



Star of the Week

Reception	Bobbie Jebson
Year 1	Jacob Delargy
Year 2	Charlie Tunnacliffe
Year 3	Edie Stewart
Year 4	Elliot Moore
Year 5	Martha McDowell

PE Days

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

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Headteacher's Award

Emilia Kershaw

For showing such kindness towards your peers and adults. It is lovely to see your friendly, happy face when walking around school.
Well done!



Friday Fine Diners

This week's Friday Fine Diners are William Chambers in Reception and Evelyn Miller in Year 4

Lunchtime Award

Well done to Year 2 for achieving the lunchtime award this week. You will receive a treat to celebrate your achievement.



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This Weeks Attendance

Reception	89.82%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	96.43%
Year 3	93.1%
Year 4	90.68%
Year 5	98.32%

Attendance

Well done to Year 1 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 Year 3! Next week's battles have been set, please encourage your child to take part.

Vision Day – A Fantastic Community Event!

On Monday, we were delighted to welcome so many parents into school for our Vision Day. It was wonderful to see families engaging in a range of activities linked to our school's vision and values, working alongside the children in different classrooms.

A highlight of the day was seeing the children mixed across year groups, working collaboratively and learning in new environments. The enthusiasm and teamwork on display truly reflected the spirit of our school community.

A huge thank you to all the parents who took the time to join us and support the event. We love having families involved in school life and look forward to welcoming you to more events in the future!



Girls' Football Competition at 5Core

On Tuesday, our girls' football team took part in an exciting competition at 5Core. Every player gave their all, showing fantastic determination, teamwork, and enthusiasm throughout the tournament. They threw themselves into every game, working hard, supporting each other, and demonstrating great sportsmanship.

Although the team didn't come away with the trophy, they had an amazing time and should be incredibly proud of their efforts. Their commitment and positivity were clear to see, and they represented the school brilliantly. Well done, girls!



School memory bears

A lovely way to commemorate leaving school.

Bears are created using a School jumper or cardigan. If you would like to place an order please do so on Parent pay, Bears are price at: £15.20 each

Please ensure cardigans or Jumpers are brought to the school office in a named bag by Friday 28th March.



CHANGE OF MENU

Due to unforeseen circumstances the menu options have had to change on Monday 24th February 2025. The dinner options will be as follows;

Sausage, chips & beans

Homemade loaded vegetable pizza, with wedges and seasonal vegetables

Pasta in a tomato and basil sauce.

Please discuss these changes with your children before coming to school, so they are aware.

Thank you.

Break The Rules Day.

Tuesday 4th March

£1 per rule you want to break.

Maximum of 5 rules.

Please select each rule on Parent Pay.

1. No uniform
2. Juice not water
3. Pancake Breakfast (8:45am)
4. Crazy Hair
5. Snack of Choice
(Strictly no nuts)



Pancakes will be pre ordered from Morrisons bakery.

Cut off time on Parent Pay for pancake breakfast orders – 12 noon Friday 28th February .

FAMILY CHOCOLATE BINGO

THURSDAY APRIL 3RD, 2025

5:30 - 7:30 PM

HIGHBURTON CE FIRST ACADEMY
SCHOOL HALL

£5 PER ADULT, £3 PER CHILD
PRESCHOOLERS FREE

JOIN US FOR A HOPPIN' GOOD TIME TOGETHER!

HIGHBURTON CE FIRST ACADEMY PTA PRESENTS :

COLOUR FEST SATURDAY 17TH MAY 2025

ADULTS £10

CHILDREN (UNDER 16) £8.00

PRE SCHOOL – FREE

AVAILABLE NOW ON PARENTPAY

FOOD TRUCK, SWEET TREATS

AVAILABLE ON PURCHASE

ON THE DAY



Adobe Express

The additional cost of 13p on parent pay is the transaction fee.

Afterschool clubs



Project sport will be running an Afterschool Mini Olympics club for Year 1 & Year 2 children.

The first session starts on Monday 24th Feb for 6 weeks (last session Monday 31st March).

From 3:30p.m. till 4:30p.m.

The cost is £25.50 per child and is bookable on Parent pay.

Choir

Please note Choir will be on a Tuesday next term

Trish Waller from Musica Kirklees will teach the children lots of songs from musicals to pop songs as well as more traditional pieces.

Your child doesn't have to be a fantastic singer to join, he/she just needs to love singing!

The club is running for 6 weeks starting on Tuesday 25th February until Tuesday 1st April 2025. The cost is £25.85. per child. Please book your place on Parent Pay.

ROCKS WANTED

We are trying to improve our outdoor learning environment and curriculum. We are looking for your help with resources. If you have access to rocks or bamboo please get in touch with Mrs Pogson.



A Polite Reminder from Mrs Haigh & Mrs Senior

Both Mrs Haigh and Mrs Senior spend lots of time setting activities up outside for the children to do throughout the day whilst at school. Recently we have noticed children and their siblings playing with and moving these activities around the playground. Please can we ask that you encourage your children NOT to do this, as it then means that's Mrs Haigh and Mrs Senior have to spend time setting them up again before the Reception children can use them. This also includes the climbing frame and the sand pit in the Reception playground. Thank you for your support and co-operation with this matter.

Term Dates

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

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

***Please ensure that Year 3 children come to school in appropriate clothing to ride a bike safely. They will also need a warm coat and gloves. Thank you**

Please note the School Office has a new email address:

office@highburton.enhanceacad.org.uk

Diary Dates

February 2025	
Tuesday 25th	Year 3 Football tournament at 5p.m. Letters sent to those involved.
March 2025	
Tuesday 4 th	Break the rules day! See poster above.
Tuesday 4 th	Year 4 Football tournament at 5p.m. Letter sent to those involved.
Thursday 6 th	World Book day – Children can come to school dressed as their favourite character. Parents/carers are welcome to come in to school and read with their child. Please enter via the school office at 09:00am. Session will finish at 09:30am. Please confirm your attendance on Parent pay, Thank you.
Thursday 6 th	Year 3 Bikeability *
Tuesday 11 th	Year 5 Football tournament at 5p.m. Letter sent to those involved.
Wednesday 12 th & Thursday 13 th	Reception children are visiting Burton Beef farm – please consent via parent pay.
Friday 28 th	Reception Assembly – Easter bonnet parade. Reception Parents/carers welcome. Please come via the school office at 9am. Mrs Haigh will send further information nearer the time.
Friday 28 th	Non-uniform day in exchange for an Easter egg/ chocolate treat.
April 2025	
Wednesday 2 nd	Easter Service at All Hallows Church 2pm – Parents and Carers welcome
Thursday 3 rd	Chocolate Bingo – Bookable on Parent Pay!
May 2025	
Saturday 17 th May	Save the date! – Highburton Colour Fest – details to be confirmed

Attendance Policy

Please familiarise yourself with the following information about taking your child out of school during term time:

If a child accumulates more than 10 sessions (5 school days) of unauthorised absence **within a rolling 10-week period**, the consequences escalate beyond the initial penalty notice. According to the Department for Education's national framework, the following steps are taken:

1. First Offence:

- A penalty notice is issued to each parent for each child with unauthorised absences.
- The fine is £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days; this increases to £160 if paid within 28 days.

2. Second Offence (within 3 years):

- A second penalty notice is issued.
- The fine is £160 per parent, per child, payable within 28 days.
- No discounted rate is available for early payment.

3. Third and Subsequent Offences (within 3 years):

- No further penalty notices are issued.
- The case is referred directly to the Magistrates' Court for prosecution.
- Upon conviction, parents may face:
 - A fine of up to £2,500.
 - A criminal record.
 - Potential implications for future Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks, as the offence may be recorded as a failure to safeguard a child's education.

If you need any information about attendance please click on the link <https://www.highburtonfirst.org.uk/our-school/policies> or the DFE Working together to improve attendance document <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

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 2nd 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 1st 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 24th February 2025 (Please see above re menu change for Monday 24th February

Week 2				
MONDAY	Cottage Pie topped with Creamy Mashed Potatoes <i>served with Carrots and Garden Peas</i>	Homemade Loaded Vegetable Pizza <i>served with Jacket Wedges and Homemade Coleslaw</i>	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Cheese <i>served with Seasonal Salad</i>	Homemade Steamed Sponge <i>served with Creamy Custard</i> Assorted Homemade Biscuits Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Pasta <i>served with Homemade Tomato Sauce and Garlic Bread</i>	Cauliflower, Sweet Potato and Chickpea Curry <i>served with Wholegrain Rice</i>	Cheese & Garlic Panini <i>served with Seasonal Salad</i>	Apple Shortcake <i>served with Creamy Custard</i> Fruit in Jelly Chunky Fruit Platter
WEDNESDAY	Roast of the Day <i>served with Oven Roast and Creamed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables</i>	Roast Vegetable Tart <i>served with Oven Roast and Creamed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables</i>	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Tuna Mayonnaise <i>served with Seasonal Salad</i>	Fruit Crumble <i>served with Creamy Custard</i> Reduced Sugar Desserts Chunky Fruit Pots
THURSDAY	Creamy Chicken & Vegetable Pie <i>served with Herb Potatoes, Carrots and Broccoli</i>	Salmon Fish Bites <i>served with Herb Potatoes, Carrots and Broccoli</i>	Quorn Rogan Josh <i>served with Wholegrain Rice</i>	Orange Victoria Sponge <i>served with Chocolate Sauce</i> Homemade Iced Finger Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY	Harry Ramsden's Battered Fish <i>served with Chunky Chips and Garden Peas</i>	Five Bean & Vegetable Chilli <i>served with Jacket Potato</i>	Cheese & Tomato Panini <i>served with Chunky Chips and Seasonal Salad</i>	Lemon Drizzle Cake Selection of Home Baking Mixed Fruit Yoghurt

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 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 From Mr Booth

Please can we remind all parents that children should be walked all the way to their classroom doors on a morning and not just let out of cars at the junction of Northfield Lane and Moor Lane. If you are running late, please park your car up on Moor Lane, not Northfield Lane or the school Car Park.

Parents should also not be using the playgroup car park for parking, dropping off and collecting children.

Thank you.

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)