



Star of the Week	
Reception	Fleur Mellor
Year 1	Henry Bond
Year 2	Arthur Midgley
Year 3	Isaac Beresford
Year 4	Willow Young
Year 5	Saul Taylor

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

Noah Shaw and Maisie Siswick
For showing such kindness towards
their friend. It is lovely to see.
Well done you two!



Friday Fine Diners

This week's Friday Fine Diners
are Charlotte Bibby in Year 1
and Maisie Duquemin in Year 2

Lunchtime Award

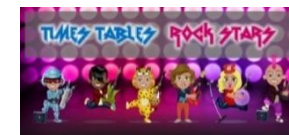
Well done to **Reception** for achieving the
lunchtime award this week. You will receive a
treat to celebrate your achievement.



This Weeks Attendance	
Reception	96.8%
Year 1	95.37%
Year 2	97.22%
Year 3	96.93%
Year 4	98.92%
Year 5	96.63%

Attendance

Well done to **Year 4** 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 **3 Year!** Next week's battles have been set,
please encourage your child to take part.

Rock Out with TT Rockstar's Day at Highburton First Academy on World Number Day!


 **Calling all mathletes and Rockstar's!** 

We're excited to announce our upcoming **TT Rockstar's Day** – a fun-filled celebration of times tables and rocking attitudes at **Highburton First Academy**!

 **Date:** 7th February

 **Location:** Highburton First Academy

Here's what to look forward to:

 **Dress to Impress:** Come to school dressed as your favourite rockstar! Think big hair, cool outfits, and superstar vibes.

 **Rocking Competitions:** Battle it out in live times tables challenges – prizes for the fastest rockers in the school!

 **Epic Fun:** Rock-themed activities throughout the day to sharpen your times tables skills while having a blast.

Let's make this day one to remember by turning Highburton into a stage for math magic and rocking fun!

Don't forget to practice your times tables and warm up those fingers for a fantastic day of number-crunching and fun!

Get ready to rock and roll with TT Rockstar's!  

Parents are welcome to come in to school and play number games with their children. Please come in to school via the school office from 9:00am, the session will last for approximately 30 minutes. Could you please confirm your attendance on Parent Pay by Thursday 6th February, Thank you.



HIGHBURTON C.E. FIRST ACADEMY



Vision and Values morning

Monday 10th February - 9:00 - 10:30am

On Monday 10th February, we will be having some time to celebrate and reinforce our school vision and values.

Our Vision and Values

At Highburton C.E First Academy, our vision is to cultivate a vibrant learning community where every child is valued and empowered to flourish. We envision a school where kindness, helpfulness, honesty, and gratitude are woven into the fabric of daily life. Our commitment is to nurture independent thinkers who celebrate their uniqueness and embrace the power of collaboration.

"Every person is a rainbow waiting to shine."

Theological Underpinning

"Having wisdom and understanding is better than having silver and gold."

Proverbs 16:16

Our Values

Kind, Helpful, Honest, Grateful, Independent, Unique, Together.

During the morning, the children will be split into various groups to complete some tasks linked to one of the values. You are more than welcome to come and support your child/ren and work with them. This will also give you a chance to learn more about our vision and see the values in action.

Details will be given out at a later date about which value your child will be involved with. Please can you confirm your attendance on Parentpay by Monday 3rd February.



Be Sweet **THIS VALENTINE'S**

Thursday 13th February
School bake sale in the Hall
3:30pm onwards

Children to bring in sweet treats on Thursday morning.

Any funds raised will go towards our PTA 2025 fundraising target of £8000 for new laptops.



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!



SAVE THE DATE

HIGHBURTON CE FIRST ACADEMY PTA PRESENTS :

COLOUR FEST SATURDAY 17TH MAY 2025

A Polite Reminder from Mrs Haigh & Mrs Senior

Both Mrs Haigh and Mrs Senior spend lots of time setting activities up outside for the children to do throughout the day whilst at school. Recently we have noticed children and their siblings playing with and moving these activities around the playground. Please can we ask that you encourage your children NOT to do this, as it then means that's Mrs Haigh and Mrs Senior have to spend time setting them up again before the Reception children can use them. This also includes the climbing frame and the sand pit in the Reception playground. Thank you for your support and co-operation with this matter.

ROCKS WANTED

We are trying to improve our outdoor learning environment and curriculum.
We are looking for your help with resources. If you have access to rocks or bamboo please get in touch with Mrs Pogson.



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.



Year 5

Leavers Hoodies

Available to order in the following sizes:

9/10, 11/13, XS Adult & Small Adult

Please order on Parent pay, Hoodies are priced at £22.30

**In the notes section on Parent Pay please state the size and initials required
(maximum of 3 Initials)**

Please order by Friday 14th February

No further orders will be accepted after this date.

Try on after school:

Tuesday 28th January 3:30-4:00p.m.

Tuesday 4th February 3:30 – 4:00p.m

Or call in to the school office

Highburton CE First Academy

Film Night for Year 3,4 and 5

Wednesday 5th February 2025 after school until 5.00p.m.



Our Film Night for Year 3, 4 and 5 children will take place on Wednesday 5th February 2025 after school until 5.00 p.m.

The film that has been chosen is The secret life of pets 2. The rating of the film is **U** and we ask parents/carers to decide if the film is suitable for their children and by paying on ParentPay you are agreeing this film is suitable.

The cost is £5 per child which includes refreshments.

Parents/carers must make arrangements for their children to be collected from the hall back door at 5.00 p.m. prompt please.

Please pay via ParentPay by 12 noon on Wednesday 5th February. Thanks.



Owl Sighting

For a few years now we have heard of a little owl that lives just on school grounds! This week we were very lucky and managed to capture him, perching on the telegraph post just down Northfield Lane!



Term Dates

2024/2025	School closes at 3.30 p.m. on:	School opens again at 9.00 a.m. on:
February Half-Term	Friday 14 th February 2025	Monday 24 th February 2025
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:
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

February 2025	
Tuesday 4 th	Year 5 Leaver Hoodies available to try on in class from 3.:30 – 4:00p.m.
Wednesday 5 th	KS2 Film night – The secret life of Pets 2. 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Bookable on parent pay
Friday 7 th	TT Rockstar day. Come to school dressed as your favourite Rockstar!
Monday 10 th	Vision & Values Morning 9:00 – 10:30am Please confirm your attendance on Parent Pay by 3/2/25
Thursday 13 th	Children to bring in baked donations for the Valentines Bake sale
Thursday 13 th	Valentines Bake sale in the school hall from 3:30pm
Friday 14 th	Deadline to order Year 5 Leavers Hoodies.
March 2025	
Thursday 6 th	World Book day – Children can come to school dressed as their favourite character.
Thursday 6 th	Year 3 Bikeability *
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	
Saturday 18 th May	Save the date! – Highburton Colour Fest – details to be confirmed

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 February 2025

Week 2				
MONDAY	Cottage Pie topped with Creamy Mashed Potatoes <i>served with Carrots and Garden Peas</i>	Homemade Loaded Vegetable Pizza <i>served with Jacket Wedges and Homemade Coleslaw</i>	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Cheese <i>served with Seasonal Salad</i>	Homemade Steamed Sponge <i>served with Creamy Custard</i> Assorted Homemade Biscuits Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Pasta <i>served with Homemade Tomato Sauce and Garlic Bread</i>	Cauliflower, Sweet Potato and Chickpea Curry <i>served with Wholegrain Rice</i>	Cheese & Garlic Panini <i>served with Seasonal Salad</i>	Apple Shortcake <i>served with Creamy Custard</i> Fruit in Jelly Chunky Fruit Platter
WEDNESDAY	Roast of the Day <i>served with Oven Roast and Creamed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables</i>	Roast Vegetable Tart <i>served with Oven Roast and Creamed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables</i>	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Tuna Mayonnaise <i>served with Seasonal Salad</i>	Fruit Crumble <i>served with Creamy Custard</i> Reduced Sugar Desserts Chunky Fruit Pots
THURSDAY	Creamy Chicken & Vegetable Pie <i>served with Herb Potatoes, Carrots and Broccoli</i>	Salmon Fish Bites <i>served with Herb Potatoes, Carrots and Broccoli</i>	Quorn Rogan Josh <i>served with Wholegrain Rice</i>	Orange Victoria Sponge <i>served with Chocolate Sauce</i> Homemade Iced Finger Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY	Harry Ramsden's Battered Fish <i>served with Chunky Chips and Garden Peas</i>	Five Bean & Vegetable Chilli <i>served with Jacket Potato</i>	Cheese & Tomato Panini <i>served with Chunky Chips and Seasonal Salad</i>	Lemon Drizzle Cake Selection of Home Baking Mixed Fruit Yoghurt

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)