



HIGHFIELD HIGHLIGHTS

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1st May 2026

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Dear Parents/CARERS

Welcome to Issue 3 of our Highfield Highlights newsletter. Although, this is quite a short half-term it certainly is a very busy one! We are looking forward to welcoming you all to our 'Book Look' sessions next week, where the children will be able to show you their fabulous work. Children who attended the Bolton School football festival and tournaments this week represented Highfield superbly. They all played with passion and determination, winning their groups. Difficult quarter-final games against excellent opposition were a step too far this year but all enjoyed the experience and many will be back again next year. Year 4 enjoyed a visit to Clifton Marina this week, where they learnt about the industrial past of the area, and Year 5 visited Quarry Bank Mill, where they discovered that the lives of young mill workers were extremely dangerous during the Victorian era.

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Head Teacher



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Messages from Mr Glyn-Jones

RECEPTION STAY & PLAY

Reception parents are invited to join their children for a Stay & Play session on Tuesday 5th May from 3.05pm.

PUNCTUALITY

Please be reminded that the school day begins at 8.40am each day, with the children's learning starting as soon as they arrive in the classroom. Arriving 5 or 10 minutes after this time, equates to your child missing between 3 and 6 whole days of learning in a year!! We would politely request your assistance in ensuring that your child arrives at school on time each morning.



PSA

Our next PSA (Parents School Association) meeting will take place on Wednesday 6th May at 4.30pm, where there will be a discussion about our upcoming Summer Fair. The PSA are always looking for new members and new ideas, so please attend if you are interested in supporting this group.



I hope that you all enjoy the long weekend and we look forward to welcoming the children back into school at 8.40am on Tuesday

ATTENDANCE

I am delighted to inform you that school attendance continues to improve, with the highest attendances coming from our youngest and oldest children.

Well done to Reception and Year 6, whose attendance is above national averages.

I would also like to congratulate 5F for 100% attendance this week!

MR D Glyn-Jones
Head Teacher



Attendance from 24/04/2026 to 30/04/2026

Very well done to all the classes highlighted in green but especially to 1H & 5F for having the highest attendance across their key stages this week!

Improved > Declined <

RH	98.6% >
RF	95.7% <
1H	99.3% >
1F	95.9% >
2H	92.0% >
2F	98.7% <
3H	95.3% <
3F	96.7% >
4H	93.3% >
4F	93.8% <
5H	94.3% >
5F	99.3% >
6H	96.6% >
6F	96.1% >
Yeartodate	96.1% >

Our whole school target for attendance is 94.5% this year. Please support us in achieving this target.

Please ensure that your child arrives at school for 8.45am and is picked up promptly at the end of the school day.

Holidays must not be taken during term time as this has an extremely detrimental effect on your child's education. The long-term cost to your child's education of going on holiday in term time, far outweighs the short-term gain of the holiday at the time. We urge you to prioritise the long-term benefits of regular school attendance, over the short-term impact of a holiday in term time.



Eco Warriors

The Eco Team were lucky to be selected to take part in the National Education Nature Park and Climate Action Awards. This includes a series of 6 weeks of nature activities, the school will also receive £150 in vouchers when the nature surveys are completed and will use this to purchase a wildlife camera to monitor pond life. Here are a few pictures of some of the activities they have enjoyed below.

Week 1- Be A Habitat Hero

The team investigate what would make a good habitat for birds, frogs, butterflies etc



Week 2- Record Wildlife

Using I-pads to take photographs and record and observe and encourage by adding homes and feeders to wildlife in the woodlands.

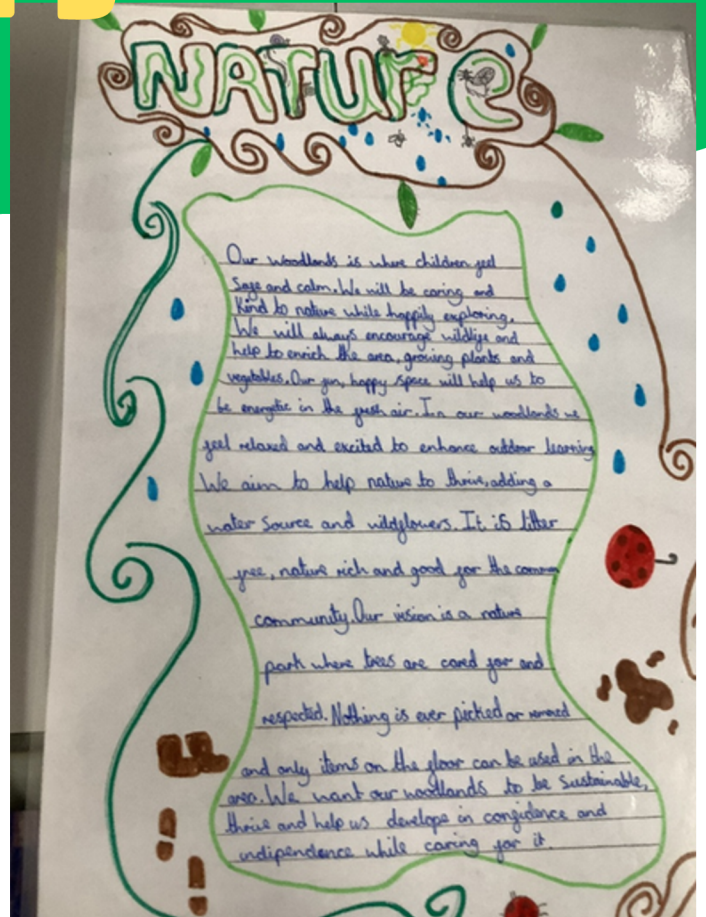
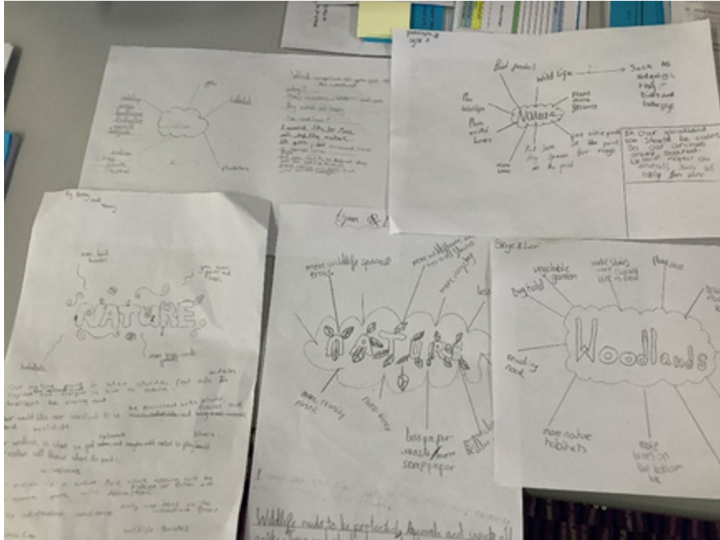


Week 3- Points of View

Learn to assess and experience outdoors from the perspective of wildlife. Comparing the needs of nature.



Eco Warriors



Week 4- Vision Statement

Vision statement for outdoor area. What they would like the future of the woodlands to look like and understanding that nature is valuable and needs to be looked after and respected.

Well done 5F

The Eco Team would like to congratulate 5F for collecting the most bottle tops for our marine mural, thanks for all your hard work and a treat will be arranged.

This is now nearly complete and will be displayed when framed. We will be recycling and collecting batteries as our next class competition.



Congratulations

**ON YOUR
GOOD EFFORT & ATTITUDE**

The following children received certificates for their good effort and attitude during Spring Term 2

RH Edward & Cariat

RF Jackson & Eliza

1H Renley & Nicole

1F Noordin & Eshaal

2H Laurel & Callan

2F Fatima & Deborah

3H Reya-Rose & Umair

3F Lucy & Haniya

4H Resan & Hanniyah

4F Chloe & Maddison

5H Harley & Bella

5F Thea-Rose & Antonia

6H Oliver & Skylar

6F Emanuel & Shivani

YEAR 1 SCIENCE

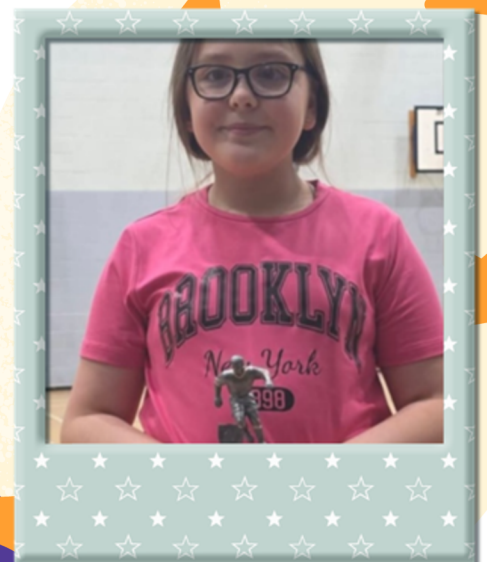
Year 1 have taken Science learning into the Woodlands again, learning about plants and how they grow. This week the children enjoyed planting some plants again but this time in their class trough. The children planted sage and oregano.



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENTS

CELEBRATING OUR FANTASTIC CHILDREN OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Well done everyone! Please keep sending us your photos so we can share everyone's successes and achievements.



Izzy and Gracie M from 6H are very keen dancers. They attend The Base Studio where they perform in shows twice a year.

Gracie also does disco and lyrical dancing where she takes exams and passes with flying colours.

Izzy competes in dance competitions each month all over the North West, she is part of the base minis team who came second at the qualifier last year. Izzy also competes at the Winter Gardens Nationals.

This is the girls passion and its amazing to see their progress each time they dance.

THE STUARTS

6F TOPIC

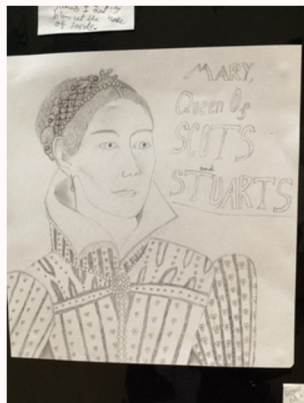
6F have created some fantastic homework projects on our topic of the Stuarts. Mrs Hutton would like to say a huge thank you to both the the parents and children for spending some of their Easter Holiday creating this amazing works of art.



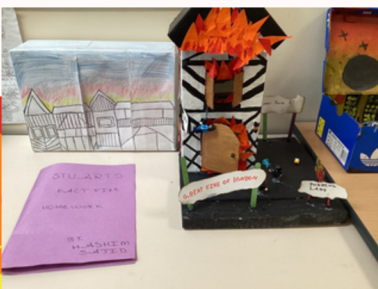
Eleanor made a plague mask worthy of a plague doctor which has been tried on by many of the children and staff!

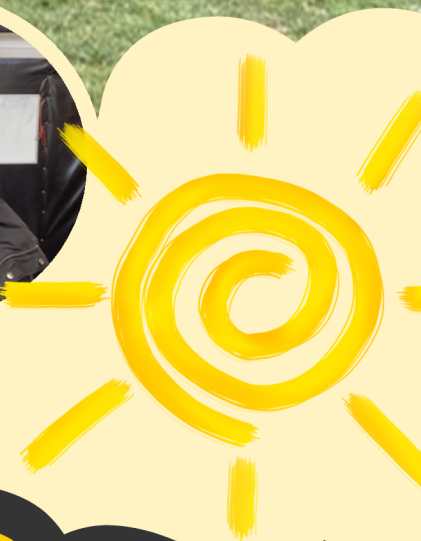


Many of the children chose to write about the events that took place during the Stuart period of history, alongside drawing some stunning portraits and wanted posters.



Thanks to Rosie, Usman, Verity and Imogen for creating our own Great Fire of London scene.





Y4 Robinwood Residential

Year 4 had a fantastic experience at Robinwood and took part in many activities such as the giant swing, trapeze, zip line, piranha pool and many many more. The teachers and instructors were so impressed with the children's bravery and their ability to step out of their comfort zone to give things a try.

What a lot of memories we have to take forward!



Afternoon Tea

What a wonderful Afternoon Tea we had on the 21st April. Our attendance winners had all of their favourite things for a scrummy lunch with Mr Glyn-Jones and Miss Helme. There was lots of laughter and even dancing - 'Shake it up'!





DATES FOR

UPCOMING EVENTS

For

SUMMER 1

OTHER UPCOMING DATES

22 MAY

School closes for
half term



1 JUN

School reopens at 8.40am

1 JUN

Swimming lessons start
for Y3 & Y5 children



15 JUN

Swimming lessons start
for Y6 non-swimmers

7 MAY

**Y1 - Y6
BOOK LOOK**



11-15 MAY

**YEAR 6 SATS
TESTS**



**CRICKET
COMPETITION**
at All Saints

20 MAY



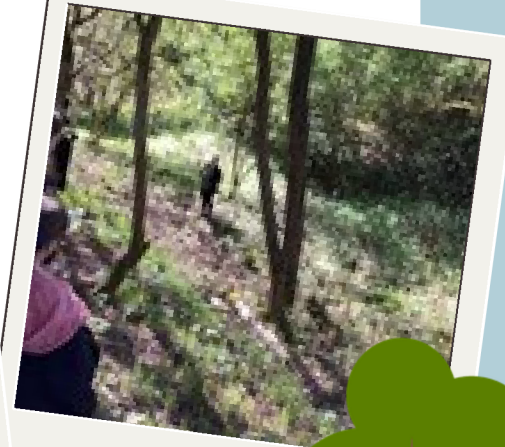


YEAR 1 MATHS

The children in Year 1 have been comparing numbers in Maths. They made their own game activity to say which number is greater than or less than. The children have taken the activity to home to share with their parents!

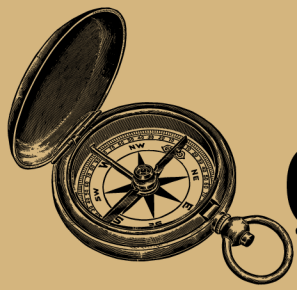


Y4 CLIFTON MARINA



What a lovely sunny day for Year 4's trip to Clifton Country Park as part of our learning about Rivers. Year 4 explored the movement of the river and its uses in the past. Year 4 learned how Clifton was once a coal mine but has since become a country park. We even had chance to play on the park before we returned back to school.

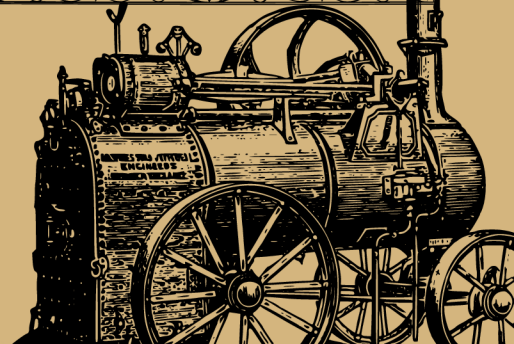




Year 5 trip to QUARRY BANK MILL

written by Simra S and Daisy W

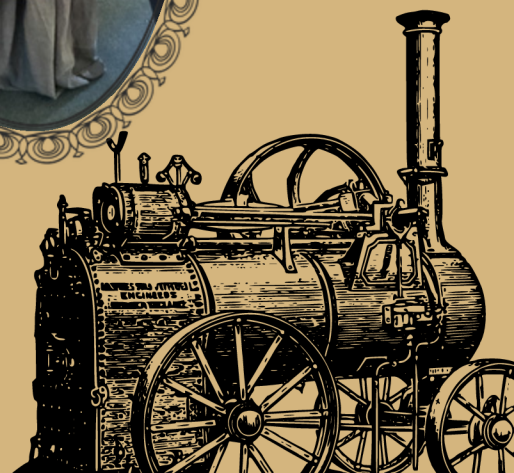
On Wednesday, Year 5 visited Quarry Bank Mill and learned what life was like for a child in the Victorian era. Throughout the day, they explored the mill with their tour guides and learned what it was like to be a Victorian apprentice. The trip was very fascinating and amazing and Year 5 enjoyed being there.

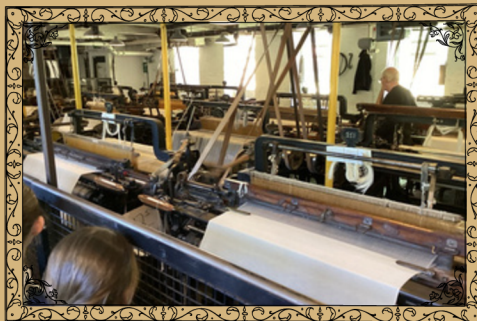


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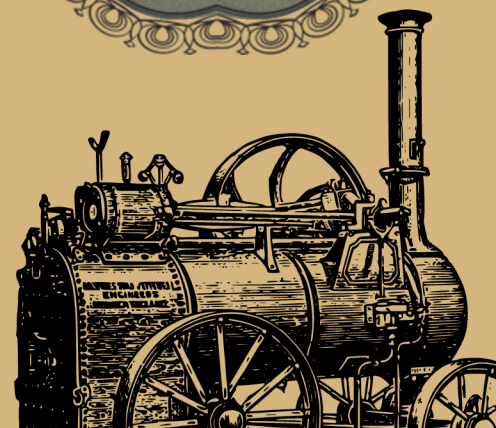


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above

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