



Star of the Week

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| Reception | Alfie Rhodes |
| Year 1 | Ethan Dewsnip |
| Year 2 | Arthur Whiteley |
| Year 3 | Jack Gavaghan |
| Year 4 | Hetty Bradley |
| Year 5 | Tilly Wilson |

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 28th February 2025

Headteacher's Award

Charlotte Turnbull

For demonstrating the value 'Unique' when being awarded out of school for her dancing. You have shown your talents and determination and we are all very proud of you!
Well done!



Friday Fine Diners

This week's Friday Fine Diners are Frankie Jebson in Year 2 and James Connolly in Year 4

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 | 99.21% |
| Year 1 | 98.61% |
| Year 2 | 97.22% |
| Year 3 | 98.47% |
| Year 4 | 97.49% |
| Year 5 | 98.87% |

Attendance

Well done to **Reception** 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.



Year 3 Football Tournament

Our Year 3 footballers took part in a fantastic tournament this week, facing some strong opposition. The team put in a brilliant effort, showing great determination and enthusiasm throughout.

Despite some tough matches, they never gave up, working together and supporting each other. They played incredibly well, drawing one game and unfortunately losing two. Most importantly, they showed fantastic sportsmanship and kept smiling from start to finish!

Well done to everyone who took part – we are very proud of you!



Year 5 Football Tournament

Year 5 took part in a football tournament at 5score on Thursday. They played with determination and grit as the games were tough and challenging. After a disappointing loss in game one, the team changed tactics and came back fighting winning game 2 and 3. After the games were analysed and the goals tallied up, Highburton finished 4th Place.

The children showed perseverance as well as togetherness and should be very proud of themselves. Well done team Highburton!



Break The Rules Day. Tuesday 4th March

£1 per rule you want to break.
Maximum of 5 rules.
Please select each rule on Parent Pay.

1. No uniform
2. Juice not water
3. Pancake Breakfast (8:45am)
4. Crazy Hair
5. Snack of Choice
(Strictly no nuts)



Pancakes will be pre ordered from Morrisons bakery.

Deadline on Parent Pay for pancake breakfast orders – 12 noon Friday 28th February.

FAMILY CHOCOLATE BINGO

THURSDAY APRIL 3RD, 2025

5:30 - 7:30 PM

HIGHBURTON CE FIRST ACADEMY
SCHOOL HALL

£5 PER ADULT, £3 PER CHILD
PRESCHOOLERS FREE

JOIN US FOR A HOPPIN' GOOD TIME TOGETHER!

The additional cost of 13p on parent pay is the transaction fee.

School memory bears

A lovely way to commemorate leaving school.

Bears are created using a School jumper or cardigan.

If you would like to place an order please do so on

Parent pay, Bears are price at: £15.20 each

Please ensure cardigans or Jumpers are brought to the school office in a named bag by Friday 28th March.



Valentines Bake Sale

Thank you very much to everyone who donated and bought Sweet treats at our Valentines bake sale.

The total amount raised was £226 and will go to our Laptop fundraiser.

Thank you!

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

World Book Day

Donation Week

3-7 March

Please bring in any old or unused books during the week.

These will be collected and donated to the Community Champion in Tescos, in exchange for a donation towards our fundraising target.

Thanks for your support.



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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| 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: |
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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 | |

***Please ensure that Year 3 children come to school in appropriate clothing to ride a bike safely. They will also need a warm coat and gloves. Thank you**

Please note the School Office has a new email address:

office@highburton.enhanceacad.org.uk

Diary Dates

| March 2025 | |
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| Tuesday 4 th | Break the rules day! See poster above. |
| Tuesday 4 th ****Cancelled**** | Please note this has now been Cancelled. Year 4 Football tournament at 5.00-5.30p.m. Fixture is being rearranged. |
| Thursday 6 th | World Book day – Children can come to school dressed as their favourite character. Parents/carers are welcome to come in to school and read with their child. Please enter via the school office at 09:00am. Session will finish at 09:30am. Please confirm your attendance on Parent pay, Thank you. |
| Thursday 6 th | Year 3 Bikeability * |
| Wednesday 12 th & Thursday 13 th | Reception children are visiting Burton Beef farm – please consent via parent pay. |
| Wednesday 19 th | Year 1 & 2 Film night – details to follow |
| Friday 28 th | Year 3, 4 & 5 Please bring egg displays in to school. |
| Tuesday 25 th | Parents evening – details to follow |
| Wednesday 26 th | Parents evening – details to follow |
| 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. |
| Friday 28 th | Non-uniform day in exchange for an Easter egg/ chocolate treat. |
| April 2025 | |
| Wednesday 2 nd | Easter Service at All Hallows Church 2pm – Parents and Carers welcome |
| Thursday 3 rd | Chocolate Bingo – Bookable on Parent Pay! |
| May 2025 | |
| Wednesday 7 th | Year 3,4 &5 Film night – details to follow |
| Saturday 17 th May | Save the date! – Highburton Colour Fest – details to be confirmed |
| Tuesday 20 th | Tempest Class Photos |

Attendance Policy

Please familiarise yourself with the following information about taking your child out of school during term time:

If a child accumulates more than 10 sessions (5 school days) of unauthorised absence **within a rolling 10-week period**, the consequences escalate beyond the initial penalty notice. According to the Department for Education's national framework, the following steps are taken:

1. First Offence:

- A penalty notice is issued to each parent for each child with unauthorised absences.
- The fine is £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days; this increases to £160 if paid within 28 days.

2. Second Offence (within 3 years):

- A second penalty notice is issued.
- The fine is £160 per parent, per child, payable within 28 days.
- No discounted rate is available for early payment.

3. Third and Subsequent Offences (within 3 years):

- No further penalty notices are issued.
- The case is referred directly to the Magistrates' Court for prosecution.
- Upon conviction, parents may face:
 - A fine of up to £2,500.
 - A criminal record.
 - Potential implications for future Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks, as the offence may be recorded as a failure to safeguard a child's education.

If you need any information about attendance please click on the link <https://www.highburtonfirst.org.uk/our-school/policies> or the DFE Working together to improve attendance document <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

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 3rd March 2025

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| Week 1 | | | | |
| MONDAY | Oven Baked Sausage <i>served with Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli and Carrots</i> | Quorn Sausage <i>served with Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli and Carrots</i> | Pasta Bake <i>served with Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce with Homemade Garlic Bread</i> | Sponge of the Day <i>served with Creamy Custard</i> Homemade Flapjack Fresh Fruit Platter |
| TUESDAY | Quorn Dippers <i>served with Herb Potatoes and Peas & Sweetcorn</i> | Mixed Bean Casserole <i>served with Wholegrain Rice</i> | Jacket Potato with Cheese & Coleslaw <i>served with Seasonal Salad</i> | Sticky Toffee Pudding <i>served with a Vanilla Sauce</i> Fruit in Jelly Fresh Fruit Salad |
| WEDNESDAY | Roast of the Day <i>served with Oven Roast and Creamed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables</i> | Cheese & Onion Pinwheels <i>served with Oven Roast and Creamed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables</i> | Cheese & Garlic Panini <i>served with Seasonal Salad</i> | Chunky Fruit Muffin Reduced Sugar Desserts Fruit Yoghurts |
| THURSDAY | Chicken & Vegetable Casserole <i>served with Yorkshire Pudding, and Seasonal Vegetables</i> | Homemade Vegetable Lasagne <i>served with Homemade Wedges and Seasonal Salad</i> | Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Cheese <i>served with Seasonal Salad</i> | Chocolate Fudge Pudding <i>served with Creamy Custard</i> Shortbread and Fruit Juice Fresh Fruit Salad |
| FRIDAY | Oven Baked Fish Fingers <i>served with Chips and Garden Peas</i> | Macaroni Cheese <i>served with Homemade Tomato Bread</i> | Cheese & Tomato Panini <i>served with Chips and Side Salad</i> | Selection of Home Baking Creamy Rice Pudding Fresh Fruit Platter |

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)