

Highfield Primary School

NEWSLETTER July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

July has been another eventful month with our wonderful Year 6's giving us all a brilliant performance of the Lion King. It was amazing to see just how talented they are. They also had a great time at 'Go ape' this week and they will of course be having their leavers parade today. There has also been STEM and international day that all the children have thoroughly enjoyed. We also had our brilliant school fete, organised by the Friends of Highfield. It was a brilliant day and raised a large amount of money for the school.

In my final newsletter, as Headteacher at Highfield Primary School, I wanted to write to you one last time to say a huge thank you for all your support over the past seven years. I've been able to thank our wonderful staff team and say goodbye to the children over the last few days, but this is my opportunity to thank you, our parents and carers, for everything you've done to support me and our school. The support I received from you during challenging times, particularly during COVID when I had just become Headteacher, is something I will never forget. Those were uncertain days for all of us, and your understanding, patience and kindness helped us get through them together.

Highfield parents and carers have helped make Highfield a great place for children to attend. whether it's through the Friends of Highfield, the governing body, or through the messages of support and thanks that you give our staff, you make a real difference to this school. You've helped make Highfield not just a school, but a community, and I'm so grateful to have been part of it. I also want to say thank you for the incredibly generous gifts I have received, as well as to those of you who have thanked me personally and wished me luck for the future. It really does mean a lot.

This week was not quite what I was expecting, with Ofsted arriving, but it was clear to the inspectors just how happy parents and carers are with the school. Your positive feedback about Highfield really shone through during their visit, and that says everything about the strength of our community.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Headteacher and I wish the school every success in the future. I am sure Highfield will continue to be a really great place to learn under Mrs Morton's leadership, and I know she will guide the school to even greater success.

Thank you once again for your kindness, support and trust over these years. It has been an absolute privilege to be your Headteacher.

With warmest wishes,
David Wilson
Headteacher



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Headteacher Awards this month:

Week Ending: 09.07.2026

3C - Ella B

3GF - Anna

3J - Reid



School Fete

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Fete last Saturday. It was a fantastic day and a tremendous success, and it was wonderful to see so many families coming together to enjoy the event. A very special THANK YOU goes to our amazing Friends of Highfield. Their dedication, hard work and countless hours of planning and preparation made the day possible. From organising stalls and activities to ensuring everything ran smoothly, their commitment to our school community was truly outstanding. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who volunteered, donated, attended and helped make the day such a memorable occasion. Your continued support makes a real difference to our school and helps create wonderful opportunities for all of our children.



STEM Week – What is Your Box?

During STEM Week (week beginning 29th June), all our children took part in a fantastic creative challenge based on the theme **“What is Your Box?”**. Using recycled boxes and a huge amount of imagination, they were given the freedom to design and create anything they wished.

The results were truly incredible! We saw a wide range of innovative creations, including a hand sanitiser, animals, robots, football stadiums and many more unique designs.

Throughout the week, the children demonstrated excellent collaboration, problem-solving and creativity as they planned, built and shared their ideas with others. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they worked together and brought their imaginative ideas to life.

To celebrate their hard work, our School Council carefully judged the entries and selected the winning creations. The winners were presented with a LEGO prize for their class to enjoy together, recognising their outstanding imagination, effort and innovation.

A huge well done to all of our budding engineers, designers and inventors for making STEM Week such a memorable success!



6P at London Zoo

On Friday 10th July, 6P enjoyed an exciting trip to **London Zoo**. The children had a fantastic time exploring the zoo, seeing a wide variety of amazing animals and learning lots of interesting facts about them. We discovered how London Zoo plays an important role in protecting endangered species and supporting conservation projects around the world. During our visit, we saw giraffes, tigers, lions, pelicans, sloths and many more incredible animals. It was a fun-filled day of learning, discovery and unforgettable memories for everyone!

Year 6 Go Ape Adventure

On Wednesday 15th July, Year 6 enjoyed an exciting trip to **Go Ape**. The children had a fantastic time tackling the tree-top adventure course, showing great determination, courage and resilience throughout. They encouraged and supported one another every step of the way, with many children facing and overcoming their fears to complete the course. It was wonderful to see such teamwork and perseverance on display. After their adventure, the children also enjoyed spending time exploring and relaxing at Alexandra Palace, making it a memorable day for everyone. Well done, Year 6, on embracing such a brilliant experience!

Year 6 Production - The Lion King

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 children for their outstanding performances of **The Lion King**. From the dress rehearsals to the final shows for parents and carers, the children truly shone on stage. Over the last few weeks, they have worked hard to develop their voice projection, acting skills and stage directions, always listening carefully to feedback and putting advice into practice. Despite performing in incredibly warm weather conditions, they remained enthusiastic, resilient and professional throughout. Their acting, singing and dancing were all fantastic, making each performance a joy to watch. Well done to every member of Year 6 – you should all be extremely proud of yourselves, as we certainly are!





SUMMER 2026

THANK YOU
SO MUCH

TO THE HIGHFIELD SCHOOL FAMILY

Summer 2026 will certainly be remembered! Despite the heatwave, we came together to put on another wonderful Summer Fete. This year we bought extra ice and additional gazebos to help everyone keep cool. It was also a special occasion as it marked Mr Wilson's final fete, our Year 6 Class of 2026's last fete, and the final fete for Lay-Ee, Laura and Denise, as they step down from FOH.

There are far too many people to thank individually. To everyone who cooked, packed lucky dip bags and sweetie jars in their own time, washed all the teddies ready for the Teddy Tombola, and to the wonderful grandmother who so generously donated and prepared all the fruit and vegetables for the Pimm's stall – thank you. Thank you also to everyone who helped set up, carried tables, manned stalls in the heat, kept the music playing and the atmosphere buzzing, and to the teachers who gave up their Saturday to help and kept everyone refreshed at the bar.

Thank you to every volunteer, everyone who came along, everyone who donated a dish to the food hall, everyone who bought a raffle ticket, our generous sponsors, our raffle prize donors, and our Site Management Team for opening up and helping with the clear-up.

None of this would have been possible without your support. You are the people who made this amazing day happen, and Friends of Highfield simply couldn't do it without you.

It truly takes a community to put on a fete.
Thank you for being a Friend of Highfield

Boxing club

Dermot from Ignite has been coming into school every Tuesday and Friday to give 'boxing sessions' to a group of some of our Year 6 children. The children looked forward each week for their lessons! On their final day, they each received a medal.



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.

July 2026 ATTENDANCE

Form	Present
RB	98.5%
4NC	97.8%
6P	97.8%
5S	96.7%
1B	96.4%
RF	96.0%
3C	95.0%
4C	94.8%
3GF	94.3%
3J	94.2%
2L	94.1%
2W	94.0%
5A	93.7%
RJ	93.1%
1BD	92.4%
6MB	92.4%
1GS	92.1%
2S	92.0%
5C	91.4%
4P	90.9%
6M	88.5%
Total	94%

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.**

	July 2026
Monday 20 July	Inset Day
Tuesday 21 July-1 September	Summer Holidays
Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 September	Inset days
Friday 4th September	First day back for children



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