



### Star of the Week

Reception	Freddie Walters
Year 1	Alex Richardson-Owen
Year 2	Maisie Duquemin
Year 3	Martha Rowland
Year 4	Oliver Price
Year 5	Albert Robinson

### This Weeks Attendance

Reception	92.9%
Year 1	96.8%
Year 2	99.6%
Year 3	99.6%
Year 4	98.9%
Year 5	97.3%

### Attendance

Well done to **Year 2 and Year 3** for achieving the highest attendance this week. You will receive a treat to celebrate your achievement.

**Highburton CE First Academy  
Newsletter  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

## Headteacher's Award

**Fergus Goodridge**

For helping his community by  
cleaning up the litter.  
Well done Fergus!

## 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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### Friday Fine Diners

This week's Friday Fine Diners  
Nellie Bates are in **Year 1** and  
Lola-Blossom Hine in **Year 4**



### 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

## Diary Dates 2024/2025

October	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	KS2 Film night – Inside Out 2 - 3:30-5:00pm Bookable on Parent pay
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Fall fancy dress – children can come to school in their favourite costume or fall themed clothes in exchange for a luxury item – please see poster below for more info. <b>NB No Masks are allowed.</b>
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parents evening 3.30-7pm – Slips sent home this week.
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Inset day school closed</b>	
November	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	First day back
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Odd Sock day. Wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Sports Hall Athletics 4-5:30pm at Shelley College. Letters to those involved being sent w/c 14 <sup>th</sup> October.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Kirklees Cross Country Finals at Leeds Road. Letters sent to those who have qualified.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Locala Flu Immunisations –Please confirm yes or no via the link sent by email on the 6 <sup>th</sup> September, Thank you.
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Screening with Locala – Information sent via parent pay on 11 <sup>th</sup> October
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Class assembly at 9:00am – Parents & Carers welcome to attend.

## Term Dates

	School closes at 3.30 p.m. on:	School opens again at 9.00 a.m. on:
October Half-Term	<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
Inset Day	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Christmas	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
February Half-Term	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Easter 2024	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	

### Parents' Evening – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

We look forward to welcoming you all on Wednesday at Parents' Evening. **Appointment times were sent home with the children yesterday.** Parents' Evening will be taking place in the hall. Please arrive a few minutes before your appointment and take a seat until you are called by your child's teacher. In order to get through all the appointments the teachers will need to stick with the allotted 5 minute slots. If there is something that needs to be discussed beyond this timing, please arrange a subsequent follow up meeting via the school office. Please arrive via the main entrance.

# This week in school ....



## Year 2 Multi skills

On Tuesday Year 2 travelled to Shelley College to take part in a Multi-Skills afternoon. The children enjoyed taking part in different activities and had lots of fun. Thank you to the parents that helped out on the trip, it is very much appreciated!



## Bikeability

Throughout the week this week, Year 5 have taken part in their bikeability course, they started off in the playground to gain confidence and practice their signalling and manoeuvring before moving out on to the roads. The children have really enjoyed riding their bikes around the village. Well done to all of Year 5!

## Year 1 Success

Over the last few weeks all of the children in Year 1 have followed our school values and worked together and been helpful to one and another and managed to complete a 300 piece jigsaw!! They were so proud of themselves this afternoon! Well done Year 1!





## Social Media

We have been made aware of an issue when searching for our Facebook page, it is a problem on their side, that they are trying to fix, please use the link below to find our Facebook page. Thank you.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61552016605368>



EVERY MAN  
EVERY MAN

**ROTHAM** VS **BRISTOL CITY**

**SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER**  
**3PM KICK OFF**  
THE JOHN SMITH'S STADIUM

**TERRIERS TOGETHER**  
**LOWER TIER OFFER**  
**ADULTS £10**  
**UNDER 16 £5**

Scan the QR code and select  
'Group Manager Adult' or  
'Group Manager Junior' and  
enter code **'SCHOOLS100'** at checkout

Discount available until 3pm on the match day. Tickets are in an uncovered seating area behind the goal and are not transferable. This area is for home supporters only. Booking fees will apply.

EVERYTHING TOGETHER

19.00

## Reception Children

A polite reminder that your child's Little Wandle reading book and school library book needs to be returned to school every Friday – so they can be changed.

Also please ensure your child is coming to school with a spare set of clothes, the children love exploring the activities, ie, water, sand and the mud kitchen

Unfortunately we don't have an endless amount of spare clothes in school.

Any problems, please see Mrs Haigh or Mrs Senior.

Thank you





## Empowering Young Minds with New Laptops

Raising **£8,000**



Highburton Parent Teacher Association supports a school where every child is valued and empowered to flourish.

A school where kindness, helpfulness, honesty, and gratitude are woven into the fabric of daily life and is modelled by their pupils.

Our Parent Teacher Association is working hard on the 2024-2025 event calendar to ensure families have the opportunity to participate in events at minimal cost to help raise funds.

The money raised by the PTA this academic year will go towards new laptops for our children to help nurture and engage them in an exciting curriculum in order to inspire a life-long love of learning.

We would love your help to raise the sum of £8000 that is needed to purchase new laptops for our pupils.

If you can help with a donation to help towards our purchase, we would be very grateful

[Fundraiser by Jodie Lynch : Highburton C.E First Academy. \(gofundme.com\)](https://www.gofundme.com/)





Please note: No Masks for the above event!



This event is now bookable via parent pay. Book quickly to avoid missing out!



## Afterschool Clubs starting W/C 4<sup>th</sup> November

**NB – Karate and Art Club are now fully booked**

### Choir

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 Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November until Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 24. The cost is £25.85. per child. Please book by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October to secure your place.

**Highburton CE First Academy**

**Film Night for Year 3,4 and 5**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024 after school until 5.00 p.m.**



Our Film Night for Year 3,4 and 5 children will take place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October after school until 5.00 p.m.

The film that has been chosen is Inside out 2. 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 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Thanks.



- ★ 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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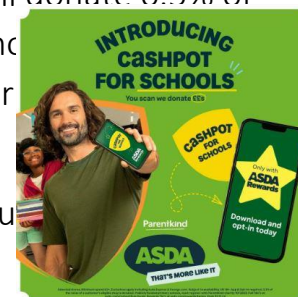
[www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions)



## Asda Rewards

As some of you maybe aware, ASDA have started a new reward scheme this month, 'CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS.' ASDA have teamed up with Joe Wicks to support UK Primary Schools through Cashpot for schools. If you a member of ASDA Rewards you are able to select a school and they will donate 0.5% of your total spend when you shop to our school. They give us an extra £1 for every customer who shops at our school.

So as a school we are kindly asking that you use ASDA Rewards when you shop!



If you are not already part of the ASDA Rewards scheme, you can download the app to your mobile phone and register and then choose our school under the 'Cashpots' part on the app.

Thank you in advance for helping our school!

**you scan,  
we donate  
££s TO  
SCHOOLS.**



# 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 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024

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



There has been cases of head lice reported in school recently. Please check your child's hair and treat if necessary. Please see link below on head lice.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

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 England 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)