

HIGHFIELD HIGHLIGHTS

School Newsletter and more inside

ISSUE 8
October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of an extremely busy half-term I would like to thank you all for your continued support. It was lovely to welcome everyone back after the summer break, all the children have settled back into school life and have enjoyed seeing their friends and teachers. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Reception children and their families to our school community, the children have enjoyed their first few weeks and have adapted well to school routines.

In these difficult times for all families, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your donations to our Harvest Foodbank appeal. The volunteers who collected all the bags of food items said that they have never seen so much food donated by a primary school! Also, your generosity in donating to our Halloween Bingo and buying bingo and raffle tickets will ensure that we raise a considerable amount of money which will benefit all the children in school. Thank you so much for your kindness!

Congratulations **1F (KS1)** and **5F (KS2)** who have the highest attendance so far this academic year. Very well done!

I hope you all have a restful half-term and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 9th November at 8.40am.

Mr D Glyn-Jones
Head Teacher

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Year 6 SATS results

We are delighted to announce that our Y6 SAT's results for 2026 have placed Highfield in the top 5% of all schools nationwide based on attainment and progress. A huge well done to all the children for their determination and enthusiasm, and many thanks to all our fantastic staff for all their hard work with them over the last 7 years!



	Attainment						Progress – difference to expected		
	% expected standard School	% expected standard National	% at greater depth School	% at greater depth National	Average scaled score School	Average scaled score National	% expected standard	% at greater depth	Value Added (EYFS – Y6)
R, W & M Combined	88%	63%	15%	9%	108.6	105.7	25%	9%	5.1
Reading	90%	75%	36%	31%	107.4	105.7	13%	10%	3.5
Writing	90%	73%	26%	13%	104.3	102.2	15%	16%	4.9
Maths	98%	75%	38%	27%	108.7	104.9	23%	17%	5.7
GPS	95%	73%	50%	30%	109.4	105.4	21%	26%	5.9

- Significantly above the national average

Value Added = the progress children make from the end of Early Years to the end of KS2. A score of 0 would equate to average progress, a positive score would represent above average progress, and Highfield's scores represent progress which is significantly above the national average.

The table above shows how KS2 attainment standards at the expected standard and at above the expected standard at Highfield are above the national standard. Progress measures put Highfield in the top 5% of all schools nationally. The vast majority of children at Highfield make outstanding progress as they move through school, reflecting the high level of "added-value" that the school achieves.

Key Info & Dates:



Odd Socks Day

At the start of Anti-Bullying Week and to celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that all children wear odd socks to school on Monday 16th November.

Writing Showcase

Last Monday, we held a Reading Showcase for our new Reception parents. Thank you to everyone who attended, we hope you found it informative. Our Writing Showcase will take place on Monday 16th November at 2.15pm.



Open Day

We will be asking our Student Council to show round prospective parents on Wednesday 18th November between 10.30 to 11.45 am AND 1.30 to 2.45 pm. If you know anyone who has a child starting school in September 2027, please let them know and recommend our school.



Our Reception Christmas Stay & Play will take place in school on Thursday 3rd December from 3.05 – 4.00pm.



Our Year 1 Christmas Stay & Play will take place on Wednesday 9th December from 3.20pm – 4.15pm.

School Admissions

Information regarding Reception and Secondary School Places for September 2027 is available via www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions;

Reception: Admissions process is open and closes on 15th January 2027. National Offer Day 16th April 2027.

Y7 Secondary Places: Admissions process is open and closes 31st October 2026. National Offer Day is 1st March 2027.

Dinner Money

For next half term is £82.50 (£2.75 per day / £13.75 per week for Years 3 to 6. Money should be paid in advance of meals taken via School Money. Reminder, if your child would like to swap their school meal arrangements, you must provide one week's notice and email office@highfield.bolton.sch.uk.

Holidays during Term-Time

It is not our policy to authorise holidays in term time, unless under exceptional circumstances. Where authorisation is not granted then subsequent term time holiday absence will be reported as a matter of course to the Local Authority; we are under a duty to do this. Where unauthorised leave is taken, the Governing Body has decided that it will support the imposition of a fixed penalty fine. This can be very expensive. A holiday request form must be completed under all circumstances and a meeting to discuss the request held with myself or Miss Helme.

Registration and Absence

Doors open promptly for all children at 8.40am. Registration will be complete and formally closed by 8.55am. Any child arriving after 8.55am will need to go to the School Office to be registered late in line with legal requirements. If a child has had a medical appointment and returns to school mid-session, the parent should sign their child in after reporting to the School Office. The Office staff will then give the child their appropriate attendance mark. At any time after 8.55am, if your child is arriving or leaving mid-session, please ensure you sign your child in and out of school. School should be informed of all reasons for absence/lateness by phone or letter on the first morning of absence, as early as possible.

Congratulations

ON YOUR GOOD EFFORT & ATTITUDE

The following children received certificates for their good effort and attitude during Autumn Term 1 2026

RH - Theo G & Penelope C
RF - Hudson B & Ava Monks
1H - Wagma S & Jordan I
1F - Phoebe C & Archie C
2H - Renley M & Radley M
2F - Maxwell G & Louella F
3H - Sarim S & Callan C
3F - Zain Q & Dottie F
4H - Halle C & Reya-Rose W
4F - Rameen H & Esmae F
4D - Lottie G & George F
5H - Evie D & Elijah K
5F - Shayla D & Nikita S
6H - Hadaiq A & Bella D
6F - Rumaisa M & Ella D



Eco Warriors



Highfield Primary School worked hard and achieved the Green Flag Distinction Award for 2026. We are very proud of the enthusiasm and caring nature of the children!

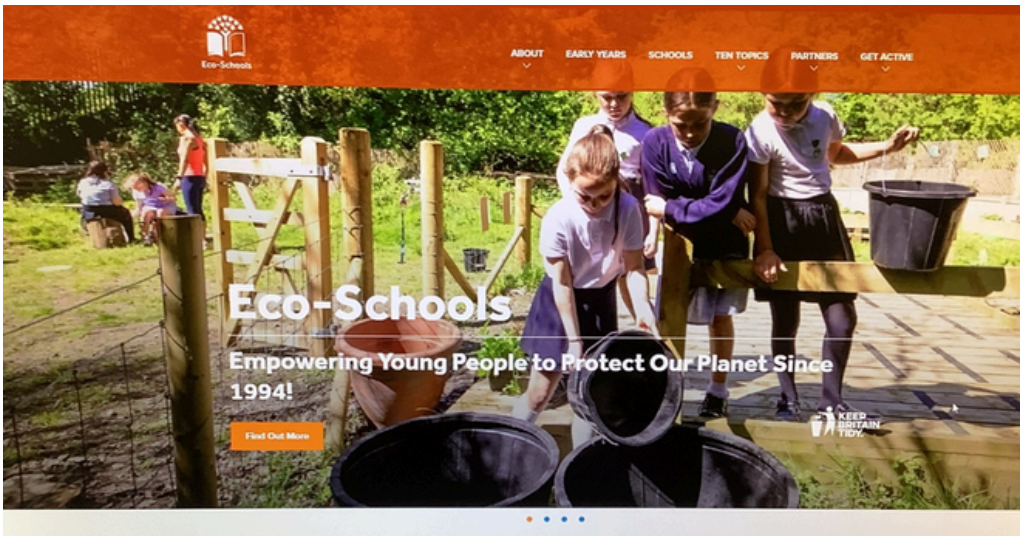








Our school will be working towards Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation again this year. You can find out more about the Eco-Schools programme by scanning the QR below. (Highfield Primary School is featured creating mini ponds as the opening picture as shown below)



With the world beginning to experience the effects of climate change - from different species of plant and animals becoming extinct, to micro-plastics being found in the most remote locations on Earth - now, is the time to take action.

The Eco-Schools programme empowers young people to create positive change by taking a lead on environmental actions and projects in their school and local community.

Within Eco-Schools' simple framework, young people have the freedom to decide on the environmental issues they would like to tackle, the actions they would like to take, and how they are going to involve their school and community. The seven-step process takes around one academic year to complete and culminates in an Eco-Schools' assessor reviewing our application and recognising our achievements.

The Eco-Schools programme began in 1994 and is delivered in more than 100 countries around the world. The programme not only positively impacts our planet (for example, schools participating in the programme planted almost 50,000 trees during the last academic year), it also benefits young people, building teamwork and leadership skills, whilst increasing confidence and reducing eco-anxiety.

As a key part of the Eco-Schools process is involving our entire school and wider community, we wanted to get in touch to let you know about our involvement again this year.

Sincerely,
Miss E. Walker, Eco-Coordinator







Student Council 2026-2027





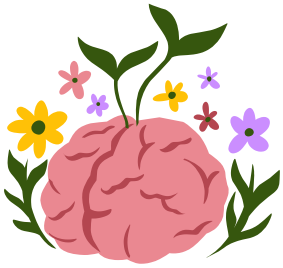





Meet Highfield's student council members for this academic year. They are here to help you and are open to suggestions on what or how we can improve your school. Please come and say "Hello!"



MEET OUR YEAR 6 MENTAL HEALTH AMBASSADORS

















We are proud to introduce our Year 6 Mental Health Ambassadors, a team of caring and responsible pupils who help promote kindness, wellbeing and positive mental health throughout our school.







MULTI SKILLS EVENT

On October 14th Highfield hosted a year 1 and 2 multi skills event. The event was held at Harper Green Secondary School and 11 schools attended. As always the children representing Highfield were amazing and enjoyed participating in 9 different sporting activities, including javelin, a relay and football to name a few.





YEAR 1 ART







In Art, we have been learning about the story 'The Dot'. We have created lots of artwork inspired by this including our amazing paper sculptures.

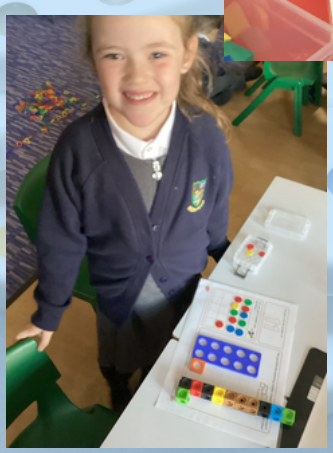




We have been enjoying our continuous provision activities.











YEAR 1 WOODLANDS

In Year 1, we love investigating the plants and animals we see during our weekly Woodland sessions.





















Year 2

Trip to Skipton Castle

Year 2 had an exciting day at Skipton Castle. We were scared of the dark dungeon and it was pitch black – luckily none of us were left there! We loved pretending to be knights and shooting arrows through the arrow slits. We wowed the guides with our knowledge of Norman Castles!























Year 2's Visit from a Norman Knight

Year 2 had a very special visitor – a Norman Knight! He told us all about how to become a knight, the dangers of the job and he showed us all the weapons we might need to use if we joined the army!

A very BIG thank you to Lincoln's dad for taking the time to show us all these amazing things and for training us all! As they said in Norman Highfield, 'No Guts, No Glory!'







3F had a great afternoon using what we have learnt about fair tests to carry out an investigation into how to change the size of your shadow.

We worked scientifically in teams to see if we could find the pattern. We even got to draw on the tables!

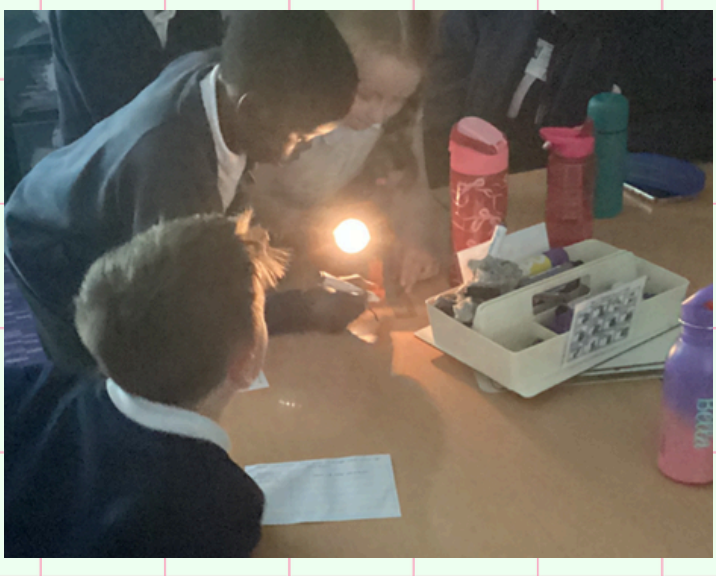












To celebrate Diwali Year 4 have made Diwali lamps out of clay.















4D's Music lesson

Djembe drumming









Harvest Donations





A huge thank you to all of our families for their incredible generosity in supporting our Harvest collection this year.

Thanks to your kindness, we received a wonderful array of food and household donations. Your contributions will help provide vital support to local individuals and families who are facing difficult circumstances.

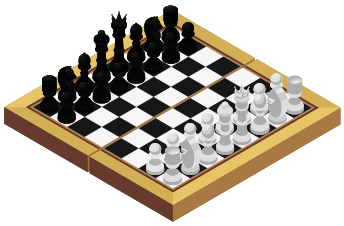
We were delighted to welcome representatives from the Farnworth & Kearsley foodbank, who collected the donations and filled their van with the fantastic amount of items gathered by our school community. Seeing the tables overflowing with donations was a wonderful reminder of how much can be achieved when we work together to help others.

We are extremely proud of our pupils for embracing the spirit of Harvest by showing compassion, kindness and a willingness to support those in need. Thank you to everyone who donated and helped make this year's collection such a success.

Together, we have made a real difference to our local community.

Checkmate

Our Year 4 Chess Club has begun, and pupils have been eagerly learning new tactics, practising their moves, and challenging one another in exciting games.









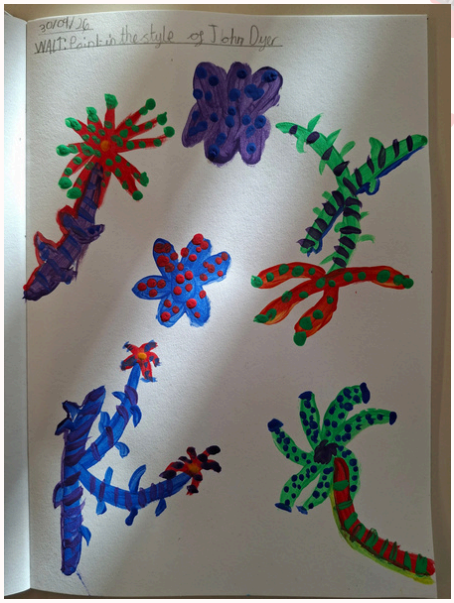










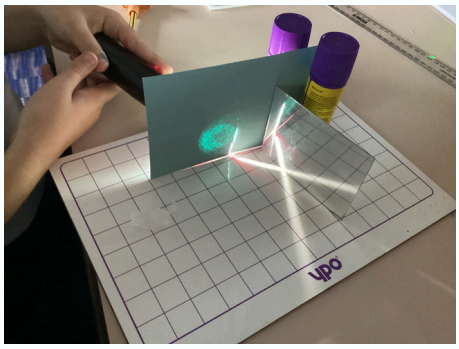


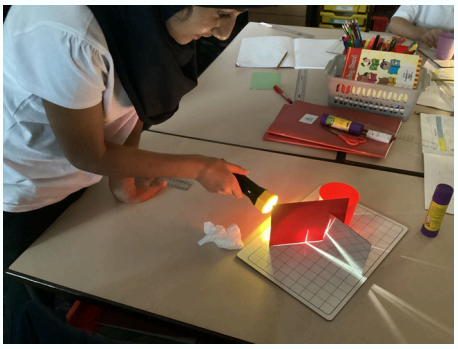


Year 5 have been studying artists John Dyer and Nixiwaka, and have been learning to create plants and face paints in their respective styles.









Y6 SCIENCE

In Science, Year 6 have been investigating the law of reflection.

We used mirrors and torches to see the angles of incident and reflection before applying this knowledge to make our own periscopes.

As light travels in straight lines, the mirrors in the periscope help us see above and around obstacles.













Y6 SCIENCE

Daisy has produced a fantastic piece of work as part of her Year 6 learning



How does a Periscope work?

As objects are hard to see without the person getting noticed, periscopes came in use. During world war 1 and for Submarines. Periscopes were able to see other things when the person is hiding.

It is able to work when the light from an object hits the mirror at a 45°c degree angle. The mirror reflects the light straight down the tube at the same 45°c angle. When the light reaches the bottom mirror (also at a 45°c angle) it then bounces of into our eyes.

Year 6's Project (making Periscopes)

In year Six as we are working on world war II and light we thought that it would be a good idea to make actual Periscopes using Cereal boxes, Celatape Scissors and instruction Sheets. It was really fun as Some of them actualy worked! Unfortunatly not allot of them Succeded as they forget to place the mirrors at a 45°c angle.







6H have been learning netball positions in PE







... and developing our communication skills in our Well-being through sport sessions with Coach Aaron.









6H

PE



A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon.

Together, we raised over £250 for Macmillan Cancer Support!



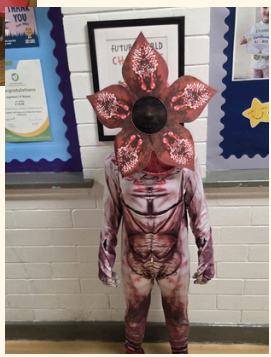
HALLOWEEN bingo

A big spooky thank you to everyone who donated gifts, bought raffle tickets and attended Halloween bingo. The PSA raised £1183 for school

















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.



Sydney competed for regional champion in September.. and WON!!

Regional Champion 🏆

Well done Sydney!





Bobby and Elsie won the school's BWFC ticket draw for the game against Cardiff City in September.

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EYFS & KS1
NURSERY - YEAR 1, 2, 3

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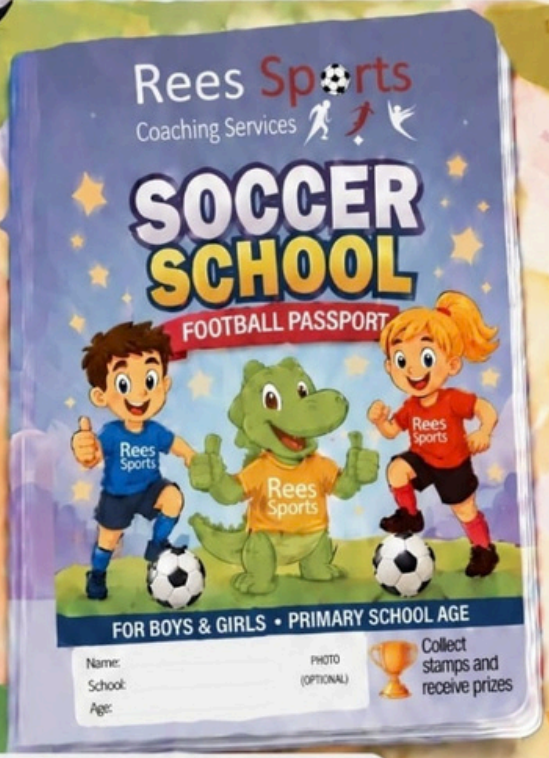




NEW FOR 2026/27

FOOTBALL PASSPORTS!

Children can collect stamps each week and become **Rees Sports** Graduates!



FUN THEMES INCLUDE

- DRIBBLING
- PASSING
- SHOOTING
- TACKLING
- GAMES & MATCHES
- CHALLENGES
- PRIZES
- CONFIDENCE BUILDING

SESSION TIMES

EYFS	KS1
(NURSERY & RECEPTION)	(YEARS 1, 2 & 3)
5:00PM - 5:30PM	5:30PM - 6:30PM



VENUES

Tuesday at Kearsley Academy (BL4 8HY)

Wednesday at St James's High School (BL4 9RU)

Contact Tim telephone 07971 316239

Email: Tim@reessports.co.uk

****BOOK YOUR NEXT SESSION****

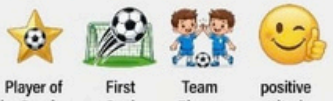
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EARN SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT STAMPS



WHAT WE DEVELOP

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- Balance & Co-ordination
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- Listening Skills
- Social Skills
- Love of Football



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KS2
YEARS 4-6

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- SPEED
- AGILITY
- DRIBBLING SKILLS
- PASSING
- SHOOTING
- DEFENDING
- MATCHES & COMPETITIONS
- PRIZES & AWARDS

NEW FOR 2026/27

FOOTBALL PROGRESS PASSPORTS!

Players collect stamps every week as they complete:

- DRIBBLING BLOCK
- PASSING BLOCK
- SHOOTING BLOCK
- DEFENDING BLOCK
- GAMES & COMPETITION BLOCK

PLUS earn Achievement Stamps for:

- PLAYER OF THE SESSION
- FIRST GOAL
- TEAMWORK
- GREAT EFFORT
- ATTENDANCE
- POSITIVE ATTITUDE
- MOST IMPROVED PLAYER
- LEADERSHIP AWARD



KS2 SESSION TIME

YEARS 4, 5 & 6
6:30PM – 7:30PM

VENUES

- **Tuesday at Kearsley Academy** BL4 8HY
- **Wednesday at St James's High School** BL4 9RU

PROGRESS & REWARDS

BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	PLATINUM
10 STAMPS	15 STAMPS	20 STAMPS	25+ STAMPS

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or email **tim@reessports.co.uk**

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WC 26TH – 30TH OCTOBER
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28 OCT

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SENSORY FUN

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SPORTS

ROCK CLIMBING

FACE PAINTING

ARTS & CRAFTS

FUN

CHALLENGES

GAMES









Time

11am TIL **1:30pm**

Infinity
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Bolton
BL1 4AG

Call us!

on 01204 540100 to find out more!

All young people need to be accompanied by an adult at all times

Join HIGHFIELDS PSA

Would you like to get more involved in school life and help support our children?

We are looking for parent volunteers to join the **Highfields PSA!**

AS PART OF THE PSA, VOLUNTEERS HELP BY:

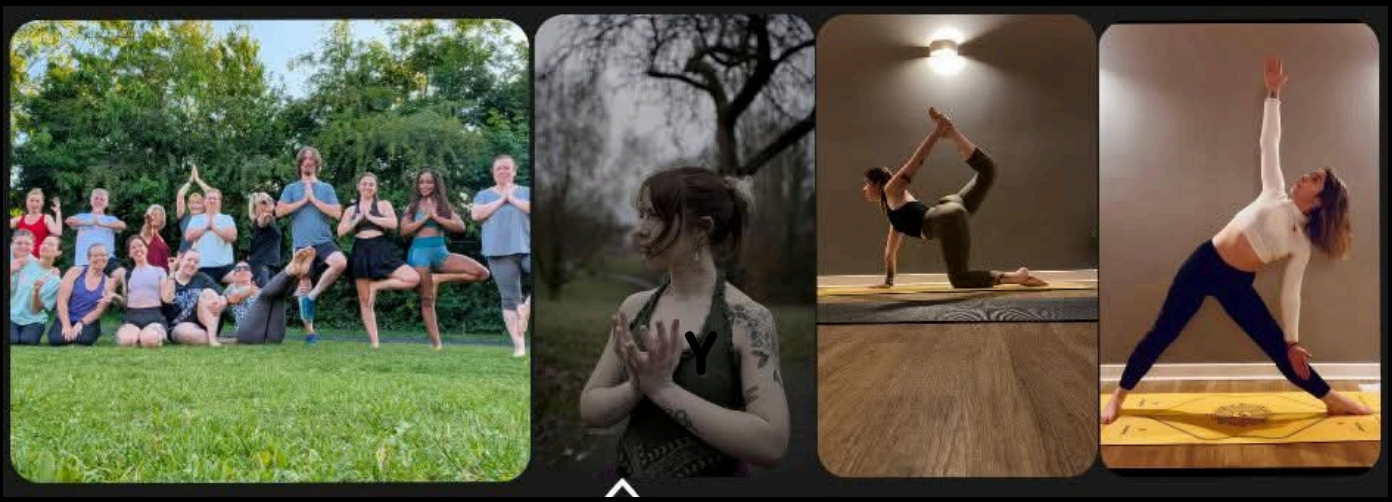
- Organising school events
- Helping to run events and activities
- Supporting fundraising efforts
- Working together to create fun experiences for our children and school community

Whether you can give a little time or a lot, every bit of help makes a difference.

If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please email the school office.

We'd love to hear from you!

Yoga with Chelsea



Yoga for all

Monday: Beginners 6.30-7.30pm
Thursday: Flow and stretch yoga 7.30-8.30pm

Highfield Primary School (in the hall)

Class passes available,
book through the website
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