



### Star of the Week

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|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Reception</b> | Nara McKeown    |
| <b>Year 1</b>    | Theo Siswick    |
| <b>Year 2</b>    | Ferrand Allison |
| <b>Year 3</b>    | Louis Kershaw   |
| <b>Year 4</b>    | Jasmine Brine   |
| <b>Year 5</b>    | Matilda Ball    |

### PE Days

|                  |                                     |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Reception</b> | Friday (Children to come in PE Kit) |
| <b>Year 1</b>    | Monday & Wednesday                  |
| <b>Year 2</b>    | Monday & Wednesday                  |
| <b>Year 3</b>    | Tuesday & Thursday                  |
| <b>Year 4</b>    | Tuesday & Thursday                  |
| <b>Year 5</b>    | Wednesday & Friday                  |

## Highburton CE First Academy Newsletter Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### Headteacher's Award

**Maisie Duquemin**  
For learning all your line and being amazing during the Nativity practise. Well done!



### Friday Fine Dinners

This week's Friday Fine Dinners are Oliver Cliffe in Reception and Archie Foster-Tart in Year

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### Lunchtime Award

Well done to **Year 3** for achieving the lunchtime award this week. You will receive a treat to celebrate your achievement.



Highburton CE First Academy

### This Weeks Attendance

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| <b>Reception</b> | 94.4% |
| <b>Year 1</b>    | 92.9% |
| <b>Year 2</b>    | 95.5% |
| <b>Year 3</b>    | 94.1% |
| <b>Year 4</b>    | 99.1% |
| <b>Year 5</b>    | 98.3% |

### Attendance

Well done to **Year 4** for achieving the highest attendance this week. You will receive a treat to celebrate your achievement.



### TT Rockstars

This weeks times tables champions are **Year 4** ! Next weeks battles have been set, please encourage your child to take part.

## Term Dates

| <b>2024/2025</b>   | <b>School closes<br/>at 3.30 p.m. on:</b>    | <b>School opens again<br/>at 9.00 a.m. on:</b> |
|--------------------|--|--|
| Inset Day          | <b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b> | Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2024           |
| Christmas          | Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024        | Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025            |
| February Half-Term | Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025        | Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025          |
| Easter 2025        | Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025            | Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025            |
| 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<br/>at 3.30 p.m. on:</b> | <b>School opens again<br/>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>December</b>                  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>     | <b>Inset day – School closed</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Year 1 &amp; 2 Film night – Christmas on Mistletoe Farm</b>   |
| <b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Reception, Year 1 &amp; 2 please bring Hey Ewe Performance costume/outfit. (Yr2 smart/party wear)</b>         |
| <b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b>    | <b>Year 5 Class assembly at 9:00am – Parents &amp; Carers welcome to attend.</b>                                 |
| <b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b>    | <b>Christmas raffle draw.</b>  |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>          | KS1 Nativity afternoon Performance – 2pm. Please return ticket request slips by Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December. |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>         | Last day to order Christmas performance DVD, USB & Blue Ray for delivery on 20 <sup>th</sup> December.           |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>       | Last day to order Christmas Performance DVD, USB & Blue Ray for January delivery                                 |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>       | KS1 Nativity performance – 9am. Please return ticket request slips by Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December.           |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>       | KS2 Christmas afternoon performance at All Hallows Church – details to follow                                    |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>       | KS1 Christmas Craft afternoon, Santa visit & Disco – please book on Parent pay.                                  |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>        | Christmas Lunch – If a school lunch hasn't been ordered a packed lunch from home will be required.               |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>        | KS2 Christmas Craft afternoon, Santa & Disco – please book on Parent pay.  |

## Wreath Making Workshop 2024.

What an amazing group of parents, friends and family members we had at the Wreath Making Workshops. All 30 participants expressed their uniqueness, creative flare and love for the festive season.

A huge THANK YOU to Kirkburton Cricket Club for the use of their facilities, to Sophie Webster for donating materials and to Lynne Lynch and Beverley Peace for running the workshop free of charge. We will definitely be back in 2025!



## The Christmas Journey

This week, our Year 2 children had the wonderful opportunity to visit the Methodist Church in Almondbury to experience *The Christmas Journey*. The event was a fantastic chance for the children to learn more about the story of Christmas in an interactive and engaging way.

All the children were absolutely fantastic, showing excellent behaviour and enthusiasm throughout the afternoon. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and came away with a deeper understanding of the festive story.

We would like to extend a big thank you to the parents who kindly accompanied us on the trip and to the church for providing such a warm and welcoming experience. It was a memorable afternoon for everyone involved!





## Empowering Young Minds with New Laptops

Raising **£8,000**



Highburton Parent Teacher Association supports a school where every child is valued and empowered to flourish.

A school where kindness, helpfulness, honesty, and gratitude are woven into the fabric of daily life and is modelled by their pupils.

Our Parent Teacher Association is working hard on the 2024-2025 event calendar to ensure families have the opportunity to participate in events at minimal cost to help raise funds.

The money raised by the PTA this academic year will go towards new laptops for our children to help nurture and engage them in an exciting curriculum in order to inspire a life-long love of learning.

We would love your help to raise the sum of £8000 that is needed to purchase new laptops for our pupils.

If you can help with a donation to help towards our purchase, we would be very grateful

[Fundraiser by Jodie Lynch : Highburton C.E First Academy. \(gofundme.com\)](https://www.gofundme.com/)

## THANK YOU

A HUGE thank you to the CoGri Group, based in our local village who made a very generous donation to the Go Fund me page of £500.

This one donation will buy the school one of the 16 laptops needed



## Easyfundraising

We've registered Highburton CE First Academy PTA with #easyfundraising, which means over 7,000 brands will now donate to us for FREE every time you use #easyfundraising to shop with them. These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – it's completely FREE and doesn't take long.  
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=364140&invite=j6v3e2&referral-campaign=c2s>







On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be having a Christmas Craft afternoon which includes taking part in craft activities and a visit in class from Santa where they will receive a present. There will then be a party after school until 4.30 p.m. Children will be given a drink and a snack before being collected at 4.30 p.m. Year 3, 4 and 5 will be having a Christmas Craft afternoon on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December followed by an afterschool party until 4.30 p.m.

All we ask that a £5 voluntary contribution is made via Parentpay, even if your child is not staying for the disco after school (contributions cover the cost of craft materials and present from Santa). No child will be refused the opportunity to take part but if we do not receive enough money to cover costs the events may have to be cancelled.



For your chance to win please purchase your tickets on Parent Pay by **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December**. Each entry is £1 (You will not receive a physical ticket, your name will be entered for each £1 spent).

If you would like to donate a prize for our PTA Christmas Raffle please contact the school office. Thank you.

### KS1 & KS2 Christmas performances

You are now able to order a USB, Blue ray or DVD for both Christmas performances.

USB - £13.17

DVD – £10.17

Blue ray - £12.17

These are now available to order on Parent pay.

Orders placed by Tuesday 17th December will be delivered to school on Friday 20th December.

Orders placed on the 18th December (final day for orders) will be delivered to school in the New Year.



### Christmas Postal Service

If your child has Christmas cards for other children/staff in school they can be posted in this post box which is situated by the office. Collections/deliveries will be made once a day starting Wednesday 4th December to Friday 20th December. Cards will be delivered directly to classrooms.

Please make sure the full name of the recipient and the class that they are in is written clearly on the envelope ie Mrs Jowett, Office.





Please support Santa's Sleigh! All proceeds go to Kirkburton First School, Highburton First School, Kirkburton Pre-School and Highburton Playgroup. As Santa makes his way through the village, his elves will be out collecting donations. They will also have a handy card machine.

## GET YOUR TICKETS FOR THE AMAZING

# Raffle!

GET YOUR  
RAFFLE  
TICKETS AT  
THE JUNK &  
SECRET  
GARDEN NOW

**MONDAY 16TH 5:30PM**  
**THE WHITE SWAN**

Far Dene  
Primrose Lane  
The Smiths  
Towngate  
Burton Acres Lane  
Birkhead Close  
Grenoside View  
Burton Acres Way  
Burton Acres Mews  
Moor Lane  
Cotswood Mews  
Woodland  
Meadows

**TUESDAY 17TH**  
**5:15PM - POST OFFICE**

Turnshaws Road  
The Junk pub  
The Crescent  
Royds Mount  
Turnshaws Avenue  
Burton Acres Lane  
Hallas Road  
Gregory Drive  
Orchard Close

**WEDNESDAY 18TH**  
**5:30PM-HIGHFIELD ROAD**

Eastfield Drive  
Burton Acres Lane  
Southfield Court  
Oakland Court  
Elm Court  
Sycamore Court  
Ashford Court  
Foxglove Drive  
Primrose Drive  
Dene Park

### PRIZES INCLUDE;

2 x Fish and Chips at  
Spring Grove  
Fisheries  
(Kirkburton)

45 minute massage at  
Clarity

A bottle of  
champagne

Conditioning  
treatment, blow dry  
and optional curl at  
The Gallery  
Hairdressers

A bottle of wine  
(from Normans)

A £50 voucher at  
Normans

**THURSDAY 19TH**  
**5:15PM - KIRKBURTON**  
**DOCTOR'S CARPARK**

Shelley Lane  
Farfield Rise  
Queens Way  
Past the Church  
North Road  
Dare Boutique  
Butchers Larder  
Joys Coffee House  
Normans  
Lintons  
Junction of North  
Road/Slant Gate  
Back along North Road  
Secret Garden  
Low Town  
Riley Lane  
Finish at the Coop

**16-19TH  
DEC**



Please contact the School office If you would like to volunteer and help Santa on his rounds around the village.

It would be great if we could have some school representatives as they are donating some of the proceeds to school. Thank you.

## Highburton CE First Academy

### Film Night for Year 1 and 2

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December after school until 5.00 p.m.**



Our Film Night for Year 1 and 2 children will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December after school until 5.00 p.m.

The film that has been chosen is Christmas on Mistletoe Farm. 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 11<sup>th</sup> December. Thanks.




## After school clubs starting W/C 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025


**Karate and Fitness  
Afterschool Club**  
Years 2 to 5



**Mondays  
3:30 - 4:30pm**



Our afterschool karate and fitness sessions aim to develop your child's fitness levels through exercises and karate drills in a fun, safe and inclusive environment



Sessions are taught by Fay Hanson, 6th Dan, from Kirkburton Karate Club. Fay has been a karate instructor for over 25 years and has taught in both primary and secondary schools for over 20 years. All students receive a certificate at the end of the half term

**Enhanced DBS - First Aid Trained - Fully Insured**

### Karate & Fitness Afterschool club

This club is for Yr 2,3,4 & 5 and is running for 6 weeks starting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January Until Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025. The cost is £27.35 per child.

Please book by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December to secure your place.

### Choir

Trish Waller from Musica Kirklees will teach the children lots of songs from musicals to pop songs as well as more traditional pieces.

Your child doesn't have to be a fantastic singer to join, he/she just needs to love singing!

The club is running for 6 weeks starting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January until Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 25. The cost is £25.85. per child. Please book by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December to secure your place.



# 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 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 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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| <b>Week 2</b>    |   |   |   |  |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <b>Cottage Pie topped with Creamy Mashed Potatoes</b><br><i>served with Carrots and Garden Peas</i>   | <b>Homemade Loaded Vegetable Pizza</b><br><i>served with Jacket Wedges and Homemade Coleslaw</i>          | <b>Jacket Potato with Baked Beans &amp; Cheese</b><br><i>served with Seasonal Salad</i>     | <b>Homemade Steamed Sponge</b><br><i>served with Creamy Custard</i><br><b>Assorted Homemade Biscuits</b><br><b>Fresh Fruit</b> |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>Pasta</b><br><i>served with Homemade Tomato Sauce and Garlic Bread</i>                             | <b>Cauliflower, Sweet Potato and Chickpea Curry</b><br><i>served with Wholegrain Rice</i>                 | <b>Cheese &amp; Garlic Panini</b><br><i>served with Seasonal Salad</i>                      | <b>Apple Shortcake</b><br><i>served with Creamy Custard</i><br><b>Fruit in Jelly</b><br><b>Chunky Fruit Platter</b>            |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>Roast of the Day</b><br><i>served with Oven Roast and Creamed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables</i> | <b>Roast Vegetable Tart</b><br><i>served with Oven Roast and Creamed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables</i> | <b>Jacket Potato with Cheese &amp; Tuna Mayonnaise</b><br><i>served with Seasonal Salad</i> | <b>Fruit Crumble</b><br><i>served with Creamy Custard</i><br><b>Reduced Sugar Desserts</b><br><b>Chunky Fruit Pots</b>         |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>Creamy Chicken &amp; Vegetable Pie</b><br><i>served with Herb Potatoes, Carrots and Broccoli</i>   | <b>Salmon Fish Bites</b><br><i>served with Herb Potatoes, Carrots and Broccoli</i>                        | <b>Quorn Rogan Josh</b><br><i>served with Wholegrain Rice</i>                               | <b>Orange Victoria Sponge</b><br><i>served with Chocolate Sauce</i><br><b>Homemade Iced Finger</b><br><b>Fresh Fruit</b>       |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>Harry Ramsden's Battered Fish</b><br><i>served with Chunky Chips and Garden Peas</i>               | <b>Five Bean &amp; Vegetable Chilli</b><br><i>served with Jacket Potato</i>                               | <b>Cheese &amp; Tomato Panini</b><br><i>served with Chunky Chips and Seasonal Salad</i>     | <b>Lemon Drizzle Cake</b><br><b>Selection of Home Baking</b><br><b>Mixed Fruit Yoghurt</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 [office2@highburtonfirst.org.uk](mailto: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**

Please can we remind all parents that children should have a bottle of water at school each day with them and a coat suitable for all weathers.



### **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)