a brilliant week full of courage. After a challenging time, Aurora has shown so much courage to return to school. Even though she has not been feeling her best, Aurora has done brilliantly to complete a whole week of school! Aurora has completed wonderful learning even when feeling tired, and worked so hard in her maths and writing this week. Aurora is such a peaceful and kind person so having her in our class for the whole week has made our classroom even more peaceful. Well done Aurora!

Ivy W for another wonderfully courageous, and respectful week. Ivy is a fantastic person to have in your class. She is so hard working, always challenges herself to go the extra mile in everything she does and sets a fantastic example to others. This week her maths has stood out where she has been getting on to challenges and extensions, and in literacy she contributed some fantastic ideas to our group write, but all of her work has shown her fantastic attitude to school and learning. Well done Ivy!

South America butterflies:

Oren – Courage: Oren has shown courage in learning by applying his writing skills to create tension in his Wild Boy narrative. It has been lovely to see the effort and enthusiasm he has brought to this piece, putting his skills into practice with care and creativity.

Vlad – Respect: Vlad consistently demonstrates our school value of respect. Whether listening carefully to instructions, working with others or sharing his ideas, he is patient, thoughtful and considerate. He sets a lovely example for the class and helps others feel heard and valued.

North America butterflies:

Eva, this week you have been showing the whole of North America courage and effort. It is impressive how you evaluate and edit your own work. The independence that you show is a fabulous example to everyone in class. Keep it up Eva!

Alfred, I am proud to have you in North America. This week you have come to school every day with a healthy positive attitude which really shows in your work. Anything is possible with an attitude like that!