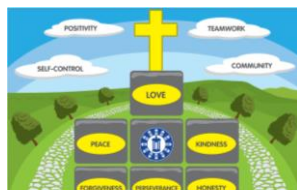


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**Date: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**Weekly Newsletter**

**Weekly Worship:**

This half term we will be learning about...

- Our Christian values this half term are **HONESTY** as well as **POSITIVITY**

**We are  
Community**

**The Pledge: We are committed to:**

- Engaging with local community partners
- Building effective relationships

within our school community

- Encouraging mutual respect and understanding
- Giving our children opportunities to understand and appreciate the culture of communities
- Preparing children for life in modern Britain, encouraging them to live in harmony with others



## Mutual Respect & Tolerance

We accept and value others, even when they are different from us. By spreading this message of kindness and inclusion, we can help everyone feel safe and proud of who they are.

## Sports Day: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Up to two parents or carers per family are invited to attend our school sports day event on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Parents and carers may arrive onsite from 9:15am. We aim to start the races at approximately 9:30am and the approximate finish time is 11am.

Limited seating will be provided for spectators. Spectators may choose to bring a camping chair.

**For this event, two parents/carers are able to attend per child. Names of those attending must be stated on the return form. Please return the slip at the bottom of the page by Tuesday 1st July so that we can distribute tickets as soon as possible as to entry the event will be denied without tickets.**

Our PTA will have fundraising stalls stationed on the playground and they will be selling bags of sweets and cakes so parents are advised to bring some cash with them if they would like to buy something for their child. The children will not be permitted to eat during the sports day event so please keep the sweet treats for later in the day!

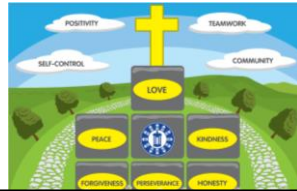
## Aspirations Week

The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about different career opportunities as part of our first ever Aspirations Week. May I say a huge 'thankyou' to all of the volunteers without whom the week would not have been possible. Please take a look on our Instagram page at the photographs posted throughout this week.

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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 updated website, there is also a new app School Jotter 3 – which parents are strongly advised to download. The new website will not work with the old Jotter 2 app now.

### Building Maintenance on School Site:

Lancashire County Council are due to install an upgraded heating system throughout our school building. The works will be ongoing between May and November 2025.

The project managers will ensure that there is minimum disruption during the school day.

There will be temporary units sited on the school car park area for the duration of these works.

**Parents and carers are politely reminded they are not permitted to use the school car park at any time. Parents must not use the car park during breakfast or after school club.**

**The school car park is strictly for staff and contractor use only. Thank you for your cooperation.**

### School Dinners:

Please book and pay for school dinners in advance via School Comms. Dinners cost £2.90 per day. Next week, will be on Week 1 of the new menu which is on our website.

### Transition into new classes:

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June, every child will spend the afternoon in their new class.

Parents will be notified today via email which class their child will be moving into.

The class teachers are all remaining in the same classes next year.

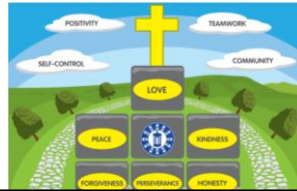
Support staff move classes and often work across more than one class as they are deployed in order to meet the needs of the children as required.

Our new Reception children will join us between 1:30pm and 3pm on Monday afternoon so they will get to meet their new classmates.

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## Transfer between the classes:

In determining the composition of the classes, the following criteria will apply. All the criteria below are taken into consideration. The allocation to classes follows professional discussions between staff, who know the children within the school setting. Class lists will be final and released ahead of the transition day. Children will sometimes be taught in year groups or small groups for different lessons (for example phonics, science and some PSHE sessions) as appropriate to meet their needs.

- ✚ **Maturity/Confidence**
- ✚ **Age**
- ✚ **Balance of sex/gender – Cohort ratios vary**
- ✚ **Balance of SEND**
- ✚ **Separating siblings & twins where possible / if appropriate**
- ✚ **Social, Emotional, Mental Health and Behavioural needs**
- ✚ **Learning styles / independent learning skills**
- ✚ **Overview of groups and their specific needs (this varies year-on-year)**
- ✚ **Attainment / Progress this year**

When transferring into & throughout Key Stage 2 the following additional criteria will be applied:

- ✚ **Levels of maturity and confidence**
- ✚ **Independence and resilience**
- ✚ **Show confidence in their expressive skills**
- ✚ **Organisational skills**
- ✚ **Positive relationships**

## Some of our Key Dates coming up:

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup> July – New Reception transition afternoons

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Transition Afternoon (whole school – move up to new classes)

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Emily's Mini Farm – Elm and Ash Classes

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Outdoor Elements Trip (Y4 and Y5)

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Electronic End-of-year reports sent out to parents

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – School closes for the summer at 1:30pm

Best wishes

Mrs H Shaw

Headteacher