

Highfield CE Primary School Half-Termly Update



A message from Mrs Walford and Mrs Bond

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another term, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. It has been a wonderful term at Highfield, full of achievements, opportunities and special moments!
One of the biggest highlights has undoubtedly been our fantastic Ofsted outcome. We are incredibly proud of this achievement, and it is worth celebrating again just how significant it is to be judged Strong in all areas of the new Ofsted framework. This is a huge achievement and a real testament to the hard work, dedication and commitment of our staff, children, families and wider school community.

There has also been plenty of sporting action this term, with lots of competitions taking place and our children representing the school brilliantly. Well done to everyone who has taken part and shown such enthusiasm and determination! A special mention also goes to our Junior Travel Ambassadors, who have been doing a fantastic job promoting active travel and encouraging our school community to make healthier, more sustainable journeys.

Today, we also say a very special goodbye to Caroline and Sarah, who have been serving lunches at our Infant School for an incredible 22 years! What an amazing contribution they have made to our school over so many years. We would like to thank them both for everything they have done for our children and wish them all the very best for the future. They will be greatly missed by us all.

We also say goodbye to Team Spirit who have been delivering breakfast club and sports clubs for many years. We thank them for their years of service and welcome Sports Stars who will be starting at Highfield after the break.

As we head into the half-term break, we hope all our families enjoy a lovely two weeks together. We hope the children have plenty of opportunities to get outside, enjoy the fresh air, explore, play and have lots of fun!
When we return after the break, our thoughts will quickly turn to Christmas and all the exciting preparations that come with this special time of year. Please do take a look at the poster included in this update, which contains the key dates you will need for the festive period.

Thank you once again for your continued support, encouragement and partnership throughout this term. It makes such a difference to our school community, and we are very grateful.
We wish you all a wonderful, restful and fun-filled half-term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 2nd November.

Term: **End of Autumn Term 1**
Date: 16/10/2026



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Safeguarding Update

It is vital that we work closely with parents and carers to ensure children and families are safe and this includes out of school hours. In most cases, it is parents and carers we turn to first when we are concerned about a child and very often we are able to put support in place quickly if it is required. Asking for help with a challenge or difficulty at home is not a sign of weakness – it is most certainly a strength and demonstrates your commitment to wanting the best for your child and your family. School staff will always be ready and happy to help you in any way they can.

If you wish to contact a DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) by email during the half term break, please send concerns to:
highfielddsl@gmail.com
This email address is monitored throughout the year, including in school holidays.

The Children's Resource Service
If you are a child, young person, parent or carer, and you would like to discuss your worries or seek advice and support, please get in touch. You can contact the Children's Resource Service on **02380 83 3004** (office hours) or 02380 23 3344 (outside of office hours).

If you are not a professional involved with the child or family, you do not have to give your name and your conversation will be treated confidentially. Or in an emergency, contact the police by telephone on 999.

NSPCC Freephone Child Protection Helpline: 0808 800 5000



Mrs Walford
Lead DSL
Headteacher



Mrs Bond
Deputy DSL
Deputy Headteacher and SENDCO







Miss Collins
Deputy DSL
Year 3/4 teacher &
Phase Leader

Miss Bignell
Deputy DSL
Year R teacher

Upcoming dates for Autumn2

Thursday 5th November - Collection from Highfield Church today, 3.25pm
Monday 9th November - Flu vaccinations in school for the children
Monday 9th November, 1.30pm-7.30pm - Parents' Evening at the juniors in the hall for all teachers (Infant & Juniors)
Friday 13th November - Year 3/4 trip to The Tudor House
Friday 13th November - Children in Need - Children can come to school dressed in active/ sports clothes
W/C 16th November - Road Safety Week
Monday 16th November - Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 17th November, 9.30am-12pm - School Nurse Parent Clinic
Wednesday 18th November, 2pm-3pm - SEND Parents Get Together held at the Juniors - Danielle - speech & language therapist attending
Friday 20th November, 8.45am-9.00am - KS2 (Juniors) Stay & Share
Saturday 28th November, 3.30pm-6.30pm - HSFF Christmas Fayre at the juniors
Thursday 3rd December, 9.00am-9.15am - KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Stay and Share
Friday 4th December, 2.30pm-3.15pm - Year R Christmas Performance at the Church
Wednesday 9th December, 3.30pm-4.15pm - Parent Forum at the juniors
Thursday 10th December - Christmas Jumper day (non-uniform) and whole school Christmas Lunch
Friday 11th December, 2.15pm-3.15pm - KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Nativity at the Church
Thursday 17th December, 9.00am-10.00am - SEND Parents Get Together at the Juniors
Thursday 17th December, 2.30pm-3.30pm - KS2 Years 3-6 Carol Concert at the Church
Friday 18th December - Last day of term, finish 1 hour early, 2.15pm at the infants and 2.25pm at the juniors.
Monday 4th January 2027 - First day back to school after the Christmas break

What Christmas Looks Like at Highfield

Year R Christmas performance



Friday 4th December
2.30 - 3.15

All in Highfield Church

KS1 nativity



Friday 11th December
2.15 - 3.15

All in Highfield Church

KS2 carol concert



Thursday 17th December
2.30 - 3.30

All in Highfield Church

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch



Thursday,
10 December 2026

Saturday 28th November Christmas Fayre at the juniors



3.30pm - 6.30pm

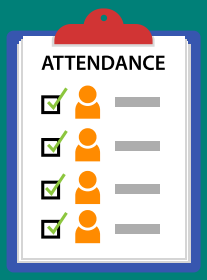
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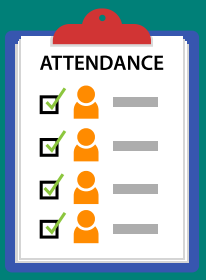
Friday 18th December

Finish 1 hour early
2.15 Infants
2.25 Juniors

There may also be Christmas parties which you will be informed of separately.



ATTENDANCE INFORMATION



LATES	
When your child is:	**In a year your child would lose the following days of education:**
5 minutes late	**3 days**
10 minutes late	**6.5 days**
15 minutes late	**10 days**
20 minutes late	**13 days**
30 minutes late	**19 days**

AS A SCHOOL

We review all attendance concerns on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the reasons provided and any supporting evidence submitted.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITES

The section 7 education Act 1996, places a duty on parents to ensure that their child of compulsory school age receives a suitable education, either by regular attendance at school or otherwise.

MEDICAL & DENTAL APPOINTMENTS

If your child needs to be absent from school due to a medical or dental appointment, we kindly ask that you provide proof of the appointment. This can be emailed or shown to the school office either in advance or at drop-off or pick-up on the day of the appointment. Acceptable proof may include an appointment card, text confirmation, letter, or screenshot from the medical practice. Providing this helps us to accurately record attendance and ensures our registers are up to date. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

FIRST OFFENCE - FIRST PENALTY NOTICE

Leave of absence from school during term time for 5 days or more, will reslult in a Penalty Notice being issued through the Local Authority. The cost is:
£80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days
or £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days

If there is a pattern of requesting 4 or 4 ½ days a Penalty Notice can still be requested.

SECOND OFFENCE - FINAL PENALTY NOTICE

(2nd Penalty Notice within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time absence the amount will be:
£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days.
No reduced rate will be offered.

THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES

(Within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for term time leave or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court:

Fines can be up to £2500 **per parent, per child**

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show up on a parents future DBS certificate, due to " Failure to safeguard a child's education".

IN SCHOOL THIS TERM

W/C 7th September



Year R painted some beautiful artwork of sunflowers and wildflowers this week.

W/C 12th October

This week, nearly twenty new **junior travel ambassadors** joined the team! Over the course of their time at Highfield, they'll be doing their best to promote active journeys to school and helping with other travel-based activities. This week, a group of JTAs arrived at the infant school before drop off time and monitored traffic levels and how children came to school; in the afternoon, another group carried out a travel inspection of the area by the Junior Department, looking at pavement and road quality, the types of road signs in the area and more! Don't forget, the Walktober competition is still open for the next few weeks - check our social media or emails for more details!





IN SCHOOL THIS TERM

Year 56 trade trip to Sainsburys



A huge well done to the year 5/6 football team who demonstrated courage and skill throughout their football tournament this week! They worked fantastically well as a team, scoring some superb goals to make it all the way to the quarter finals!



Some Highfield parents have recently come together to create an independent WhatsApp group for parents and carers of children with additional needs. The group aims to provide a friendly and supportive space for families to share experiences, offer encouragement and connect with others who may be on a similar journey.

Please note that this group is parent-led and is not run or moderated by the school. Parents who would like to find out more or join the group can do so using the details below.



SCREEN USE AT HIGHFIELD

At Highfield, we believe it is important that children's screen use is kept to a minimum. NHS advice and UK government guidance highlight the importance of ensuring that screens do not replace essential activities such as physical play, sleep, social interaction and creative experiences. The government's guidance for young children also recommends limiting screen time and prioritising opportunities for children to learn and develop away from screens.



At Highfield, we use screens as little as possible, ensuring that when they are used, they have a clear educational purpose. For example, we may use Numberblocks to support learning in maths, model tasks and demonstrate concepts using the interactive whiteboard or visualiser, and use Chromebooks during IT lessons to develop children's digital skills.

We strongly believe that children need opportunities to explore, experiment, imagine and create for themselves. We want our children to develop their creativity, curiosity and independence, through hands-on experiences, practical activities, discussion, play and problem-solving.



Our aim is to strike a careful balance, using technology where it genuinely enhances learning while keeping screen use to a minimum. We want children to be active participants in their learning, developing the skills, confidence and creativity they need to thrive both in and beyond the classroom.



ANNOUNCING OUR NEXT BOOK FAIR! AFTER HALF TERM, WE WILL BE HOSTING ANOTHER BOOK FAIR ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: 03/11/2026, 04/11/2026, 06/11/2026 AND 09/11/2026. THE BOOK FAIR WILL BE AT THE JUNIOR SITE DUE TO SPACE BUT WILL HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF NEW, HIGH QUALITY TEXTS, PERFECT FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, FOR BOTH INFANTS AND JUNIORS. THE GREAT NEWS IS THAT EVERY BOOK WE SELL RAISES MONEY WE CAN SPEND ON BRAND NEW BOOKS FOR OUR INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES! PAYMENT IS VIA QR CODE AND EACH DATE THE FAIR WILL RUN FROM 15:30 TO 16:30. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

ANNOUNCING OUR BOOK COVER COMPETITION! CALLING ALL BOOK FANS, AND ASPIRING ARTISTS, WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE A NEW BOOK COVER COMPETITION OPEN TO INFANT AND JUNIOR CHILDREN. THE TASK IS TO CREATE A NEW BOOK COVER FOR A BOOK OF YOUR CHOOSING! THE FIVE BEST WILL RECEIVE A £5.00 VOUCHER FOR THE UPCOMING BOOK FAIR. ENTRIES MUST BE IN BY 02/11/2026 AND NO BIGGER THAN A4. PLEASE HAND ALL ENTRIES TO YOUR TEACHER AND WINNERS WILL BE INFORMED ON 03/11/2026. WE CANNOT WAIT TO SEE YOUR FANTASTIC ARTWORK. GOOD LUCK!



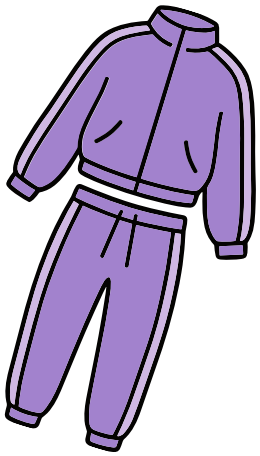
BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

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.













Earn prizes and WIN a Doodle goodie pack!

Between the **19th of October – 20th of November**, DoodleLearning is running an exciting event where your child could **win 1 of 10 Doodle goodie packs!**

Designed to encourage a few minutes of daily Doodling, joining the fun is a great way to promote healthy learning habits and top up your child's knowledge. Plus, everyone who reaches the star target will receive a **printable certificate and an exclusive in-app badge!**

How to take part



1 Create or link your account

If you haven't already, create and/or link a parent account to your child's school account. To find out how to do this, see the reverse of this flyer or visit help.doodlelearning.com and search 'how to link account'.

2 Use DoodleMaths 'little and often'

Encourage your child to **earn 250 stars in DoodleMaths between the 19th of October – 20th of November.***

We recommend using DoodleMaths 'little and often' throughout this period – there's no rush to reach the target!

*Stars earned before the 19th of October and/or after the 20th of November, and/or stars earned in DoodleTables, DoodleEnglish and/or DoodleSpell, won't be counted.

3 Check your child's stars

To see how your child is doing, visit parents.doodlelearning.com. Hover over Analyse and press Effort.

Click on the **DoodleMaths** icon in the top right-hand corner of the screen and select **custom time.** Set the **start date as the 19th of October and the end date as today's date.**

We'll email you as soon as your child earns 250 stars in DoodleMaths. To receive this email, please ensure you're subscribed to the 'work programme updates' email category.

4 Receive FREE rewards and enter the prize draw!

Once your child earns 250 stars, they'll receive a **printable certificate AND an exclusive in-app badge!**

You'll also be able to enter our prize draw to **WIN a Doodle goodie pack.** To do this, scan the QR code or visit https://t.7eva4ubvq1ypethorm.com/autumn-comp.

10 winners will be selected at random and emailed after the 20th of November to let them know the exciting news.

For more information, please visit doodlelearning.com/competition.

Any questions? Please visit help.doodlelearning.com and press on the green circle icon to chat to our team.

How to create and/or link a parent account to your child's school account



Creating a parent account is really important (and really easy!). By doing this, you'll be able to enter the Autumn Competition and receive your child's exclusive certificate!

How to create and/or link a parent account via the Doodle apps

1. Log in to any of the Doodle apps using the username and password provided by your child's school. **If you're not sure what these are, please contact your child's school rather than creating a new account for them.**
2. From the Learning Zone, click on the arrow icon in the top left-hand corner of the screen.
3. Select **Settings** and press **Parent details**.
4. If you're new to Doodle, choose **Create parent account.** If you already have a Doodle account, click on **Link existing account.**
5. Enter your details to link your email address to your child's account.





How to create and/or link a parent account via the Parent Dashboard

1. Visit parents.doodlelearning.com
2. If you're new to Doodle, click on **Create account** and follow the instructions. After you've done this, log in to parents.doodlelearning.com. If you already have a parent account, log in to parents.doodlelearning.com.
3. Once you've logged in, hover over **My account** and select **Child details**.
4. Click on **Link to my child's school account** and enter the username and password provided by your child's school. **If you're not sure what these are, please contact your child's school rather than creating a new account for them.**



If you'd like to join the competition but your school doesn't subscribe to DoodleMaths, you can receive 20% off a home subscription by visiting doodlelearning.com/competition-offer.

Good luck, and happy Doodling!



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What's on

September – December 2026

SEACITY MUSEUM | SOUTHAMPTON CITY ART GALLERY | TUDOR HOUSE & GARDEN

OCTOBER HALF TERM

Wizard School (8yrs+)
Mon 26 & Tues 27 Oct | 10.30am, 12pm and 1.30pm | Tudor House | £8

Art for All:
Bats on Bags Printing Workshop! (4 yrs+)
Mon 26 Oct | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

Art for All:
Autumn Watercolour Vignettes (7 yrs+)
Tue 27 Oct | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

Art for All: Spooky Portraits! (5 yrs+)
Wed 28 Oct | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

Hands on History: Frightening Folklore (8yrs+)
Thu 29 Oct | 10.30am, 12pm | Tudor House | £8

Art for All: Clay Pumpkins (4yrs+)
Thu 29 Oct & Fri 30 Oct | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

CULTURE CLUB for kids



Mon 26, Tue 27, Wed 28 Oct
9am – 4pm | SeaCity | £35, £90 for all three days

Get creative, explore our collections and learn new stuff while making really cool things at our themed activity days! **Our theme for October Half Term is Spooky Autumn!**

Halloween Family Day at Tudor House & Garden

ALL DAY

Friday 30 October • 10am – 5pm

Tudor House is the home of Halloween and you are invited to join in the spooky celebrations! We'll have games, face paints, spooky ghost tours and more.

£4 pre-booked Ghost Tours
Additional charges for other activities

See our "What's on" brochure or venue websites for details on workshops and to book
seacitymuseum.co.uk | tudorhouseandgarden.com | southamptoncityartgallery.com

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Does your child have or might have autism?

FREE ONLINE SEMINAR

"An Introduction to Parenting Children with Autism"

Insights and strategies for families

Thursday 22nd October 2026, 7.30 - 9.00 pm

No booking required!

Simply join the seminar by scanning the QR code or use the Zoom details below:

Meeting ID: 837 3366 5621
Passcode: 160704

If you prefer, feel free to email us at **info@sftrust.org.uk** for the Zoom link.

www.sftrust.org.uk

Scan the QR code for the Zoom link

KIDS HOLIDAY CAMPS

TEAM SPIRIT
PROUD TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

19TH - 30TH OCTOBER



Join us this half term for some action packed days of enjoyable activities!
MULTI-SPORTS, FOOTBALL, TEAM XTREME, LEGOTASTIC, LET'S GET MESSY, GREAT OUTDOOR ADVENTURE AND OUR HARRY POTTER SPECIAL
SO MUCH FUN TO BE HAD - DON'T MISS OUT BOOK TODAY!
Full list of courses and dates on next page.







Highfield CE Primary School (Junior Site) - Hawthorn Road, SO17 1PX
Short day option - 8:45am - 3:15pm / Long day option - 8:45am - 5:15pm
Multi-day discounts and sibling discounts available

For More Information, contact us / admin@teamspirit4sport.co.uk / 023 80 658 636

Limited spaces - BOOK TODAY
https://team-spirit-4-sport.pembee.app/

19th and 30th October
Multi-sports and activity courses – A range of your favourite sports, including dodgeball, benchball, hockey, tennis, cricket and much more, will be available to take part in along with arts, crafts, Legotastic and lots of other fun and games!!!

20th October
Let's get messy – A messy creative experience to let your imagination run wild – DRESS FOR MESS!! Slime work shop, groovy graffiti art challenges, glorious gloop and lots more!!!

21st and 26th October
Team Xtreme is a course for children with lots of energy, imagination and a sense of adventure. Children will take part in a range of activities that will put both mind and body to the test! Nerf guns, archery, capture the flag, dodgeball and more!

22nd October
Lego-tastic Special – Building and designing own games using Lego – e.g. marble run, minute to win it challenges, Lego competitions and team builds, Nerf target Lego zone. Creativity and imagination in a world of Lego!

27th October
TS Explorers: Great Outdoor Adventure – Den building, orienteering, archery, nature hunts, bug hotels, hot chocolates and marshmallows! This is one adventure you do not want to miss out on!

23rd and 28th October
Football courses – A course dedicated to all things football...skills, shooting, nutmegs, goals, matches, tournaments, competitions and challenges! The perfect course for every football mad superstar! Suitable for all ages and abilities.

30th October
Harry Potter World – Come and join us on a trip to the wizarding world. Broomstick lessons, wand selection, quidditch matches and more magical activities. Wigardium leviosa!

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EASTLEIGH FOOTBALL CLUB

OCTOBER
HALF TERM HOLIDAY COURSES

MONDAY 26TH - FRIDAY 30TH OCT

EASTLEIGH FOOTBALL CLUB,
STONEHAM LANE, SO50 9HT

9AM-3PM | AGES 5-14









FREE TICKETS AVAILABLE
FOR FIRST TEAM GAMES!
FUN FOOTBALL PRIZES
MEET FIRST-TEAM PLAYERS

BOOK YOUR PLACE ONLINE

SCAN HERE

ANY QUESTIONS?
JNACE@EASTLEIGHFC.COM

NOT YOUR USUAL TUESDAY NIGHT

SAINTS U21S vs JUVENTUS U21S
PREMIER LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL CUP

TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER KO 7PM

CLAIM YOUR FREE TICKETS



MATSUKI & PERETZ

FREE SIGNING SESSION*
STADIUM STORE | 4PM - 5:30PM

+ UNLIMITED PLAY & A DRINK IN LEVEL1 FOR £10**



Junior Wardens Fire Station Events (FREE Tickets available NOW)

Do you want your child to take part in our Junior Wardens Fire Station Event in October Half Term?

We have organised this FREE Ticket Only event for 7-15 year olds, with a round robin of Fun & Educational sessions.

As Bonfire Night & Halloween approach, these sessions are designed to help keep our young people safe and to promote respect when out Trick or Treating.

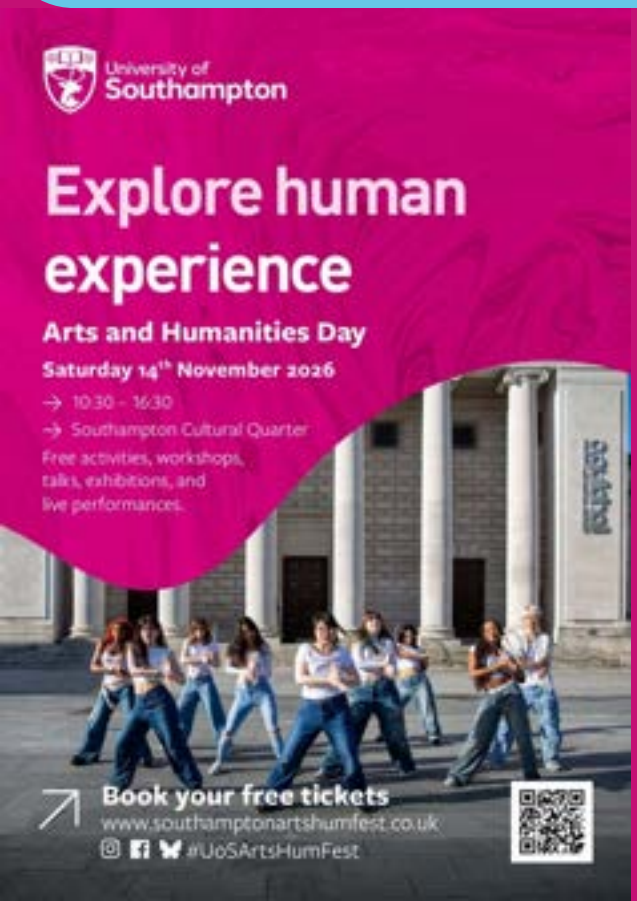
Sessions over the afternoon are.....



- Home Fire Safety
- Firework Safety
- First Aid (Burns)
- Trick or Treat advice
- Tour of the Fire Station
- Demo/hands on session with the Fire Brigade



If you want your child to attend please Follow This Link to book their place.



Arts and Humanities Day 2026

Explore, create and discover at Arts and Humanities Day this November. Get ready for a fun-filled family day with the University of Southampton! Arts and Humanities Day returns on Saturday 14th November 2026, 10:30 – 16:30. The event is free and family-friendly and takes place at the Southampton Cultural Quarter, in Sir James Matthews Building and 1 Guildhall Square, in collaboration with John Hansard Gallery, Mayflower Studios and Southampton City Art Gallery.

With more than 40 activities to choose from, children, teens and grown-ups can explore archaeology, music, art, history, design, fashion, games and much more. The event features engaging hands-on activities, exciting workshops, inspiring talks, exhibitions and live performances.

Arts and Humanities Day is part of the University of Southampton's annual Southampton Arts and Humanities Festival.
Plan your family day out, book your tickets and discover what's on at www.southamptonartshumfest.co.uk

Infant Department updates and Brilliant Butterflies

What's been happening in the department this week:

Year R:

The children in year R have been looking at signs of Autumn and exploring pumpkins and autumn leaves.

They have been continuing all their super phonics learning too! Moving onto new sounds and continuing to learn to blend!

Year 1/2:

Marvellous Maths!

This week in KS1, the children have been working on using their amazing maths skills to answer a range of addition and subtraction problems using concrete resources to help them. They focussed on showing their understanding of 1:1 correspondence and using manipulative to show their working.





Reminder: The children in year 1 and 2 have a WOW day on Monday 2nd November. They can come to school dressed as their favourite woodland creature!

Maple butterflies:

Ila for consistently behaving beautifully, always trying her very best and being such a kind and helpful member of Maple Base. She is particularly brilliant at helping to tidy and organise the classroom, always looking for ways to lend a hand and make her teacher's day a little easier! Ila is a wonderful example of our school value of respect.

Kaasim for being such a reliable, sensible and hardworking member of Maple Base who can always be counted on to try his best and show the school value of respect. This week, he produced a fantastic sketch map of our local area in Geography, showing excellent understanding and recall of the things we have learnt throughout the term.

Ash butterflies:

Max: For always being so helpful around the classroom. You are kind to everyone and are always willing to help your friends and the adults too. You are such a caring and thoughtful person. Keep up the fantastic work, Max!

Elora: For working really hard in Literacy and thinking carefully about how to describe your setting. Your work is always neat, and you try your best to come up with brilliant ideas. Keep up the great work, Elora!

Beech butterflies:

Harrison: For working so hard in all his lessons this week. He has been really putting in the effort and it has been showing! His phonics has been brilliant, and so has his writing! Well done Harrison and keep it up!

Sara: Is such a hard working and conscientious member of Beech Base. She is always so reflective and kind and follows our golden goals in everything she does. Well done Sara!

Junior Department updates and Brilliant Butterflies

What's been happening in the department this week:

Year 3/4:

The children in 3/4 have done a brilliant job with writing their diaries this week. They have really got into character and thought carefully about how to portray their thoughts and feelings. It has been a great way to end the term and we are looking forward to seeing them in a couple of weeks. Have a lovely, fun and restful break!

Year 5/6:

It has been a wonderful final week to the half term with children finishing off their final lessons for each topic. It has been fantastic to see children showing so much determination with their learning and they should feel so proud of all their hard work! They have finished some incredible posters on Isaac Newton and his light spectrum experiment, detailed sketches influenced by Paul Nash and some excellent graphs based upon our geography trip!



Australasia butterflies:

Alex has been fantastic in literacy this week! He has really challenged himself to work independently and has taken on board feedback to make improvements to his own writing. He should be incredibly proud of the effort and progress he has made. Excellent work, Alex!

Suubi has really impressed me with the maturity he has shown this term. He has demonstrated a thoughtful approach to reflecting on his behaviour and decisions, always trying to make the best possible choices. This is a valuable skill to develop and reflects the care and respect he shows towards others. Well done, Suubi!



Africa butterflies:

We would like to celebrate **Bethany** this week for beautifully displaying our school value of 'Courage'. Bethany has bravely tackled her worries around starting at the juniors by talking with her teachers and channelling her worries into creative and helpful jobs in Africa class. Well done, Bethany!

We are very proud of **Aryan** this week who has been working hard in maths. We are particularly impressed by the care he has taken over presentation in his maths book and for his work on place value. Well done, Aryan!



Europe butterflies:

Thabi N for a wonderfully, courageous week of learning. Thabi has shown so much courage since coming to the juniors managing so many changes and this week we have seen so much courage in her learning as well! Thabi has done wonderful maths and writing this week and we have really noticed Thabi's fantastic attitude and enthusiasm. Thabi has also shown lots of peace and respect in listening to instructions and her smile lights up our class. Well done Thabi!

Albie SH for a wonderfully peaceful and respectful start to year 4. Albie has been an absolute superstar this half term. Albie always listens well to instructions, has his hand up on the carpet to share fantastic answers particularly in science, and focuses well to make sure he completes his learning. This week, Albie was also fantastic in responding to feedback. Overall, Albie is a fantastic example to others and a brilliant member of the class. Well done Albie!



Asia butterflies:

Finn has made a wonderful start to Year 5 and his positive attitude and determination to always do his best has been a joy to teach. He always takes great pride in his learning, approaches every task with enthusiasm and engages thoughtfully in lessons. His courage to always confidently share his ideas has been a real highlight this half term! What a fantastic start to the year – keep up the amazing work!

Marcy is a wonderful role model for both the class and the wider school community. Her positive attitude, dedication to always doing her best and willingness to support others is a joy to teach and she leads by example with her enthusiasm and determination. Her progress has been fantastic, and she should feel incredibly proud of everything she has achieved. Well done for a wonderful start to year 6 Marcy!



North America butterflies:

For being just a bit fabulous with his published English writing, **Yuqiao** has been a shining example of peace and courage. He has edited his work thoughtfully and with intent. He has improved his sentence structure and even taken the time to make sure his writing is the best it can be. Well done Yuqiao!

Isaac, over the last couple of weeks you have quietly and brilliantly gone about your work at school. I continue to be impressed with your effort, your fabulous writing and your willingness to learn. Keep it up Isaac.



South America butterflies:

Mary has done such a great job writing her Wild Boy narrative, she has tried really hard to create tension and make excellent vocabulary choices in her learning. Well done, Mary, for being so courageous in your writing this week!

Fleur is super enthusiastic in her learning, she really cares about everything she does and puts in so much effort. This has really shone through in her Wild Boy narrative, where I can see she has really tried to create mystery and tension! Great effort, Fleur!