



# HIGHLEY SCHOOL BULLETIN

## THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

**98.52%**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

15th January - KS2 Athletics

By Invitation

16th January - Football Festival

By Invitation

22nd January - KS2 SATs Parent Meeting

29th January - Y5/6 Dodgeball

By Invitation

3rd - 9th February - Mental Health Week

11th February - Safer Internet Day

12th February - KSI Ludlow Castle Trip

13th February - Parent Pioneer Meeting

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Coming Soon

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

W/C 13th January

Week 1 Menu

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Twitter @highley\_school

Facebook @highleyprimary

Instagram @highleyschool

[School App](#)

## 10TH JANUARY 2025 MESSAGE FROM MR PLIM

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to all our families. We hope you enjoyed a very Happy Christmas and the new year has got off to a good start for you. Our new playtime and lunchtime timings seem to be working well and helping to better structure the school day and children's play so that they are 'ready to learn'.

The long autumn term is now a distant memory and this week marks the start of the Spring Term here in school. Both half terms are shorter (6-weeks and 7-weeks) and by the time we reach the February half-term, we will be more than half-way through the school year. Every second of learning time is vital and I continue to thank the vast majority of parents who prioritise their child's school attendance, it is very much appreciated. This week, as you can see, our overall whole-school attendance figure of 98.52% is STUPENDOUS!

What a contrast from the rain of last term to the current low temperatures. Given the cold-snap conditions of the last few days, this is a timely reminder to ensure that all children are wrapped up warm with appropriate coats, hats, scarves, gloves and footwear (labelled with their name please!). I am envious of Ironbridge class who had a catch-up Forest School session this afternoon in beautiful wintery conditions, it is amazing what wildlife the children find beneath the frosted ground cover.

Even in these cold temperatures, some of our resident birds still manage to take shelter in the hedgerows. In Monday's assembly, I read children a fable all about an old woman and a sparrow with the hidden message warning us that instead of being too grasping and greedy; it is far better to be helpful to others out of kindness, and not for any reward or payment we might get.

I referenced last year following the responses to our annual 'Safer Schools' survey that we would be arranging some bike/scooter proficiency training through Shropshire. Year 6 will be invited to take part in Level 1 & 2 Bikeability later this year in June and sessions have been arranged for early September for current Year 5s. This term, we are also going to be promoting a 'Walk to School Week' to highlight the importance of pedestrian safety.

Finally, I would really like to give a special mention to Rowan and Seth in Year 1, who by the end of last year, completed their challenge of spending 1000 hours outside! The boys have started 2025 in exactly the same vein, spotted on Wednesday evening, litter picking around the Severn Centre bus stop. I think this is fantastic and shows our school value of 'respect' in abundance, helping to raise awareness of the impact human behaviour has on the environment and the importance of looking after our local community.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Plim

## TTRS ROCK HEROES



**MEGAN**



**LARA**



**WILLIAM Y**



# Focus on SEND

Happy New Year!

This week, it has been really lovely to settle back into a routine and school has seemed really, really calm and settled. Calm Class is now held in Hitchens class and some of the children have been working on some impressive Lego models after finishing their lunch.

I have also met with our Sunshine Room staff (Mrs Powell and Miss L) who have been busy getting the room ready for the children to return to as well as meeting with Miss Francis who heads up our Pastoral Support in school. It really feels as though we are all working together to embed as many nurturing and pastoral opportunities across the school as possible. I think I have mentioned before that our Nurture provision was the first of its kind in Shropshire and this is something that, as a school and as a community, I think we should be immensely proud of and thankful for.

As Mr Plim has mentioned, we have also begun to introduce Zones of Regulation. The Zones of Regulation is a fun, easy-to-understand framework used in our school to help students recognize and manage their emotions. It encourages children to identify how they are feeling and learn strategies to cope, which helps improve their behaviour, focus, and social interactions.

The Zones are color-coded to represent different emotional states:

**Blue Zone:** Low energy, sad, tired, or bored.

**Green Zone:** Calm, happy, focused, and ready to learn (ideal state for learning).

**Yellow Zone:** Slightly elevated emotions, like anxiety, excitement, or frustration.

**Red Zone:** Very heightened emotions, such as anger or extreme anxiety.

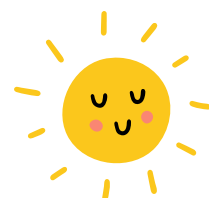
By understanding these zones, students can recognize when they need support or need to use calming strategies like deep breathing, counting, or talking to someone.

Giving children the tools to self-regulate has been part of our ethos as a school for many years and is a big part of our focus on RESILIENCE but I am really excited at the opportunity to make this provision easy to access for ALL children. As I spoke about it in Hitchens class, every child was able to think about how they felt when they were in each of these zones and what they might do to move into the 'Green zone.'

At home, you can support your child by discussing the zones and helping them use self-regulation strategies. This builds emotional awareness and promotes self-control.

Our staff team will all be learning about it more over the next few weeks but there will be more information to come for families as we learn about these skills together.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Williams



# Allergies

We are a nut-free school. Products containing nuts should not be brought in for packed lunches/snacks. Thank you.



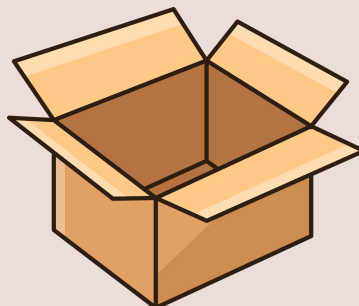
# News Papers

If you have any unwanted newspaper please hand them into the office or to Mrs Sherry so we can use them for our projects.



# Small Carboard Boxes

If you have any small carboard boxes you no longer need please bring them into the school office or to Mrs Halliwell. They need to be washing tablet size boxes. Thank you!



# Stars of the Week

## Clee

The star this week in Clee is Maxx! He has been showing a great attitude towards learning, listening carefully and giving thoughtful answers. Maxx is also making great progress in reading and does lots of practice at home. Well done Maxx keep it up!

## Miners

Miners star this week is Harry! We have been so impressed with how Harry has settled back into school after the Christmas break and know that he hasn't found it easy. So we wanted to recognise the resilience he has shown. Despite not feeling 100% and having to face a few challenges at the moment, Harry has got straight down to work with great focus and attention. He's produced some wonderful written work in English too. Well done Harry, keep it up!

## Arley

Arley's first star of 2025 is Kassie! Kassie has written some amazing pieces of work this week. She wrote a great recount of her Christmas using all her sense and some great adjectives. Her writing about the bag we found used commas in a list correctly, and her spelling is always perfect. Well done, Kassie!

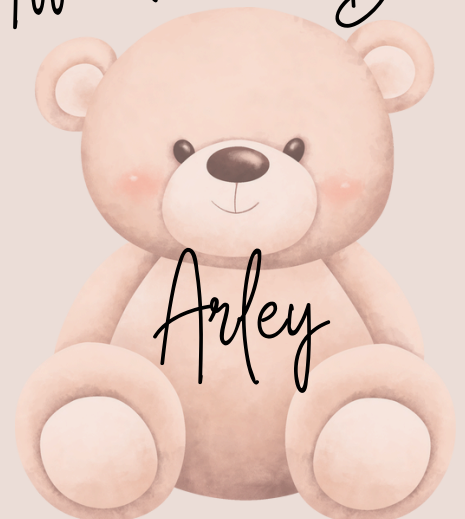
## Netherton

Rowan is the star for Netherton this week! He has had a fantastic week back this week and has impressed us all with his handwriting and his sentences! He has focused really hard on getting his handwriting clear and remembering his finger spaces! We have also heard about his fantastic efforts of helping around the village with doing a litter pick after school! Well done Rowan keep being your wonderful self and working hard!

## Station

Station's star of the week is Tilly C. Tilly, you really do work so hard in all that you do. You are becoming more confident in your abilities, and this is great to see. You are always respectful with your behaviour and challenge yourself with your learning - often joining in with the Year 4 questions even though you are only in Year 3. Well done and keep it up!

## KS1 Attendance Bear



Arley

# Stars of the Week

## Hazelwells

Our star in Hazelwells this week is Harriet! She is such a delight to have in class, always cheerful and working hard! Hattie is great at listening to instructions and making sure that she is following them perfectly, taking on any advice to improve - this was particularly evident in gymnastics this week! Well done, Hattie, keep being your wonderful self!

## Severn

Amelia is our star for being such a fantastic member of severn class and showing resilience in everything you do!

You work so hard Amelia and you never give up at anything, even if you find it hard. You smile every day, have fun when you can and lift everyone else up with you. Well done!

## Wrekin

Wrekin star of the week is Ellie. Whilst she may find the work challenging at times, she really does try hard to understand. She will have her hand up in class and she is taking time to think about her responses too! Coupled with her kind and caring nature and her empathy towards others, Ellie is a great 'all-rounder' and we are delighted to have her in Wrekin!

## Ironbridge

Oliver is our star of the week, this is because of his continued hard work in all lessons and his fantastic attitude to learning. Well done Oliver!

## Hitchens

Our star in Hitchens is Leland. Since coming back, he has had a great attitude, made really good choices and been a great friend especially during ICT when he helped and guided his work partner through a tricky task. He has also been more alert and full of smiles. Well done Leland!

## KS2 Attendance Trophy

