



SCHOOL NEWS

Friday, 31st January 2025

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 11th February - non uniform day and FOHS Valentine's Disco

Friday 14th February - end of half term

Monday 24th February - INSET day (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 4th March - FOHS meeting at The Leopard

It's been another busy couple of weeks at Highfields! Last week, our Year 6 pupils completed their Bikeability courses, learning essential road safety skills. It's wonderful to see their confidence grow as they develop their cycling abilities.

I've also had the pleasure of handing out many special stickers for excellent work. I'm especially proud of our 'Clean Up Crew' who have been dedicating their lunchtimes to keeping our school grounds tidy. Their efforts are truly commendable!

This week, we said a heartfelt farewell and thank you to Mrs Hill, who has been with us covering Miss Chandler's maternity leave. She has been a fantastic addition to the team and we will wish her all the best as she moves on to new opportunities.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend with your families.

Mrs Hughes



Attendance

Class	w/c %
Reception	88.3%
Year 1	97.5%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	85.2%
Year 4	95.2%
Year 5	96.7%
Year 6	98.0%

Attendance
overall 94%

Attendance Matters

Attendance at school is important both academically and for social/emotional reasons. Whilst we understand that pupils will be absent from time to time due to illness; absence from school for other reasons should only be for exceptional circumstances. As a school we look at each request for leave from school on a case by case basis and holidays in term day may be subject to a fine for parents.

Friends of Highfields

FOHS are looking for new parents to join their meetings.

FOHS is our charity, run by parent volunteers. They organise and fund a huge variety of things aiming to provide facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.

Something that we're hugely grateful for; we're very lucky to have such a dedicated PTA. The extraordinary value that FOHS brings to our children is irreplaceable.

Without some new parents joining the meetings, FOHS will have to come to an end when this school year finishes.

Look out for an email from them with more information. They're a very friendly team and would love to meet you! Their next meeting is 7.30pm, Tuesday 4th March at The Leopard. Please send any questions to fohs@hotmail.com or reach out to your class rep. Thank you.

Request for Items

If you have any of the following items that you no longer need, we would be incredibly grateful for your donations:

- Wooden pallets
- Old tyres
- Wooden ladders
- Cable wheels

These items will be used for a variety of creative and practical purposes around the school, and will help us enhance our outdoor spaces. If you have any of these items to spare, please contact us at admin@highfieldsnantwich.cheshire.sch.uk

St Luke's Hospice

I'm delighted to share that, thanks to your generous support, we raised a fantastic £2,052.50 for St Luke's Hospice through our Elf Run event, with an additional £325.80 raised at our Christmas concerts. This brings our total to an amazing £2,378.30.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part and contributed. The funds raised will go towards supporting a cause that is close to the hearts of many at Highfields. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and we are proud to have made such a difference for St Luke's Hospice.

PE Uniform

A quick reminder about our PE dress code:

- No earrings to be worn during PE lessons. If your child has earrings, please ensure they are removed or send them with plasters to cover them.
- Long hair must be tied back with a bobble for safety and comfort during physical activities.
- No tights are to be worn on PE days.
- No hoodies should be worn during PE lessons.

Thank you for your cooperation!

ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

WITH EFFECT FROM 19 AUGUST 2024

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

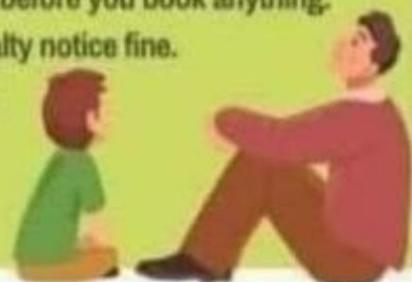
Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything.

Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine.

The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

1

£160



FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN

2



+£160



+£160



+£160



+£160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

3

10 IN 10

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised, the school will consider prosecution.

1 DAY = 2 SESSIONS

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS

4

4 children & 2 parents
= £1280

+£160



+£160



+£160



+£160



Reduced to £640
if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

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2ND TIME

2 parents and...

1 child - £320

2 children = £640

3 children = £960

4 children = £1280

No discount for
early payment

3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given.

Your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent
£2500 for each child.

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000

2 parents & 4 children = £20,000



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT



[gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance)