



Star of the Week

Reception	Phoenix Pitts
Year 1	Nathan Krajewski
Year 2	Norah Bell
Year 3	Harry Norton
Year 4	Ellie Taylor
Year 5	Charlotte Turnbull

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

Bjoern Maher-Buckley & Freddie Walters

For being so kind and caring this week with one of their peers. They involved them in their activities and helped them when they became upset.
Well done boys



Friday Fine Diners

This week's Friday Fine Diners are Polly King in Reception and Gracie Chapman in Year 5

Lunchtime Award

Well done to **Year 5** for achieving the lunchtime award this week. You will receive a treat to celebrate your achievement.



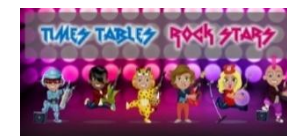
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This Weeks Attendance

Reception	96.43%
Year 1	87.04 %
Year 2	95.63%
Year 3	95.02%
Year 4	92.11%
Year 5	98.48%

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



We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Parent App

We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Parent App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Parent App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

How to get started

1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday

The Sunnyville School of Magic
W30 5BN, London, GBR

Enter your password

Log in

Forgotten password?

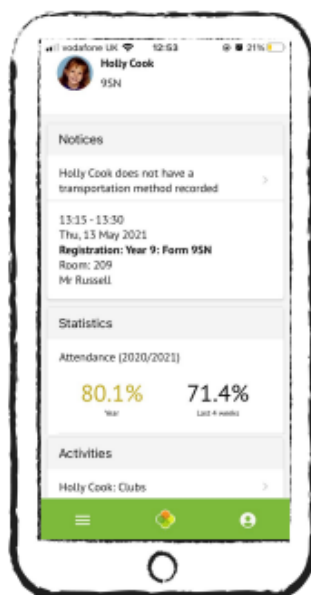
Need help using Arbor?

Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal. Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

Some tips to try:

1. Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to **check the email address** linked to your account.
2. **Reset your password** from the login page, or ask us to do this.
3. If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the **password link will have expired**. Ask us to send it again.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
5. **Enter the birthday** of one of your children to log in.
6. Only relatives who are **Primary Guardians** of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.



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Thursday 20th March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

We are excited to announce that we will be moving our payment and communication system to Arbor on Monday 31st March 2025.

Adopting Arbor will allow us to communicate with you more efficiently and bring all core school data, payment and workflows into one system.

We are really looking forward to getting started with Arbor and invite all our parents to familiarise themselves using the link below.

[Getting started - Log into the Parent Portal and the Parent App](#)

Arbor also offers access to many training resources which are completely free for you to make the most of! These can all be found [here](#).

We will send further communication on the parental app and how to register on Monday 24th March, please look out for this information and register your child when prompted. Please note, this email may go in to your junk folder.

We hope you are looking forward to using this new feature as much as we are!

Due to this move, we ask that all children's dinner money accounts, on ParentPay, are paid up until and including, Monday 31st March. This means that your account should be in credit by £22.00, from today. (If your child has school dinners every day.)

Any trips where monies are due before Monday 31st March, please ensure these are paid as soon as possible. Any trips where monies are due after Monday 31st March, these will be available to pay on Arbor on Tuesday 1st April 2025.

If you have any queries please contact Miss Grist in the school office.

Kind Regards

Graham Booth
Head of School




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Above letter sent via Email

If you have received a text regarding updating your email address, please contact the School office by Thursday 27th March.




Thank you

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



SCHOOL POND



On Thursday 27th March we have a team of volunteers who are working on revitalising our school pond.

We are looking for surplus materials including:

Pond liner
 Pond filter
 Bark Chippings
 Gravel Stone

If you have any of the above materials that you would like to donate to us, please contact the school office

Key Stage 1

EASTER

Bonnet Competition

Please bring bonnets to school

Friday 28th March



Key Stage 2

Easter Egg Display



Friday 28th March

Please bring all egg
displays into school on
Friday morning.





A Day Full of Laughter for Comic Relief!



Laughter filled the school today as we came together to support Comic Relief! The children were lucky enough to enjoy some stand-up comedy—courtesy of our very own Mr. Booth! His jokes had everyone in stitches and set the tone for a fantastic day.

After the giggles inside, the fun continued outdoors, where every child had the chance to share their best joke with friends. From clever puns to classic one-liners, the playground was full of laughter and smiles. It was a wonderful way to bring everyone together for a great cause!

We would love for you to support Comic Relief by donating below. Every contribution helps make a difference. Thank you for your generosity

If you would like to donate to this worthy cause please click on the link below.

Thank you.

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

Year 3, 4, and 5 Shine at the Hockey Festival!

On Tuesday evening, our Year 3, 4, and 5 children took part in an exciting Hockey Festival, and what a fantastic time they had! The sun was setting, but there was definitely a chill in the air as the children took to the pitch, eager to develop their skills and enjoy some friendly competition.

Throughout the evening, they practised new techniques, honed their dribbling and passing, and put their teamwork to the test in a series of fun and engaging games. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and determination, with plenty of smiles and encouragement all around.

A huge well done to all the children for their brilliant effort and sportsmanship. Thank you to the organisers for putting on such a great event—we can't wait for the next one!



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

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	
Tuesday 25 th	Parents evening
Wednesday 26 th	Parents evening
Friday 28 th	Year 3, 4 & 5 Please bring egg displays in to school
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
Tuesday 22 nd	Hi-5 Netball festival at Shelley College. Letters sent to those involved.
Wednesday 23 rd	Year 2 Synagogue trip
Wednesday 23 rd	Year 4 Cliffe House drop in – In class 3.30-4.00pm
May 2025	
Wednesday 7 th	Year 3,4 & 5 Film night – details to follow
Wednesday 7 th	Year 1 Mosque trip
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 – Apologies Friday 28th March is not Non uniform day – No Chocolate donations required

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 24th March 2025

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