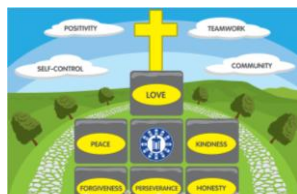


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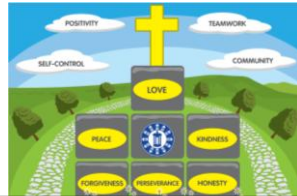
Re: **Weekly Newsletter**

## Positive Learning Behaviours – S.P.I.R.I.T.

The school strives to maintain positive learning behaviours through its commitment to supporting children to 'keep in step with the Spirit'. This is communicated to the children and wider school community through the acronym S.P.I.R.I.T. and expectations are as follows:

<b>S = Supportive</b>	<p>We value everybody and show respect to all.</p> <p>We know how to keep ourselves and others safe and happy.</p> <p>We have a responsibility to our own and others' well-being and happiness.</p> <p>We respect everyone's right to learn.</p> <p>We 'encourage one another and build each other up'.</p>
<b>P = Perseverance and Passion for Learning</b>	<p>We show that we are happy and enthusiastic to learn.</p> <p>We come to lessons ready to learn and are active learners.</p> <p>We always strive to do our very best.</p> <p>We play our part in moving the learning forward in every lesson.</p> <p>We never give up and know we will reap what we sow!</p>
<b>I = Independent Learners</b>	<p>We use prior learning to help us work things out.</p> <p>We look for patterns and make connections in our learning.</p> <p>We use what we know and the tools available to us to seek ways to find answers and solve problems.</p> <p>We take responsibility for our belongings, our homework and our learning.</p> <p>We understand how important reading is and we read our books and listen to stories every day.</p>
<b>R = Respect and Resilience</b>	<p>We are kind, caring and honest with ourselves and others.</p> <p>We are willing to take risks!</p> <p>We understand that learning takes time and effort.</p> <p>We understand how to regulate our emotions when we face challenges.</p> <p>We understand that everyone's learning journey is unique and we focus on what we need to do to reach our full potential.</p>
<b>I = Ideas and Imagination</b>	<p>We are curious learners and ask relevant questions.</p> <p>We read fact and fiction books to help us picture the world and feed our imagination.</p> <p>We ask 'Big Questions' which make us think hard and come up with our own theories.</p> <p>We test out our ideas and know that getting things wrong is an important part of learning.</p> <p>We understand that everyone has ideas to contribute and we must always listen.</p>
<b>T = Teamwork</b>	<p>We understand that working together we can achieve so much more.</p> <p>We give and receive constructive feedback and this accelerates our learning.</p> <p>We encourage one another and include everyone in the learning.</p> <p>We contribute our ideas and listen to others.</p> <p>Sometimes we take the lead and sometimes follow others.</p>

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## Important Safeguarding Notice: Supervision of children outside of the school day

Children must not arrive on school site before 8:45am. It is parents' responsibility to supervise children in the village before this time. We have a breakfast club if you require childcare for your child before 8:45am.

### Office enquiries:

A reminder that our school office will be closed to all enquiries a Tuesday between 9am and 2pm. This is to support our staff team to complete essential training and statutory financial and administrative tasks.

### PTA Fundraising Event: Easter Bingo

Thank you to everyone who has today brought in donations of chocolate treats to be used as prizes for our Easter Bingo event.

Tickets are now on sale and cost £10 for a family of 5 or £3 for an individual ticket.

Numbers are strictly limited due to health and safety capacity of our school hall.

Tickets are being sold on a first-come-first-served basis.

Timings: 5:45pm – 7:15pm on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

### Extra-curricular clubs and activities this half term:

**Board Games and Nurture Club:** lunchtimes on a Monday, Thursday and Friday with Mrs Schillaci

**Fabulous Books Awards:** Friday lunchtimes with Mrs Whittaker

**Lunchtime Art Club:** (Day to be confirmed) with Miss Hopkins, trainee teacher

**Homework Club:** Monday and Tuesday lunchtimes with Miss Lawson

**CANCELLED - Fencing Club:** Thursday lunchtimes (cancelled – low numbers)

**Archery:** Thursday after school club delivered by Sports Cool (booking and charges apply)

**Football:** Friday after school club delivered by Sports Cool (booking and charges apply)

### Extra-curricular clubs and activities summer 1 half term:

Football club: after school with Miss Briddon (dates and times to be confirmed)

Netball club: (to be confirmed)

### Parents' Evening: Virtual meetings via School Cloud

Thank you to everyone who attended our first evening this week. Our second Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March. We still have some appointments available so please follow the instruction on the School Cloud parent guide and log onto the platform to book an appointment.

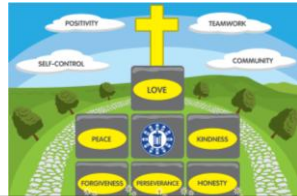
**PTA CHOCOLATE BINGO NIGHT**

Join the PTA at the chocolate bingo night on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March starting at 6pm. Doors open 5.45pm.

Tickets are available at £10 for a family pack of 5 sets of tickets or £3 for a single ticket.

We look forward to seeing you on the night!

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## Important Dates this half term:

17<sup>th</sup> and March – Parents' evening (appointments will be online via School Cloud)

26th March – PTA Event: Family Games Night

School closes on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March to all pupils at 3:30pm.

## Reporting your child's absence:

If your child is going to be absent from school, please telephone the school office number and leave a voicemail message before the school day begins stating clearly your child's name, their class and the reason for their absence. Thank you for your co-operation.

## School Instagram Account:

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

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



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## 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.



## Changes to lunchtime arrangements this half term:

A reminder that Y6 children now eat their dinner at the earlier time of between 12 and 12:30pm and have time on the yard from 12:30pm. This evens the number of lunch servings across the two sittings and affords the 'Gardeners and Seeds' more opportunities to socialise together and for the Y6s to develop their leadership skills as mentors and play leaders.

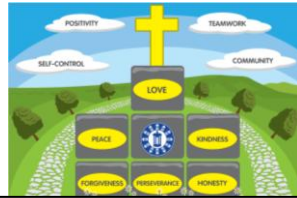
## Road Safety: 'The Fatal Five'

As ever, we would like to encourage all of our families to take good care when driving through Higham village. The safety of everyone in our community is our highest priority. Drivers are reminded if 'The Fatal Five': the 5 main reasons lives are lost on our roads:



Please also ensure you supervise your children as they get out of your cars and cross the roads. The children are taught about road safety in school and know and understand how to keep themselves safe – but they need to be supervised by parents and carers once they leave our school gates to ensure they follow these rules at all times.

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## School Day Trips and Residentials:

We are committed to providing school trips which link to the curriculum and enhance the children's learning. Unfortunately, with school budgets increasingly under pressure, we will in future require all consent forms and payments to be received from parents in advance of the school needing to make any final booking payments to external venues (these are required by venues months in advance of the trip). Insufficient funds may result in future trips and experiences being cancelled.

## Religious Observance: Eid al-Fitr

Parents of children who will next week be observing the Muslim festival of Eid al-Fitr are reminded that the school is only permitted to authorise one day's absence for your child. As Eid will this year fall on either Thursday evening into Friday or Friday evening into Saturday, the school will authorise one day of absence taken on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Any other days taken as leave will be recorded as unauthorised.

**Parents are reminded that they must follow our absence policy and report their child's absence on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March by leaving a voicemail before 8:30am on the day.**

Best wishes

Mrs H Shaw, Headteacher