



HIGHLEY SCHOOL BULLETIN

**THIS WEEK'S
ATTENDANCE**
85.7%

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 29th June - Reception Intake Visit 2
- 29th June & 1st July - Sunshine Room Trip
- 30th June - Cricket Event - (By Invitation)
- 6th - 7th July - OWS & Lacon Childe Transition Days
- 6th July - Reception Intake Visit 3
- 8th & 9th July - Y6 Leavers Play
- 8th July - Arley & Netherton Local Walk
- 13th July - Y6 Leavers Trip
- 13th July - Ukulele Showcase - (By Invitation)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

- Gardening Club - Friday
- KS2 OPAL Club - Tuesday
- KS2 Rounders Club - Tuesday
- KS1 Multi Skills Club - Wednesday

SCHOOL LUNCHES

W/C 29th June

Week 1 Menu

SOCIAL MEDIA

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26TH JUNE 2026 MESSAGE FROM MR PLIM

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm writing this on the final night of the Year 6 residential at Arthog, and what a week it has been. This is the first time I've stayed for the full week (well... since I came myself in Year 6 & Year 7!), and it has reminded me exactly why this trip is such an important part of the Highley experience.

Residentials are never just about the activities. Yes, the children climb mountains, paddle canoes and scramble through gorges - but the real magic happens in the moments in between. The minibuses journeys, the mealtimes, the shared jokes, the quiet encouragements, the bravery shown when something feels daunting, and the pride that follows when they realise they can do it. These trips are as much about the children growing as they are about staff getting to know them on a deeper level, and this week has been truly memorable.

Some years, we reach the end of the trip and (very) happily hand the children back over to you before hibernating for the weekend, exhausted. This year has been different. This group of Year 6s have been exceptional - genuinely one of the best groups that we have taken away. They have been a privilege to spend the week with, and I know I'm not the only member of staff who would have happily stayed at Arthog for a few more days with them. It isn't just us who have noticed. Throughout the week, activity leaders, kitchen staff, instructors and even members of the public have gone out of their way to comment on how polite, friendly, enthusiastic and positive the children have been. You should be incredibly proud of them. They have represented Highley School brilliantly and have shown maturity and kindness well beyond their years.

Their behaviour has been impeccable. Nobody has opted out of an activity, nobody has complained about stepping outside their comfort zone, and nobody has let a challenge defeat them. Instead, they have thrown themselves into everything with determination and good humour. They've given us plenty of laughs, but even more of those "buzz moments" - the ones where you see a child realise they've achieved something they didn't think they could.

Across the week, the children have climbed, scrambled, mountaineered, canoed, raft-built, castle-roamed, beach-combed, gorge-walked, cliff-jumped, mine-explored, lake-swum and rock-pooled. But beyond the activities, their interpersonal skills have shone. Leadership, teamwork, resilience, courage, empathy, bravery - every child has shown something special. Each one of them can name a moment they overcame a fear, pushed themselves further than they expected, or succeeded at something they never imagined doing.

As we pack up for our final morning, I'm struck by how much the children have grown - not just in confidence, but in the way they support one another, look after each other and celebrate each other's successes. None of this would have been possible without the incredible staff team who have given their time, energy and enthusiasm all week. Residentials demand long days, very late nights, very early mornings and a full week away from their own families, yet Mr Wilkinson, Mrs Mathers and Mrs Butler have thrown themselves into every moment with the same positivity and resilience we ask of the children. Their care, humour and unwavering support have shaped this week just as much as the activities themselves. I am sincerely grateful to them for making this such a smooth, memorable and joyful residential. I look forward to the children bringing everything they've learned - the teamwork, the courage, the independence - back into their final few weeks at Highley.

They are a credit to you, to themselves, and to Highley School,

Have a VERY restful weekend, Mr Plim

