

Star of the Week		
Reception	Arthur	
	Townsend	
Year 1	Nellie Bates	
Year 2	Molly Wilson	
Year 3	Maisie Siswick	
Year 4	Ted Young	
Year 5	Lizzie Rowland	

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

Willow Young

For working extremely hard this past week. You have been so independent and your work in Geography has been excellent!



Friday Fine Diners

This week's Friday Fine Diners are Connie Miller in Year 2 and Alfie Barton-Phillips 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.



Highburton CE First Academy

This Weeks Attendance			
Reception	96.03%		
Year 1	97.22%		
Year 2	96.43%		
Year 3	99.23%		
Year 4	98.57%		
Year 5	98.32%		

Attendance

Well done to Year 3 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

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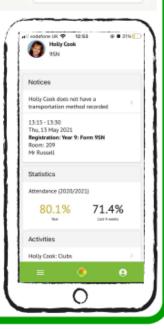
Need help using Arbor?

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:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 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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A Huge Thank You to the Lloyds Bank Volunteers!

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the incredible team from Lloyds Bank who volunteered their time on Thursday to transform our outdoor spaces. Their hard work and dedication have made a real difference to our school environment.

One part of the team took on the challenge of clearing out the Pond area, creating a wonderful space for the children to explore and enjoy nature. During the cleanup, we even discovered some newts, which absolutely fascinated the children! This revitalised area will provide fantastic opportunities for outdoor learning and wildlife observation.

Meanwhile, another group worked tirelessly to refresh and repaint the Reception railings. Their efforts have made a huge impact, and the railings now look bright, fresh, and welcoming.

We are so grateful for the time, effort, and enthusiasm shown by the Lloyds Bank team—it truly makes a difference to our school community. Thank you!









Eggs-traordinary Creations on Display!

The Easter Egg Display Competition was an **egg-stra special** event this year, with an incredible array of decorated eggs rolling into school! From dazzling designs to hilarious egg-themed puns, the creativity on show was nothing short of **egg-ceptional**.

The children (and let's be honest, some very dedicated grown-ups) went all out, transforming humble eggs into everything from superheroes to storybook characters and even full-blown miniature scenes! There were eggs with hats, eggs with wigs, and eggs that really should have had their own art exhibition.

Picking winners was no easy task, as each and every entry was truly **egg-cellent** (sorry, we had to!). But the real prize was the joy and pride on the children's faces as they admired the display.

A huge **thank you** to all the parents who helped make this such a fantastic event. Your imagination, patience, and ability to glue tiny objects onto eggs without cracking them are truly commendable!

Same time next year? Better start thinking of your egg-ceptional ideas now!











Easter Bonnets Galore!

The Easter Bonnet Parade was back with a bang (and a bit of glue and glitter)! The children—and quite a few enthusiastic adults—donned their finest, most imaginative headwear and proudly paraded around the hall, showing off their marvellous creations.

Smiles may have been in short supply (perhaps some bonnets were a little too snug?), but the hats were nothing short of spectacular! We had everything from towering masterpieces of fluffy chicks and bunnies to beautifully decorated springtime sensations. Some bonnets defied gravity, some defied explanation, but all of them were a triumph of creativity!

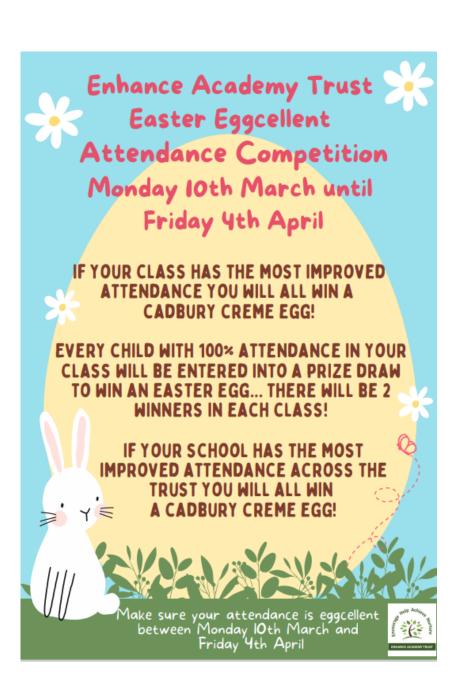
A huge thank you to all the parents of Reception and Key Stage One for your hard work, patience, and ability to wrangle cotton wool and pipe cleaners into such fabulous designs. It was another wonderful event, filled with fun, laughter, and a whole lot of proud bonnet-wearing children!

Here's to next year—start collecting those Easter decorations now









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.



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	

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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

March 2025		
	April 2025	
Tuesday 1 st	Yr4 & Yr5 Jorvik trip Please arrive at school no later than 08:30am	
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 7th	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 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.

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

New School Lunch Menu from Tuesday 22nd April

MONDAY	Quorn Dippers served with Herb Potatoes and Peas & Sweetcorn	Cauliflower, Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry served with Wholegrain Rice	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Cheese served with Seasonal Salad	Jam Shortcake served with Creamy Custard Homemade Flapjack Fresh Fruit Salad
TUESDAY	Mexican Chicken Fajitas served with Carnival Rice and Side Salad	Homemade Margherita Pizza served with Seasoned Wedges and Seasonal Salad	Pasta served with a Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce with Homemade Garlic Bread	Fruit in Jelly Assorted Homemade Muffins Fresh Fruit Platter
WEDNESDAY	Roast of the Day served with Oven Roast and Creamed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables	Quorn Sausage served with Oven Roast and Creamed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables	Cheese & Tomato Panini served with Side Salad	Fruit Crumble served with Creamy Custard Reduced Sugar Desserts Mixed Fruit Yoghurts
THURSDAY	Homemade Sausage Roll served with Seasoned Wedges and Salad or Coleslaw	Cheese & Onion Roll served with Seasoned Wedges and Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise & Coleslaw served with Seasonal Salad	Homemade Carrot Cake Assorted Ice Cream Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY	Oven Baked Fish Fingers served with Chips and Garden Peas	BBQ Vegetable & Bean Wrap served with Chips and Seasonal Salad	Tandoori Chicken Flatbread served with Chips and Raita Sauce	Chocolate Slab Cake Assorted Home Baking Fresh Fruit Salad

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

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)