



### Star of the Week

<b>Reception</b>	Chace Emsley-Andrews
<b>Year 1</b>	Each and Everyone of you
<b>Year 2</b>	Tommy
<b>Year 3</b>	George Tarazi
<b>Year 4</b>	Oliver Rhodes
<b>Year 5</b>	Joshua Matthews

### PE Days

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

## Highburton CE First Academy Newsletter Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### Headteacher's Award

#### The Whole School

For delivering an excellent performance during your Nativity and Christmas Concert. You were all fantastic and worked so well 'together'.



#### Friday Fine Dinners

This week's Friday Fine Dinners are Norah Napier in Reception and Harriet Napier in Year 5

### Lunchtime Award

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



### This Weeks Attendance

<b>Reception</b>	93.7%
<b>Year 1</b>	88.1%
<b>Year 2</b>	94.1%
<b>Year 3</b>	96.2%
<b>Year 4</b>	94.3%
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>98%</b>

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



Wow, I can't believe it is the Christmas holidays already! The past few weeks have been a whirlwind of excitement, with magical performances, festive craft afternoons, joyful parties and, of course, a visit from the big man himself – Santa!

It's been a long (very long!) but incredibly successful Autumn term. The children have been an absolute credit to you and to Highburton CE First Academy, embracing every opportunity with enthusiasm and showing such kindness and determination along the way.

Thank you for all your support this term. Seeing the school (and church) filled to the brim for our performances always reminds me how special our community is. It's moments like these that highlight what a truly wonderful place our school is.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year. Take time to relax, enjoy the festivities, and cherish moments with your loved ones. We can't wait to welcome everyone back, refreshed and raring to go, on Monday 6th January!

Merry Christmas!

Mr. Booth





### **Boom Reader Prize Draw Winners**

Well done to all the children that have worked hard continuing reading lots throughout the last few weeks. The prize draw has taken place today and the winners of the afternoon tea and movie are:

Year 1 – Rueben & Henry

Year 2 – Isabelle & Frankie

Year 3 - Stanley & Arthur K

Year 4 - Elliot & Jonah

Year 5 - Ellen & Charlotte

**Boom Reader Prize winners enjoying their afternoon tea and Movie**



### **Boom reader “TOP READERS”, – 1<sup>st</sup> September – 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Name	Number of Reads
Timmy Davies – Year 2	148
Elliot Moore – Year 4	126
Felicity Davies – Year 5	114
Arthur Wood – Year 3	109

Well done to our Boom reader “Top Readers”, You will receive a treat for your fantastic reading record!

## **Reception & KS1 Nativity**

The Reception and KS1 Nativity, *Hey Ewe*, was a joyful and heartwarming performance that truly captured the spirit of Christmas. The story, told through the eyes of a curious little sheep, brought plenty of laughs and tender moments as the children retold the Nativity story with charm and enthusiasm.

One of the highlights of the show was undoubtedly the adorable sheep with moving ears, which stole the hearts of the audience. Their movements added an extra touch of magic, and giggles from children and adults alike.

The children sang beautifully, remembered their lines brilliantly, and brought the story to life with confidence and joy. It was a performance to be proud of, showcasing the wonderful talents of our youngest pupils. A big thank you to everyone who helped make it such a special event!

## **KS2 Christmas performance**

The KS2 performance in church was a truly memorable and uplifting event, filled with talent, creativity, and a good dose of fun! The children treated us to a wonderful mix of singing, poetry, and a short play/poem that brought both smiles and thoughtful moments to the audience. The energy and enthusiasm of the children shone through, leaving the audience thoroughly entertained.

It was a fantastic celebration of the season, showcasing the hard work and teamwork of the KS2 pupils. Thank you to everyone who made it such a special and joyous event!

The KS1 and KS2 disco was a noisy but thoroughly enjoyable evening, filled with laughter, dancing, and plenty of energy! The children threw themselves into the fun, showing off their best dance moves and singing along to their favourite songs.



## Term Dates

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

<b>2025/2026</b>	<b>School closes at 3.30 p.m. on:</b>	<b>School opens again at 9.00 a.m. on:</b>
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
Spring Bank	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026
Summer Holiday	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	

## Diary Dates

<b>January 2025</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	School opens again at 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Re arranged Cross Country Finals at Leeds Rd. Letters sent to those
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Multi skills at Shelley college. Please consent and pay on Parent pay.
<b>February 2025</b>	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Film night – details to follow
<b>April 2025</b>	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Easter Service at All Hallows Church 2pm – Parents and Carers welcome

**Please note the School Office has a new email address:**

**[office@highburton.enchanceacad.org.uk](mailto:office@highburton.enchanceacad.org.uk)**

## **Afterschool 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 8<sup>th</sup> January until Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 25. The cost is £25.85. per child. Please book on Parent Pay by Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025.



## **Bean bags/ floor cushion's**

We are looking to refurbish our reading snug/intervention room, If you have any bean bags or large floor cushions you are able to donate please contact the school office. Thank you.





# 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.**

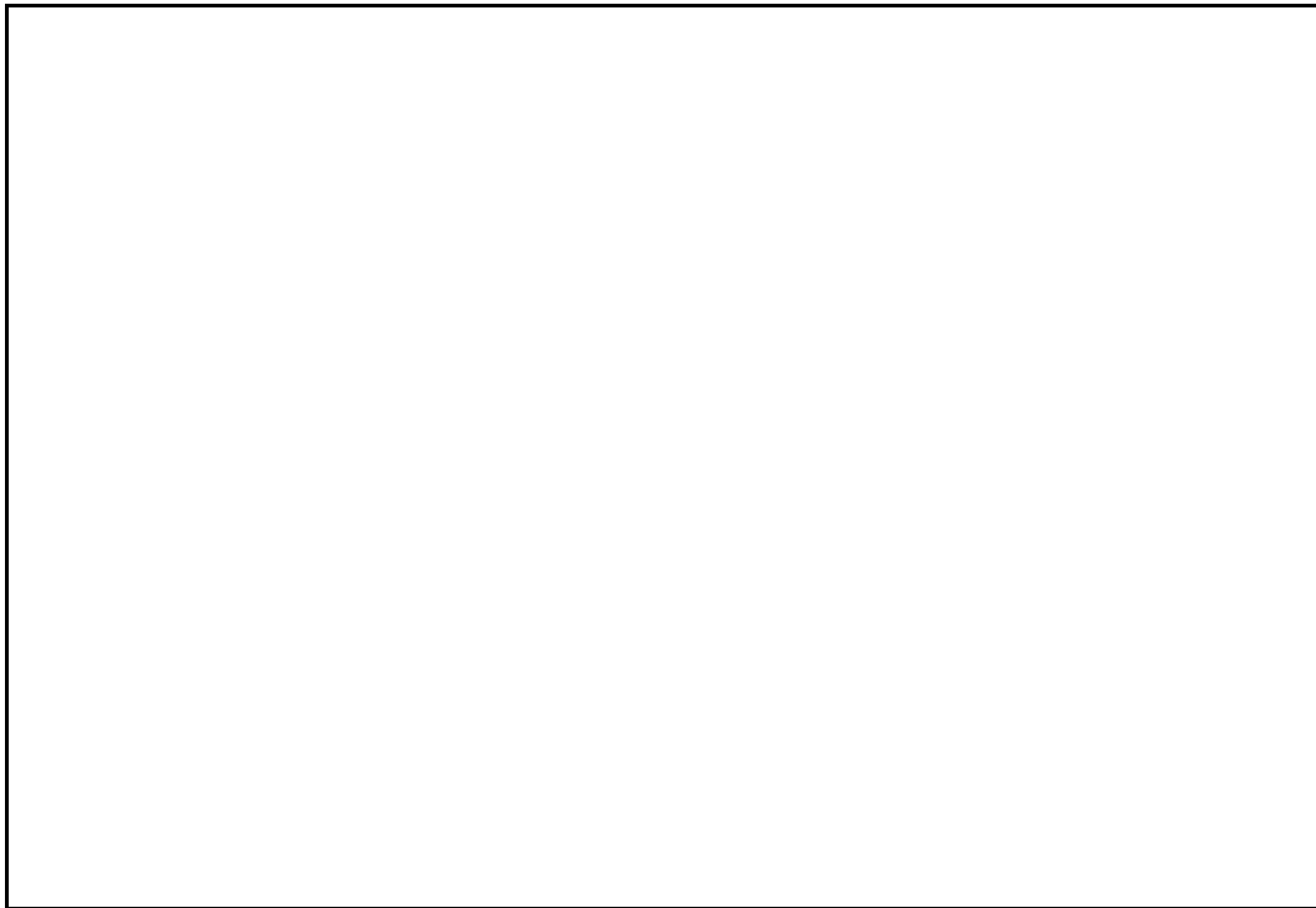
Thank you.

## Dinner Menu for W/C 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

<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) **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](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!



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)