



Highfields Academy

WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD BRIGHTER FUTURES



SCHOOL NEWS

October 2026

Dear Families

It is hard to believe that we have already reached the end of our first half term. The children have settled brilliantly into their new classes and it has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm, confidence and positivity with which they have approached the new school year.

Thank you to our staff and families for your continued support over the last eight weeks. Working together, we have made a really strong start to the academic year and there is much to look forward to in the months ahead.

As we break up for half term, I would also like to wish Mrs Middleton and Mrs Barlow a very happy (early!) retirement. Between them, they have given many years of service to Highfields and have touched the lives of countless children and families. They will be greatly missed, and I know the whole school community joins me in thanking them for everything they have done and wishing them all the very best for the future.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back after the holiday.

Mrs Hughes



Attendance Matters

Class	half term %
Caterpillars	97.5%
Butterflies	99.1%
Reception	97.2%
Year 1	97.3%
Year 2	97.0%
Year 3	98.1%
Year 4	97.0%
Year 5	96.9%
Year 6	92.5%

Average attendance this half term:
96.7%

As we move further into the term, let's see if we can push our whole-school attendance above 97%

Reading Challenge

The money raised through our Reading Challenge has now been spent on improving our library and reading areas across the school. The enhanced spaces have already had a real impact, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in their reading practice sessions in these welcoming new environments.

A huge thank you to our wonderful FOHS for organising this fantastic event and to all our families for your support. Your generosity continues to make a real difference to the experiences and opportunities we can provide for our children. 

Educational Visits

This month, our children have enjoyed some fantastic opportunities to bring their learning to life beyond the classroom. Year 5 visited Weaver Hall Museum for a Victorian workshop, where they explored what life was like during the Victorian era and deepened their understanding of their history topic.

Year 6 also enjoyed a visit to Tattenhall for a World War II experience day, immersing themselves in activities that helped them understand the experiences of children and families during the war.

These enriching visits help make learning memorable and provide valuable opportunities for children to develop their knowledge and understanding beyond the classroom. We are very proud of how our pupils represented the school on both visits.

Looking Ahead

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers into school during the first week back for our Parent Consultation Meetings. These meetings are an important opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements, discuss their progress and talk about the next steps in their learning. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in helping every child to thrive at Highfields.

Highfields Academy & Nursery

RECEPTION 2027 OPEN MORNING

**Thursday 19th
November
10am**



- ✓ Weekly Forest School Session
- ✓ Extensive Outdoor Spaces
- ✓ Half termly enrichment opportunities
- ✓ Wraparound Care, 7.30am - 6pm



Highfields Academy and Nursery

Key Events and Dates

Whole School – 2026-2027



Please note that in addition to the educational visits detailed below, classes will have the opportunity to visit the library and a local church as part of our ongoing work with the community. Dates for these will be communicated nearer to the time.

Throughout the year, dates will also be shared for local school sporting events.

Autumn 1

Reception Parents Coffee Morning	Wednesday 2 nd September, 9am
Meet the Teacher	Wednesday 9 th September, 3.30pm
Wellbeing Wednesday – own clothes	Wednesday 9 th September
Prospective Reception Parent Tours	Thursday 10 th September, 10am
Recycle Week	14 th -20 th September
NumBots / TTRS Relaunch Day	Friday 18 th September
SEND Coffee Morning	Thursday 24 th September, 9am
European Day of Languages	Monday 28 th September
Individual Photographs	Wednesday 30 th September
Black History Month	October
Reception Early Reading Workshop	Thursday 1 st October, 3.30pm
Year 6 WW2 Trip Tattenhall	Monday 5 th October
Year 1 Early Reading / Phonics Screening Workshop	Thursday 8 th October, 9am and 3.30pm
Forest School Day	Friday 9 th October
Victorian Workshop - Weaver Hall (Year 5)	Tuesday 13 th October
Swimming Lessons (Year 4)	Tuesday 15 th September
Year 6 Class Assembly – Y6 parents welcome	Friday 16 th October, 2.45pm

Autumn 2

Parents' Consultations, YR – Y6	Wednesday 4 th and Thursday 5 th November, 3.30-6.30pm
Wellbeing Wednesday – own clothes	Wednesday 4 th November
APDR Week (SEND Support Plans)	TBC
Big Read	Friday 13 th November, 2.45pm
Anti-Bullying Week	16 th - 20 th November
Nantwich Museum – Great Fire of London (Year 2)	Wednesday 18 th November
Blue Planet Aquarium (Year 1)	Thursday 26 th November
Catalyst Museum (Year 3)	Friday 4 th December
Prospective Reception Parent Tours	Thursday 19 th November, 10am
Year 5 and 6 St Mary's Church Come and Sing the Nativity	7 th December 11am or 1pm - TBC
Key Stage 2 Pantomime – in school	Tuesday 8 th December
Christmas Jumper Day	Wednesday 9 th December
EYFS / KS1 Christmas Performance	Thursday 10 th December, 2pm and 5pm
Elf Run - St Luke's Hospice	Friday 11 th December
Year 5 Class Assembly – parents welcome	Monday 14 th December, 2.45pm
Robinwood Residential (Year 4)	Monday 14 th December – Wednesday 16 th December
LKS2 Christmas Concert	Thursday 17 th December, 2pm and 5pm
Nursery Stay and Play	Wednesday 2 nd December – 9:30 – 10:30am
Pantomime Visit (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)	TBC
Nantwich Museum – Local River Study (Year 5)	TBC
FOHS Disco and Non-Uniform Day	TBC
Early Closure	Friday 18 th December, 1.30pm
Road Safety Week	16 th November-22 nd November 2026

Spring 1

Wellbeing Wednesday – own clothes	Wednesday 6 th January
Coram SCARF Workshops (PSHE)	Wednesday 6 th January and Thursday 7 th January
SEND Coffee Morning	Thursday 14 th January, 9am
Chester Roman Visit – Train (Year 4)	Thursday 21 st January
Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Workshop	Monday 25 th January
Nursery Stay and Play	Tuesday 26 th January – 9:30 – 10:30am
Year 6 SATs Workshop	Monday 1 st February 3.30pm
Year 4 Class Assembly – parents welcome	Monday 8 th February, 2.45pm
Big Read	Friday 5 th February, 2.45pm
Bikeability (Year 6)	TBC
Shrewsbury Prison Visit - Train (Year 6)	TBC
Children's Mental Health Week	1 st -7 th February
Safer Internet Day	9 th February
Class Photographs	TBC
Spring 2	
Wellbeing Wednesday	Wednesday 24 th February
Stone Age Experience (Year 3)	Friday 26 th February
APDR Week (SEND Support Plans)	TBC
World Book Day	Thursday 4 th March
Big Read	Friday 5 th March, 2.45pm
British Science Week Activities	5 th – 14 th March
Xplore Science Discovery Centre (Year 5)	Tuesday 9 th March (TBC)
Nursery Stay and Play	Thursday 11 th March – 1:30 – 2:30pm
Year 3 Class Assembly – parents welcome	Monday 15 th March
SINGFEST (Year 4)	Thursday 18 th March
Manchester Airport (Year 2)	Wednesday 24 th March
Nantwich Town Centre – Walk (Year 1)	Thursday 25 th March
Parents' Consultation, YR - Y6	Tuesday 23 rd and Thursday 25 th March
Summer 1	
Swimming Lessons (Year 5)	Tuesday 13 th April
Big Read	Friday 16 th April, 2.45pm
SEND Coffee Morning	Thursday 22 nd April, 9am
Nantwich Museum – Toys From The Past (Year 1)	Thursday 29 th April
Year 2 Class Assembly	Friday 30 th April, 2.45pm
Nursery Stay and Play	Tuesday 4 th May – 9:30 – 10:30am
Key Stage 2 SATs	10 th - 13 th May
Mental Health Awareness Week	11 th – 17 th May
Chester Zoo (Year 2)	Wednesday 26 th May
Wellbeing Wednesday	Wednesday 9 th June
Cheshire Police - Cyber Sid E-Safety Workshops	TBC
Supermarket / DT Project Visits	TBC
Nantwich Cricket Club Visits	TBC
Reaseheath College – Mini Zoo (Reception)	TBC
Summer 2	
INSET	Monday 7 th June
Year 4 Multiplication Check	w.c Monday 7 th June
Wellbeing Wednesday (own clothes)	Wednesday 9 th June
Big Read	Friday 11 th June, 2.45pm
Residential Visit (Year 6)	14 th – 16 th June
Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	w.c Monday 14 th June
Anglo-Saxon / Viking Day at Tatton Park (Year 4)	Thursday 17 th June
Transition Morning (including new Reception)	Wednesday 23 rd June
New Intake Meeting (Reception Parents)	Wednesday 23 rd June, 5pm
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Wednesday 14 th July, 2pm

End of Year Reports	Friday 16 th July
APDR Week (SEND Support Plans)	TBC
Year 1 Class Assembly	Thursday 8 th July
Sports Day	Friday 2 nd July
Reserve Sports Day	Friday 9 th July
Nursery Stay and Play	Thursday 8 th July – 9:30 – 10:30am
Careers Experience Day - Reaseheath (Year 6)	Date TBC
World Museum Liverpool Visit (Year 3)	Date TBC
South Cheshire College Visit (Year 5 & 6)	Date TBC
Nursery Graduation (Butterflies)	Thursday 15 th July – 2:15pm
End of term (early closure)	Tuesday 20 th July, 1.30pm

**All dates subject to change*