

Highfield Primary School

NEWSLETTER January 2026



Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a good start to the year. This term our theme is 'Ready, Steady, Cook'. We are thinking about how and discussing how various aspects including; Culture, taste, seasonality, health, nutrition, place, habit, upbringing mood, beliefs and values, cost, advertising/social media, marketing, availability, socialising and celebrating affects what we eat. The children will also be taking part in hands on activities to develop their food preparation skills.

Our termly value is 'curiosity', and children have been discussing what it means and how you are able to show curiosity. The children are developing their knowledge of how we remain curious and thinking about how we know if the information we are given is correct.

Our language of the term is Welsh. If your child knows any Welsh, please encourage them to let their class teacher know as I am sure the other children would love to hear from them. Also, if we have any Welsh speaking parents/carers who would like to talk to the children about their language we would love to hear from you.

David Wilson
Headteacher

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Headteacher Awards this month:

Week Ending: 09.01.26

3J - Lara

3GF - Ajla

3C - Ella

Week Ending: 16.01.26

2S - Adriana

2W - Alvin

2L - Amara

Week Ending: 23.01.26

1BD - Zion

1GS - Severiana

1B - Daisy

Week Ending: 30.01.26

RF - Philip

RJ - Ayaz

RB - Sophie

Attendance Class Awards this month:

Week Ending: 09.01.26

EY/KS1: RB 97%

KS2: 4NC 99%

Week Ending: 16.01.26

EY/KS1: RF & 2L 98%

KS2: 4C 99%

Week Ending: 23.01.26

EY/KS1: RF 99%

KS2: 6P 100%

Week Ending: 30.01.26

EY/KS1: 2W 98%

KS2: 3GF 99%

Year 6 RE Trip - Hindu Temple

In the week beginning 19th January, Year 6 visited the Nagapooshani Temple in Enfield as part of their RE learning on Hinduism. During the visit, the children learned about Hindu rituals, explored the significance of different gods, and discovered how temples play an important role in bringing the community together. Pupils also had the opportunity to compare the temple with other places of worship they have visited during their time at Highfield, deepening their understanding of similarities and differences between faiths. A huge thank you to Kala for warmly showing us around the temple and for patiently answering all of our thoughtful questions.



Class 3C Assembly

On Friday 30th January 3C performed an amazing assembly sharing their extensive knowledge about rocks and fossils. They performed a wonderful song called 3 Types of Rocks and a recited a poem title Rock Poem- Weathering the storm. All their teachers and parents and carers were very proud of them. Well done 3C!



Reading & Writing Achievements for Autumn

Congratulations to the following children for their excellent effort and progress with their literacy skills. We are very proud of you all. Keep up the great work! Have a lovely holiday. Miss Johnson

Class	Names
Nursery AM	Theo
Nursery PM	Leyla B
RB	Suhayla
RF	Noah
RJ	Aayan
1B	Elena
1BD	Giovanni
1L	Jacob
2L	Soraya
2S	Joseph
2W	Thiago
3C	Asma
3GF	Hugo
3J	Baris
4C	Bobbie
4NC	Imogen
4P	Ivy
5A	Marios
5C	Eva
5S	Sienna
6M	Tilly
6MB	Charlie
6P	Sienna
Berry	Derin
Dali	Evans

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.

January 2026 ATTENDANCE

Form	%
RB	95.2%
RF	97.4%
RJ	93.7%
1B	94.8%
1BD	94.4%
1GS	95.6%
2L	94.5%
2S	94.9%
2W	94.8%
3C	95.2%
3GF	95.3%
3J	95.9%
4C	96.2%
4NC	96.0%
4P	94.2%
5A	90.4%
5C	93.0%
5S	94.3%
6M	91.7%
6MB	92.5%
6P	98.4%
Total	95%

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.**

	February 2026
Tuesday 3rd February	Year 2 Baptist Church visit
Wednesday 4th February	Reception visiting Firs Farm Wetlands
Friday 6th February	Class 3J Assembly
Monday 9th February	Year 6 plants workshop in school
Wednesday 11th February	Year 2 Florence Nightingale workshop
Friday 13th February	Year 4 Romans Workshop
	Class 3GF Assembly
Monday 16th - Friday 20th February	Half term
Thursday 26th February	Class 3GF National Gallery visit



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