



### Star of the Week

Reception	Hermione Heeley
Year 1	Isla Knockton
Year 2	Riley Law
Year 3	Noah Shaw
Year 4	Evelyn Miller
Year 5	Izzy West

### 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

## Highburton CE First Academy Newsletter Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

### Headteacher's Award Hetty Bradley

for being a team player during the netball tournament last week. You were a superstar, offering yourself so a team could play even though you were only a spectator. Well done!



### Friday Fine Diners

This week's Friday Fine Diners are Isla-Beau Nixey Foy in Year 2 and Sophie Clifford 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.

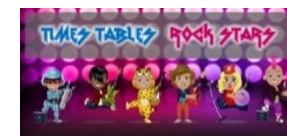


### This Weeks Attendance

Reception	99.18%
Year 1	98.61%
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>100%</b>
Year 3	98.21%
Year 4	98.21%
Year 5	96.3%

### Attendance

Well done to **Year 2** 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.

## Cricket



On Monday eight boys from years 3 and 4 took part in an inter-schools cricket tournament at Almondbury Cricket Club. It was a great day for playing cricket (and spectating!) and the boys had a great run of 4 wins to get them to the final. It was the first time the year 3 boys had played competitive cricket but the year 4 boys did a great job coaching and spurring them on. They met their match in the final, losing by only 7 runs to Kirkheaton. They came away with silver medals which they have proudly brought into school and are now hoping to make it through to the next round in June. A special thanks to Mrs Moore, who came to watch but was roped into umpiring - including in the final which turned out to be no easy feat. Also a special thanks to Mrs Beresford for supervising our team at the tournament.

We'd like to remind everyone about playing ball games before school. Recently, a few parents have nearly been hit by balls while waiting in the playground. If your child has brought a ball to school, please make sure they play on the grass rather than throwing or kicking balls near parents. On wet days, when the grass is out of use, we kindly ask that children avoid playing ball games in the playground where families are gathered. Thank you for helping keep the playground safe for everyone.





**FRIDAY 9TH MAY 2025**

**TUCK SHOP  
AFTER SCHOOL 3:30PM**

**ALL BAGS £1.50  
CARD PAYMENTS ONLY**

CONTENTS WILL BE A COMBINATION OF THE FOLLOWING:  
HARIBO FRIED EGGS, MINI ASSORTED PENCILS, SOUR  
BEARS, ASSORTED FIZZY MIX, FIZZY RINGS, RAINBOW  
BITES, JELLY STRAWBERRIES, SWIZZELS SQUASHIES, FLYING  
SAUCERS, STRAWBERRY BELTS.

ALL BAGS WILL BE DIFFERENT BUT HAVE THE SAME  
WEIGHT OF CONTENTS





# Colour Fest Volunteers Needed

For our Colour Fest to be the best it can be on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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

## Colour Fest Business Sponsorship

Thank you to the amazing local businesses below which have provided sponsorship for our upcoming

Colour Fest on Saturday 17 May 2025.

We are extremely grateful, and we will ensure the day is a huge success.

We look forward to seeing you on the day!

KATRINA LEWIS  
INTERIORS



CALDER VALLEY  
ARCHITECTS

HOLDEN.  
SMITH



## Term Dates

<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>School closes at 3.30 p.m. on:</b>	<b>School opens again at 9.00 a.m. on:</b>
May Bank Holiday	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Spring Bank	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025
Summer Holiday	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	

<b>2025/2026</b>	<b>School closes at 3.30 p.m. on:</b>	<b>School opens again at 9.00 a.m. on:</b>
First day back		Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025
October Half term	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025
Christmas	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
February Half-Term	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026
Easter 2026	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
May Bank Holiday	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2026	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Spring Bank	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026
Summer Holiday	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	

## Diary Dates

<b>May 2025</b>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED MAY BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Tag Rugby Scissett Middle school – Letters sent to those involved
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3,4 & 5 Film night – details to follow
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Mosque trip
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Cliffe House Residential
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Yr2,3,4 & Cycling event – Scissett Middle School – Please confirm your child's place on Arbor by 25.4.25
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Save the date! – Highburton Colour Fest – <b>NOW FULLY BOOKED!</b>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Tempest Class Photos – All children in School uniform
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Last day of half term
<b>June 2025</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	First day of half term
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Reception 2026 – New Starters Parents Evening
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Get active morning at Shelley College – details to follow
<b>July 2025</b>	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 4 Get active morning at Shelley College – details to follow
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Key Stage 1 Film Night – details to follow.
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day (2pm) & Summer Fair
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 class assembly 3pm – Parents/carers welcome
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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

## 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](mailto: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)