



# HIGHLEY SCHOOL BULLETIN

## THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

**95.09%**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11th February - Safer Internet Day
- 12th February - Y5 & 6 - Brown Clee Trip
- 12th February - Valentines Disco
- 13th February - Parent Pioneer Meeting
- 17th -21st February - Half Term
- 24th February - Return To School
- 26th February - Y1 Parent Phonics Meeting
- 4th March -Tag Rugby - By Invitation
- 5th March - KSI Ludlow Castle Trip
- 6th March - World Book Day
- 7th March - Girls Football Day

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Coming Soon

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

W/C 10th February

Week 1 Menu

## SOCIAL MEDIA

- Twitter @highley\_school
- Facebook @highleyprimary
- Instagram @highleyschool
- [School App](#)

## 7TH FEBRUARY 2025 MESSAGE FROM MR PLIM

Dear parents and carers,

This week has been World Children's Mental Health Week and all the way through the week, children have been taking part in various activities within their classrooms. Yesterday, children took part in a carousel of activities from meditation to chalking, and from yoga to origami! The children loved moving around the school and accessing different activities, but I'm not sure how good it was for the mental health of staff!

This week has been all about looking after our mental health; that it is as important as exercise, diet and lifestyle choices that support our physical health. Please make sure you ask your child about the activities they have done this week - we all need healthy minds and bodies!

With our 'walk to school' focus, we took part in a national online assembly on Wednesday called 'We Walk for Health', slotting in beautifully with the theme of our week. Children discussed and shared the benefits of 'active travel' on both physical and mental health - learning some mind-blowing facts, such as when we sneeze, air is pushed out at up to 100mph!

Some exciting news - our Year 3 children will be working with Pentabus Theatre group over a series of 4 workshops in school with the aim of creating a new folk story and dance for Shropshire. What is even more exciting, is that our Year 3s will be performing this at the Ludlow Assembly Rooms on the 18th March! Their first session is next Wednesday and it is an extremely exciting opportunity for Highley School to be involved in!

Finally - it was wonderful to see so many parents again coming in for Clee's phonics drop in yesterday morning. Today has been even more exciting for the 'crew' in Clee, because 'Shiver me timbers', after being 'hooked' on pirates this week, they came dressed as their favourite pirates today! It was a shame this didn't coincide with our mental health activity carousel - I hear that retired pirates love yoga because of all the 'ex-sailing', and they are also particularly good at 'the plank'.

Anyway, have a plunderful weekend and I hope you make some oar-inspiring plans,

Mr Plim

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# Focus on SEND

This week has given me the opportunity to meet with a number of our brilliant TAs who are responsible for delivering Speech and Language interventions, Nurture provision or working in a 1:1 SEND capacity with a number of our children. All of our TAs work with SEND children as well as supporting the class as a whole and so Mrs Kelly and myself have been meeting with each of them to discuss and celebrate all of the excellent work they do across our school every day. It has been an absolute pleasure to chat with them about the children they specifically support and to hear how well they know each child in their care and are able to talk in detail about the progress each child is making.

In schools, it can feel like there is a huge emphasis (understandably) on academic achievement but I can confidently say that as SENCO, Assistant Head and a class teacher, we really do recognise progress in a variety of ways at Highley. Of course, we aim for high standards academically, but we also celebrate when a child can tie their shoe laces, becomes better at taking turns, is able to thread string or hold a pencil when they couldn't before and also when they surprise us by showing empathy and kindness.

As well as chatting with our TAs, I have also caught up with a huge number of parents, either face to face, via e mail or on the phone. It has been great to discuss issues, make a plan and to see the child moving forward as a result of us working together.

In school, our desire is to help all of the children in our care to fulfil their potential and it is when we work with families and external agencies in a positive manner that we really see the outcomes for the children improving.

With that in mind, I try to be on the gate at least once a week and hopefully by now, you all know that if you get in touch, I will endeavour to help.

Have a lovely weekend- the children in Hitchens' class surprised me at the beginning of the week with a huge act of kindness. It actually brought a tear to my eye and reminded me that within the children at Highley School, there is the huge capacity for kindness and that working together really is the best way forward.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Williams



# Stars of the Week

## Clee

The star in Clee class is Martha! She is growing in confidence everyday, sharing her knowledge with the class. She is also an amazing artist and her drawing club pictures are beautiful! Thank you for being such a lovely member of our class. Well done Martha!

## Miners

Luna is Miners star this week, for being such a good role model in class. She knows how to have fun but also works hard in every lesson. Recently Luna did a fantastic piece of writing and we can see that she makes every effort to extend her writing to make it interesting for the reader. This takes it from good to great. Luna's hard work and resilience in maths is really paying off too and we want to encourage her for never ever giving up. Well done!!

## Arley

The star of the week for Arley class is Arwen! Arwen has been trying so hard in her writing this term, and is really applying all that she has learnt. She is thinking really hard about the sounds she needs when writing new words. Her handwriting is very neat, and it's great to see Arwen's growing enthusiasm for writing. Well done, Arwen!

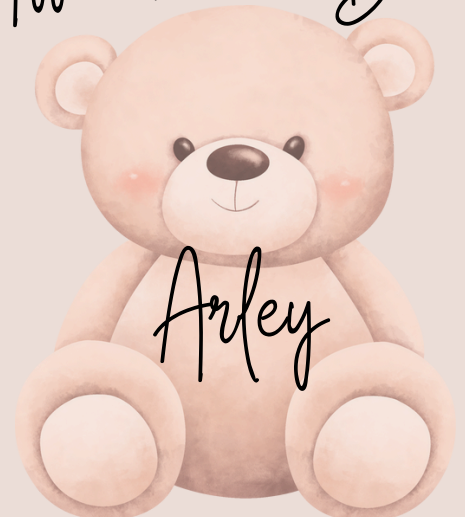
## Netherton

Luca is star this week for trying and working so hard on his writing especially his handwriting and putting his finger spaces where they need to be!  
Well done Luca, keep it up!

## Station

Station's star of the week is Oakley. Oakley always impresses us with his attention to detail in his work - especially his writing. Oakley is a great friend to everyone. He is kind, respectful and fun to be around. Thanks for being a great member of Station class!

## KS1 Attendance Bear



Arley

# Stars of the Week

## Hazelwells

Our star in Hazelwells this week is Isla Ellis! Isla is consistently fantastic! She always works hard in class (even doing extra work without being asked to this week!) and is a kind and helpful friend! Isla is a wonderful class member all-round! 😊

## Ironbridge

Will is our Star this week in Ironbridge class, this is for showing resilience. Will has worked hard in Maths and hasn't given up when things were difficult. Well done Will, keep up the good work.

## Severn

The star in Severn is for Blake for finally finding his feet and showing us what he can do! Well done Blake, it is so wonderful to see you engaging in lessons with your hand up and sharing what you know! You look so proud!

## Hitchens

Our star in Hitchens is Khaleesi. She is always kind, polite and helpful and is an excellent member of our School Council as well as being an excellent role model for everyone. She works extremely hard and will listen to all advice given to her and practise things that she struggles with until she masters a skill. Well done Khaleesi- you are an absolute superstar!

## Wrekin

Star of the week is Ellie B. - always a worthy winner! We have noticed in the last week that Ellie has been really making an effort to have her hand up in class and more importantly, 'have a go'! She may not always get things right, but she is beginning to develop greater resilience to any set-backs. Her persistence will undoubtedly pay off, as we can see that she is successful in many of her responses. She glows with pride on these occasions, and it is heart-warming to see how her classmates appreciate (with a 'little ripple'!) her efforts. An award for Ellie would not be complete without mentioning (in addition to all of the above!!) her warmth and tolerance to others - you are such a kind soul!

## KS2 Attendance Trophy

