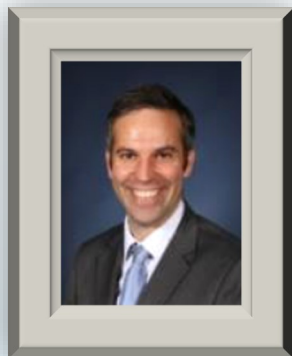


Highfield Primary School

NEWSLETTER February 2025



Message from Headteacher

As always, this month has been very busy at Highfield. We had a community choir event for our Year 3 pupils. Our Reception children really enjoyed their trip to the wetlands where they found hiding places for their bog baby. Our Year 6 parents ran a bake sale raising money to help subsidise the Year 6 leavers party and hoodies. We have also successfully taken part in several inter school competitions. This has included a Maths quiz and football matches.

As always our children have done an excellent job in representing Highfield and it is great that we have had the opportunity to compete against other local schools.

To top off a fantastic month we have been very fortunate to have a grand piano donated to the school!

David Wilson
Headteacher



Our three core values are Respect, Co-Operation and Kindness
This term's value is Resilience



Headteacher Awards this month:

Week Ending: 07.02.2025

4GF - Luca

4NC - Shaan

4C - Jack

Week ending: 14.02.2025

3C - Sophia

3J - Yoana

3P - Freya

Week ending: 28.02.2025

2L - Evelyn

2BD - Jasemina

2S - Sena

Attendance Class Awards this month:

Week Ending: 07.02.2025

KS1: 2BD 98%

KS2: 3C 99%

Week Ending: 14.02.2025

KS1: 1W 97%

KS2: 6M 98%

Week Ending: 28.02.2025

KS1: RF 97%

KS2: 3J & 6MB 99%

If your child has scabies

As you will be aware there have been a small number of cases of scabies in the school. Please read the advice below;

If your child has scabies or If you suspect that you or your child may have scabies, please see your GP or a pharmacist, and take the letter the school sent with you. If it is diagnosed as scabies, they will prescribe treatment for the infected person and all the members of your household (even those who have no symptoms), which will need to be followed. Treatment through the GP is free of charge for children (18 years and under). Please inform the school regarding your child's diagnosis.

Exclusion advice if diagnosed with scabies

If your child has scabies, please keep your child away from school (and stay away from work if you are an adult with scabies) until the day after having the first treatment. E.g., if the treatment is applied in the morning, the child or adult being treated should remain home for a full 24 hours from the start of the treatment. Similarly, if the treatment is applied at night, the child or adult being treated would need to be at home for the whole of the following day to complete the 24 hours period of staying away.

Dangerous Parking

Unfortunately, we continue to have a small number of adults who are parking illegally and dangerously outside the school at pick up and drop off times. People that are doing this are making the road outside the school dangerous for our children. This needs to stop! If you do need to drive to drop your child at school, our advice would be to park at Sainsbury's, which is a very short walk from the school. We need to consider the safety of all our pupils.

Reception Wetlands Trip

On Wednesday 5th February Reception went on a trip to Firs Farm Wetlands. The children created their own 'Bog Baby' linked to our core text and the children then hid them around the Wetlands. The children were so excited to find a hiding place for their 'Bog Baby' and for them to go on a new adventure. The children also had the chance to play in the outside play area, feed the ducks and also go on a winter walk. The children enjoyed looking at their checklist and trying to find as many of the winter items as they could. A fantastic time was had by all!



Year 2 Baptist Church visit

On Tuesday 4th February, Year 2 went to visit the Winchmore Baptist Church as we were learning about how Christians welcome Christians into the church family.

The children had the opportunity to learn about immersive baptism and were able to see the cross shaped pool where the baptisms take place. They asked questions to Pastor Ebenezer to further their learning. One of the parent's from 2L volunteered to be baptised so each group got to experience what this is like.



Friendly football matches

On Tuesday 4th February, Highfields girls and boys football team took part in a friendly against Churchfield. Both teams played 10 minutes quarters showing great sportsmanship and teamwork.

The girls won 6-1 goals scored by Ayla (hat-trick), Bella, Sena and Paloma. The boys had a tight game ending in 2-1, goal scored by Nicholas.

Well done to Ayla, Lovelle, Bella, Harriet, Paloma, Aria, Evie, Sena. Brodie, Max, Nicholas, Luca, Charlie,



Ishan, Etienne and Mario!!

Steinway Baby Grand Piano Donated to Highfield

We took delivery of a very special instrument the week before half term! Carey, one of our Enfield Music Services piano tutors arranged for a Steinway Baby Grand piano to be donated to the school.

Georgina Blackburn was a graduate of the Royal Academy of Music who was passionate about music, education - and cats! She spent the last years of her career as a music teacher at Bruce Grove Primary School, Tottenham, whilst living in Enfield. As neighbours, Georgina and Carey bonded over their shared passions. Georgina sadly passed away at the end of 2023, at the amazing age of 93, she asked to leave her beloved Steinway to "a school that needs a piano for children to learn on." Carey knew of the ideal school and so it is now starting a new life in our music room!

Carey says, "The children have been very excited. We've enjoyed discovering how it works, which has been a source of amazement, especially when they realise it doesn't need electricity! We have had lots of comments about how lovely it sounds. I'm so grateful that the children have the opportunity to learn on this fabulous piano. It will have such a positive impact on their musical journey and I know that Georgina would be delighted to see how thrilled



Year 6 Leavers' BAKE SALE

On the 14th February the sun shone and Year 6 held a really successful Valentine's bake sale. Thank you to all children and parents who baked or donated goodies, helped out on the day and of course to everyone who came along and bought some of the delicious treats. £269 was raised! This is going towards subsidising year 6 leavers' hoodies and a leavers' party for year 6s in July.



Parent/ Disco Fundraiser -15 March, Winchmore Hill Cricket club

On Saturday 15 March, year 6 parents and carers are hosting a night of classic house and disco music, by former Ibiza resident DJ, at Winchmore Hill cricket club (Firs Lane).

Nice and local, It'll be a great night out for you and your friends - nothing better to get the happy hormones going with a good old dance!

All money raised at this event will go towards a holding a fantastic send-off party and disco for all Highfield year 6's in July, aiming to make it as cheap as possible for everyone.

So don't delay - spread the word and get your tickets today! Check out the flyer below for all the info!



Last Chance to Dance
in Winchmore Hill!

Saturday 15th March 2025

**CLASSIC
DISCO
HOUSE**

Winchmore Hill Sports Club (cricket club)
Firs Lane, N21

8pm-12.30am

**All profits from ticket sales go towards
Highfield Primary's Year 6 kids end-of-year party**

Tickets on Eventbrite



MAKE EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNT At Highfield Primary - Attendance & Punctuality

While the majority of pupils at Highfield do have good attendance and are only absent when absolutely necessary, we want to remind our families about the importance of attendance and punctuality.

| February 2025 | |
|---------------|-------|
| ATTENDANCE | |
| Form | % |
| RB | 94.4% |
| RF | 93.1% |
| RJ | 93.4% |
| 1B | 94.4% |
| 1L | 95.3% |
| 1W | 95.5% |
| 2BD | 95.4% |
| 2L | 95.4% |
| 2S | 95.3% |
| 3C | 95.9% |
| 3J | 97.2% |
| 3P | 95.5% |
| 4C | 96.1% |
| 4GF | 94.7% |
| 4NC | 95.7% |
| 5A | 95.8% |
| 5C | 94.9% |
| 5P | 95.9% |
| 6G | 94.8% |
| 6M | 97.1% |
| 6MB | 93.0% |
| Total | 95.2% |

Regular attendance and punctuality at school is very important for your child's wellbeing. Children who miss school are missing out on essential social interaction which can affect their ability to make friends. If your child doesn't attend school regularly, they are less likely to do as well as other children.

At Highfield we are committed to working together with parents to increase the attendance and punctuality of all our pupils.

Although being absent cannot always be helped, at Highfield School we expect all our children to aim for 100% attendance each half term and to be on time every day, every week! Take a look at the table below to show you exactly what your child could be missing over the year.

| TIME ABSENT FROM SCHOOL | ATTENDANCE |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 0 | 100% attendance |
| 10 DAYS | 95% attendance |
| 19 DAYS | 90% attendance |
| 28 DAYS | 85% attendance |
| More than half a term | 80% attendance |
| 9 + weeks | 75% attendance |

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

As well as being absent a lot from school effecting your child's development being **LATE** also has a big effect, please look at the table below.

| <u>Lateness = Lost Learning</u> (figures below are calculated over a school year) | |
|--|---------------|
| 5 mins late each day | 3 days lost |
| 10 mins late each day | 6.5 days lost |
| 15 mins late each day | 10 days lost |
| 20 mins late each day | 13 days lost |
| 30 mins late each day | 19 days lost |

Every day your child is absent from school affects their education! You will notice from the figures above, that the odd day off really does mount up. Please be aware that Highfield School **WILL NOT AUTHORISE** any **HOLIDAYS** during term time, this is done in the interest of your child's education.

| | March 2025 |
|----------------------|---|
| Monday 3rd March | Year 3 Community Choir workshop in hall |
| Tuesday 4th March | Year 3 GeoBus online workshop |
| Wednesday 5th March | Year 3 trip to the Science museum |
| Thursday 6th March | World book day |
| Friday 14th March | Class 2BD assembly |
| Monday 17th March | Year 6 First aid workshop |
| Tuesday 18th March | Class 3P and 3J Easter experience in Enfield Baptist church |
| Wednesday 19th March | Class 3C Easter experience in Enfield Baptist church |
| Friday 21st March | Comic Relief/Red Nose day |
| | Class 2S assembly |
| Monday 24th March | Year 5 - A Midsummer night's dream interactive performance and workshop |
| Tuesday 25th March | Parent's evening 4-6.30pm |
| Thursday 27th March | Parent's evening 3.30-6pm |
| Friday 28th March | Class 2L assembly |