

THIS WEEK'S **ATTENDANCE** 93.73%

UPCOMING EVENTS

8th December - Reception Class Eye Screening 9th December - Y6 Singing At Friendship Club 9th December - Y3 &4 Carols - at the Church (2:15pm) 10th December - Reception Christmas Nativity (9.30am & 2pm) llth December - Christmas Jumper Day 11th December - Y5 & Y6 Carols - at the Church (2:15pm) 12th December - YI & Y2 Christmas Play - In School (9.30am)

16th December - Choir Singing At OWS (By Invitation)

17th December - Christmas Lunch

22nd December - 2nd Jan - Christmas Break - School Closed 22nd December - HAF Christmas Camp

5th January - PD Day - School Closed

6th January - Return To School

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS KS2 Dodgeball 12th Nov - 10th Dec

Choir 18th Nov - 9th Dec (Y2 & Over)

SCHOOL LUNCHES

W/C 8th December

Week 2 Menu

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5TH DECEMBER 2025 MESSAGE FROM MR PLIM

Dear Parents and Carers,

I fully appreciate how busy this time of the year is for everybody and know that it can be really quite overwhelming with all the different events, when to wear a Christmas jumper(!) plus performance arrangements, dates, props, plans and pressures that the Christmas season can bring. We will do our best to communicate everything that is going on clearly and the weekly newsletter is a good place to come back to for a check on what is coming up and any attachments that you may need for further information.

I can't believe how quickly the last few weeks of term are whizzing by. A week has already passed since our Christmas Frost Fayre, raising an amazing £2,200! This really helps to keep trips and events affordable often funding the transport element (such as coaches or minibuses) which can be such a debilitating part of the total cost. What this means is that when we ask for a parental contribution, the PTA have been able to subsidise the trip or event! Each class also has a 'PTA budget' for the year, which they use to invest in nice things for the classroom, such as games and resources for indoor play and their Friday 'Golden Time'. In the new year, we will be setting up a meeting between School Council and the PTA to put forward some ideas for a bigger project using some of the money that the PTA have raised.

On the note of the PTA - I cannot talk about the Fayre last week without extending a huge thank you to the committee. They give up so much of their own time to collect and store the donations, set-up and run stalls on the night, and then stay to tidy up and make sure everywhere is ready for the children and staff returning following the weekend. The biggest thank you to our PTA Chair, Amy Steadman, who brings it all together (and stores pretty much everything in her garage beforehand!).

This year was the first year at Highley where I was not able to get to the Christmas lights switch-on at the Severn Centre, however I have heard that our choir were once again sensational and got everybody into the festive spirit, before making their way outside to lead everybody in a few carols before the big moment. Thank you to Mrs Williams for the wonderful work she does with our children so that they perform with confidence at these events year after year.

Tuesday saw our first ever 'Stay and Play' for parents to experience an Outdoor Play And Learning (OPAL) playtime - we had around 30 of you joining us for the session, led by Mrs Sherry and Amy Campbell from the OPAL team. It was lovely to see everybody and thankfully, the sun was shining! We hope that you could see for yourself that play is such an important part of childhood and that by providing a variety of activities, each child is able to find something that motivates them and brings them joy. Playtimes are so much more fun since becoming an OPAL school, but additional benefits are that we now have fewer behaviour and first aid incidents, and we have a calm start to the afternoon's lessons. We look forward to organising another open afternoon in the new year.

Next week is absolutely packed with something happening virtually every day bringing ample opportunities for you to come into school - by this time next week, every year group will have performed their nativity, performance or carol concert! Have a lovely weekend.





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Understanding your child From toddler to teen

- Would you like to know more about your child's development?
- Do you need help and support to understand your child's behaviour?
- Would you like a chance to meet with other parents and carers with children of a similar age?

Join us for our free face-face group

Understanding Your Child Friday 16th January 2026

NEW TIME 1PM-3PM

Highley Primary School Grasmere Dr, Bridgnorth WV16 6EH

All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays.

To book a place email Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk or call 01743 250950

Find more free online courses at: inourplace.co.uk/shropshire





If you would like more information about the group above or below, please contact Miss Francis (rachel.francis@highleyschool.co.uk).

Does your child struggle with their sleep?

Free Sleep Tight Groups

Join us on one of our virtual or face-to-face groups

- Find out why sleep is important for our health and emotional wellbeing
- Get support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines
- Meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences

Thursday 15th January 2026 From 9.30am to 11.30pm Highley Primary School Grasmere Dr, Bridgnorth WV16 6EH The workshops run for 5 weeks from the start date.

To book a place email Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk or call 01743 250950





The star in Clee this week is Jake. You have amazed us with your big voice in our nativity rehearsals, we have noticed how well you are listening during carpet time and you have wowed us in maths and handwriting. You are such a lovely member of our class, keep it up!

Arley

Arley's star this week is Harry! He has amazed us this week with his amazing vocabulary! He had so many ideas of onomatopoeia words to use when describing the effects of the Great Fire of London. Very impressive, Harry! And great sounding out when writing them!

Palion

Station's star of the week is Kayci. Kayci always works hard in class and is a lovely friend to everyone. We have also been very happy to see that Kayci is organising herself better in the mornings meaning that she's ready to learn the minute she's in school.

Nevaeh is Miners' Star of the Week this week!

She is such a pleasant member of our class - she never grumbles and always does the right thing.

She has also begun to make great progress with her tricky words and is now blending independently!

Please continue practising at home, Nevaeh - it is really helping to consolidate your learning.

Well done!

Netherton

Rowan is Netherton's star this week!

Rowan is a true grafter who never gives up. He has been working exceptionally hard across all subjects, especially in English and maths. This week he has impressed us with his wow sentences in English, showing how dedication and effort really do pay off. His growing confidence is fantastic to see, and he is beginning to flourish in his learning. Well done, Rowan – keep it up!

Attendance Bear

Netherton

Stars of the Week Start translate

Rocco is our star in Hazelwells this week. Rocco is a joy to teach and brings smiles and laughter to every day! He has really been pushing himself in his writing and is continuing to show pride in his own achievements! Keep it up, Rocco!

Cevern

The star in Severn is Harper for a bright and bubbly attitude to learning! Harper you come in every day with a huge smile, put every bit of effort into your learning and your smile never leaves your face! You are working so hard in your maths and we are all so proud of you!

Our Star this week is Destiny, this is for her effort and commitment towards her writing. Destiny has shown confidence in her ability by sharing her work with the class and should be really proud of herself.

Leo is our star in Wrekin. He works extremely hard working and is an excellent member of our class . He also stepped out if his comfort zone to sing a solo at two events last weekend- well done Leo!

You're a superstar.

One of Wrekin's stars is Riley. Over the last three weeks, he has achieved mainly green on his chart: we can see he is beginning to make better choices about his actions and words towards adults and children alike. Indeed, this week alone we have several adults tell us what a positive change he is making in terms of his politeness, helpfulness and positive reaction when problems arise. We are hoping this continues over the coming weeks! Keep it up Riley!

Hitchens

Hitchens Star is Vino-Valentino!

We are so impressed with Vino's progress in both Maths and English in the last weeks. Vino has become much more settled and focused in lessons and this is having a positive impact on his learning. It would seem that he is really starting to mature and things are really starting to click, not to mention his exceptional artwork. Keep shining bright!

