



HIGHLEY SCHOOL BULLETIN

**THIS WEEK'S
ATTENDANCE**
96.16%

UPCOMING EVENTS

21st & 22nd October - Parent Consultations
23rd & 24th October - PD Days - School Closed
27th - 31st October - Half Term - School Closed
3rd November - Return to school
5th November - Parent Council Meeting
10th November - Y3 & Y4 Country Park Trip
10th - 14th November - Anti-Bullying Week
10th - 14th November - Bikeability Training (Y6 Only)
11th November - Remembrance Day
11th November - Reception & KSI Cinema Trip
21st November - Y3 & Y4 Stoneage Workshop

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

KS2 Dodgeball 17th Sept - 15th Oct
Gardening Club - 3rd Oct- 17th Oct

SCHOOL LUNCHES

W/C 20th October

Week 2 Menu

SOCIAL MEDIA

Twitter @highley_school
Facebook @highleyprimary
Instagram @highleyschool
[School App](#)

17TH OCTOBER 2025 MESSAGE FROM MR PLIM

Dear Parents and Carers,

I nipped outside yesterday to find a member of staff to ask them a question but found myself mesmerised by everything that was taking place around our school grounds. Station class were enjoying their daily mile, Miners were in their 'Wild Woods' area exploring through play, Ironbridge were in the middle of a very muddy Forest School session whilst Wrekin were enjoying their PE lesson doing football. There was still enough space for other classes to be outside doing something! I really have to pinch myself when I look at all of the space that we are afforded to use for learning outside.

On the topic of outdoor learning, I showed the children in Monday's assembly, the vase FILLED with their conker entries this year. I truly appreciate every child's entering and hope the process of finding one was a fun outdoor walk and explore for you all! The 3rd and 2nd place were split by just 1 gram, whilst the winning conker was a STONKER at 37 grams:

1st place - Barney in Year 1 - a whopping 37g!

2nd place - Lucy in Year 6 - 32g

3rd place - Will in Year 6 - 31g

Smallest conker (and I genuinely needed a magnifying glass) - Georgia in Year 3

You may have seen pictures on our Facebook page of our Year 5 and 6 footballers participating in the tournament at Oldbury Wells. As Miss Humphries has references, this provided a wonderful opportunity for the children to develop their skills, showing incredible effort and enthusiasm! What the post didn't share, was that the team finished 4th in the tournament!

Don't forget, our first parents' evenings take place on Tuesday and Wednesday next week, if you haven't booked an appointment already, follow the link on the Arbor app to book a slot. It's a great opportunity to discuss how children have settled into their new class groups, look at the work they have completed so far and have a nose in their classroom!

Finally, sandwiched either side of the summer holidays, I have received communication from parents and members of the community regarding children riding bikes to school wearing no helmets; often bikes are being ridden on the road, which at drop off and collection time, is extremely busy with cars and families walking. If your child does ride a bike to school, we would strongly suggest they wear a helmet.

Bikeability for our Year 6 children is starting next month and we will be asking whether the Bikeability team are able to talk to children in other year groups about the importance of wearing helmets.

Don't forget the last day of this half term is next Wednesday as both Thursday and Friday are PD days,

Have a lovely weekend,
Mr Plim

TTRS ROCK HEROES



Leon



Harper



Leo F



Budgeting for Christmas – Family Information Service

Is it too early to mention the C word? We know Christmas can be a really expensive time of year so here are our top tips for keeping the costs down.

• Are you receiving everything you are entitled to? Turn2Us is a charity who believes everyone in the UK should have financial security so they can thrive. They offer a free benefits calculator and grants search on their website. It only takes a few minutes to check if you are missing out on something you could be entitled to. <https://www.turn2us.org.uk/>

- Credit unions are not-for-profit organisations that provide savings, loans and a range of services to their members. There are two Credit Unions in Shropshire, Fair Share Credit Union and Just Credit Union Both offer Christmas loans to help you pay for this year and then save towards next Christmas.
- You can get support with housing, energy and food costs through Shropshire Council's Cost of Living website. You can be referred to the foodbank by a professional who knows you, such as your housing association, GP, support worker or school. They can also refer you for a Christmas Food and Gift Hamper and schemes such as Santa's Little Stars who provide wrapped age-appropriate Christmas presents to children all over the county.
- Our Family Information Directory, will have lots of free or low cost activities and events to make Christmas fun. We are beginning to add events now and normally have over 100 listings by December.



OPAL

Dear parents,

The children are all enjoying our OPAL playground project and to ensure this continues we need some donations of loose parts. We continue to collect items for children to play with all year round and are asking for your help. The items we are looking for will enable us to enjoy a wider range of play experiences during playtime (see below for some examples):

- Anything on wheels/casters
- Plastic milk crates/supermarket delivery crates/plastic bread trays
 - Briefcases, especially hard cased ones
 - Cardboard boxes - bigger the better
 - Ton builders bags
 - Road signs and cones
- Tools like small spades/shovels, trowels and brooms
 - Sandpit toys
 - Buckets
- Nets and thick ropes
- Foam sheets/bodyboards/camping roll mats/yoga mats
 - Wooden pallets
- Noodles (the type you use in the swimming pool!)
- Hats/scarves/jazzy shirts/elasticated skirts/waistcoats/wedding dresses/character costumes
 - Shower curtains and/or tarps

If you have any items to donate, please bring to the office or arrange a time with Mrs Sherry for larger items.

If you can, or you know anyone who can, donate a large number of plastic boxes/crates/pallets or a large, farm style water container, please contact the school office. See attached photo.

Thank you for your continued support with our OPAL initiative. We look forward to sharing what we have been getting up to at playtimes on our website and Facebook pages.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Sherry



What are LOOSE PARTS?

Loose parts are items that can be used to facilitate different kinds of play, or any material that a child can manipulate for playful purposes.



Acorns



Grass



Leaves



Logs



Pine Cones



Rain & Water



Sand



Snow



Shells



Soil



Sticks



Stones



Wild Flowers



Wood Cookies

Upcycled Loose Parts



Baking Pans



Cake Moulds



Ice Cube Trays



Kitchen Tools



Measuring Spoons



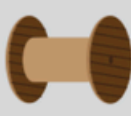
Pots & Pans



Strainers



Baskets



Cable Spools



Cardboard Items



Cones



Containers



Corrugated Pipes



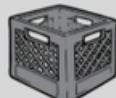
Dress-Up Items



Fabric



Funnels



Milk Crates



Nets



Old Electronics



Pool Noodles



PVC Pipes



Rolling Carriers



Ropes



Shovels & Spades



Sinks & Tubs



Tarps



Tires & Wheels



Wooden Planks



Learn more at www.ecokids.ca

Stars of the Week

Clee

The star in Clee class this week is Rupert. You are a delightful member of our class, you always make good choices and you are a great role model because you always demonstrate our class values. We have also been really impressed with your blending skills, taking your first word book home this week! Keep it up.

Miners

George is Miners Star this week for making great progress in phonics! He now knows all of his Tricky words and is already working on his Year 1 Common Exception words.

Well done, George - keep up the great work!

Arley

Arley's star of the week is Seth! Seth is a brilliant member of our class with an excellent attitude towards learning, who gives 100% all of the time. It is so hard to pick an area he shines most in! He is an exceptional reader and highly skilled mathematician, an outstanding artist and an inquisitive scientist! It is so great to see his confidence growing each day. Seth is a real pleasure to teach! SUPER star!

Netherton

Harry is kind, helpful and always keen to help around the classroom. He approaches every day with a positive attitude and a readiness to learn. He works diligently across all subjects and is making fantastic progress, particularly in maths, where his weekly arithmetic scores continue to impress us. It is wonderful to see this hard work paying off. We are incredibly proud of all you are achieving Harry, and hope you feel just as proud of yourself. Keep up the brilliant work!

Station

Station's star of the week is Louis. Louis is such a great member of Station class. He is an excellent role model as he always works hard, is respectful and kind and has already shown himself to be an excellent school council representative. Well done Louis and keep it up!

KS1 Attendance Bear



Netherton

Stars of the Week

Hazelwells

Our star in Hazelwells is Dulcie! Dulcie is an "always girl"! I can always rely on Dulcie to work hard with a smile and she is a true joy to be around! This week, Dulcie has shown her beautifully kind and caring side and what a wonderful friend she is to everybody.

Ironbridge

Mabel is the Star in Ironbridge class this week because she is an "Always girl". Mabel always works hard, is always kind and sensible outside, always keep herself on task and challenges herself, always engages with class activities and has proven to be a fabulous, conscientious member of our class. Well done, Mabel,

Severn

Star of the Week in Severn is the brilliant Ben!!
What a gentleman! Ben is the most amazing classmate and looks after everyone every single day. But it doesn't stop him working hard - 34/36 on his first ever Year 5 arithmetic!!
Well done Ben, you're smashing it!

Wrekin

Wrekin star of the week is Holly. Holly showed a willingness to take on the challenge of long division - choosing to have a go! She demonstrated a methodical and conscientious approach to the steps involved and really cracked it! This pretty much sums up Holly's attitude to her learning overall, as she strives to do well in what she does. We think Year 6 may be Holly's year if she continues to have such a positive learning attitude! Well done Holly!

Hitchens

This week's star is Harley. Over the last week, you have been a great role model and have represented the school and your peers in different ways. We were very impressed at how you took the lead on communicating to other classes about healthy eating week. During the football tournament this week you really gave it your all and encouraged your teammates as well as showing good sportsmanship. It is very obvious that you are really trying your best in all subjects, even those that you find challenging. Keep it up - we are all very proud of you!

KS2 Attendance Trophy

