

Star of the Week		
Reception	Polly King	
Year 1	Myla-Rose	
	Dundon	
Year 2	Ferrand Allison	
Year 3	Miriam Fleetwood	
Year 4	James Connolly	
Year 5	Freya Addy	

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		

### **Highburton CE First Academy Newsletter** Friday 17th January 2025

# Headteacher's Award

### Fionn, Franky and Elliot

For being 'Unique' going beyond the level that is expected in Mathematics. You used your own interest in Maths and Space to solve a problem. Well done!



### **Friday Fine Diners**

This week's Friday Fine Diners are Joe Pearce in Year 3 and Hetty Bradley in Year 4

## Lunchtime Award

Well done to Year 3 for achieving the lunchtime award this week. You will receive a treat to celebrate your achievement.



**Highburton CE First Academy** 

This Weeks Attendance			
<b>Reception</b> 98.41%			
Year 1	95.83%		
Year 2	99.6%		
Year 3	98.47%		
Year 4	96.88%		
Year 5	97.98%		

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

### Rock Out with TT Rockstars Day at Highburton First Academy on World Number Day!

🎸 Calling all mathletes and rockstars! 🎸

We're excited to announce our upcoming TT Rockstars Day – a fun-filled celebration of times tables and rocking attitudes at Highburton First Academy!

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> February

**Location:** Highburton First Academy

Here's what to look forward to:

Dress to Impress: Come to school dressed as your favourite rockstar! Think big hair, cool outfits, and superstar vibes.

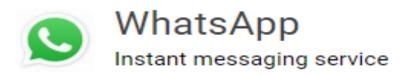
**Rocking Competitions:** Battle it out in live times tables challenges – prizes for the fastest rockers in the school!

**Epic Fun:** Rock-themed activities throughout the day to sharpen your times tables skills while having a blast.

Let's make this day one to remember by turning Highburton into a stage for math magic and rocking fun!

Don't forget to practice your times tables and warm up those fingers for a fantastic day of number-crunching and fun!

Get ready to rock and roll with TT Rockstars! 🤘 🧎



Please can we kindly ask parents to monitor their childs What's app interactions. Thank you.

## **Reception and Year 1**

Please ensure that all children bring their reading books to school on a daily basis as they are used in school throughout the week.

Reading books are changed on a Friday.

Thank you.



# **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 <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	

2025/2026	School closes at 3.30 p.m. on:	School opens again at 9.00 a.m. on:
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
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Summer Holiday	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	

# **Diary Dates**

January 2025			
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.		
February 2025			
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Film night – details to follow		
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	TT Rockstar day. Come to school dressed as your favourite rockstar!		
March 2025			
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Bikeability		
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform day in exchange for an Easter egg/chocolate treat.		
<b>April 2025</b>			
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Easter Service at All Hallows Church 2pm – Parents and Carers welcome		
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chocolate Bingo - Details to follow		

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 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 20th January 2025

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

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.

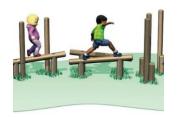




# Use of playground equipment before and after school

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)