



Star of the Week

Reception	Freddie Walters
Year 1	Esme Edwards
Year 2	Frankie Jebson
Year 3	Joshua Taylor
Year 4	Lola – Blossom Hine
Year 5	Ellen Farrell

Highburton CE First Academy

Newsletter

Friday 7th February 2025

Headteacher's Award

The Whole School

For an amazing TT Rockstars Day!
You all dressed to impress rocked your maths skills, and threw yourselves in to the challenge with enthusiasm and energy. Your hard work and fantastic effort made the day a huge success! Keep up the brilliant times tables practice – you're all true Rock Legends!



Friday Fine Dinners

This week's Friday Fine Dinners are Ethel Hume in Reception and Louis Kershaw in Year 3

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

Reception	96.56%
Year 1	96.2%
Year 2	97.6%
Year 3	97.61%
Year 4	97.08
Year 5	96.56%

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

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

Rocking Our Maths on TT Rockstars Day!

What a fantastic TT Rockstars/Number Day we had! The children looked absolutely amazing, dressed as rockstars with colourful wigs, face paint, and even some wild hairdos! It was brilliant to see everyone getting into the spirit of the day and embracing their inner maths rock legends.

Throughout the day, the children threw themselves into exciting number challenges, battles, and activities designed to sharpen their times tables and maths skills. Their enthusiasm was fantastic, and it was clear that they were having a rockin' good time while learning!

A special thank you to all the parents who came in to play maths games with their children – it was lovely to see so many of you joining in and sharing the fun. Your support made the day even more special!

And finally, a huge congratulations to Year 4, who were crowned the TT Rockstars champions! Well done to everyone who took part – keep rocking those numbers!



Year 4 Vikings

Year 4 have been busy bringing history to life by making their very own Viking longboats – and what an incredible fleet they have created! Using recycled materials, the children carefully designed and built their boats, making sure they had all the key features, from fearsome dragon heads to sturdy sails.

Every single longboat was brilliant, with some showing amazing attention to detail, including intricate shields, oars, and even Viking warriors on board! It was wonderful to see the creativity and effort that went into each design.

A huge well done to all the children for their hard work – the Vikings would be proud!





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.

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 & Medium 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.

Samples sizes are available to try at the school office.



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

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.



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.

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	
Monday 10th	Vision & Values Morning 9:00 – 10:30am Please confirm your attendance on Parent Pay by 3/2/25
Thursday 13th	Children to bring in baked donations for the Valentines Bake sale
Thursday 13th	Valentines Bake sale in the school hall from 3:30pm
Friday 14th	Deadline to order Year 5 Leavers Hoodies.
March 2025	
Thursday 6th	World Book day – Children can come to school dressed as their favourite character.
Thursday 6th	Year 3 Bikeability *
Friday 28th	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 28th	Non-uniform day in exchange for an Easter egg/chocolate treat.
April 2025	
Wednesday 2nd	Easter Service at All Hallows Church 2pm – Parents and Carers welcome
Thursday 3rd	Chocolate Bingo – Bookable on Parent Pay!
May 2025	
Saturday 18th 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 10th February 2025

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)

COVER SUPERVISOR VACANCY

Highburton CE First Academy

Northfield Lane, Highburton, West Yorkshire, HD8 0QT

Organisation

Schools

Directorate

Primary Schools

Service Area

Highburton C E First Academy

Hours

12.45pm to 3.45pm, Monday – Thursday, 8.45am – 3.45pm Friday, with ½ hour unpaid lunch break, total 18.5 hours a week, Term Time only.

To start March/April 2025

Position type

Fixed Term, term time

Length of contract

Position is offered on a fixed term basis in the first instance, to 31.8.26, renewal subject to funding

Grade

NJC SCP 7 – 11,

Salary

£25,584 – 27,269 Pro Rata, from £10,720.72 per annum

Please see the link below for further information:

<https://accesspeople.accessacloud.com/EnhanceAcademyTrustRecruitment/>