

Higham Ferrers Junior School

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Key Diary Dates

Thursday 5th February - Year 6 Swimming Week 5
Thursday 5th February - Year 3 Earthquake Day
Thursday 12th February - Year 5 and 6 NSPCC Workshop
Thursday 12th February - Year 6 Swimming Week 6
Friday 13th February - Break up for half term
Sunday 22nd February - Parents Consultation opens for booking - 10am
Monday 23rd February - Back to School
Monday 2nd March - Thursday 5th March - Year 5 Level 1 & 2 Bikeability
Thursday 12th March - The Big Sing
Thursday 19th March - Year 5 Space Dome Day
Monday 23rd March - Parents Consultations closes for bookings - 10am
Tuesday 24th March - Parents Consultations 4 - 7 pm
Thursday 26th March - Parents Consultations 3.30 - 6 pm

This week we had visitors from the Higham Tourism group, to share some of the history linked to the name our yellow house team- Ferrers.

The team members gathered in the hall to hear about recent archaeological finds and the history of the De Ferrers family.

In 1199 King John sells Higham to William de Ferrers (the 4th Earl of Derby)
Then in 1251 a Charter was produced by the 5th Earl of Derby. The first Charter has been lost but evidence suggests that Higham Ferrers was empowered to elect its own Mayor

The second one gave 91 serfs, who were little more than slaves to the Earl, the freedom to marry whom they chose, leave their inheritance to whom they chose and leave the town to live elsewhere.

This charter is very important as it marks the beginning of the Borough of Higham Ferrers.

The town prospered and got rich this allowed for the town to have a market and Mayor, traditions that continue to this day.



After nearly twelve years of dedicated service, we say farewell to a truly special member of our school community.

Throughout the years, Mrs Renew's kindness, reliability, and quiet dedication helped keep our school running smoothly and made countless students, families, and staff feel welcomed and supported.

We all wish you nothing but happiness, success, in your new life closer to your family in Norfolk.

Do you want to make a difference in your local community?



Become a parent school Governor

We are looking for an enthusiastic, committed parent to join our team of governors to support our school.

Governors are essential for the effectiveness and success of our school. It is an extremely rewarding and fulfilling role.

This is a voluntary role. There are six meetings a year and we will need you to visit the school to check how well we are doing.

Higham Ferrers Junior School needs you!

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who is interested in children's education and the improvement of the school, with time and the energy for the role.

Learn more here:

www.highamferrersjunior.co.uk/the-school/governors

Apply here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/QLEd2PEXdz>



Parents Consultation Meetings are planned for Tuesday March 24th & Thursday March 26th.

The booking window will open on Sunday 22nd February and 10am close for bookings on Monday 23rd March 10am.

Tuesday March 24th 4 - 7pm

Thursday March 26th 3.30 - 6pm



New School office times

From Monday 2nd February the school office opening hours will change slightly.

The office will open from 8.30 am and close at 3.30pm daily, term time only the office will be closed during all school holidays.

On Monday our head and deputy's presented to the whole school on the safe use of AI.

They had taken time to prepare the presentation together, researching and deciding who was going to say what.

They spoke clearly and sensibly and showed bravery speaking in front of more than 300 pupils.

Excellent role model of our school.



Brackley ✪ Daventry ✪ Duston ✪ Northampton ✪ Kettering ✪ Oundle ✪ Towcester ✪ Wellingborough



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Centre open morning

Enjoy a **free** morning at your local NMPAT Centre on **Saturday 7th February!**

Mr McKenzie presented 4 classes and 4 individual children with certificates for their record scores on TT Rockstars. The children took part in a festive tournament between December 9th and January 6th.

Well done to each year group winners:

Year 3 - Elisha

Year 4 - Ivy

Year 5 - Leo

Year 6 - Fabiana

Congratulations to each class winner

Year 3 - 3SM

Year 4 - 4HS

Year 5 - 5MT

Year 6 - 6KD



Four Year 6 children took part in an exciting New Age Kurling tournament, showing great teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the day. Playing a total of seven matches, they faced a variety of opponents and challenges, learning more with each game they played.

The team celebrated two well-earned wins and fought hard to secure one draw, while four losses gave them valuable experience and motivation to keep improving.



Despite the tough competition, the children supported one another brilliantly and represented their school with pride, making the tournament a positive and memorable experience for all involved.

All unnamed lost property will be displayed in the playground on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th February (last week of term)



Please can you remember to let the office know if you are picking up your child for an appointment.

Either pop in and let us know at morning drop off or send a message through the Arbor app, thank you.

Equally, if your child is late arriving to school, you will need to sign your child in on the screen in reception. This is **not** the responsibility of the child, thank you.



Sports Performance of the Week

Lucas B - 5MT

Reading Scores

<u>3TH</u> 81%	<u>5MV</u> 80%
<u>3SM</u> 67%	<u>5RF</u> 88%
<u>3OH</u> 71%	<u>5MT</u> 99%
<u>4TB</u> 88%	<u>6AM</u> 100%
<u>4SC</u> 88%	<u>6GR</u> 75%
<u>4HS</u> 94%	<u>6KD</u> 84%

Maths Marvel

<u>3OH</u> Lexie W	<u>5MV</u> Teddy S
<u>3SM</u> Alfie M	<u>5RF</u> Finley S
<u>3TH</u> Eden M	<u>5MT</u> Abdulahad B-G
<u>4SC</u> Alfie B	<u>6GR</u> Gracie B-O
<u>4HS</u> Blake M	<u>6KD</u> Ryan R
<u>4TB</u> Charlie M	<u>6AM</u> Peyton B

Star Reader

<u>3OH</u> David G	<u>5MV</u> Frieda T
<u>3SM</u> Noah P	<u>5RF</u> Chloe W
<u>3TH</u> Jacob R	<u>5MT</u> Ela T
<u>4SC</u> Liam B-F	<u>6GR</u> Amelia-Lily P
<u>4HS</u> Eli S	<u>6KD</u> Molly G
<u>4TB</u> George L	<u>6AM</u> Archie T



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SCHOOL CLUBS

Spaces are available in all school morning and afternoon clubs

TUESDAY

- * Football 8am - 8.40am
- * Multisports 3.05pm - 4pm
- * Choir 3.05pm - 4pm

THURSDAY

- * Volleyball 8am - 8.40am
- * Dodgeball (Year 5 & 6) 3.05pm - 4pm
- * Art Club (Year 3 & 4) 3.05pm - 4pm

BOOK VIA ARBOR

MONDAY

- * Multisports 8am - 8.40am
- * Gymnastics 3.05pm - 4pm

WEDNESDAY

- * Basketball 8am - 8.40am
- * Dodgeball (year 3 & 4) 3.05pm - 4pm
- * Lego Club 3.05pm - 4pm

FRIDAY

- * Netball 8am - 8.40am
- * Cricket 3.05pm - 4pm
- * Art Club (Year 5 & 6) 3.05pm - 4pm

**PUPIL PREMIUM CAN BE USED **
SUBJECT TO BALANCE REMAINING**

ANY QUESTIONS ASK THE SCHOOL OFFICE

**LUNCH AND
DRINKS NOT
PROVIDED
NEEDS TO BE
SENT FROM
HOME**

**16TH - 20TH
FEBRUARY**

**£20
PER CHILD
PER DAY**

HOLIDAY CLUB

8 AM - 4 PM

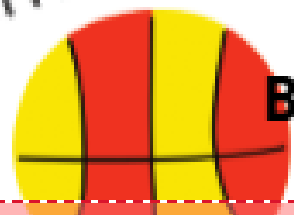
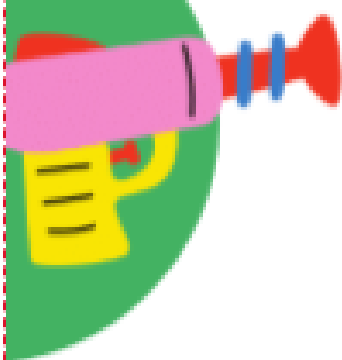
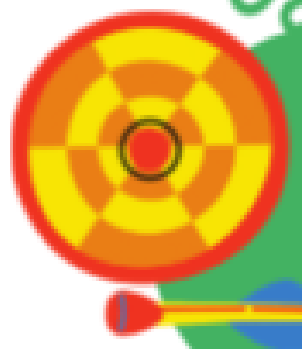
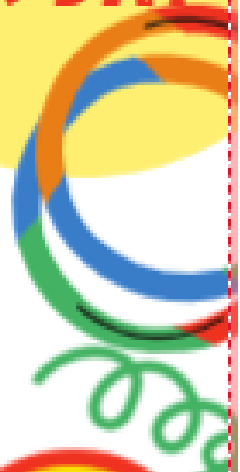
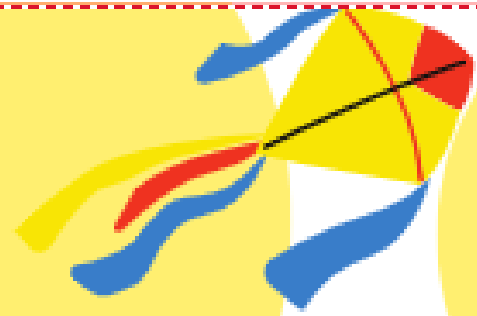
MONDAY - FRIDAY

ACTIVITIES

**SPORTS & GAMES
CRAFT & MUSIC
and more!**

**HELD AT
HIGHAM FERRERS JUNIOR
SCHOOL**

**BOOK EACH DAY VIA THE
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Competitions



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raised for UK good causes

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extra cost to anyone