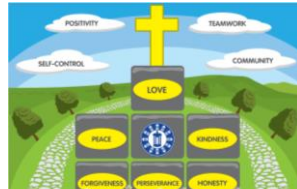


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Date: Thursday 17th July 2025

Returning to School Information Newsletter

Please note: the school closes at 1:30pm on Friday 18th July and reopens to children in Y1-Y6 from Tuesday 2nd September. Children in YR start on Thursday 4th September.

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of another academic year, I would just like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in our school community for all of your hard work and support. The children have all had a fabulous year and have made brilliant progress.

We say a fond farewell to our Year 6 cohort and wish them all the best in their new schools and for the future.

Whilst we are all looking forward to the summer holidays, we have also already begun looking ahead to the new academic year with exciting plans in place for clubs, activities and trips – so watch this space! ☺

To make sure we all come back prepared and ready to learn, below are various tips and reminders for our families.

Communication with school:

Urgent 5 minute queries:

Either telephone the school office or speak to your child's class teacher at the gates.

If you need a longer conversation with your child's class teacher, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

Non-urgent enquiries:

Please email the school office in the first instance at bursar@higham.lancs.sch.uk

For non-urgent matters, the school will aim to respond within 5 working days.

School Comms / School Gateway app:

Parents and carers must ensure they have access to School Comms and the School Gateway app. We use this app for secure text messages and emails (sensitive information including your child's data, notifications in the event of a lockdown scenario, emergency school closures etc.).

Parents must also use this app for booking and paying for dinners and breakfast and after school clubs.

Booking dinners and Clubs:

Parents must book and pay for any lunches in advance using the School Gateway app.

Parents must also book and pay for breakfast and after school clubs by 3pm the day before using the School Gateway app.

Please ensure you follow this system to ensure the smooth running of our clubs and lunch provision.

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School Instagram Account:

Please follow us on our new Instagram account, like and share!

We are: [highamstjohnsschool](https://www.instagram.com/highamstjohnsschool)

There is also a quick link to our Instagram page via the school website.

Please note: Users must be at least 13 years old to download and use Instagram.



Website and School Jotter 3 App

To accompany our website, there is also a new app School Jotter 3 – which parents are strongly advised to download. Just search for 'Jotter 3' and look for the image opposite. You don't need to login so select 'guest' and enter out postcode to view our page.

Building Maintenance on School Site:

The majority of the work on our new boiler and heating system will be completed during the summer holiday period. The contractors will therefore remain on site throughout the summer.

And our new running track will also be being built during the first 2-3 weeks of the summer holiday. So whilst the children won't be here, there is a lot happening on our school site!

I am really pleased to inform parents that we will be having a new roof installed next academic year. Whilst there will inevitably be some disruption again when these works are being completed, I am sure you will agree that it will be worth it in the end so we can ensure that we have a warm and dry building for the children.

Bags, Pencil Cases and Stationery!

Elm and Ash Classes:

Book bags only, no rucksacks or other large bags

No pencil cases – all stationery is provided 😊

Birch, Sycamore and Oak Classes:

Rucksacks permitted

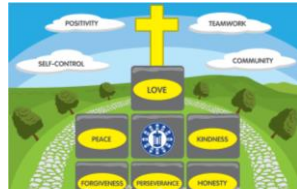
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Children come to school in their PE kits on PE days

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School Uniform

Please visit our website for information on our school uniform and where to buy it.

<https://www.higham.lancs.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform>

Key things to remember about our uniform and dress code:

- **PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME!**
- Hair bobbles / slides etc must be blue or navy
- No large hair accessories e.g. bows are permitted
- Children come to school in their kit on PE days
- **No hoodies**
- PE shorts: these should be navy in colour
- **No cycling shorts**
- Children need to wear navy jogging bottoms and tops in the colder months
- No large logos / branding
- **No makeup, nail varnish, tattoos, jewellery etc.**
- Children must not wear any clothing, accessories or bring into school any items displaying political symbols, logos, slogans or images

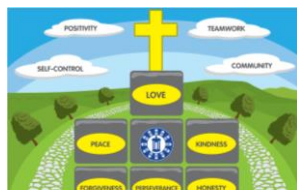
Water Bottles, Snacks and Packed Lunches:

- Water bottles should be no larger than 600ml
- Water only – **NO JUICE**
- Reception and Key Stage 1 do not need to bring a snack as the school provides fruit
- Key Stage 2 may bring fruit as a snack (please do not send crisps or other unhealthy snacks)
- **WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL**
- No chocolate or sweets permitted in school
- Drinks in the hall: the children will be given a cup and water to drink in the hall if they bring a packed lunch. Children who buy a dinner will be offered water or milk

Mobile phones are not permitted in school.

If your child brings a phone to school, they must switch it off and hand it into the school office before coming onto the school playground.

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Term Dates: 2025/26

School Holiday Dates - 2025/2026

AUTUMN TERM

INSET Days: 3

Monday 1st September 2025, Friday 24th October 2025, Monday 3rd November 2025

NB: Reception children will start with 8:45am - 1:30pm on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th Sept. They will begin full time from Monday 8th September 2025.

	School Closes on:	School re-opens on:
AUTUMN TERM BEGINS:		Tuesday 2 nd Sept '25
Half Term	Thurs 23 rd Oct '25 at 3:30pm	Tuesday 4 th Nov '25
End of Term	Friday 19 th Dec '25 at 1:30pm	

Number of days: 72

SPRING TERM

INSET Days: 1

Monday 5th January 2026

	School Closes on:	School re-opens on:
SPRING TERM BEGINS:		Tues 6 th Jan '26
Half Term	Friday 13 th Feb '26 at 3:30pm	Monday 23 rd Feb '26
End of Term	Friday 27 th Mar '26 at 1:30pm	

Number of days: 54

SUMMER TERM

INSET Days: 1

Monday 20th July 2026 (disaggregated)

	School Closes at 3:30pm on:	School re-opens on:
SUMMER TERM BEGINS:		Monday 13 th April '26
Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May '26	Tuesday 5 th May '26
Half Term	Friday 22 nd May '26 at 3:30pm	Monday 1 st June '26
End of Term	Friday 17 th Jul '26 at 1:30pm	

Number of days: 64

Total number of days opening: 190

Best wishes
Mrs H Shaw
Headteacher