



Star of the Week

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| Reception | Chace Emsley-Andrews |
| Year 1 | Alexander Richardson-Owen |
| Year 2 | Lewie Jessop |
| Year 3 | Ava Sykes |
| Year 4 | Felicity Evans |
| Year 5 | Rose Wagstaff |

PE Days

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| 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 23rd May 2025

Headteacher's Award

Harrison Lewis

For being a wonderful role model in year 1. You are a kind and helpful young man.
Well done Harrison!



Friday Fine Diners

This week's Friday Fine Diners are Oscar Banks in Reception and

Pippa Wilcock in Year 5

Lunchtime Award

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



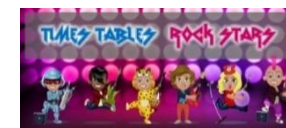
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This Weeks Attendance

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| Reception | 94.24% |
| Year 1 | 91.2% |
| Year 2 | 98.81% |
| Year 3 | 91.04% |
| Year 4 | 93.91% |
| Year 5 | 99.66% |

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.



Colour Fest Chaos – And We Loved Every Second!

A huge thank you (and perhaps an apology to our school cleaners!) goes to our incredible PTA committee for organising last Saturday's fantastically fun, fabulously messy **Colour Fest**.

The sun shone (eventually), the paint flew, and let's just say – no one, especially the Head of School, came away unscathed. It turns out, there's nothing that brings a school community together quite like the opportunity to launch handfuls of coloured powder and cold water at Mr Booth. Who knew?

The event raised a whopping **£1951** – an amazing total that will go straight back into supporting our school and pupils. Thank you to everyone who came, took part, and left looking like a walking rainbow.

Staff members bravely (or foolishly?) joined in, some even looking suspiciously excited about the chance to wield a water blaster. Year 5 were cheered on during their spirited lap of honour with the teachers – a truly colourful parade of champions.

Of course, no festival would be complete without some top-notch fuel – bacon and sausage butties were inhaled between colour waves faster than we could say, "Who brought the ketchup?"

By the end, the playground looked like a unicorn had sneezed – and the colours have stuck around all week.

We're already counting down the days until the next one.

Thanks again, PTA – that was an absolutely amazing event!



Hide and Seek Safety Drill

This week, we held an assembly on Wednesday to talk to the children about an important part of staying safe in school. We introduced them to something we call our "Hide and Seek" procedure.

"Hide and Seek" is a child-friendly way of talking about a lockdown—a rare situation where everyone needs to stay very quiet and out of sight, just to make sure we are all safe. By calling it "Hide and Seek," we can explain the steps in a calm and reassuring way that young children understand, without causing worry or fear.

We explained to the children that if they ever hear five bells, this is the signal to start our "Hide and Seek" routine. Teachers will guide the class to a safe space in the room where they stay quiet together—just like in a game.

The children listened beautifully during the assembly, and teachers have also taken time in class to talk things through and answer any questions. We want to make sure that every child feels confident and calm about what to do.

We will be practising a Hide and Seek drill next half term, so the children can rehearse the routine in a safe and supportive way—just like they do with fire drills.

Please take a moment to talk to your child at home about "Hide and Seek." Let them know it's just another way we keep everyone safe at school, and that their teachers are always there to look after them.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us create a calm, safe, and caring environment for all our children.

Behaviour

Understanding Our Behaviour Sanctions – Please Talk to Your Child

At Highburton First Academy, we believe that good behaviour supports a positive learning environment for everyone. As part of our approach, we use a clear and consistent set of behaviour sanctions to help children reflect on their choices and make improvements when needed.

We encourage all parents to talk to their child about the sanctions and check what they understand. You can also refer to the full Highburton First Academy Behaviour Policy, available on our school website, for more detail.

Here is a summary of the steps we follow:

B1 – Quiet Warning:

A calm, clear reminder is given to help the child recognise the behaviour that needs to change. There is no consequence at this stage—just a chance to make the right choice and carry on positively.

B2 – Second Warning:

If the behaviour continues, the child will lose 5 minutes of their next playtime. They will also be moved to a different seat to help them refocus on their learning.

B3 – Repeated Disruption:

Should the behaviour persist, the child will be sent to a paired class to complete their work. They will lose 15 minutes of playtime and a member of the senior leadership team will check in with them later to reflect and help them reset.

B4 – Serious Behaviour:

For more serious incidents—such as physical harm or abusive language—the child will lose all playtimes for two days and stay indoors. On the third day, they may return to outdoor play but only with adult supervision. Parents will be contacted by phone to discuss the incident.

We appreciate your support in helping your child understand these steps and why they are in place. Together, we can continue to create a calm and caring school community for all our children.

Cricket



Our school participated in a Year 5 & 6 interschool tournament, where 12 teams came together for an action packed day of cricket!

Though we didn't end up on the podium, finishing 7th Place our players showed great sportsmanship and teamwork. We were very proud of their performance and the way they represented our school.

Well done to all the players, and thank you to Tom Cliffe for coaching the team.



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Our 2025-2026 Wall Planners Are Here!

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Orders close on 6th July!

Calendars will be available to collect from the school office on Wednesday 16th July.



Term Dates

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

| June 2025 | |
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| Monday 2nd | First day of half term |
| Monday 9 th | Reception 2026 – New Starters Parents Evening |
| Tuesday 10 th | Yr4 & Yr5 Cricket tournament at Skelmanthorpe CC – Letters sent to those taking part. |
| Friday 13 th | Year 4 Class assembly at 9am – Parents and carers welcome. |
| Friday 13 th | Break the Rules day – Information to follow |
| 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) |
| Wednesday 18 th | Year 4 & Year 5 Girls Cricket tournament at Kirkburton CC 09:30 – 12:00 Letters sent to those taking part. |
| Tuesday 24 th | Year 3 Get active morning at Shelley College – Letters sent out, please pay and consent on Arbor. |
| Thursday 26 th | Save the Date – Year 4 & 5 Pizza & games night 15:30 – 19:00 More details to follow! |
| July 2025 | |
| Tuesday 1 st | Year 4 Get active morning at Shelley College – Letters sent out, please pay and consent on Arbor. |
| 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 Monday 2nd June 2025

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| Week 2 | | | | |
| MONDAY | Vegetable Ravalini <i>served with a Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce with Garlic Bread</i> | Vegetable & Chickpea Tikka Curry <i>served with Wholegrain Rice and Naan Bread</i> | Cheese & Tomato Panini <i>served with Seasonal Salad</i> | Fruit Pie <i>served with Creamy Custard</i> Assorted Homemade Biscuits Fresh Fruit Platter |
| TUESDAY | Beef Burger in a Bun with Lettuce & Tomato <i>served with Potato Wedges and Coleslaw</i> | Homemade Falafel Burger in a Bun with Lettuce & Tomato <i>served with Potato Wedges and Coleslaw</i> | Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Cheese <i>served with Seasonal Salad</i> | Homemade Ginger Cake with Fudge Topping Jelly & Ice Cream Fresh Fruit Salad |
| WEDNESDAY | Roast of the Day <i>served with Oven Roast and Creamed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables</i> | Seasoned Roast Quorn <i>served with Oven Roast and Creamed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables</i> | Salmon Fishcake <i>served with Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables</i> | Chunky Fruit Muffin Reduced Sugar Desserts Fruit Yoghurts |
| THURSDAY | Traditional Butter Chicken Curry <i>served with Wholegrain Rice and Naan Bread</i> | Macaroni Cheese <i>served with Homemade Garlic Bread and Salad</i> | Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise & Cheese <i>served with Seasonal Salad</i> | Chocolate Victoria Sponge <i>served with Creamy Custard</i> Assorted Mousse Fresh Fruit Platter |
| FRIDAY | Harry Ramsden's Battered Fish <i>served with Chunky Chips and Garden Peas</i> | Homemade Dhal <i>served with Wholegrain Rice and Naan Bread</i> | Cheese Sandwich <i>served with Chunky Chips and Crudites</i> | Chocolate Cornflake Bun Selection of 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.

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.

If your child has an appointment please contact the school office in advance (if possible) and provide evidence in the form of a letter or text message.

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)