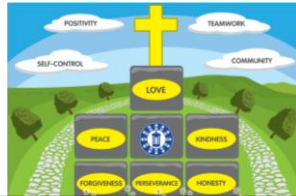


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Date: Friday 27th February 2026

Re: **Weekly Newsletter**

Weekly Worship:

This week in worship we have been learning about...

- Our Christian Values for this half term are FORGIVENESS and SELF-CONTROL
- The Christian season of Lent has now begun
- We have been learning this week in worship about Jesus' fast in the desert

Keep in Step with the Spirit! 😊

We ask our children to live out our Christian values every day both in school and at home. One of the ways we reward these positive behaviours is by recognising the children's achievements in class and in assemblies with reference to the acronym 'S.P.I.R.I.T.'

What does S.P.I.R.I.T mean?

S = Supportive

P = Perseverance and Passion for Learning

I = Independent Learners

R = Respect and Resilience

I = Ideas and Imagination

T = Teamwork

!! IMPORTANT NOTICE !!

There will be no access to the front of school site or our car park between 10am and 3pm on Monday 2nd March. This includes staff, parents, pupils and visitors.

This is due to the delivery of the Air Source Heat Pump which is being installed to the front of our school building.

Parents will be able to drop off and collect children as normal in the morning and at the end of the school day but are advised to use the church entrance if arriving between the hours stated above.

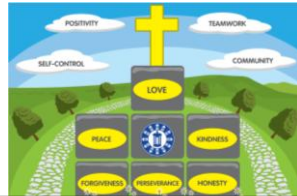
Important Safeguarding Notice: Supervision of children outside of the school day

IMPORTANT: This morning, there were more than a dozen children on the school site (waiting on paths, in our car park and by our gates) from as early as 8:20am. The children had either walked or had been dropped off and were left unsupervised. **Some of the children were as young as aged 7.** This is a safeguarding issue. It is parents' responsibility to supervise their children outside of the school day.

Children must not arrive on school site before 8:45am. Teaching staff are not here to provide childcare. We have a breakfast club if you require childcare for your child before 8:45am.

We have also been made aware that some children who have informed us that they are 'walking home' are not going straight home and are waiting around in the village to be collected. Concerns have been raised with us. We urge parents to consider the importance of safeguarding and supervising your children once the school day has ended.

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Office enquiries:

From next week, the office will be closed to all enquiries a Tuesday between 9am and 2pm. This is support our staff team to complete essential training and statutory financial and administrative tasks.

World Book Day – Friday 6th March 2026:

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on FRIDAY 6TH March and not on the Thursday. This is because Sycamore Class our out on a school trip on the Thursday and we don't want them to miss out on the fun! A letter with more information is coming home today.

Special World Book Day Menu – Friday 6th March 2026:

Look out for the menu poster which has been sent home by the office. We are having a special menu on Friday to celebrate World Book Day. Meals should be booked in advance in the usual way via the School Gateway app.

Mother's Day Service in Church – Friday 13th March at 2:30pm (YR, Y1, Y5 and Y6)

We are pleased to invite you to attend the above service which will be led by Rev Lesley and the children. 1 parent per family is invited to attend. Note this is one per family and not per child and this is due to the limitation on numbers in the church building.

Parents may take their children home immediately following the service if they notify their child's teacher in advance.

Battery recycling:

We have a battery recycling box in the office reception area. Please bring any old batteries you would like recycling into school before the 13th March as we are due a collection.

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)

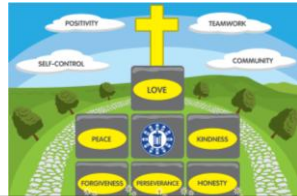
Football: Friday after school club delivered by Sports Cool (booking and charges apply)

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)

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Parents' Evening: Virtual meetings via School Cloud

Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 12th and Tuesday 17th March.

This will be delivered virtually via School Cloud.

Parents are advised to look out for a letter with further information early next week.

Appointments will be live and bookable via the online system provided by School Cloud.

Important Dates this half term:

5th March – Sycamore trip

6th March – World Book Day celebrations

Please note: We are doing this on the FRIDAY so that Sycamore class do not miss out!

9th March – British Science Week

13th March – non-uniform day – bring in chocolate (this will be made into prizes for the PTA event)

13th March – Mother's Day service in church (YR, Y1, Y5, Y6 – 1 parent **per family** invited)

12th and 17th and March – Parents' evening (appointments will be online via School Cloud)

26th March – PTA Event: Family Games Night

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)



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.



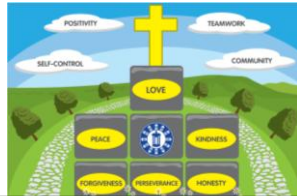
Changes to lunchtime arrangements this half term:

After half term, Y6 children will eat their dinner at the earlier time of between 12 and 12:30pm and will have time on the yard from 12:30pm. This will even 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.

Attendance this week:

Elm Class	99.4%
Ash Class	97.6%
Birch Class	98.3%
Sycamore Class	97.2%
Oak Class	96.5%
Whole School	97.7%

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PTA Fundraising Event: Easter Bingo

Further information will be published for parents soon about our end-of-term fundraising event.

Tickets will be £10 for a family of 5 or £3 for an individual ticket.

Numbers will be limited and tickets sold on a first-come-first-served basis.

Timings: 5:45pm – 7:15pm on Thursday 26th March 2026.

Best wishes

Mrs H Shaw, Headteacher