



Star of the Week

Reception	Bjoern Maher-Buckley
Year 1	Olivia
Year 2	Frankie Jebson
Year 3	The Whole Class
Year 4	Sam Linley
Year 5	Felicity Davies

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 Year 3

For being excellent during their school trip to the weaver's cottage. You all behaved impeccably and were a credit to our school.
Well done everyone!



Friday Fine Diners

This week's Friday Fine Diners are Archer Brown in Reception and Maisie Siswick in Year 3

Lunchtime Award

Well done to **Year 4** for achieving the lunchtime award this week. You will receive a treat to celebrate your achievement.



This Weeks Attendance

Reception	99.6%
Year 1	98.6%
Year 2	94.44%
Year 3	95.79%
Year 4	94.62%
Year 5	98.32%

Attendance

Well done to **Reception** 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.

Year 3 Weavers cottage trip

The children took part in 4 activities, Baking, weaving, spinning and a cottage tour. They were all extremely well behaved and had an amazing attitude to learning. We had a very creative crafty day and they are looking forward to telling you all about it at their class assembly on Friday 4th April.



A Fantastic Science-Filled Day with Our Governor!

We had a wonderful day on Thursday as our school welcomed Governor Neil Hollis for a hands-on science experience! He spent time with different year groups, leading exciting experiments that had the children engaged and eager to learn.

- **Year 4 and Year 5** explored the fascinating properties of **Non-Newtonian fluids**, discovering how some substances behave like both a solid and a liquid.
- **Year 2** created their very own **lava lamps**, watching in amazement as colourful bubbles floated and fizzed.
- **Reception and Year 1** took part in the magical **Grow a Rainbow** experiment, seeing colours spread and blend before their eyes.

The children were thrilled by the experiments, and we're sure many will be keen to try them again at home! A huge thank you to Neil Hollis for inspiring our young scientists—we can't wait for more exciting science sessions in the future!



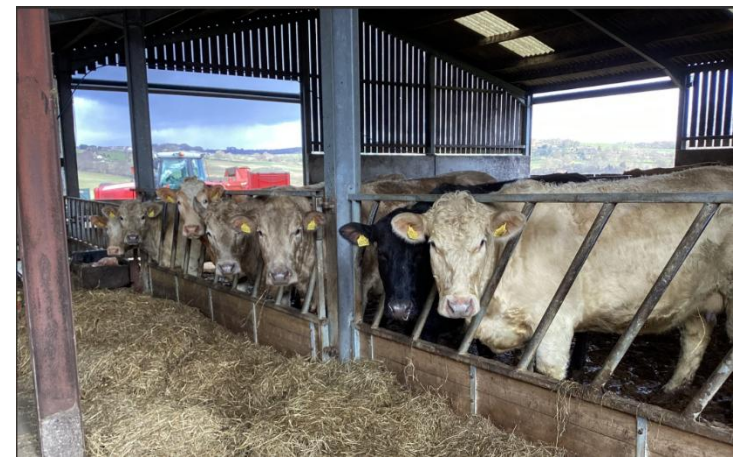
Two of our students have recreated some of the experiments at home, using their knowledge from their science lessons. They have made a lava lamp and oobleck!

If you would like to do some of your own experiments at home please follow the link below.

[Link](#)

Reception Farm Visit

Thank you to Farmer James and Suzanne for our fun visit at Meadow View Farm in Highburton. We had a great time learning about life on the farm. We collected eggs, learnt about their cows and went on a farm machinery hunt! We also did some planting and even made our own butter!



Our Academy Trust held a handwriting competition for all year groups. The Prize winner for Highburton was Ethel Hume in Reception class.

Well Done Ethel!



We will be having a non uniform day on Friday 21st March in aid of Red Nose Day.

If you would like to make a donation to this worthy cause please click on the link below.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=18355>

Colour Fest

The Hindu festival Holi is celebrated to end the season of the cold winter months and to welcome in the spring.

Celebrations of Holi happen within the streets of India using powdered colour and water to represent the start of the new season.

For the very first time, we are hosting our own festival of colour incorporating our school family community:

All participants, including teachers, will run laps of the sports field and be covered in paint, representing the colours of the rainbow at 7 different paint and water stations.

All participants will receive a pair of sunglasses to protect their eyes and a finisher medal.

Available to purchase on the day are additional bags of paint to throw prior to the event.

Sons of the North will be serving hot food and beverages.

Krispy Crème Donut stall.

Photo station for before and after selfies and pictures with your school friends and families.

Spectators are welcome to cheer on our runners and make the most of the refreshments available.

Volunteers will be needed at registration and paint stations, and we will come back to you nearer the time.

When: Saturday 17 May. 11am onwards

Adults £10, Child under 16 £8, Pre Schoolers free

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


Colour Fest Volunteers Needed

For our Colour Fest to be the best it can be on Saturday 17th May, we are reaching out for your help to ensure the event can go ahead knowing that we have enough volunteers ahead of the day.

Please review the list of volunteer roles below, and if you are able to help support this event, please email the school office with your preference of role.

Thank you for your support, the children are already hyped up and looking forward to the day!


Volunteer Role	Number Needed
Registration	2
First Aiders	2
Paint Throwers	8
Water Pistol Blasters	4
Finish Line Medals	2
Paint Packet Stall	2
Krispy Kreme Donut Stall	2
Photographers – For on the field and at the before and after selfie station	6
Valuables Drop Off Area	2


Enhance Academy Trust 
Easter Eggcellent
Attendance Competition
Monday 10th March until
Friday 4th April

IF YOUR CLASS HAS THE MOST IMPROVED ATTENDANCE YOU WILL ALL WIN A CADBURY CREME EGG!

EVERY CHILD WITH 100% ATTENDANCE IN YOUR CLASS WILL BE ENTERED INTO A PRIZE DRAW TO WIN AN EASTER EGG... THERE WILL BE 2 WINNERS IN EACH CLASS!

IF YOUR SCHOOL HAS THE MOST IMPROVED ATTENDANCE ACROSS THE TRUST YOU WILL ALL WIN A CADBURY CREME EGG!

 Make sure your attendance is eggcellent between Monday 10th March and Friday 4th April



Highburton CE First Academy

Film Night for Year 1 and 2

Wednesday 19th March after school until 5.00 p.m.



Our Film Night for Year 1 and 2 children will take place on Wednesday 19th March after school until 5.00 p.m.

The film that has been chosen is Bee movie. The rating of the film is **U** and we ask parents/carers to decide if the film is suitable for their children and by paying on ParentPay you are agreeing this film is suitable. The cost is £5 per child which includes refreshments.

Parents/carers must make arrangements for their children to be collected from the hall back door at 5.00 p.m. prompt please.

Please pay via ParentPay by 12 noon on Wednesday 19th March. Thanks.



Term Dates

2024/2025	School closes at 3.30 p.m. on:	School opens again at 9.00 a.m. on:
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	

Diary Dates

March 2025	
Wednesday 19th	Year 1 & 2 Film night – Bee Movie – Bookable on Parent Pay
Friday 21st March	Red Nose day – Non Uniform
Friday 28 th	Year 3, 4 & 5 Please bring egg displays in to school.
Tuesday 25 th	Parents evening – Please return slips by 17th March
Wednesday 26 th	Parents evening - Please return slips by 17th March
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.
April 2025	
Wednesday 2 nd	Easter Service at All Hallows Church 2pm – Parents and Carers welcome
Thursday 3 rd	Chocolate Bingo (Fully booked)
Friday 4 th	Year 3 class assembly at 9am – Parents and carers welcome
May 2025	
Wednesday 7 th	Year 3,4 &5 Film night – details to follow
Saturday 17 th May	Save the date! – Highburton Colour Fest – Book your place on Parent pay.
Tuesday 20 th	Tempest Class Photos – All children in School uniform

Please note the School Office has a new email address:

office@highburton.enhanceacad.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 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 17th March 2025

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

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)