

— October 2026 —

Highfield Primary School NEWSLETTER

As I come to the end of my first half term as Headteacher, I have been reflecting on what a lovely and successful start to the year we have had. It has been a real pleasure getting to know our children and families even better, and I feel incredibly proud to be leading such a special school. Our children have made a fantastic start, and it has been wonderful to see them learning, growing in confidence and making the most of the opportunities available to them.

A special mention must go to our youngest children in Nursery and Reception, who have settled brilliantly and are now very much part of our Highfield family. A huge welcome, too, to all the new families who have joined us in other year groups since September.

We have had lots to celebrate this half term, including our Boys' Football Team winning the league – A fantastic achievement! Additionally, Year 5 enjoyed a wonderful day out at the London Aquarium, where they were brilliant representatives of our school, while Year 6 had a great time on their trip to Alexandra Palace.

Last week, I also attended the Friends of Highfield AGM and would like to reiterate my sincere thanks to everyone involved for the time and energy they give to our school. There are so many exciting events planned for the year ahead, helping to raise much-needed funds to provide even more opportunities for our children. We are incredibly lucky to have such a dedicated PTA!

Thank you to our fantastic staff, families and governors for helping to make Highfield such a special place to be. I hope you all enjoy a restful half-term break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting half term – Only x63 sleeps until Christmas!

Mrs Morton
Headteacher



Our three core values are Respect, Co-Operation and Kindness

This term's value is WELL-BEING



Eco Council News

This month, the children have taken active steps to improve the school environment and support sustainability. To prepare for sowing new seeds and spring bulbs, they have cleared up dead foliage and flowers from flowerbeds.

Additionally, they have appointed energy monitors to reduce electricity consumption by ensuring that lights and interactive whiteboards are switched off whenever classrooms are vacant.



Show Racism the Red Card

Year 1 painted their hands and made handprints. They then placed them inside of a heart. This is to show that everyone is welcome at Highfield. They also did some activities on 'Show Racism the Red Card Day.'



SPORTS NEWS

Highfield Go Unbeaten In The BEST/Boys Football league



A massive congratulations to our year 5 and 6 Football team on winning the Enfield football league! The team went unbeaten, playing 8 games, winning 7 and drawing only 1 game. The boys showed great professionalism and desire in the manner they played and also showing good sportsmanship to other teams while being so dominant. A massive shout out to Khalif 6A who won player of the league!

Coach Ruben

Class 5C Assembly

On Friday 16th October, 5C presented the most amazing assembly all about 'Show Racism The Red Card.' The audience were lucky enough to see spectacular singing, dances - that the class choreographed themselves, and a clear message sent to all. We are all different and we all deserve respect. Well done 5C, it truly was a fantastic assembly, you made us all proud!



Year 5 Sea Life Aquarium Visit

On Tuesday 13th October, Year 5 visited the Sea Life London Aquarium as part of our Geography unit of learning on Oceans. During our visit, we observed a range of aquatic animals. For example, we got to see different species of sharks, jellyfish and turtles. We also explored the rainforest area and learning more about rainforest animals like tarantulas and ants and their habitats. Thank you to the parent helpers who came along with us; we really appreciate your support. The children had the best time and we all had lots of fun.



Class 6A Science Workshop



On Thursday 15th October, 6A walked over to Winchmore School for a Science workshop. After the initial welcome, the children all put on safety goggles and began the lesson. The children experimented with common acids and alkalis found in the home. They added a red cabbage universal indicator to help them determine whether the substance was acid or alkali. They observed changes in colour and answered questions based on their observations. To finish our workshop, there was a fiery chemical reaction of gas bubbles and flames. It was an excellent introduction to secondary school Science. The children had a lot of fun!

Reception Diwali Talk



Reception were lucky enough to have a visit from Iris' mum in RJ, who came in to talk to us all about Diwali, the Festival of Lights. She explained what Diwali is and how it is celebrated. We also enjoyed listening to the wonderful story of Rama and Sita, which she read to us, and each child was given a candle to take home.

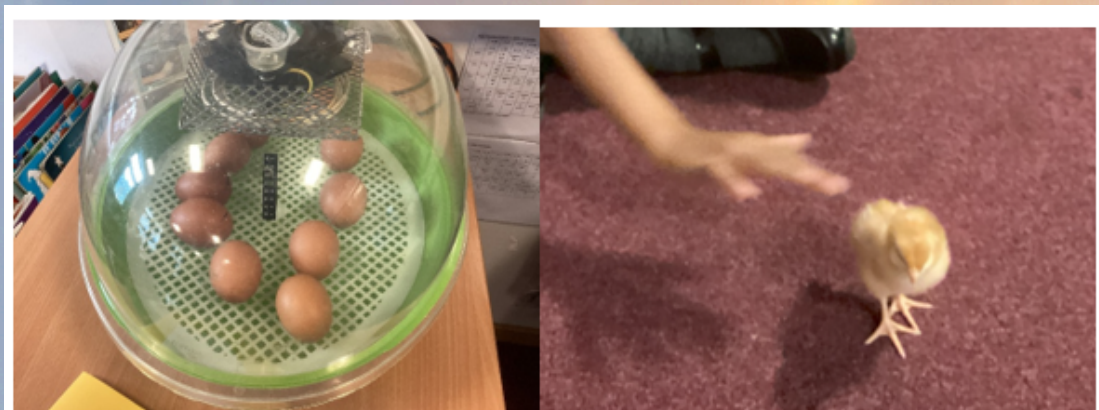
A huge thank you to Iris' mum for taking the time to visit us and share this special celebration with the children. We thoroughly enjoyed learning all about Diwali!

Year 2 Diwali and The Chicks!

On Monday 12th October Year 2 came to school wearing colourful clothing to celebrate the Hindu festival of Diwali. The children made clay diya lamps and designed rangoli patterns both inside and outside of the classroom. They learned Indian dances and even tasted some delicious traditional sweets.



This half term the children in year 2 were lucky to experience how chicks are welcomed into the world as part of our science curriculum. We received ten eggs which we studied closely as they were incubated. We observed and recorded the changes we saw. We saw 8 chicks hatch and watched how quickly they grew. All of the children in year 2 had the opportunity to handle the chicks when they were a few days old. When the chicks outgrew their enclosure, we had to say goodbye as they left for the farm. The children enjoyed this experience and still talk about the chicks today!



Science Spotlight!

Berry	Berry Class has been learning all about habitats, with a particular focus on the rainforest. They explored what rainforests look like and discovered the amazing animals that live there.
Year 1	Year 1 has been learning all about the different parts of the human body and the five senses. They explored which body parts are linked to each sense, discovering that our eyes help us see, ears help us hear, noses help us smell, tongues help us taste and skin helps us feel. It was a fun way to learn more about how our bodies help us understand the world around us!
Year 3	Year 3 have been learning all about light and how it travels through different materials. They investigated whether materials were transparent, translucent or opaque by carrying out practical experiments and observing how much light could pass through each one. It was a fun and hands-on way to explore how light interacts with different materials!
Year 4	Year 4 have been learning all about different plants and trees. They explored our school grounds, observing the plants and trees around them and identifying the different species they discovered. They developed their knowledge by looking closely at the features of each plant and tree and learning how to recognise them.
Year 6	Year 6 have been learning all about evolution and inheritance, exploring how living things have changed and adapted over time. They investigated fossils to discover what they can tell us about the past and even had the chance to make their own fossils, bringing their learning to life in a fun and hands-on way



Curriculum Spotlight

Reading

Reception

In Reception, we have been enjoying reading the story 'Meg and Mog'. The children have loved talking about the different ingredients and objects that Meg put into her cauldron to make a magical potion. We have been using our imaginations to think of our own unusual and wonderful ingredients, developing our vocabulary, speaking and listening skills as we share our ideas with our friends.



Year 1



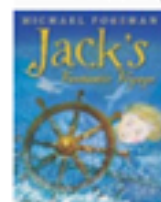
Year 1 have enjoyed reading 'The Sweetest Song' from 'The Story Tree'. We have been learning new vocabulary and discussing the different characters in the story, sharing our thoughts and ideas. The children also enjoyed acting out the story, bringing the characters to life and helping them to remember the sequence of events.

Year 2

Year 2 have been enjoying reading 'Where the Wild Things Are'. The children have been exploring the different characters in the story and have developed their vocabulary by using nouns and adjectives to describe them. The children then used their creativity and imagination to design their own wild thing and describe its appearance and features, applying their descriptive language skills.



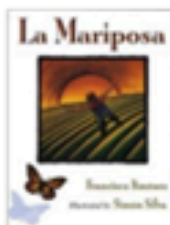
Year 3



In Year 3, we have been reading 'Tchang and the Pearl Dragon'. We have also been studying the book 'Jack's Fantastic Voyage'. We have been learning new vocabulary and discussing what it means. We also spoke about different verbs, nouns and adjectives we could use to describe different settings in the story.

Year 4

In Year 4, we have been looking at the story 'La Mariposa' where a child called Francisco from Mexico starts a new school without knowing the language. We spoke about how the character must have been feeling and how this changed through the course of the book.



Year 5



In Year 5 we have been reading 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom'. The story is set in the USA and it deals with issues such as bullying, friendships and school life. It is also incredibly funny. We spoke about how the character felt at different points in the story and loved learning new vocabulary from the book.

Year 6

Year 6 have been reading about 'The Way of the Dodo' and discussed the impact humans had on the animals of Mauritius. We learnt why the dodo became extinct after humans arrived and found it interesting to learn how the discovery of the dodos' bones helped to change the image of the dodo.



Dali Class and Berry Class



In Dali class, the children have been enjoying reading 'Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?'. We talked about the different characters in the story and enjoyed creating our own class story, using our ideas and imagination to introduce new characters.

In Berry class, the children have been exploring the text 'Coach Potato'. We have been discussing and writing about the different activities that help us to keep our bodies fit, healthy and active. The children also enjoyed choosing and sequencing actions to create their own exercise routines, developing their understanding of healthy lifestyles and the importance of physical activity.



RAINBOW RAFFLE

Bring an item in the colour
of your year group
or donate **£1** on classlist



Dress in **ANY**
rainbow colours
(non uniform day)

13th Nov



Please hand in alcohol to Main Reception. All other items to be handed into your Class Teacher.
Donations will be used to make Hampers for the Xmas Lights Switch on raffle (27 Nov)

SCAN TO REGIST

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5-11



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LIGHT
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ALL WELCOME!

SAT 31 OCTOBER | 3.30 - 5PM

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Important Date or Events - November 2026



Dates	Event
Tuesday 3 rd November	6A MFL Workshop at Winchmore School
Thursday 5 th November	6NA Science Workshop at Winchmore School
Friday 6 th November	Class 5K Assembly
Tuesday 10 th November	Prospective Parent Tour
Friday 13 th November	• Friends of Highfield Quiz in the School Canteen for Staff and Parents/Carers • Class 4C Assembly
Monday 16 th November	Odd Socks Day - come into school this day wearing odd socks for 'Anti Bullying week'
Tuesday 17 th November	• 6NA MFL Workshop at Winchmore School • Prospective Parent Tour
Thursday 19 th November	6M Science Workshop at Winchmore School
Friday 27 th November	Class 4RK Assembly
Tuesday 24 th November	Year 4 Christmas Recorder Concert in the morning
Friday 27 th November	Christmas Fair FOH - After School

