

Highfield Primary School

NEWSLETTER February 2026



Message from Headteacher

I hope everyone is enjoying the slightly warmer weather and longer days. We even had a bit of sunshine. This month we have had the confirmation that Highfield Road will soon be a school street. This is something that as a school community we have been campaigning for several years so it is great that we have got there and children's journey to and from school will be safer and healthier as a result.

We have had success on another front too, with our Year 6 Maths team winning a local competition against several schools. We also had a visit from The Nightingale Cancer support charity thanking the school for its fundraising. The school has had some wonderful assemblies from our Year 3 children and a brilliant girls rugby event for our Year 5/6 girls, put on by Enfield Old Grammarians Rugby team.

We are looking forward to more opportunities for outdoor learning as the weather improves.

David Wilson
Headteacher

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Headteacher Awards this month:

Week Ending: 06.02.26

Nursery - Maryam

Berry - Muhammed

Dali - Laisho

Week Ending: 13.02.26

6M - Margarite

6P - Sienna

6MB - Eren

Week Ending: 27.02.26

5S - Chloe

5C - Elison

5A - Marwan

Attendance Class Awards this month:

Week Ending: 06.02.26

EYFS/KS1: **RJ 100%**

KS2: 3GF, 3J, 4C & 4NC 99%

Week Ending: 13.02.26

EYFS/KS1: RF 98%

KS2: **3J 100%**

Week Ending: 27.02.26

EYFS/KS1: RJ 99%

KS2: 4NC 99%



Goodbye Miss Brown

It is with both sadness and pride that we share that Miss Brown will be leaving us at Easter. Over nearly nine years, she has been an exceptional teacher, colleague, and leader. Her dedication and commitment have made a lasting impact on countless pupils and families.

Miss Brown has inspired children to achieve academically whilst growing in confidence, resilience, and curiosity. Her classroom has been a place of high expectations, encouragement, and care. As Assistant Headteacher, she has played a significant role in shaping our school, including developing our wonderful curriculum. She has consistently demonstrated our core values of kindness, respect, and cooperation.

We are delighted that Miss Brown has been appointed Deputy Headteacher at Latymer All Saints Primary School. This promotion is testament to her talent and leadership skills. While we will miss her greatly, we are incredibly proud and wish her every success in this exciting new chapter.



Spring Bookfair

We have had another successful bookfair thanks to the hard work and dedication of Mrs Oskis! The school made a whopping £4,008 of which £2,404 goes towards Year 1 and 2 book corners! Also a big thank you to all the parents/carer.



Eco Council news

Last month Eco Council children were busy designing a school mascot to represent our action plan. The children had several ideas including 'Eco Bino', 'Terra the Panda' and 'Earthy Bearthy'. We are yet to decide which mascot will be the best one to represent our school.



3GF's Trip to the National Gallery

This term, 3GF had a lovely trip to the National Gallery where they participated in a colour workshop led by the gallery. They looked at different paintings and created their own artwork which they transformed into lanterns. They also got the opportunity to see some of Van Gogh's artworks who they are studying in Art and some of the paintings from the book 'Katie and the British Artists' which they are learning about in English. The children had a wonderful time and gained so much from this experience. Thank you to the staff and parent volunteers who made this amazing trip possible.

"I loved seeing all the paintings and looking at their texture." Hugo

"We got to see paintings that we had already learnt about in Year 2 and Year 3." Eser



Year 4 Roman Day

On Friday 13th February, Year 4 were lucky enough to experience a Roman workshop all day. We dressed up as Romans, learnt lots about the Roman Empire and even had a gladiator fight! A big thanks to Carl for running the workshop and Friends of Highfield who subsidised part of it. Thank you!



3J Class Assembly

On Friday 6th February, it was 3J's class assembly. The children confidently shared their learning and spoke proudly about the amazing things they have accomplished so far in Year 3. The audience listened attentively as the class enthusiastically presented their History topic, *The Ancient Egyptians*, and explained what they had discovered in Science through their study of rocks. It was wonderful to see the children speaking so clearly and confidently about their learning. The children also went on to wow their audience with their beautiful singing as well as their wonderful performance of their rainbow poem. Their enthusiasm and teamwork really shone through. Ms Johnson was incredibly proud of the children and the hard work they put into making the assembly such a great success.

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who attended and supported the children — your presence made the occasion even more special.

Well done 3J you were fantastic and all superstars!

3GF Assembly

This month, 3GF impressed us with their fantastic assembly which celebrated being different. They showed us that being different is our super power and that when we work together, we can achieve great things. They amazed us with their beautiful singing to 'This is me' and 'We are Unity' and performed very clearly. Well done to 3GF and thank you to the parents for their continued support.

Poetry by Heart at Highfield

We are so proud of all the children from Nursery to Year 6 at Highfield who have all learnt and performed a nursery rhyme, song or poem by heart over the last few weeks. Our youngest children in Nursery confidently performed some nursery rhymes, Reception shared 'Lazy Laura', Year 1 performed 'The Snail', Dali Class shared a video of the children singing and performing the actions to 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes', Year 2 shared 'The Sound Collector' and the Berry children shared a video of their performance of 'The Own and the Pussycat' in a showcase assembly on Monday 9th February.

Our KS2 children shared their poems in a showcase assembly on Monday 3rd March with Year 3 performing 'My Shadow', Year 4 'Roger the Dog', Year 5 'Mr Brother Bert' and Year 6 'Extinct'. The KS2 children also had the opportunity to enter a competition as a solo, pair or group. Huge congratulations to the following children who performed their poems with style and panache in front of nearly 400 children and staff - they were all amazing:

4C - Evie and Octavia, Bobbie, Ajan, Leo and Kieran

4P - Maddie, Edie and Freya

4NC - Cansu, Tracy, Imogen, Ourania, Idris and Jessica

6M - Margarite and Lara

6MB - Layla and Florence

6P - Rafi



The School Council judged each performance and the top four groups/soloists: Maddie, Edie and Freya; Cansu; Lara; Layla and Florence, will have their performances videoed and entered into the National Poetry by Heart Competition. Well done and good luck to you all!

Highfield Maths Champions

We are incredibly proud to congratulate our Year 6 students on their fantastic achievement at the recent Maths Competition hosted by St Monica's Primary School.

Competing against eight other schools, our talented mathematicians demonstrated outstanding problem-solving skills, teamwork, and perseverance to secure an impressive **3rd place out of 9 schools**. This is a wonderful accomplishment and a testament to their hard work and dedication in the classroom.

Well done to all the students involved for representing our school with such enthusiasm and excellence. We are extremely proud of you!



We are thrilled to congratulate our Year 5 students on their outstanding achievement at the recent Maths Competition hosted by St Monica's College. Competing against seven other schools, our talented mathematicians showcased exceptional problem-solving skills, teamwork, and determination to secure an incredible 1st place out of 8 schools!

Throughout the competition, students were challenged to think critically, apply their mathematical knowledge in creative ways, and work collaboratively under pressure. Their focus, resilience, and enthusiasm truly set them apart.

Congratulations to all of our Year 5 participants on this fantastic accomplishment. We are immensely proud of the way you represented our school and celebrated success together!



Sports News

Year 5/6 Old Grammarian's Rugby Session

On Thursday 27th February, we were delighted to welcome coaches from The Old Grammarian's Rugby Team into school to deliver a series of rugby sessions for our Year 5 and Year 6 girls.

Throughout the afternoon, the coaches led engaging and energetic sessions that introduced pupils to the key skills of rugby, including passing, movement, teamwork and communication. The girls took part in a range of fun drills and small-sided games that helped build their confidence while learning the fundamentals of the sport.

The sessions created a fantastic atmosphere on the field, with pupils showing great enthusiasm, determination and sportsmanship. It was wonderful to see so many girls getting involved, supporting one another and developing new skills.

A big thank you to the coaches for giving up their time to provide such enjoyable and inspiring sessions. We hope the experience has encouraged many of our pupils to continue exploring rugby and staying active.

Girls Netball Team

On Monday 2nd March, our girls' netball team travelled to Raglan School to take part in their latest league fixtures. The team showed great determination and teamwork across two closely contested matches.

In the first game, the girls played against Bush Hill Park and delivered an excellent performance, securing a well-deserved 4–1 victory. The team worked brilliantly together in both attack and defence, moving the ball confidently down the court and taking their chances well.

The second match was against St Paul's and proved to be a very competitive game. Our team fought hard throughout and showed great resilience, but narrowly lost 4–3 in a closely fought contest.

Following these results, the team currently sits 2nd in the league with four games still to play over the next two Mondays. We are very proud of the effort and commitment the girls continue to show and look forward to the remaining fixtures.



A Visit From The Nightingale Cancer Support Charity

On Monday 2nd February the theme of our KS2 assembly was Active Citizenship. We were joined by two important visitors from the Nightingale Cancer Support Charity. Meral, the CEO of the Nightingale, and Lucy the events organiser came with a huge cheque to represent the money we had raised for the charity during our Christmas Jumper Day. Meral spoke to the children about how the charity uses the money donated by fundraisers such as Highfield.

Mrs Morton then spoke to the children about further ways in which Highfield children support the local community as active citizens. The children shared their experiences including caring for elderly relatives, litter picking around the school, donating food to the North Enfield Foodbank and sleeping in boxes to raise money for homeless people. (Great work Havey, Millie, Rayyan and the Southgate Scout group for this last contribution).

Meral from the Nightingale was impressed by Highfield's involvement as Active Citizens.

'I just wanted to say a big thank you for inviting us yesterday, it was a wonderful experience to see the children so engaged and embracing the ethos of giving. Congratulations to you and all the teachers at Highfield Primary for an amazing job, we could not do what we do without community support.'



Art Curriculum Spotlight

Year 2	Year 4	Year 5
<p>Year 2 were inspired by Henri Rousseau's jungle painting 'Tiger in a Tropical Storm' and created their own mixed media pieces. Year 2 explored texture and developed their painting and mixing skills. They also experimented with tints and tones.</p> 	<p>Year 4 looked at different styles of portraits from artists such as Picasso, Frida Kahlo and Kehinde Wiley. They created their own abstract portraits in the style of cubism as well as creating a realistic self-portrait using tone and shading to create form.</p> 	<p>Year 5 children have been creating landscapes inspired by John Constable and Paul Klee. They explored perspective and used different mediums and techniques to create their pieces.</p> 



In year 3 and 4 we have been competing in year group 'Battle of the Bands' tournaments.

Well done to the following children who were the top scorers in their respective classes.

Year 3		
3C	Hiyabeal	14,888
	Jacob	12,943
	Ella B	9,703
3GF	Stefan	1,388
	Wesley	1,149
	Maya	582
3J	Salih	16,397
	Aydin	14,372
	Aryaan	4,928

Year 4		
4C	Sami	30,308
	Daniel	17,207
	Zane	15,418
4NC	Mia	23,091
	Rowan	14,455
	Horgito	13,122
4P	Mya	16,274
	Alyssa	3,311
	Maddie	2,551

Well done to all the children who contributed to their class score.

We were so impressed with how many correct answers you got.

The children achieved a phenomenal total of **461,024** across the whole Phase! Keep up the great work!

Year 3		
1 st	3C	98,628
2 nd	3J	47,425
3 rd	3GF	7,143

Year 4		
1 st	4C	147,294
2 nd	4NC	129,555
3 rd	4P	30,979

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 2026 ATTENDANCE

Form	%
RB	97.0%
RF	96.2%
RJ	97.2%
1B	95.6%
1BD	96.8%
1GS	97.7%
2L	96.8%
2S	94.5%
2W	92.9%
3C	98.3%
3GF	98.0%
3J	97.6%
4C	95.7%
4NC	98.5%
4P	92.8%
5A	94.4%
5C	97.0%
5S	95.3%
6M	95.2%
6MB	90.3%
6P	97.8%
Total	95.98

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 2026
Friday 6 March	World Book Day
Monday 9 March	Year 2 Singing Festival
Friday 13 March	Class 3C trip to the National Gallery
	Class 2S Assembly
	Year 5 Orchestra trip
Tuesday 17th & Thursday 19 March	Parent's Evening
Wednesday 18th March	Dance Festival at the Millfield for dance club
Friday 20 March	Red Nose day
	Class 2W Assembly
Monday 23rd March	Year 5 Philharmonia Orchestra Trip
Monday 23, Tuesday 24 & Thursday 26 March	Reception hearing test
Wednesday 25 March	Pathway Easter Assembly for Year 3 classes
Thursday 26th March	Class 2L Assembly
	Friends of Highfield Easter Egg Hunt afterschool
Friday 27 March	Last day of term EARLY FINISH 1.30pm
Monday 30 March - Friday 10 April	Easter Holidays
Monday 13 April	School re-opens for children



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