

Message from Mrs Walford:

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week we have had at Highfield!

The children have returned to school brilliantly after half term, and it has been lovely to see everyone back, ready to learn and enjoy all the exciting things happening in school. It was lovely to be celebrated in the Echo this week too! Please take a look at the full article:

https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/26694000.southampton-primary-school-celebrates-glowing-ofsted-report/

Our infants have been full of woodland animals this week! The costumes were absolutely fantastic, and it was wonderful to see such creativity and enthusiasm from the children. Thank you to everyone who helped make this such a special and memorable experience.

Looking ahead to next week, we have lots happening!

- Monday – Parents' Evening: We look forward to welcoming you into school to share how your children are getting on and celebrate their progress. This will be held at the juniors and hopefully everyone has booked appointments with your child's class teacher. Ben from the Mental Health in Schools Team will be in the Rainbow room during parents evening from 1-4pm.
- Wednesday – Remembrance Activities: Children are very welcome to come to school dressed in their Scouts, Brownies, Guides or other uniform groups. We will be taking part in a range of activities to mark Remembrance Day.
- On Thursday - KS2/Junior Reading & Writing Parent Workshop with Mr Upson 3.25pm at the juniors
- Friday – Children in Need: We will be supporting Children in Need, and children are invited to come to school in non-uniform or sports clothes for the day.

Friday is also an exciting day for our Year 3 and Year 4 children, who will be heading off on their trip to Tutor House. We hope they have a wonderful time!

What a busy week we have ahead of us!

Wishing a very Happy Diwali this Sunday to all our families who celebrate. May this special occasion bring you and your loved ones happiness, peace, prosperity and light. We hope you all have a lovely, restful weekend and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Update from Mrs Bond

We are delighted to announce that, over the coming term, our Rainbow Room in the Juniors will be transformed into a dedicated Inclusion Support Base called the Ocean Room! This welcoming space will provide a nurturing environment for children with SEND to access targeted learning, interventions and opportunities to regulate and recharge. This exciting development has been made possible by relocating our former Computing Suite into a new learning space. We can't wait to see this new space come to life and the positive difference it will make for our children!



Update number: 1
Term: Autumn 2
Date:06/11/2026

Next week's collective worship:

Remembrance



Weekly Notice Board

Upcoming Dates

Autumn 2

A full yearly calendar is published on our school website here -
https://www.highfieldceprimaryschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=8&viewid=1

Monday 9th November, 1.30pm-7.30pm - Parents' Evening , all meetings at the Juniors
Monday 9th November - Flu vaccinations
Wednesday 11th November - Remembrance Activities (Children can dress in their Scouts, Brownies, Guides or other uniforms)
Thursday 12th November, 3.25pm - KS2/Junior Reading & Writing Parent Workshop with Mr Upson at the juniors
Friday 13th November - Children In Need (Children can come dressed in sports/active clothes)

Parent forum dates- All at 3.30pm - 4.15 pm on Wednesdays at the juniors.
All parents welcome to attend
9th December
10th February
24th March
19th May
21st July





SEND Parent Get Togethers

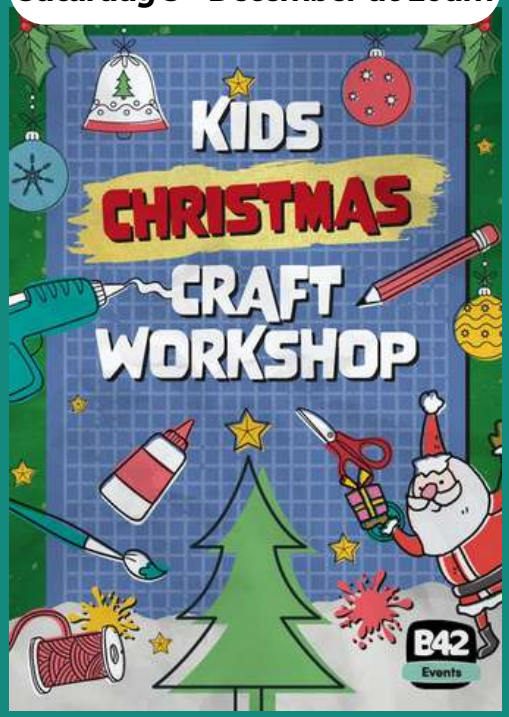
We'd love to invite you to our SEND Parents Get Togethers. These sessions are relaxed, friendly and a lovely way to connect with other families. It's a chance to chat, share experiences and feel supported by people who truly understand the journey.

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.

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.

Saturday 5th December at 10am



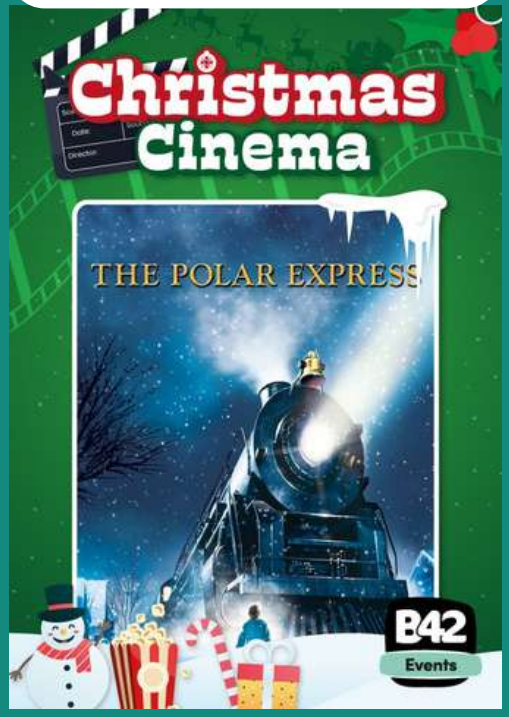
Saturday 5th December at 10am



Monday 21st December at 10am



Tuesday 22nd December at 10am



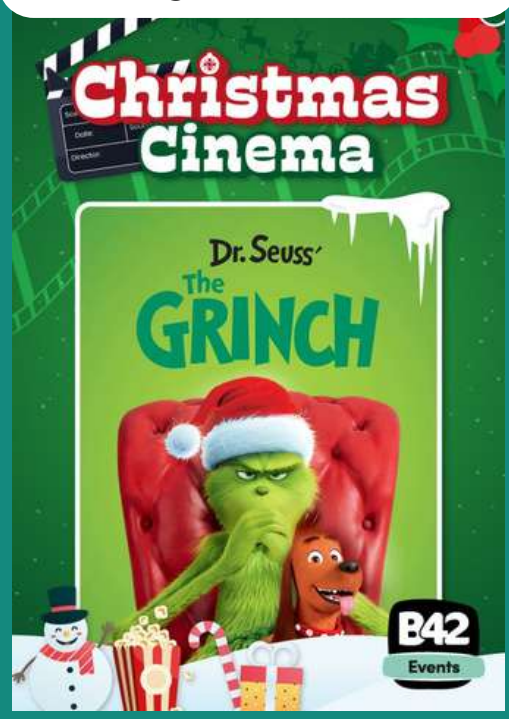
The University of Southampton Students' Union would like to introduce their new external brand, **B42 Events**, focused on bringing craft days and cinema screenings to the wider Southampton community. These events will be held at the University of Southampton's Highfield Campus.

They currently have a fun family line up for parents to bring their children to during the festive season:

- **Kids' Christmas Crafts**: a festive, hosted craft session with a variety of Christmas activities. Tickets are £10 per child, with accompanying guardians attending free.
- **Kids' Cinema screenings**: family-friendly cinema events, including upcoming Christmas screenings such as:
  - Toy Story 5
  - Saving Santa
  - The Polar Express
  - The Grinch

Parents and families can explore the wider program here: **https://boxoffice.susu.org/view/b42-events.**

Wednesday 23rd December, 10am



Infant Department updates and Brilliant Butterflies

What's been happening in the department this week:

This week the children have come back to school refreshed and ready to learn! They have really impressed us all with their attitude to learning and their big smiles on the door! In KS1 the children have been learning all about their new book Leaf. They had a wonderful WOW day where they learnt all about woodland habitats and even dressed up as their favourite animals. In Year R, the children have been comparing numbers and looking at more and less. They have been continuing their brilliant phonics learning and have been focussing on blending sounds to read words!

Important information for Infant parents:

Please remember that parent's evening next week will be held in the **Junior Hall** and not at the infant department. **MHST** will also be available in the **Rainbow Room,** at the juniors, between **1-4** for drop ins if there is anything you would like to discuss.



Maple butterflies:

Seher for always bringing such a cheerful, enthusiastic and positive attitude to Maple Base. She is consistently polite, smiley and keen to learn, and this week has shown fantastic courage and determination in Maths, working particularly hard on adding and subtracting 10.
Arthur for showing fantastic curiosity and enthusiasm as we begin our new units of learning. He has been particularly engaged in History, asking thoughtful questions and eagerly sharing his ideas with the class. His inquisitive nature and willingness to contribute demonstrate real courage in his learning!



Ash butterflies:

Hugo: For being incredibly brave and showing a positive attitude every day. You always come into school ready to learn and try your best, even when things are not easy. We are very proud of your resilience and the mature way you approach challenges.
Rishabh: For becoming more independent in your learning and trying things for yourself before asking for help. You have been working really hard, staying focused, and showing great determination. Keep up the fantastic work!



Oak butterflies:

We would love to celebrate **Lana** for being so motivated to learn and she shows willingness and enthusiasm with all activities. We are so proud of her effort and beautiful creations during choosing time. Keep up the fantastic work Lana!



William follows our golden goals every single day and is a true pleasure to have in the class. He has also shown our school value peace this week and we are proud of his "can do" attitude. Well done William!



Beech butterflies:

We would love to celebrate **Daniel** for being so motivated to do his best in his learning with week. He has been working hard on his reading, at home and school and has been so reslient in his maths too!
George has been working really hard on his independence in his learning this week. He has been able to manage his distractions in lessons and has done brilliant maths and literacy learning! Well done George.



Willow butterflies:

Phoebe has been a star this week; she has been constantly thinking of lots of good ideas for how she can help others AND she has also been so resilient with her learning (I was so impressed with her writing!). Keep up the amazing work, Phoebe!
After learning the Word of the Day 'include', **Isaac** has been going out of his way to make sure all of his friends are having fun and has been coming up with great ideas to get everyone involved when playing. Thank you for showing such kindness, Isaac!

Junior Department updates and Brilliant Butterflies

What's been happening in the department this week:

3/4: This week has been a really positive start to the term, with the children enthusiastically engaging in their new learning! We had a lovely start to the week as the children brought in a special item to share in our class 'Special Museum'. This was a wonderful way to introduce our new RE concept of 'Holy'.. We also kicked off our new class text, 'The Iron Man', by listening to an exciting soundscape. The children used their listening skills and imaginations to predict what the mysterious noises might be and what they could be coming from.

5/6: It has been a fantastic first week back with the children, and it has been lovely to see them feeling refreshed, enthusiastic and ready for the half term ahead! In Guided Reading, we have been exploring poetry, with the children particularly enjoying reading The Tyger. They demonstrated fantastic resilience when identifying archaic language and unpicking some wonderful examples of imagery within the poem. Alongside this, we have begun our new basketball topic in PE, developing our fundamental skills through practising dribbling and passing.



Asia butterflies:

Well done **Jason** on another wonderful week! He has returned to school with such a fantastic attitude and has shown real enthusiasm for all his learning. He has really stood out for his learning in science, showing great curiosity and enthusiasm when using Newton meters to measure different objects. It was lovely to see him so eager to share his discoveries with the whole class. Keep up the amazing work, Jason!

What another wonderful week it has been for **Ethan**! I have been so impressed by his fantastic attitude towards learning and his determination to challenge himself and always do his very best. In guided reading, we have been exploring a particularly challenging poem, and Ethan has really stood out for his thoughtful interpretations and ability to explain his ideas with confidence and maturity. It has been wonderful to see him approach even the trickiest tasks with such enthusiasm and perseverance. Well done!

Africa butterflies:



We would like to celebrate **Oliver** this week for settling back to school so well after our longer half term break. He is becoming more independent with his work now and we are so proud to see this. Well done Oliver and keep it up!



Henry has been working really hard on his handwriting. We've seen great progress in the size and orientation of his handwriting and are proud of his efforts to achieve this. Great attitude, Henry!

Australasia butterflies:



Evie is just an all-round superstar and she has come back from half term demonstrating this through her eagerness to learn, her polite and respectful manner and her kind and thoughtful interactions with others. Just keep being you Evie!

Alisa has shown what a wonderful friend she is by making it her job to look out for others and making sure they feel valued and loved. Alisa has made a real difference to the children in our class and we are all grateful for her!

South America butterflies:



Maciej has stood out this week for the effort he puts into his learning and the thoughtful choices he makes throughout the day. In class worship, we talked about what it means to be ready, respectful and safe, and Maciej has shown us what those Golden goals look like in practice. He approaches his learning with a positive attitude and works hard at what he's asked to do. He is consistently polite, and the way he treats others sets an excellent example for the class. Well done, Maciej!

Suzy has brought a smile and a positive attitude to our classroom this week. Her lovely manners stand out in the way she speaks to those around her. She puts a great deal of effort into her learning and approaches her work with enthusiasm. Being ready, respectful and safe was the focus of our class worship, and Suzy's choices throughout the week have shown how well she follows all three Golden Goals. It's been lovely to see you lead by example, Suzy!

North America butterflies:



Noah, I am so hugely impressed with the attitude you have brought to school. You have great insights, are helpful and compassionate and respectful to your classmates. I couldn't be more proud of the effort your are bringing to your maths work. Well done and keep it going!

Zidaan. You have shown all of your classmates how a good pupil really puts in the effort. This week, your literacy has been tricky but you have stuck with it and you've shown great resilience. Well done Zidaan Keep it up!

Europe butterflies:



Freddy T: For another courageous week of learning. Freddy has such a courageous and enthusiastic attitude to his learning. He approaches everything with a positive attitude and a desire to show his understanding. On the carpet this week, Freddy has really stood out in how often his hand is up and his willingness to have a go regardless of how confident he is. Freddy not only shared fantastic ideas in our literacy lessons, he also showed great enthusiasm in our history lesson too which was fantastic and made it such an enjoyable lesson. A fantastic example to others! Well done, Freddy!

Maria T for another week of courage and respect. Maria is such a brilliant person to have in your class. She always tries her best, and gives thoughtful answers in her book and on the carpet. This week, Maria really stood out in our history lesson where she shared fantastic knowledge about the Tudors and showed brilliant enthusiasm. Maria was also able to show her respectful nature when she helped others with their understanding. This willingness to help and support others is something we see so much in Europe. Maria is a fantastic role model to others and a joy to teach. Well done, Maria!



Saltmine Theatre Company will be performing Jack and the Beanstalk on 19th December. This two-hour production (including interval) is suitable for all ages, blending joyful entertainment with a meaningful message for the season. Tickets are on sale now - **https://abovebar.churchsuite.com/events/salxq1s0**

