



Star of the Week

Reception	Hermione Heeley
Year 1	Charlotte Bibby
Year 2	Connie Miller
Year 3	Georgia Hughes
Year 4	Evelyn Miller
Year 5	Sebastian Turner

Highburton CE First Academy Newsletter Friday 16th May 2025

Headteacher's Award Evelyn and Connie Miller

For being fantastic pupils at Highburton First Academy. You will be greatly missed, and we wish you all the best on your exciting new adventure in Australia.



Friday Fine Diners

This week's Friday Fine Diners are **Connie Miller** in Year 2 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.



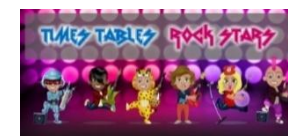
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This Weeks Attendance

Reception	99.59%
Year 1	97.69%
Year 2	99.21%
Year 3	95.34%
Year 4	92.47%
Year 5	100%

Attendance

Well done to **Year 5** 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 5**.

Next week's battles have been set, please encourage your child to take part.

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



Cycling event

On Tuesday 15 of our children from year 2,3,4 & 5 took part in a Cycling event afterschool at Scissett Middle School.

All the children put in 100% effort and we are super proud of them. All the children showed great resilience and we achieved a silver medal in the Year 2 race. Thank you to all the parents and carers who transported children and bikes to the event.





SATURDAY 17TH MAY

**HIGHBURTON CE
FIRST ACADEMY PTA
COLOUR FEST**

**WE ARE READY....
ARE YOU??**



**COME JOIN US
FROM 11AM**

Colour Fest Volunteer Information



COLOUR FEST INFORMATION SHEET

Dear Volunteer,

Thank you for supporting Highburton CE First Academy PTA with their first ever Colour Fest. It's set to be an amazing day, and one everyone is talking about! Without support of our parents and families, events like this wouldn't be possible, so thank you!

The school playground will be opened from 8:45am on Saturday to allow us to dress the playground and set up for the day.

Sons of the North are arriving at around 9:00am and will be setting up tents outside Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms to start food preparation.

If you have specifically requested a role that was advertised, then you have been allocated it. Everyone else has been allocated where we need you. Mostly paint and water pistols so be prepared ☺

We would like all volunteers to arrive on site by **10am** for a quick briefing and to help with any remaining preparation before the day begins.

Upon arrival, please find Jodie Lynch or Totty Napier who can inform you of your role and also ask for your help where it's required.

Any further questions please get in touch with your year group PTA representative, or the school office.

We can't wait for this event, see you all on Saturday!

Jodie

PTA Chair

Term Dates

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

May 2025	
Saturday 17th May	Save the date! – Highburton Colour Fest – NOW FULLY BOOKED!
Tuesday 20th	Tempest Class Photos – All children in School uniform
Wednesday 21st	Year 3,4 & 5 Film night – Paddington in Peru PG – Bookable on Arbor
Friday 23rd	Last day of half term
June 2025	
Monday 2 nd	First day of half term
Monday 9 th	Reception 2026 – New Starters Parents Evening
Friday 13 th	Year 4 Class assembly at 9am – Parents and carers welcome.
Monday 16 th	Year 5 Music Festival, rehearsal during the day & concert at the Town Hall in the evening – Please pay and consent on Arbor (Tickets are now available to buy via the Town Hall website)
Tuesday 24 th	Year 3 Get active morning at Shelley College – details to follow
July 2025	
Tuesday 1 st	Year 4 Get active morning at Shelley College – details to follow
Wednesday 2 nd	Key Stage 1 Film Night – details to follow.
Wednesday 9 th	Sports Day (2pm) & Summer Fair
Thursday 10 th	Year 2 class assembly 3pm – Parents/carers welcome
Friday 11 th	Year 5 Leavers Assembly 2pm – details to follow.

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 Arbor 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 Tuesday 19th May 2025

Week 1				
MONDAY	Quorn Dippers <i>served with Herb Potatoes and Peas & Sweetcorn</i>	Cauliflower, Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry <i>served with Wholegrain Rice</i>	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Cheese <i>served with Seasonal Salad</i>	Jam Shortcake <i>served with Creamy Custard</i> Homemade Flapjack Fresh Fruit Salad
TUESDAY	Mexican Chicken Fajitas <i>served with Carnival Rice and Side Salad</i>	Homemade Margherita Pizza <i>served with Seasoned Wedges and Seasonal Salad</i>	Pasta <i>served with a Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce with Homemade Garlic Bread</i>	Fruit in Jelly Assorted Homemade Muffins Fresh Fruit Platter
WEDNESDAY	Roast of the Day <i>served with Oven Roast and Creamed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables</i>	Quorn Sausage <i>served with Oven Roast and Creamed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables</i>	Cheese & Tomato Panini <i>served with Side Salad</i>	Fruit Crumble <i>served with Creamy Custard</i> Reduced Sugar Desserts Mixed Fruit Yoghurts
THURSDAY	Homemade Sausage Roll <i>served with Seasoned Wedges and Salad or Coleslaw</i>	Cheese & Onion Roll <i>served with Seasoned Wedges and Baked Beans</i>	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise & Coleslaw <i>served with Seasonal Salad</i>	Homemade Carrot Cake Assorted Ice Cream Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY	Oven Baked Fish Fingers <i>served with Chips and Garden Peas</i>	BBQ Vegetable & Bean Wrap <i>served with Chips and Seasonal Salad</i>	Tandoori Chicken Flatbread <i>served with Chips and Raita Sauce</i>	Chocolate Slab Cake Assorted Home Baking Fresh Fruit Salad

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.

Polite Reminder

Could you please ensure that children are coming to school in Full school uniform, please see the table below:

Polo-shirt	Red or white, with or without the school logo
Cardigan/Jumper	Red or white, with or without the school logo
Dress/pinafore/skirt/ Trousers or Shorts	Red and white checked summer dress, Grey shorts, trousers, skirt or pinafore
Tights/Socks	Black, Grey or white socks are required. Grey or red tights
Shoes	Black 'school' shoes. Trainers are not allowed to be worn at school

We'd like to remind everyone about playing ball games before school. Recently, a few parents have nearly been hit by balls while waiting in the playground. If your child has brought a ball to school, please make sure they play on the grass rather than throwing or kicking balls near parents. On wet days, when the grass is out of use, we kindly ask that children avoid playing ball games in the playground where families are gathered. Thank you for helping keep the playground safe for everyone.



Attendance/Late arrivals/Absence procedures

Absence Procedures

- Parents are required to contact the school office before 8:45am on the first day of absence to explain why their child will be absent and how long the absence is expected to last.
- If the absence is expected to last more than one day, parents must ring school each morning their child is absent.
- If a child is absent and their parent has not contacted the school by 9:30am to report the absence, a member of the office staff will phone the parent to find out the reason for the absence.
- Staff will contact all numbers on the pupil's registration form, if no contact is made, the headteacher will be informed.
- If no reason has been established by 10am, staff will conduct a home visit.

When a pupil is absent for three school days in a row, the headteacher will conduct a home visit, to check on the child's wellbeing. When a pupil is absent for more than ten school days in one term, the pupil's parent will be expected to provide a signed letter with an explanation for the absences.

We will not request medical evidence in most circumstance, however the school reserve the right to request supporting evidence. If a pupil is classed as persistently absent, arrangements will be made for parents to speak to the Attendance Officer.

Late Arrivals

If a pupil is late on three occasions in a half term, the school will write to parents. If lateness continues, the school will arrange to meet parents to discuss what measures may be required to ensure that the pupil arrives at school by the appropriate time. Late marks do also affect a child's attendance.

If a pupil has 10 late marks (code L) in the academic year, the school has the right to record any further lateness as unauthorised absences which is likely to result in a Penalty Notice being issued.

Leave of absence

Leave of absence will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher will consider each application individually. Leave of absence forms can be found on our school website, or you may ask for a copy from the school office.

1. Applications for a term time holiday must be done in advance and a Leave of absence form must be completed and returned to school at least two weeks before the start of the absence period.
2. Unauthorised term-time holidays are marked on the register with a G code.
3. After 10 sessions of unauthorised absence (5 days), parents will receive a letter notifying the intent to fine.
4. Fixed Penalty Notice is issued by the local authority

At the first offence a penalty notice is issued to each parent of each child. This is for £80 if it is paid within the first 21 days, increasing to £160 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days.

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second Penalty Notice to the same parent/s for the same pupil/s within 3 years of the first notice, the second Penalty Notice (fine) will be £160 per parent, per child (no reduced fee for paying early)

As the Headteacher will only grant leave of absence in exceptional circumstances, it is highly unlikely a leave of absence will be granted for the purposes of a family holiday.

Please see our website for our attendance and Absence Policy.

Best wishes

Graham Booth (Head of School)

Tom Burns (Executive Head)