



Highfields Academy

WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD BRIGHTER FUTURES

SCHOOL NEWS

Friday, 27th September 2024



It's already Week 4, and our pupils have settled in wonderfully! This week, I've been particularly proud of the progress our younger children are making with their reading and phonics. It's lovely to see them becoming more confident as they explore new sounds and words. They've been so enthusiastic during reading sessions, and many have been eager to share their favorite books. Thank you for all the support at home—every little bit makes a big difference!

Upcoming Events

11th October - wear yellow to support World Mental Health Day
19th October - Community Day
22nd October - own clothes day and spooky discos
25th October - INSET day
31st October - deadline for secondary school applications

Attendance

Class	w/c%
Reception	94%
Year 1	98.8%
Year 2	99.6%
Year 3	99.0%
Year 4	97.2%
Year 5	97.4%
Year 6	100%

Attendance
overall 96.5%

Our Reception class have been thoroughly enjoying their learning recently and were eager to tell me all about the mess that the Gingerbread Man made in their classroom! Look at the fabulous biscuits they designed and made themselves!



Healthy Snacks

A reminder that snacks for playtime should consist of fruit, yogurt or cereal bars. No crisps, cake bars or chocolate please.

KidSpace

Places at our fantastic before and after school club, KidSpace, can be booked in advance through School Spider. Please make sure your child is booked in before attending.

Ready, Respectful, Safe

Well done to our Stars of the Week! I've been especially proud of how our pupils are demonstrating just how ready, respectful, and safe they can be. Whether it's lining up quietly, helping each other in class, or listening carefully to their teachers, they're showing what it means to be great role models.



Attendance Matters

What YOU must do:

Try to telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.

Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.

Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.

If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What WE will do:

Check your child's attendance every day.

Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit