



Star of the Week

Reception	Oliver Cliffe
Year 1	Wolfy Walker
Year 2	Alice Prince
Year 3	Harry Harper & Caitlyn Kelly
Year 4	Rose Senior
Year 5	Annie Morris

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

Harry Harper & Caitlin Kelly

For settling in so well this week. You are now part of the Highburton family. Good luck for the rest of the term.



Friday Fine Diners

This week's Friday Fine Diners are Arthur Townsend in Reception and Orla Ward in Year 2

Lunchtime Award

Well done to **Year 2** for achieving the lunchtime award this week. You will receive a treat to celebrate your achievement.

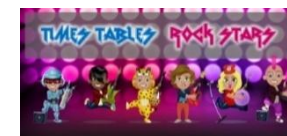


This Weeks Attendance

Reception	100%
Year 1	94.05%
Year 2	96.94%
Year 3	98.16%
Year 4	92.63%
Year 5	99.13%

Attendance

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



TT Rockstar's

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



A message from Mr Booth -

We would like thank all our parents for ensuring your children have returned to school on time after the holidays. Your commitment to punctuality and routine plays a vital role in helping our students transition smoothly back into their learning environment. It's wonderful to see their happy faces, ready to learn and engage with their peers. Your continued support and partnership are truly appreciated as we begin this next chapter of the school year together.

Year 2 Synagogue Visit

We visited the Synagogue after learning about Judaism. The children were given a real life experience and saw the Star of David, the Arc and Torah scrolls and learnt about the festivals that Jewish children take part in. The children were impeccably behaved and learnt lots from our visit.



Netball

We are incredibly proud of our netball teams for their fantastic performance in Tuesday's competition! All the children showed great teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the event. Group 1 played with incredibly earning a well deserved 4th place out of 7 teams. Group 2 played superbly and finish in a remarkable 2nd place. Their dedication during training clearly paid off (the quick session at lunch time), and we couldn't be more pleased with how they represented our school. Well done to all involved—you've made us very proud!



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

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HOLMFIRTH

RAMBLE ON!

Join us for our first weekly walk:

FREE OF CHARGE

Date: 01/05/2025

Time: 6:30 - 8:00PM

**Location: Church Car Park, Sude Hill, New Mill,
Holmfirth, HD9 7BL**

GET IN TOUCH!

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Find out more:



Term Dates

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

April 2025	
Monday 28 th	Year 3 & 4 Cricket Tournament at Almondbury Cricket Club, those attending have had letters.
May 2025	
Monday 5 th	SCHOOL CLOSED MAY BANK HOLIDAY
Wednesday 7 th	Year 3,4 & 5 Film night – details to follow
Wednesday 7 th	Year 1 Mosque trip
Wednesday 7 th – Friday 9 th	Year 4 Cliffe House Residential
Tuesday 13 th	Yr2,3,4 & Cycling event – Scissett Middle School – Please confirm your child's place on Arbor by 25.4.25
Saturday 17 th May	Save the date! – Highburton Colour Fest – NOW FULLY BOOKED!
Tuesday 20 th	Tempest Class Photos – All children in School uniform
Friday 23 rd	Last day of half term
June 2025	
Monday 2 nd	First day of half term
Monday 9 th	Reception 2026 – New Starters Parents Evening
Monday 16 th	Year 5 Music Festival, rehearsal during the day & concert at the Town Hall in the evening – more info to follow. (Tickets are now available to buy via the Town Hall website)
Tuesday 24 th	Year 3 Get active morning at Shelley College
July 2025	
Wednesday 2 nd	Key Stage 1 Film Night – details to follow.
Wednesday 9 th	Sports Day (2pm) & Summer Fair
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 Tuesday 28th April 2025

Week 2				
MONDAY	Vegetable Ravioli <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.

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 office@highburton.enhanceacad.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)