



Star of the Week

Reception	Ethel Hume
Year 1	Edie Lomax
Year 2	Orla Ward
Year 3	Joshua Snowball
Year 4	Fionn Smith
Year 5	Jack Carver

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 Arthur Wood & Arthur Eagleton

**For showing such perseverance,
independence and determination
during bike ability this week.
Well done boys!**



Friday Fine Diners

This week's Friday Fine Diners
are Brodie King in Year 4 and
Samuel Cliffe in Year 5

Lunchtime Award

Well done to **Year 2** for achieving the lunchtime
award this week. You will receive a treat to
celebrate your achievement.



This Weeks Attendance

Reception	97.62%
Year 1	97.22%
Year 2	98.02%
Year 3	98.855
Year 4	99.28%
Year 5	96.97%

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

Gardening

Year 3 and Reception have had lots of fun this week with Mrs Pogson!

Year 3 weeded and cleared the big planters across from their classroom, ready for planting over the next few weeks.

Reception have enjoyed creating their very own vegetable patch and they have also made their own hanging baskets.



Bikeability

Children in Year 3 have enjoyed gaining their confidence whilst riding their bikes. They have learnt lots of new skills, how to get on and off a bike correctly, how to use their brakes correctly and signaling skills.



WORLD BOOK DAY

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World Book Day was a fantastic celebration of reading and creativity! The excitement was palpable as everyone tried to guess the characters their friends had come as, and the numerous staff members dressed as Where's Wally added an extra layer of fun to the day.

The day began with a heartwarming session in the hall where parents listened to their children read. We were absolutely blown away by the incredible turnout—it was lovely to see so many of you there, supporting your children's love for reading.

Throughout the day, the children enjoyed listening to stories, had plenty of time to read, and overall had a wonderful time immersing themselves in the world of books.

A special thank you to everyone who donated books. These will be sent to Tesco, who will then support a charity with them. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will make a difference.

Thank you for making World Book Day such a memorable event!





Break the Rules Day!

Break the Rules Day was a smashing success! The children had an absolute blast coming to school in their own clothes, sporting wacky hairstyles, and bringing juice in their bottles. The variety of snacks they brought were quite interesting and added to the fun.

The day kicked off with delicious pancakes supplied by our wonderful PTA. The children arrived with big smiles and very sticky fingers, ready for a day full of excitement.

Throughout the day, the atmosphere was filled with laughter and joy as everyone enjoyed the freedom to break the usual rules. It was a fun-filled day that left everyone with happy memories.

A massive thank you to the PTA committee for organising this fantastic event. Your efforts made the day truly special for all the children.

Here's to more fun and memorable days ahead!

West Yorkshire Finals at Temple Newsam

Seven of our talented children recently had the opportunity to compete in the West Yorkshire Finals at Temple Newsam. It was a beautiful day, with the sun shining brightly, creating the perfect conditions for a run in such picturesque surroundings.

The children had a wonderful time, enjoying both the competition and the stunning scenery. Their hard work and determination paid off as they secured an impressive 8th place out of 20 school teams.

Fantastic work, everyone! We are incredibly proud of your achievements and the way you represented our school.

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Film Night for Year 1 and 2

Wednesday 19th March after school until 5.00 p.m.




Our Film Night for Year 1 and 2 children will take place on Wednesday 19th March after school until 5.00 p.m.

The film that has been chosen is Bee movie. 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 19th March. Thanks.






Enhance Academy Trust Easter Eggcellent Attendance Competition

Monday 10th March until
Friday 4th April


**IF YOUR CLASS HAS THE MOST IMPROVED
ATTENDANCE YOU WILL ALL WIN A
CADBURY CREME EGG!**

**EVERY CHILD WITH 100% ATTENDANCE IN YOUR
CLASS WILL BE ENTERED INTO A PRIZE DRAW
TO WIN AN EASTER EGG... THERE WILL BE 2
WINNERS IN EACH CLASS!**

**IF YOUR SCHOOL HAS THE MOST
IMPROVED ATTENDANCE ACROSS THE
TRUST YOU WILL ALL WIN
A CADBURY CREME EGG!**



Make sure your attendance is eggcellent
between Monday 10th March and
Friday 4th April



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.



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!

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.

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	

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	

Diary Dates

March 2025	
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 – Bee Movie – Bookable on Parent Pay
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.
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

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.

Dinner Menu for W/C 10th March 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)