



### Star of the Week

<b>Reception</b>	Loki Browne
<b>Year 1</b>	Rupert Young
<b>Year 2</b>	Alfie Carver
<b>Year 3</b>	Arthur Wood
<b>Year 4</b>	Alfie Marshall
<b>Year 5</b>	Jacob Earnshaw

### PE Days

<b>Reception</b>	Friday (Children to come in PE Kit)
<b>Year 1</b>	Monday & Wednesday
<b>Year 2</b>	Monday & Wednesday
<b>Year 3</b>	Tuesday & Thursday
<b>Year 4</b>	Tuesday & Thursday
<b>Year 5</b>	Wednesday & Friday

## Highburton CE First Academy Newsletter Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### Headteacher's Award

#### Tilly Wilson

For supporting the Reception children really well this week during lunchtimes. It has been a difficult week with the snow and you have been a great help. Thank you Tilly!



#### Friday Fine Dinners

This week's Friday Fine Dinners are Anya Javed in Year 1 and in Arthur Midgley Year 2

### Lunchtime Award

Well done to **Year 1** for achieving the lunchtime award this week. You will receive a treat to celebrate your achievement.



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### This Weeks Attendance

<b>Reception</b>	97.88%
<b>Year 1</b>	99.4%
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	96.83%
<b>Year 4</b>	96.77%
<b>Year 5</b>	95.7%

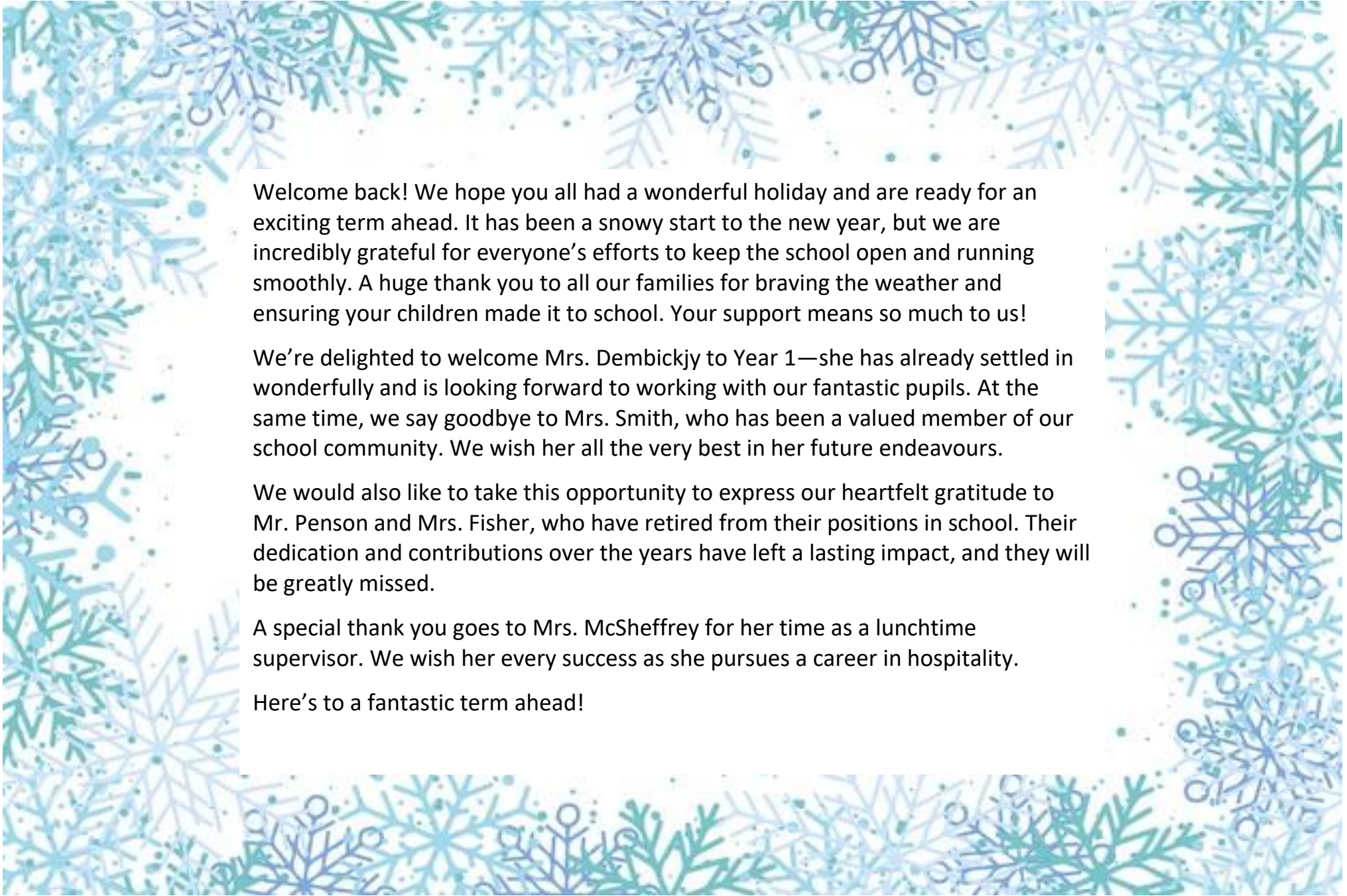
### Attendance

Well done to **Year 2** for achieving the highest attendance this week. You will receive a treat to celebrate your achievement.



### TT Rockstar's

This week's times tables champions are **4 Year!** Next week's battles have been set, please encourage your child to take part.



Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are ready for an exciting term ahead. It has been a snowy start to the new year, but we are incredibly grateful for everyone's efforts to keep the school open and running smoothly. A huge thank you to all our families for braving the weather and ensuring your children made it to school. Your support means so much to us!

We're delighted to welcome Mrs. Dembickjy to Year 1—she has already settled in wonderfully and is looking forward to working with our fantastic pupils. At the same time, we say goodbye to Mrs. Smith, who has been a valued member of our school community. We wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.

We would also like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Penson and Mrs. Fisher, who have retired from their positions in school. Their dedication and contributions over the years have left a lasting impact, and they will be greatly missed.

A special thank you goes to Mrs. McSheffrey for her time as a lunchtime supervisor. We wish her every success as she pursues a career in hospitality.

Here's to a fantastic term ahead!





Snow day  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025



## Reminder

The deadline to apply for a Primary School (Reception) or Middle School place is Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

- ★ Apply online, apply on time
- ★ Name three preferences
- ★ Include your catchment school



- If your child is starting **Secondary School in September 2025**  
you must apply online between 1 September 2024 and 31 October 2024
- If your child is starting **Junior or Middle School in September 2025**  
you must apply online between 1 September 2024 and 15 January 2025
- If your child is starting **Primary School (Reception) in September 2025**  
you must apply online between 1 September 2024 and 15 January 2025  
(for children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021)



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## Term Dates

<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>School closes at 3.30 p.m. on:</b>	<b>School opens again at 9.00 a.m. on:</b>
February Half-Term	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Easter 2025	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025
May Bank Holiday	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Spring Bank	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025
Summer Holiday	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	

<b>2025/2026</b>	<b>School closes at 3.30 p.m. on:</b>	<b>School opens again at 9.00 a.m. on:</b>
First day back		Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025
October Half term	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025
Christmas	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
February Half-Term	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026
Easter 2026	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
May Bank Holiday	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2026	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Spring Bank	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026
Summer Holiday	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	

## Diary Dates

<b>January 2025</b>	
Tuesday 21st	Re arranged Cross Country Finals at Leeds Rd. Letters sent to those that have qualified.
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Multi skills at Shelley college. Please consent and pay on Parent pay.
<b>February 2025</b>	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Film night – details to follow
<b>April 2025</b>	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Easter Service at All Hallows Church 2pm – Parents and Carers welcome

**Please note the School Office has a new email address:**

**[office@highburton.enchanceacad.org.uk](mailto:office@highburton.enchanceacad.org.uk)**

# School Lunches

Just a reminder that if your child has school lunches and is in Year 3, 4 or 5 you must make sure that their dinner money account on ParentPay is kept in credit by at least one week. Please note from 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 the cost of School lunches has increased and is now £2.75 per day, so if your child has school lunches every day their lunch account must be in credit by £13.75. Since becoming part of the Enhance Academy Group on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 school lunch accounts are now managed in house. We currently have a high number of accounts that are more than one week in arrears. If your account is in arrears you will receive weekly reminder emails/texts until it is back in credit. If you are having difficulty with payments please contact the office. Thanks.

**NB** If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 or in receipt of pupil premium their school lunches are free so please do not pay any money on to their lunch account. **Also please remind your child that if they are having a PACKED LUNCH that they select this on the meal selector in school and do not select a meal – as this is causing parents to be charged for meals that their children are not having.**

Thank you.

## Dinner Menu for W/C 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025

<b>Week 1</b>				
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Oven Baked Sausage</b> <i>served with Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli and Carrots</i>	<b>Quorn Sausage</b> <i>served with Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli and Carrots</i>	<b>Pasta Bake</b> <i>served with Homemade Tomato &amp; Basil Sauce with Homemade Garlic Bread</i>	<b>Sponge of the Day</b> <i>served with Creamy Custard</i> <b>Homemade Flapjack</b> <b>Fresh Fruit Platter</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Quorn Dippers</b> <i>served with Herb Potatoes and Peas &amp; Sweetcorn</i>	<b>Mixed Bean Casserole</b> <i>served with Wholegrain Rice</i>	<b>Jacket Potato with Cheese &amp; Coleslaw</b> <i>served with Seasonal Salad</i>	<b>Sticky Toffee Pudding</b> <i>served with a Vanilla Sauce</i> <b>Fruit in Jelly</b> <b>Fresh Fruit Salad</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Roast of the Day</b> <i>served with Oven Roast and Creamed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables</i>	<b>Cheese &amp; Onion Pinwheels</b> <i>served with Oven Roast and Creamed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables</i>	<b>Cheese &amp; Garlic Panini</b> <i>served with Seasonal Salad</i>	<b>Chunky Fruit Muffin</b> <b>Reduced Sugar Desserts</b> <b>Fruit Yoghurts</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Chicken &amp; Vegetable Casserole</b> <i>served with Yorkshire Pudding, and Seasonal Vegetables</i>	<b>Homemade Vegetable Lasagne</b> <i>served with Homemade Wedges and Seasonal Salad</i>	<b>Jacket Potato with Baked Beans &amp; Cheese</b> <i>served with Seasonal Salad</i>	<b>Chocolate Fudge Pudding</b> <i>served with Creamy Custard</i> <b>Shortbread and Fruit Juice</b> <b>Fresh Fruit Salad</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Oven Baked Fish Fingers</b> <i>served with Chips and Garden Peas</i>	<b>Macaroni Cheese</b> <i>served with Homemade Tomato Bread</i>	<b>Cheese &amp; Tomato Panini</b> <i>served with Chips and Side Salad</i>	<b>Selection of Home Baking</b> <b>Creamy Rice Pudding</b> <b>Fresh Fruit Platter</b>

## Snacks at school

Polite reminder that snacks should be brought in a small **named** container, see example below (we do not have space to store large/lunch boxes) These should contain fruit, vegetables or cheese **ONLY**. Yoghurts, breadsticks, crackers, cereal bars or sreen bars are **NOT** allowed. (This is due to children having allergies) **If you send your child to school with grapes, please can you ensure they are cut up, to prevent choking.** Please also remember to send your child with a **named** bottle filled with water. Thank you.



### **Collecting other children.**

Please can we remind all parents that if your child is going to be collected from school by another parent you need to inform the class teacher in the morning or phone or email [office2@highburtonfirst.org.uk](mailto:office2@highburtonfirst.org.uk) to let them know during the day. If another parent asks to take your child and you have not told us about this, then we can unfortunately not let your child go without contacting yourself first. If another parent will be collecting your child long-term or you would like to give permission for another parent to take your child, then again please contact the school office via email to give this permission. Thank you.

### **Polite Reminder**

Please can we remind all parents that children should have a bottle of water at school each day with them and a coat suitable for all weathers.



### **Use of playground equipment before and after school**

Since the beginning of term we have again noticed children climbing on the trim trail and climbing frame in the playground before and after school. Please can we remind all parents and carers that due to health and safety, children are not allowed to play on the trim trail or other climbing equipment in our playground either before or after school. Please make sure you keep an eye on your children so they are unable to do this. This includes the trees in our grounds. Please can we ask that children and their siblings do not play with or move the activities that are set out in the Reception playground, Mrs Senior and Mrs Haigh spend a lot of time planning and setting activities out for the children, so we ask if you can encourage your children not to move things and mess with them. Thank you.



### Parking on Northfield Lane and around school

Please do not park on Northfield Lane, especially at the junction. Not only does it contravene the Highway Code which states – do not stop or park opposite or within 10 metres of a junction. It is dangerous and puts our children's lives at risk. As we have stated many times before – **Northfield Lane is a private lane and parents and carers do not have right of access so please do not park on Northfield Lane.**

Polite reminder that the car park at school is for **STAFF ONLY**. (unless arranged with school)

Our school gates are now closed at drop off and pick up (due to the number of children and parents using the car park to park in, or as a short cut on foot), there have been instances where a car/van or cars have parked further on the lane next to the gate that goes across to our field. **Again – it is a private lane** and you are actually blocking a driveway by parking there! There are also cars regularly parked on the lane directly opposite our school gates to drop off and pick up. We are aware that the majority of our parents and carers either walk to school or park sensibly. However, there are a small number of parents who think it is ok to park anywhere whether that be half on a pavement or even totally on the pavement, across a driveway, on a junction, on a bend, in a bus stop, across the zigzag lines, on the grass verge, or literally in some cases in the middle of the lane! If you are one of these parents or carers please ask yourself - Would I park anywhere else like I do at school? We have no doubt the answer would be 'No!' In which case DO NOT PARK like that at school either!

### Another reminder about hair!



Please make sure your child has their hair fully tied back for school every day. It must be tied back if it is long enough to do so. If your child (boys and girls) comes to school with their hair down it is really difficult for them to pay attention or concentrate when they are having to constantly flick their hair out of their eyes.

Children will be given a bobble to tie their hair back if it is getting in the way of their learning although we do not have a never-ending supply of bobbles and are giving out 5 or 6 bobbles every day. Having hair tied back also reduces the likelihood of head lice in school.

Even the football players wear their hair tied back/in a headband so it doesn't get in the way of their game.



Best wishes

Graham Booth (Head of School)

Tom Burns (Executive Head)