THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE 93.77%

## UPCOMING EVENTS

17th -21st February - Half Term 24th February - Return To School 26th February - YI Parent Phonics Meeting 4th March -Tag Rugby - By Invitation 5th March - KSI Ludlow Castle Trip 6th March - World Book Day 6th March - Reading Café 7th March - Girls Football Day 11th & 12th March - Parent Consultations 18th March - Y3 Pentabus Rehearsal & Performance

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Coming Soon

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

W/C 24th February Week 2 Menu

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## 14TH FEBRUARY 2025 MESSAGE FROM MR PLIM

HIGHLEY SCHOOL

BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 5 and 6 returned to school yesterday afternoon exhausted but buzzing – having hiked up to the top of Shropshire's highest point, Brown Clee Hill at an elevation of 540 metres. The sense of achievement children came back with was palpable, despite it being misty at the summit; climbing up through the cloud was nonetheless an evocative experience. I have seen some wonderful photos of the children racing to the trig point at the top as if they are in the final moments of an episode of Race Across the World! A big thank you to Mrs Curtis for putting this activity together – staff and children had a great experience and I am certain this trip will become a fixture for the future; we may need to change the Highley 100+ no. 27 (UKS2) from 'climb the Wrekin' to 'climb Brown Clee'!

Year 5 and 6 have had an enriching week from start to finish, and the walk was a culmination of their Mountains topic in Geography. At the beginning of the week, Faye, a former pupil of Highley School, shared her trek to the Annapurna base camp in Nepal. This is a trip that school helped to fundraise for a few years' ago and the second time that Faye has come into school to share her experience with the children – a fascinating insight into both the Himalayas and a completely different culture. I found it very nostalgic – I trekked the Annapurna Circuit in Nepal 20 years' ago, the pictures and videos Faye shared made it feel like yesterday!

On Wednesday, Year 3 had their first Pentabus workshop focusing on drama and storytelling, which they THOROUGHLY enjoyed - we really cannot wait to see what they produce...

Thank you to the PTA for running the discos last night, I think we ticked in and dismissed over 150 children! The event raised over £200 and this always goes back into school, subsiding school trips to make them more affordable for all, and also towards larger projects and everyday resources to support our children.

Finally, thank you for supporting our Walk to School challenge this half term, badges are coming home today for children who have successfully walked/scooted/cycled or used 'park and stride' at least once a week this half term. We will be continuing this next half term, it has been great to see some of the children changing habits!

As ever, much to look forward to next half term including World Book Day, Year 4's trip to Pioneer, Year 3's performance at Ludlow Assembly Rooms and Year 1 & 2's trip to Ludlow Castle to name just a few.

> Wishing you all a lovely half term break, Mr Plim

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## How can we help you?

Come along to: Highley Library, Halo Severn Centre, Bridgnorth Road, Highley, WV16 6JG

<u>Autism West Midlands will be</u> <u>attending the Highley Community</u> <u>drop in on 28th February.</u>

The fourth Friday of each month 9.30am-12.30pm

Free information, advice and support around;

- Housing support
- Getting older
- Family Life

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- Domestic Abuse
- Special Educational Needs and/ or Disabilities (SEND) support
- Parenting support
- Finance support
- Healthy living, and much more!

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Shropshire Family Information Service



Not sure what to do during the half term holiday?

The Family Information Service's directory is full of activities, events and days out. From drumming workshops to craft sessions, films, treasure trails, and much more!

Visit the Family Info Directory here: <u>https://shropshire-fid.directory-platform.com/kb5/shropshire/fid/results.action?</u> <u>at=feb25&term=&familychannel=0&sorttype=relevance&sr=30&nh=10</u>

The Family Information Service provides info on all aspects of family life. From finding childcare and things to do in the school holidays, through to cost of living worries and parenting support.

Please help us to keep up-to-date with the changing needs of Shropshire families by taking our short survey. Share with us what is important to you and your family now and what may be useful in the future. Closing date for the survey is Friday 28 February 2025.

You can complete the survey here: <u>https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/parent-information-needs-survey-2025/</u>

Find out more about the Family Info Service here: <u>https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/early-help/family-help-services/family-</u> <u>information-service/</u>

If you are looking for holiday clubs or childcare for February half term, check out the Shropshire Family Info Service's Directory. From arts and crafts, to animal care, to football, there is something for everyone! <u>https://shropshire-fid.directory-platform.com/kb5/shropshire/fid/family\_results.action?familychannel=247</u>

The Family Info Service's February newsletter is out now. This edition includes things to do during half-term, new stay and play sessions, training to become a young leader and more! You can read it here: <u>https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKSHROPSHIRE/bulletins/3dl8lle</u>

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World Book Day will be celebrated in school on Thursday 6th March. Pupils and staff will be invited to come to school dressed as a book character, in their pyjamas or onesies, or in their favourite comfortable clothes.



Bertie is our star this week for his enthusiasm for learning, amazing drawing club pictures and fantastic writing. He always listens carefully during carpet time. Bertie is a great role model in class. Well done Bertie!

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The star of the week for Arley class is Thea! Thea has been working so hard in maths, especially in trying to improve her recall of maths facts. She has had some real 'light bulb' moments this week where things have clicked and she's got it! It's brilliant to see! Keep it up, Thea, and keep shining!

Station's star of the week is Zac! Zac, you have been noticed this week for your confidence in maths. You have been much more willing to have a go, and you are trusting your own knowledge and understanding. We have also spotted a big improvement in your latest independent writing. Well done and keep up this positive attitude – we're very proud of you Miners Star this week is Hallie! We really want to say a big well done to her for resilience in maths and English. These past few weeks she has been working so hard to consolidate her learning and is making steady progress. Well done Hallie, keep going!

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Gracie is star in Netherton! She has tried so hard with her writing this week to make sure her sentences are nice and clear and working on her handwriting! She worked really hard in her independent write making sure she applied all the writing skills we have learnt. Well done Gracie keep it up!

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Our star in Hazelwells class this week is Maggie! Maggie has such a fantastic attitude to her learning and always wants to do her best. Her 'hot write' this week has particularly impressed us! She is also a brilliant friend to many and a fabulous help in the class! Keep being you, Maggie!

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Allanah in Severn has deserved the Star this week for being a wonderful human being and showing such kindness to others. She engages in lessons with a smile and embraced the Brown Clee walk as a big adventure. Well done Allanah, you are a delight to have in class.

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Our star in Wrekin class is Logan! Logan tackled the Clee Hill in a sensible and steady manner. He has been noticed on the playground for being so helpful with the little ones. Of course he has been noticed in class too for showing reliability, consistency and hard work. The list could go on.... Well done Logan!

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This week in Ironbridge class, our Star of the week is Fliss. This is because of her amazing friendship and relationship skills. She is helpful, kind and always has a smile for others. Also, her commitment to the Guinea pigs is admirable, we know they are safe and well when Fliss is involved with looking after them. Fliss is a wonderful human being, keep being you!

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We have two stars in Hitchens class this week! Our first star is Evie-Willow for showing a huge amount of resilience when working on maths and English. I am delighted to hear that you feel more confident in maths now. Well done Evie-Willow! Our second star in Hitchens is Zac. He has really impressed us with his focus and has been working incredibly hard in all areas of the curriculum. Well done Zac- keep up the good work! You are also hilarious and you're singing brings us lots of joy each day!

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