



HIGHLEY SCHOOL BULLETIN

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE
95.34%

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4th May - Bank Holiday - School Closed
- 4th - 8th May -DT Week
- 5th May - KS2 Tri Golf - By Invitation
- 11th - 14th May SATs Week
- 19th May- Pioneer Residential Assembly
- 25th - 29th May- Half Term - School Closed
- 1st June - Return To School
- 1st - 5th June - RSE Consultations
- 2nd June - Y5/6 Swimming Starts
- 5th June - Sports Day
- 17th June - Crucial Crew - Y6

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Gardening Club - Fridays 3.20 - 4.20pm

SCHOOL LUNCHES

W/C 4th May

Week 2 Menu

SOCIAL MEDIA

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1ST MAY 2026

MESSAGE FROM MR PLIM

Dear Parents and Carers,



We are absolutely delighted to share the fantastic news that Highley has been awarded 'Platinum' accreditation for OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) – the highest level possible. This is a huge achievement for our whole school community, and we want to shine a well-deserved spotlight on our incredible Play Team, whose dedication has made this transformation possible.

Over the past two years, OPAL has helped us reshape the culture of play at lunchtimes. Not long ago, lunchtimes were a challenging part of the day. With limited activities available, incidents were common, and afternoons often began with unsettled classrooms and lost learning time.

Today, the difference is remarkable. Lunchtimes are now vibrant, joyful, and purposeful, and it's rare that issues spill into the afternoon. Classrooms are calm, learning starts promptly, and children return from lunch feeling refreshed and ready.

Thanks to OPAL – and the passion of our Play Team – children now enjoy a wide range of play opportunities every day. Whether they prefer digging and exploring, imaginative role play, dressing up, building with loose parts, reading, pulling, pushing, climbing or creating...there is something for everyone. Coupled with our indoor Calm Class, every child has a space where they feel comfortable, engaged and free to express themselves.

During Monday's accreditation visit, Amy from OPAL was quick to recognise how wholeheartedly our Play Team has embraced this new approach. They have moved from "policing" play to actively encouraging creativity, exploration, and collaboration – no small feat, especially without formal playwork training. Their teamwork, enthusiasm, and commitment were clear to see.

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to every member of the Play Team for their unwavering commitment to improving children's experiences at school. Their work has transformed lunchtimes into a truly enriching part of the day, and this Platinum award is a testament to their dedication.

A special thanks to Mrs Sherry for coordinating the project, leading regular play assemblies and having the vision to develop the school site into what it is now. Thanks also to Mrs Mathers who always thinks of a solution to a staffing or resourcing conundrum! And also a big thank you to Mr Cooke our caretaker, whose creativity and hard work in producing new resources at the drop of a hat has added even more richness to our play provision.

This has been a long journey – but what an achievement.

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend,
Mr Plim

TTRS ROCK HEROES



Maggie



Isabelle



Lucy



Stars of the Week

Miners

Theo is our star of the week in Miners Class. He has wowed us with his independent writing and fantastic enthusiasm for learning. Theo is what we describe as an "always boy" - always trying his best and always ready to learn.

Keep up the hard work, Theo!

Arley

Finley is Arley's star this week! He is blowing us away with his work in maths, especially his mental maths and arithmetic skills. He is getting much better at explaining how he worked his answers too! Finley has also been our Numbots champion several times, so we know he works hard and practises just as much at home as in school too.

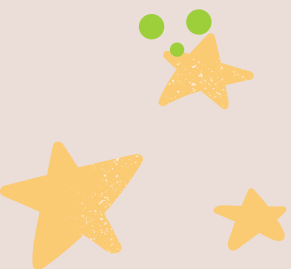
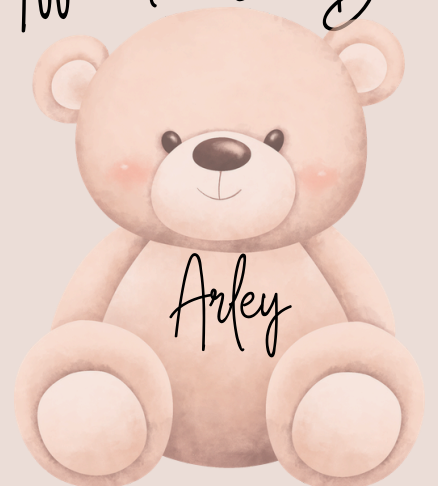
Netherton

Oliver is Netherton's Star this week! Oliver, you've had a fantastic week. Your listening has been brilliant and you've shown real effort in every single lesson. You've been working hard across all your subjects, and it's wonderful to see how confidently you're reading too. Keep it up, Oliver - you should feel really proud of yourself!

Station

Station's star of the week is Ginaro. Ginaro, we have noticed how hard you have been working in class. You are making great progress and achieving your potential. We have also noticed you 'noticing'. You are being helpful without being asked and that is very much appreciated! Thank you and keep it up.

KS1 Attendance Bear



Stars of the Week

Hazelwells

Our star in Hazelwells this week is Annalise! Annalise is a true delight to teach! She listens to instructions, tries hard in every activity and always does so with a smile! This week in particular, Annalise has shown a real ability to work co-operatively with her classmates, displaying great teamwork skills! Well done, Annalise!

Ironbridge

Lilo is our star of the week in Ironbridge this week because of her outstanding efforts with her reading, she's been working extremely hard in maths and has tried super hard with her English work. What a super star! Well done, Lilo.

Severn

The star in Severn is Jack for turning a huge corner with his learning this week. Not only has Jack's hand been up in all lessons but he was the first to finish the maths and get them all correct! Well done Jack, you have smashed it this week!

Wrekin

Wrekin's Star of the Week this week is Grace! Grounded, genuine and gifted (in more ways than she knows). Grace is brimming with a quiet determination which is going to ensure she is as successful as she can possibly be. She actually told Mrs Butler that she was looking forward to SATs! She is probably one of the humblest individuals in Wrekin class, who despite scoring the highest score in last week's mock maths SAT, doesn't blow her own trumpet (so we have to do it for her). I'm looking forward to seeing Grace scale mountains and surf waves at Arthog next month! Go for it Grace!

Hitchens

Hitchens star is Harley James
Despite his injured knee, Harley has shown great resilience and hard work, joining in confidently with lessons and demonstrating growing maturity. He is also a kind and supportive friend to others.
Well done, Harley – keep it up!

KS2 Attendance Trophy

