

Message from Mrs Walford:

Dear Parents and Carers,
It has been another busy week at Highfield, with lots going on across the school!

On Wednesday, all children took part in activities to mark **Remembrance Day**. The children observed the two-minute silence, read and wrote thoughtful poems, and spent time remembering and reflecting on those who gave their lives in war. It was lovely to see the respect and thoughtfulness shown by the children during these important activities.

Today has been a lovely day celebrating **Children in Need!** Thank you to everyone who joined in and supported this wonderful cause. Year 3 and 4 have also had a fantastic time on their school trip to Tudor House, where they enjoyed learning more about life in Tudor times.

A reminder that Monday is **Odd Socks Day** as part of Anti-Bullying lessons. Children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique and different. The day is a fun way to remind children that everyone is special, that we should embrace our differences and, most importantly, always be kind and accepting of one another. Our junior children will be taking part in anti-bullying workshops delivered by the NSPCC. These sessions will help children to understand what bullying is, how to recognise it, and the importance of speaking out and seeking help if they or someone else is experiencing bullying.

Next week is also **Road Safety Week**, and we will be teaching children across the school about the importance of staying safe on and around our roads. We will be discussing safe crossing, being aware of traffic and making sensible choices when travelling to and from school.
On the subject of road safety, consultations are being sent out regarding **proposed changes on Church Lane**, with the aim of making the journey to school safer for our children and families. We would encourage parents to take the time to read and respond to these consultations. We would also like to remind everyone that The Brewhouse pub kindly allows our families to use their car park for **Park and Stride.** Please make use of this facility rather than parking illegally on the double yellow lines or zig-zag markings outside school. These restrictions are there to help keep our children safe, and we really appreciate your support in keeping the roads around school clear and safe.

There are still spaces available to book an appointment with our **school nurse** on Tuesday. She is available to offer advice and support on a range of topics, including healthy eating, sleep and other aspects of children's health and wellbeing. Please do take advantage of this opportunity if you feel it would be helpful.

Next Friday, we will be holding **Stay and Share** for our junior children. Parents and carers are warmly invited to pop into their child's classroom during the first part of the school day. This is a lovely opportunity to see the children's learning environment, explore their classrooms and share a little of their school day with them. We look forward to welcoming you!

As always, thank you for your continued support and for everything you do to make Highfield such a wonderful school community.
We hope you all have a lovely, restful weekend and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday!



Update from Mrs Bond

I met with the Neurodiversity Team at the end of last week to find out more about the projects they are leading across the city and the support they can offer us here at Highfield. I'm really pleased to share that we have been able to secure some staff training around ADHD, as well as identifying sensory needs and exploring practical strategies that we can build into our universal provision to better support all children. The team will also be coming into school to deliver a 'Wondering About Neurodiversity' parent meeting. This will be a lovely opportunity for parents and carers to find out more, ask questions and develop their understanding of neurodiversity. I'll share further details and advertise the meeting as soon as the date is confirmed.



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Next week's collective worship:

Anti-bullying



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

W/C 16th November - Road Safety Week
Monday 16th November - Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 17th November, 9.30am-12pm - School Nurse Parent Clinic (Appointments can be made via the school office)
Wednesday 18th November, 2pm-3pm - SEND Parents Get together (Danielle, Speech Therapist in)
Friday 20th November, 8.45am-9..15am - KS2 (Juniors) Stay & Share
Saturday 28th November, 3.30pm-6.30pm - HSFF Christmas Fayre

SEND Parent Get Togethers

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
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Please see the link and QR code below for the NHS feedback form on the flu vaccine that took place this week:

https://shft1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7POEIvzS7IHxNI2



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



Autumn Saver for Parents 🍁🍁

Enjoy 10% Off until 31 December 2026

A 10% discount is available on uniform orders placed online through My Clothing until the end of the year.
Follow this link to :
MyClothing
Code: 10myclothing
Expiry: 31 December 2026

Highfield School's

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

28TH NOVEMBER

3:30 - 6:30pm
Highfield Junior School

JOLLY JARS, CRAFTS,
FATHER CHRISTMAS,
BBQ AND MORE!

Our Christmas Fayre on 28th November is just a few weeks away, and we're getting very excited!

To help make this year's fayre a fantastic success, we'd be incredibly grateful for your donations. **We'll be collecting donations from Wednesday 18th November**, with collection boxes located at the main entrances of both the Infant and Junior sites.

Here's what we're looking for:

EVERYONE – Infants and Juniors

Jolly Jars

These are always incredibly popular! Please could every child make at least one Jolly Jar? Simply fill a clean glass jar (e.g. a jam jar) with little goodies such as sweets, small toys, hair clips, Lego etc. and decorate it to make it festive.

Pre-loved Children's Christmas Jumpers and Toys

We'd love donations of good-quality children's Christmas jumpers and toys for our pre-loved stall. Please remember to remove any old batteries.

Homemade Cakes for the Cake Café

We'd be very grateful for cakes, cookies, biscuits and traybakes. Please ensure all donations are nut-free, in a sealed, named container, and include a list of ingredients. Drop bakes into the collection boxes on Friday 27th November, or bring them to the Junior site on Saturday 28th November, between 12–3pm.

INFANTS ONLY

Chocolates and Sweets for the Chocolate & Treat Tombola: Chocolate bars, selection boxes, advent calendars and sharing bags all welcome. Strictly nut-free please.

JUNIORS ONLY

Bottles for the Bottle Tombola: The more variety the better! This could be anything from fizzy drinks, ketchup, wine, shampoo and prosecco to olive oil, beer or pasta sauce.

Thank you so much for your continued generosity and support, every donation, big or small, makes a real difference. We really couldn't do it without you!

Love,
The HSFF Team.

Saturday 5th December at 10am



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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:

In year 1 and 2 this week, te children have been writing letters to Mrs Walford to try and make our school a more eco friendly place to be. They have been thinking about how we can do our part to look after the planet and have come up with some amazing ideas including light monitors, gardening clubs and even tap monitors to stop water wasteage.

In year R, the children continued their learning about Diwali and made beautiful clay pots and patterns. They started drawing club this week, creating some fantastic secret codes for their story telling of Goldilocks and the three bears.

Important information for Infant parents:

INext week the children will be learning about Road Safety week. Please talk to your children about crossing the road safely and how to stay safe when out and about.



Maple butterflies:

Ted for always bringing such fantastic energy and enthusiasm to Maple Base and approaching his learning with a positive attitude. This week, he has shown real courage and perseverance in Maths, working hard to add pairs of two-digit numbers using blocks to help him exchange tens and ones.
Wilf for consistently being such a kind, sensible and respectful member of Maple Base. Over the past few weeks, he has shown growing confidence and courage in his learning, increasingly putting his hand up during carpet sessions and eagerly contributing answers to questions. It has been lovely to see him becoming more involved in class discussions!



Willow butterflies:

Sami has been such a proactive member of Willow Base. He has been joining in with all class discussions and has been putting so much effort into his learning. Keep up the super work, Sami!
Margot has been showing the School Value of 'Respect' by looking out for others. She has also been noticing and celebrating her friends' achievements. What a lovely attribute to have. You're a star, Margot!



Oak butterflies:

Alaya has been an absolute superstar and even wanted to continue her learning at home! She always shows our golden goal of being respectful to everyone too. We are so proud of you Alaya!



We would love to celebrate **Malak** this week for showing our school value courage and for getting more involved with creative activities. We are so proud and we are excited to watch you grow even more in confidence Malak!



Ash butterflies:

Leo: For always showing respect and courage in his learning. Leo listens carefully to instructions and always tries his very best. His fantastic focus during our practice write was wonderful to see. Well done, Leo!
Zivaan: For being ready to learn and respectful every day. Zivaan is always happy to answer questions and have a go at new challenges. He has been working very hard in lessons and is doing a great job of showing everything he knows. Well done, Zivaan!



Beech butterflies:

Kaamil : has been working so hard on his writing this week. He has written an amazing letter and has been working to improve his handwriting. Well done Kaamil, you should be so proud of yourself.
Ralaya : has been an absolute star this week! She has been working so hard in phonics and has been putting 100% effort every lesson. Amazing job Ralaya.

Junior Department updates and Brilliant Butterflies

What's been happening in the department this week:

3/4: To start the week, the children created some beautiful poppy pictures in honour of Remembrance Day. It was lovely to see how much care and patience they took with their work. What a fantastic way to end the week with our trip to Tudor House! We learnt so much about the Tudors, and we were incredibly proud of how well the children represented Highfield throughout the visit!

5/6: We have had a remembrance themed week with children exploring a range of subjects linked to Remembrance Day. To start the week, they worked on creating some beautiful art work which has formed a thoughtful display in the junior school. In guided reading, we explored the poem Flanders Field, considering the purpose, themes and imagery. We then worked on reading with fluency and expression, which was demonstrated beautifully by three children in year 5/6 who read out the poem to the junior department after our 2-minute silence on Wednesday.



Australasia butterflies:

Jono has worked incredibly hard in literacy this week. He has shown real thought and care in his writing, carefully considering the impact that each and every word will have on the reader. It has been wonderful to see him taking such care over his writing!

Everyday **Oscar** comes into the classroom with the best attitude, ready to work hard, share his smile and make everyone's day that little bit better. I am really proud of him and his resilience in staying positive no matter what is thrown his way!



Asia butterflies:

What a wonderful week it has been for **Izzy**! She has been incredibly focused and engaged across all areas of her learning. Her determination to always do her very best is truly admirable, and the exceptionally high standards she sets for herself are inspiring - her books look beautiful! She approaches every challenge with a positive attitude and is a fantastic role model for the whole school. Great job Izzy!

What a fantastic week it has been for **Henock**! He has been really engaged in his lessons and has shared some wonderfully thoughtful and interesting ideas during our Guided Reading and Maths sessions. His commitment to always doing his best and maintaining such high standards in his learning is superb to see. His enthusiasm, determination and positive attitude helps to create a fun and positive classroom environment. Well done Henock!



South America butterflies:

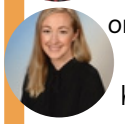
Alesha has shown wonderful tenacity in her maths learning this week. She has approached challenges with courage, kept going when the work has been tricky and used her resourcefulness to find ways forward. Mr Philips has been really impressed by the determination and confidence Alesha has shown. A brilliant example of being ready to learn and brave enough to give things a go — well done, Alesha!

Morgelyn has brought a fantastic enthusiasm to her learning this week, especially in history as we have explored life during the Second World War. Her curiosity and willingness to share have helped make our learning especially meaningful. I really enjoyed hearing about her family and what they got up to during the war; it was a lovely reminder of how personal stories can bring history to life. Well done, Morgelyn, for being such an enthusiastic and thoughtful learner!



Africa butterflies:

We would like to celebrate **Annabel** this week for showing our school value PEACE. Annabel is always on-task, calmly focussed and very keen to contribute to our learning and daily routines. This includes helping her friends in class. Thank you for always putting in 100% effort to your school day, Annabel!



Penny is such a joy to have in our class. She comes in everyday ready to take on whatever the day has in store. We are so proud of the courage you show, Penny - you give every activity a go, however tricky. Thank you for your determination and lovely nature!



Europe butterflies:

Jasmine T for a wonderful and courageous week of learning! Jasmine is a such a wonderful member of our class. She listens well, she tries her best and produces beautiful learning outcomes. Her writing this week has been absolutely fantastic and has been putting her hand up more on the carpet which is fantastic too. Jasmine sets a brilliant example to all with her peaceful and respectful attitude too! Well done Jasmine!

Erin B for a courageous week of fantastic learning. Erin brings such positivity and joy to our class with her fantastic smile and enthusiasm. She always works hard and tries her absolute best. Her writing has been wonderful this week and in her maths I have really noticed her pushing and challenging herself. Erin's brilliant attitude makes her a wonderful role model to others. Well done Erin!



North America butterflies:

Stephanie, you are really getting into your stride in North America. I am really encouraged by the way you have continued to apply yourself and be fabulously involved in all of your lessons. Keep up the good work!

I am celebrating **Fay** this week because she has been incredibly focused and engaged with all of our learning. Maths especially has been challenging but she has impressed me with her fortitude and willingness to learn. Well done Fay!