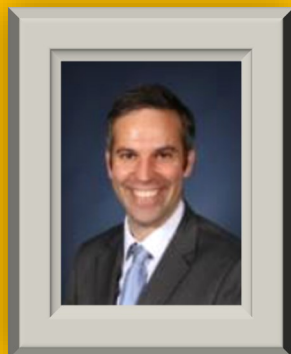


# Highfield Primary School

## NEWSLETTER December 2025



### Message from Headteacher

As we end the term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The month of December has been filled with Christmas events. Last week our Reception children performed their Nativity plays. It was such a joy to see the children's excitement and enthusiasm and I know they have loved performing in front of their siblings and parents/carers. Also this week the children have been enjoying their Christmas parties and have even had a visit from Santa and his elves (thank you Friends of Highfield)!

On the 12th December we had our Christmas jumper day, raising money for our chosen Charity, Nightingale Cancer Support Centre. The children also performed Christmas songs to each other.

Our school choir have also been out in the local community. On Sunday 14th December they performed at Holy Trinity church. Thank you to all the children and families who attended and Ms Willis for organising the event with the church.

Finally thank you for the support that you have given the school over the last year. We know that by working together we achieve the best for our children. We will see you again in the New Year!



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



**Headteacher Awards this month:**

**Week Ending: 28.11.25**

6MB Dylan

6M Leo

6P Sewal

**Week Ending: 05.12.25**

5A Kit

5C Amira

5S Finley

**Week Ending: 12.12.25**

4C Lily

4NC Sumi

4P Lily

**Attendance Class Awards this month:**

**Week Ending: 28.11.25**

EYFS/KS1: RF/RJ 98%

KS2: 5C 99%

**Week Ending: 05.12.25**

EYFS/KS1: RF 98%

KS2: 4NC 97%

**Week Ending: 12.12.25**

EYFS/KS1: 1BD 100%

KS2: 6P 98%



### **Election of new Chair of Governors and Vice Chair**

Last month the Governing Body elected a new Chair and Vice Chair. Sophia Loizia was elected as Chair and Emily Cloke as Vice chair. They are both parents at the school. We wish them every success in their new roles and look forward to working with them and the rest of the Governing body.

### **Goodbye and Welcome**

We are saying goodbye to an excellent teacher, Ms Leedham.

Ms Leedham has been at Highfield for over 7 years and in that time she been a wonderful asset the school. She is always very calm, caring and kind and you can see that whenever you go into her class.

She will be missed by both children and teachers and we wish her all the best in her next chapter.

We welcome Ms Gwynne-Smith who will be replacing Ms Leedham as the class teacher for the wonderful 1L. She has already visited the class on a number of occasions and is very much looking forward to teaching them when we return in January.

### **KS1 Choir Performance**

The KS1 choir performed at Winchmore Hill Baptist Church and filled the whole church with festive spirit. It was a lovely morning and a wonderful way to start the day. The children were a real credit to the school and we received excellent feedback from the church. Thank you to the parents who came along and supported the event.

### **Christmas Jumper Day - Concert**

On Christmas Jumper Day, the choir sang to both KS1 and KS2, bringing festive cheer to everyone. We all sang the Christmas songs we have been learning, with KS2 performing *Jingle Bell Rock* and KS1 singing *Merry Christmas Everyone*. Reception delighted the audience with *Jesus Is Born*, and Nursery rocked the hall with *SANTA*.

It was a joyous hour of celebration, reminding us why we wear our Christmas jumpers and raise money for The Nightingale Cancer support centre. The school raised £402. Thank you to everyone that donated.



### **The Great Fire of London (re-imagined) - Monday 15th December**

Year 2 made Tudor style houses for homework to help them understand the kind of dwellings people lived in around 1666 and the reasons that the houses were so flammable, helping the Great Fire spread so quickly across the city.

We re-created a typical street in London in the school playground and then set the children's replica houses alight so we could see how the fire might have spread, helped by the wind and style of the houses and cramped streets. The fire quickly spread, helped by the wind, until all the houses were ablaze! The fire was safely put out afterwards.



### **Religious Education Curriculum Spotlight**

During the week beginning Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December, we celebrated Interfaith Week at Highfield Primary School. Each class, from Reception to Year 6, was given the task of producing a flower with a stem, petals and leaves all beautifully decorated. Each child had to think of one action or thought that shows kindness for their loved ones, school friends or the world. They wrote this down on their petal. The flower was then put together and displayed in our school.







### **Interactive Science lesson—Berry Class**

Berry Class had a wonderful visit from Winchmore Hill Secondary School for an interactive Science lesson. The children participated in an experiment that used natural ingredients to change red cabbage different colours. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring dry ice where they were able to create bubbles and pop them. Thank you Winchmore Hill School (I think the staff enjoyed it just as much!



### **Eco Council**

Eco council was busy clearing up the pond and planning how to enhance the area. The children also cleared out the weeds outside of year 4 entrance and planted daffodil bulbs. It looks neat and tidy. Everyone was happy with the good job done.



### **Nursery Christmas Concert**

Our Nursery classes performed some Christmas songs to their families this week. The children were all amazing – they confidently sang to a very large audience that filled our Nursery classroom. At the end, the families were treated to some delicious mince pies and Christmas cupcakes that the children had made. We are very proud of all of the children for their first performance at Highfield Primary School. Well done to all the Nursery.



### **Recorder Concert**

On Tuesday 2nd December, Year 4 performed a recorder concert to their parents/carers. It was a wonderful celebration of the children's hard work and progress this year. They performed with confidence and enthusiasm, showcasing a range of pieces they have been practicing in class - including Jingle Bells and Baby Shark! A special thank you to Mrs Wilson for her dedication and support in teaching the children this term.



### **Wreath making workshop**

On Friday 5th December, FOH organised a wreath making workshop evening. Hosted by Laura, everyone had a great evening and made some lovely wreaths.





### **Pantomime Trip Fun!**

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 had a fantastic time at the pantomime on Tuesday. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the performance, and for many children it was their very first pantomime experience. The children fully immersed themselves in the fun, singing and dancing along with their friends throughout the show. It was a truly joyous way to end the term!

'I liked the different humour and the hysterical sound effects. The actors, actresses and dancers were amazing and brought such joy and laughter to the theatre. The show was epic. I had so much fun with my friends and I hope to see them perform again.' - Willow, 5A.

'What a performance! Rapunzel and The Revengers was a fun and exciting production held at Millfield Theatre. The best part was when the Revengers became nice to everyone and did a dance at the end - Everyone joined in! I loved the costumes, especially the dress Rapunzel changed into at the salon. I would definitely recommend this show to EVERYONE!' - Nancy, 5A

### **Santa's visit to Highfield!**

The children also had a visit from Santa and his Elves and all the children received a gift!

(Thank you FOH)!



### **Reception Church Trip**

Reception were really lucky to visit Holy Trinity Church in Winchmore Hill on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025. They had the opportunity to sit in the pews of the church and listened to a talk by Father Simon. He told them all about the Christian celebration of Christmas and what happens at this time of year. Reception then had the opportunity to sing some of their Nativity songs to Father Simon and they were lucky enough to hear Father Simon playing some Christmas carols on the church organ.



### **Reception Nativity**

Reception performed 3 amazing class Nativity's last week. The children were so excited to perform to their parents and carers and did so with such confidence it was great to see. The performance was brought to life by all of the children singing the many songs that they had learnt, even performing 'We wish you a merry Christmas' with Makaton! The children all looked fantastic in their costumes and worked very hard to learn their lines. A fantastic time was had by all! Well done Reception!





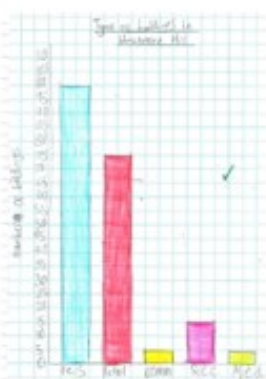


## December Curriculum Spotlight

### Geography

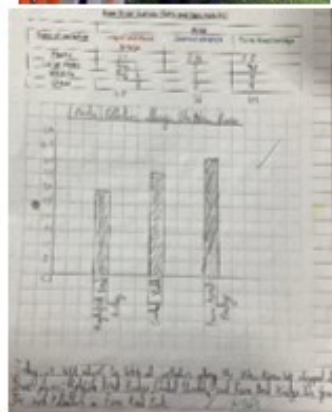
#### Year 4

Year 4 have been busy carrying out their field work for this year. They thought of their investigation question and then went for a walk around the local area to investigate the types of buildings in different locations. They then created their own OS Maps of the local area using the data they collected.



#### Year 5

Year 5 have also been busy carrying out their field work for this year. They thought of their investigation question and then went to the New River to collect data at different points along the river. They have then reviewed this data when they have got back to school and drawn conclusions from it.




### Berry Class

In Berry Class, we have been learning about different natural landmarks around the world. This includes rivers, forests, and mountains. There were some places we couldn't visit ourselves so we immersed ourselves into the virtual world to take a visit to these different places. See the photos of the children's enjoyment of exploring the different places.



## Curriculum Spotlight – Music

This term, children across the school have been immersed in the joy of creating and enjoying music. Through our topic *Bright Lights, Big City*, they have explored how music can capture the energy and excitement of city life, and how it can be a powerful way to express themselves and tell their own stories.

Choir	Year 4	EYFS
<p>This term, the KS1 choir met every Thursday lunchtime to enjoy vocal games and practice their songs, channelling their inner Mariah Carey and spreading festive cheer! They worked hard to learn their festive songs, influencing viewings of 'Nativity' and getting everyone into the holiday spirit.</p> <p>The choir sang beautifully at the annual Switching on of the Lights, performed in our Christmas concert on Christmas Jumper Day, and brought joy to the community with a special performance at Winchmore Hill Baptist Church, a definite highlight of the term!</p> <p>Well done to all our Year 1 and 2 singers for their fantastic efforts. Next term, it will be the turn of Years 3 and 4, and we're excited to watch them shine!</p>	<p>This term, our Year 4 students have been busy exploring the joy of music through the recorder! They've been mastering how to hold the instrument, play notes with confidence, and sing together beautifully alongside their specialist music teacher. The highlight of the term was a fantastic performance for their parents and carers, where the children proudly showed off everything they've learned. It was a delightful celebration of their hard work, progress, and musical achievements!</p> 	<p>This term, our Nursery and Reception children have been busy exploring music through singing, actions, and learning steady beats as part of the EYFS curriculum. Much of their musical learning has been linked to their preparations for their Christmas performances.</p> <p>Nursery children worked hard learning their songs and actions and they were so proud to perform them for their parents. Reception have also shown wonderful enthusiasm, especially when practising the Makaton signs for <i>We Wish You a Merry Christmas</i> during their nativity performance.</p> <p>KS1 were invited to watch the EYFS rehearse for their performances and they thoroughly enjoyed seeing the younger children on stage. Lucas in 2W said his favourite song to listen to was <i>Ring Out the Bells</i> because it reminded him of when he was in Reception - showing just how memorable these early performances can be. It has been a joyful term of singing, confidence-building, and festive music across EYFS.</p>



# ENFIELD MUSIC SERVICE KEYBOARD CREW



**A fun two-term programme for pupils in school years 4 to 6,  
learning to play the keyboard as a part of a group.**

**No previous experience necessary - pupils will learn basic skills from the start.**

**Lessons will have a focus on ensemble skills and the group  
will perform together in a concert at the end of each term.**

**Pupils need to have their own keyboard and bring it each week.**



**Saturdays, 9:45-10:45am at The Raglan Schools**

**£65 per term**

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## **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.

### **December 2025**

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Form	%
RB	94.5%
RF	98.3%
RJ	96.1%
1B	95.1%
1BD	97.2%
1L	95.3%
2L	96.2%
2S	94.8%
2W	94.5%
3C	96.3%
3GF	96.6%
3J	95.9%
4C	96.4%
4NC	98.1%
4P	96.7%
5A	92.6%
5C	94.8%
5S	96.5%
6M	95.0%
6MB	93.9%
6P	96.8%
Total	95.76

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><b>Lateness = Lost Learning</b></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.**





	January 2026
Monday 5th January	Inset Day
Tuesday 6th January	First day back for children
Wednesday 21st January	Class 6M and 6MB to Enfield Temple
Thursday 22nd January	Class 6P to Enfield Temple
Friday 30th January	Class 3C Assembly

