



HIGHFIELD HIGHLIGHTS

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22nd May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Another very busy half-term in school has seen the Year 6 children complete their SAT's tests, demonstrating excellent resilience and determination! After our half-term break it will be the turn of Year 1 to complete their phonics check, and Year 4 to tackle their multiplication check. All other year groups will be working through end of year assessments between now and the end of the school year.

We have enjoyed a very successful Ofsted visit (official report to follow when published) and would like to thank you for completing the Parent View questionnaire and for speaking in such positive terms about Highfield with the Inspectors. The children were amazing! They were so kind and polite in welcoming the Inspection team to our school and spoke so knowledgeably about their curriculum, showing great pride in their work.

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to our sports afternoons during the week starting 15th June, and hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend. Fingers crossed the weather stays nice! This year, our transition day, where the children get to spend some time with their new teacher will take place on Wednesday 1st July and all end of year school reports will be sent out to parents/carers on Friday 10th July.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term (the weather forecast is wonderful) and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 1st June at 8.40am.

Mr D Glyn-Jones
Head Teacher

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SUMMER SPORTS AFTERNOONS

ON THE SCHOOL FIELD (WEATHER PERMITTING)

Event Details:

Reception
Monday 15th June at 1.30pm

Year 3 & Year 4
Tuesday 16th June at 1.30pm

Year 1 & Year 2
Wednesday 17th June at 1.30pm

Year 5 & Year 6
Friday 19th June at 1.30pm

If inclement weather prevents any of the afternoon sessions going ahead, we will inform parents as early as possible during the morning and will try to re-arrange the date.

Every morning during this week we will be inviting parents to join their child(ren) on the Daily Mile track from 8.25am for some 'light' exercise!

SWIMMING AT HIGHFIELD

For Y3, Y5 & Y6 Non-swimmers

We will be providing a purpose-built temporary swimming pool on the school playground again this year, which will allow the children to go in small groups for their swimming lessons. We are planning that all Year 3 and Year 5 children will have swimming lessons each day for the first two weeks after half-term (Monday 1st – Friday 12th June), with some Year 6 children having lessons during the third week (Monday 15th – Friday 19th June).

Cherry Tree and Our Lady of Lourdes Primary Schools will be using the pool later in the half-term. The pool will be covered and heated and will have an adjacent private changing facility.

You can view the pool at [Pools to Schools \(eliteswimming.co.uk\)](http://Pools to Schools (eliteswimming.co.uk)).

The swimming will be taught by a fully qualified swimming instructor and all swimming sessions will be supervised by a lifeguard – just like they would be at a public pool. The difference is that instead of being taught in a class of 30 the groups will be no bigger than 12 children. Each child will be initially assessed and the groups will then be arranged so that children will be able to develop their swimming skills at their own level. Children who can already swim will be provided with sessions that develop their skills whereas children who are non-swimmers will be able to gain confidence and swimming skills in a small group.

All swimming safety equipment will be provided; however, we require that all children bring the following items:

- Fitted swimming shorts or trunks for boys
- Fitted one piece swimming costume for girls
- Towel
- Swimming hat needed for all children
(one will be provided if you don't have one)
- Swimming goggles (optional)



SWIMMING AT HIGHFIELD

Before & After School

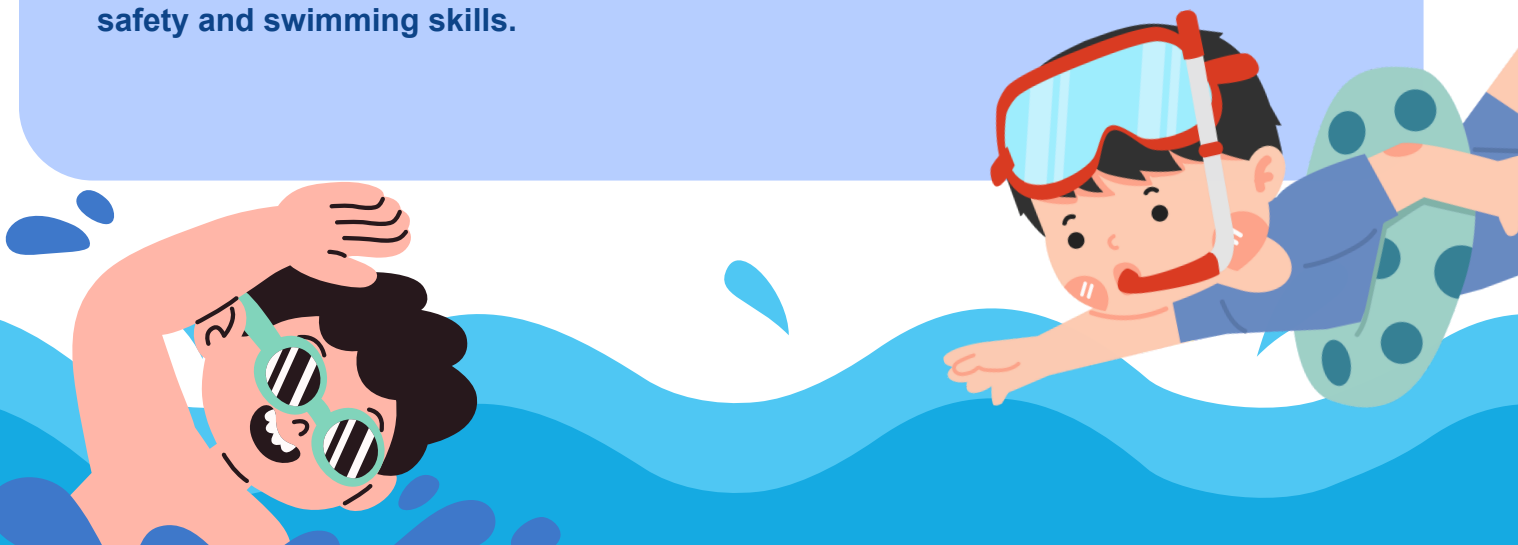
Paid Swimming Lessons

We are also able to offer swimming lessons, again in a small group situation, for all KS2 children. These will take place either between 8.00 – 8.40am or 3.20pm-4.00pm. If you would like your child to take advantage of this opportunity to learn to swim you will need to book your child on to the sessions sooner rather than later as these will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

The before and after-school lessons will be available to Highfield children across all 7 weeks of next half-term, so parents can choose whether they would like their child to have lessons on certain days of the week over 7 weeks, or whether they would prefer to have a more intensive set of lessons, e.g. where they book a lesson each day over a couple of weeks. Lessons will be priced at £6.50 for every lesson, which is significantly cheaper than locally priced lessons. Parents will not be able to watch the lessons as there is no viewing area attached to the pool.

In order to book your child on to the out of school swimming lessons please complete the online booking form on School Money, stating exactly which sessions you would like to purchase for your child. You will need to pay for the lessons at the time of booking. We are expecting these sessions to be very popular as they are more affordable and available than lessons at local leisure centres, so we would advise booking early.

Swimming is such an important life skill. Last year, having a pool on site and children swimming every day resulted in many more children learning to swim. I am sure that the opportunity to bring your child to affordable out of school lessons will give you peace of mind that your child has learnt life-saving water safety and swimming skills.

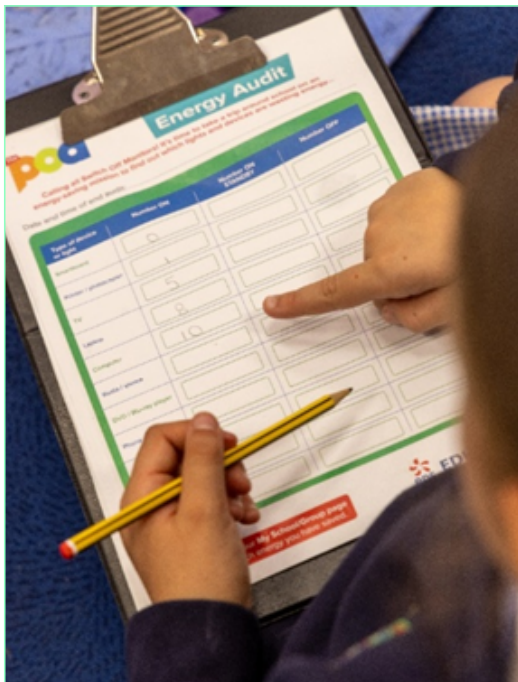




Eco Warriors

Highfield Eco-Team Photo Shoot

Highfield School were very proud to be asked by the eco-schools to be the Primary school of the year that they will use to promote their website. This involved a photo shoot with a professional photographer who spent the afternoon taking photographs of the team participating in some of their eco activities. A few are shown below along with our impact report.



Penelope and Felicity complete an energy audit checking lights and computers.

Highfield Primary School have been a part of Eco-Schools since 2007 (19years). When we joined there were only 7 eco-schools in Bolton. Our aim is to create a sustainable, environmentally-aware school and local community, where pupils learn to respect and protect the planet. We care for and encourage nature whilst trying to reduce our environmental impact. The children are very enthusiastic and have enjoyed the activities provided by eco-schools. We have achieved The Green Tree Award and National Education Nature Park and Climate Action Award linking these to our eco and woodland work helping us achieve the Eco School Distinction Award.





Some of the team looking for tadpoles and other wildlife in the pond.

“The woodland is great for feeling relaxed and we added a pond which is fantastic for wildlife” Emily W, Y5.



Amber and Aseel filling bird feeders. However a cheeky squirrel keeps pinching them (we have video evidence)



Verity and Rose completing an identification sheet exploring flowers and insects.



Planting and gardening. Children ensure the plants get water on a lovely sunny day.



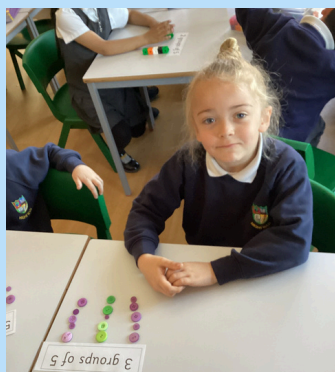
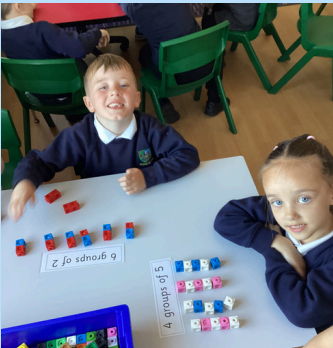
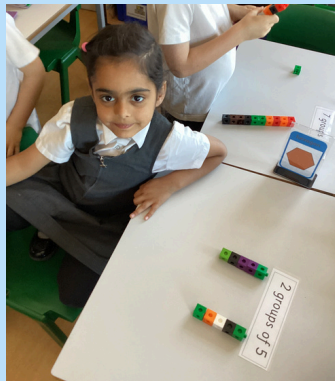
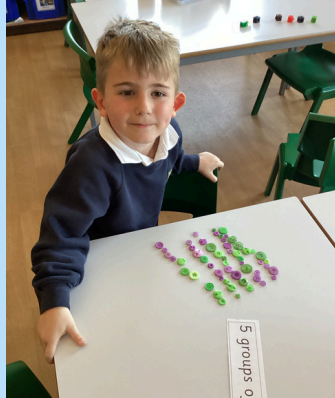
The girls are very enthusiastic about ensuring the grounds are always tidy.



YEAR 1 MATHS

Year 1 have been learning about equal and unequal groups in Maths.

We made our groups then challenged our friends to match the correct card to each group.





YEAR 1 DT

Year 1 have been learning to make bridges as part of DT.



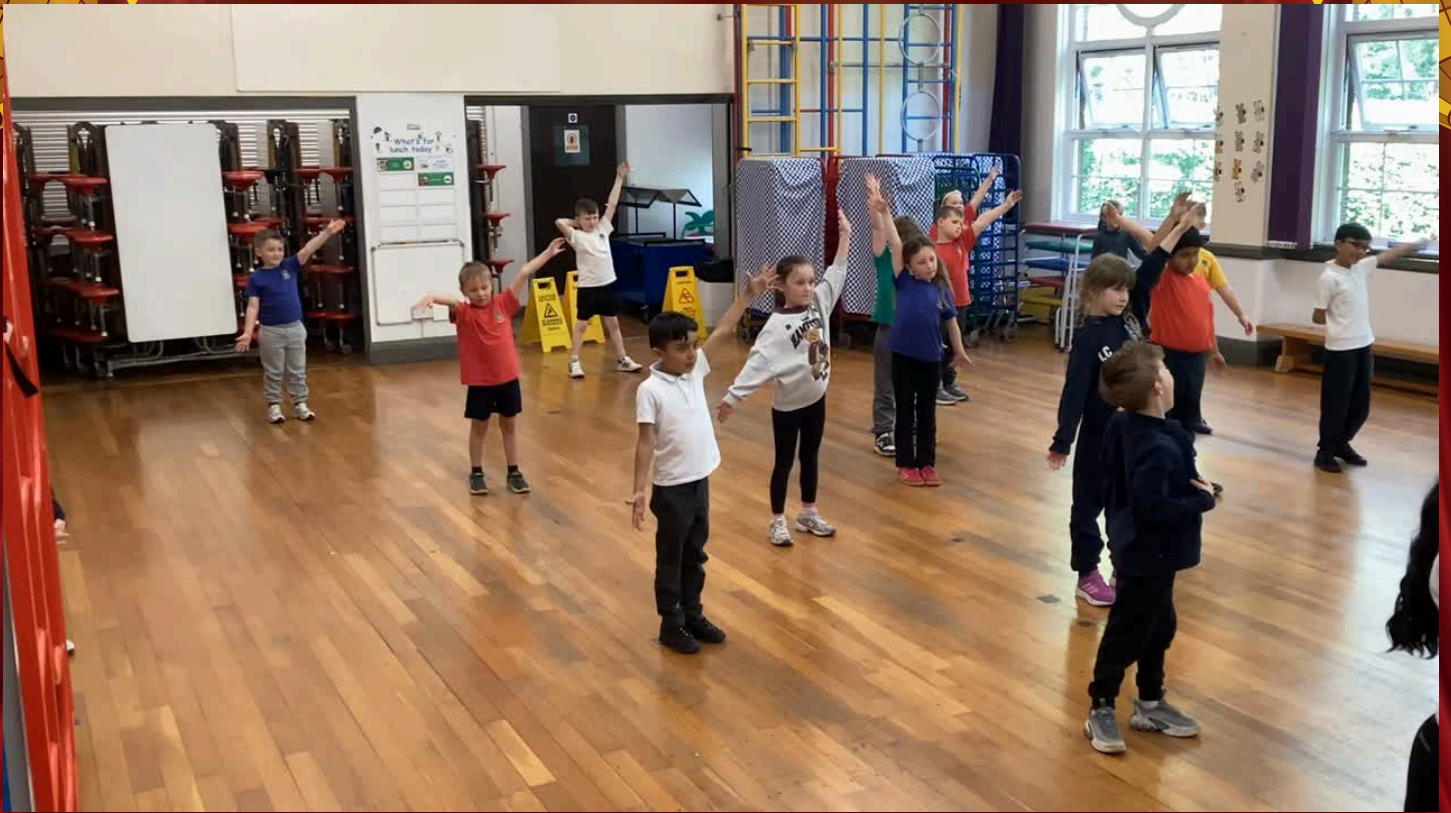
Congratulations

**ON YOUR
GOOD EFFORT & ATTITUDE**

The following children received certificates for their good effort and attitude during Summer Term 1

**RH Harry & Azal
RF Nikita & Ronnie
1H Radley & Paisley
1F Delilah & Oliver
2H Hollie & Jannat
2F Bella & Lyla
3H Emily & Taya
3F Callan & Hanisha
4H Ebony & Arslan
4F Haris & Bella
5H Archie & Hiba
5F Aseel & Harper
6H Sam & Gracie
6F Mojirola & Ayaan**

Year 2 Dancing



Year 2 have had a great time this half term learning lots of dance moves in PE. We have even learnt the name of some of our muscles.

Thanks Vicky for your exciting lessons!



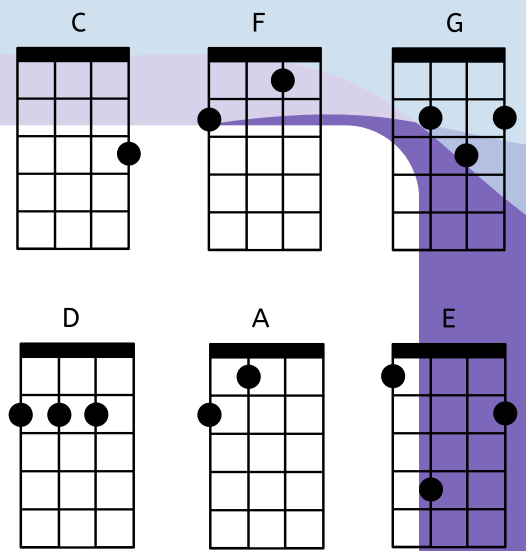
EXTRA CURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENTS

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.



Lucas presented the trophy to the junior Latics player of the year



Y3 MUSIC LESSONS

This half term, 3F have spent their music lessons with Mr Martin learning how to play the ukulele.

After weeks of practise, they played along to Ho Hey by the Lumineers. Once everybody had their own instrument, they played along beautifully and it sounded amazing!





Marvellous MALIK

In January, Year 6 took part in a creative writing workshop with Jenny Berry, a poet from the Lowry theatre.

During the workshop, the children experimented with language and play many games to help them think creatively. They were then set the task of writing a poem and entering it into the Lowry's creative writing challenge.

In April, Malik (6F) was shortlisted to perform his poem at the Quays theatre on Saturday 9th May alongside the other finalists.

Well, he won the whole competition!

Congratulations Malik, we are so proud of you!



Hidden behind a whisper by Malik

Dominic stood where the shadows could cling,
A quiet boy with a heart that could sing.
The world never asked him what weight he could bear,
And storms learned his name when they found him there.

He walked through fire with ash on his sleeves,
Holding on tight to the things he'd believe.
When hope cracked thin like a barely opened door,
Dominic knocked, then knocked once more.

They doubted his strengths, they laughed at his dreams,
They called him too soft, said he lived too extreme.
But pain is a teacher and courage is a choice
And Dominic learned to explore with his voice.

Now thunder still grows when he enters his room,
His past like a ghost, he'd never presume a big doom.
From tears he shed, from silence he kept,
He became a boy that turned into a legend from his own name.

YOUNG WRITERS 'RIDICULOUS WRITERS'



We are delighted to let you know that a selection of our entries to the 'Young Writers' competition are going to be published in a book called 'Ridiculous Writers - Magical Tales'. This platform has allowed individuals to use their creative writing skills to enter the competition. The book will be published in July, and we cannot wait to receive the final copy! As a school we are immensely proud of this achievement, as we are of all of our students. I am sure pupils are excited to celebrate such an achievement, and hope that they can inspire the upcoming young writers too. Well done to all of the Year 4 students who entered and those whose work is going to be published.



Join the fun

KIDS DANCE

Class



Age 5-12 years
Every Thursday 5pm - 6pm
St James's School, Lucas Road, Farnworth

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28TH MAY

12PM – 3PM

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- ✓ Long hair must be tied back
- ✓ Closed toe secure footwear (no flip flops etc)

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**Junior age group sessions (Under 9's - Under 18's)
– 6:30pm – 8:00pm**



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