

Highlees News



September 2024

Dear All,

Welcome back to the new school year. The summer holiday seems like a distant memory, especially with how cold it has been over the last few days.

I would like to say a huge thank you to everybody for making me feel so welcome at Highlees. It has been a pleasure to meet with you on the playground in the mornings and afternoons.

I join the school at an exciting time. You will have all received a copy of our latest OFSTED inspection report which confirms what I have seen over the last couple of weeks. Highlees is a school where children thrive and where staff and pupils feel proud to be part of the community.

From walking around the school throughout the day, I have seen the children have settled back into school life and they are working hard.

I would be grateful for your support with the following reminders:

- In the mornings, children should line up and not use the play equipment around the playground.
- Please only send healthy snacks into school - a letter was sent out earlier in the week with some ideas.
- Please dismount from scooters/bikes etc BEFORE you come onto school property.

As we continue to work with you, if you do have any questions or concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. The start and end of the day can be a busy time for teachers so if you can't speak to them easily, please contact the school office and they will arrange for somebody to contact you.

Within school, we are busy looking at the term ahead and we are planning events and activities that we would like your support with.

I look forward to working with you all and thank you for your continued support for the term ahead.
Mr Venables

School uniform

We are having a big push on school uniform, we would like to see all the children wearing the correct uniform which is:

- Red jumper or cardigan
- Grey or black trousers or skirt
- Red summer dress
- White top



PE days

Reception

Year 1	Mondays and Fridays
Year 2	Wednesdays and Thursdays
Year 3	Tuesdays and Thursdays
Year 4	Thursdays and Fridays
Year 5	5HD - Fridays / 5SP - Swimming on Wednesdays
Year 6	Mondays and Tuesdays

On PE days children should come to school dressed in their PE kits.

PE kits

- Plain dark coloured bottoms or shorts
- Plain white T-shirt
- Trainers or pumps



Open Days for Children starting school in September 2025

Do you have a child who is looking at joining a school in September 2025?

If so, please come along to one of our Open sessions listed below..

Tuesday 15th October at 3.30pm
or

Saturday 19th October at 9am



We look forward to welcoming you.

Dates for this half term:

16th Sept Family Voice coffee afternoon 2pm

16th Sept Rec start Full-time

26th Sept Parents Phonic Workshop 

9th Oct Individual Photos

15th Oct Open Evening for Reception 2025

19th Oct Open Morning for Reception 2025

24th Oct Autumn Disco

25th Oct School closes 

4th Nov Professional Day

5th Nov Back to school

Celebration assemblies on a Friday will take place alternate weeks depending on the year group. Please check the planner.

Nut Free

We welcome children bringing in healthy snacks such as fruit and cereal bars for playtime however can we remind you that we are a nut free school.

We also encourage the children to bring water to school in a named water bottle.



Social Media

A reminder that we will be publishing lots of photos on facebook and twitter so please keep checking.

Follow us on

Twitter - @Highlees 

Facebook - @highleesprimaryschool 

Food Bank


If you need any support with food then please contact school.



Attendance Target

95%



Attendance Matters: Children are considered compulsory school age from 1st September, January or 1st April following their 5th birthday. 
There is an expectation that all children come to school and arrive on time.

If you are struggling to get your child into school, please contact our Attendance Officer, Mrs Hamlet. In the next few weeks we will have Sarina from the Local Authority coming in to hold a Parent Meeting on Attendance.

Baby & Toddler group Highlees Hub

We shall shortly be running a free baby/toddler session in our community Hub watch this space for details!




Christmas Fayre



We are running our annual Christmas Fayre on **Thursday 5th December** at the earlier time of 3.30pm until 5.30pm.

If you are interested in holding a stall or know anyone may be please contact the school office on highleesoffice@hefed.org

We hope to have a nice range of goodies on sale and songs sung by our very own choir and of course Santa will be in his grotto as usual (prebooked tickets only). 

This will be a free event and open to everyone please bring all your family & friends!

