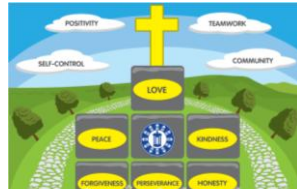


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Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

Our Reception children have completed their first full week in school and have made a marvellous start to their primary years. On Monday afternoon, they practised lining up to come into the hall for assembly and joined us for whole school worship on Tuesday and Wednesday! They are amazing! 😊

Congratulations to our Year 6s who completed their Bikeability training on Monday and Tuesday this week. The instructors praised your wonderful behaviour and impeccable manners! We are so very proud of you all. 😊

Thank you to our parents who popped in after school on Wednesday to see their child's new classroom and meet the teachers. Please keep checking the calendar (there is a way you can sync it to your smart phone which I personally find invaluable!) as we keep adding new and exciting events.

Some key future dates to make a note of:

Friday 18th September – individual school photographs

Wednesday 30th September – Fairtrade coffee morning

Wednesday 7th – Friday 9th October – Y6 Borwick Residential trip

Monday 12th October – Hello Yellow – wear something yellow for World Mental Health Day

Tuesday 13th October – Parents' information meeting: school improvement updates

Have a wonderful weekend, everyone!

Best wishes

Mrs H Shaw

Weekly Worship focus:

On Wednesday, we were fortunate enough to receive a visit from Bishop Philip North, Bishop of Blackburn, and Rev Lesley. Bishop Philip led an inspirational worship, bringing the Gospel to life with the help of our newly-appointed Ethos Group.

Together, they retold the story of the Faith of the Centurion, Luke 7:1-10.

Bishop Philip spent the full day with Rev Lesley visiting people and places in the Deanery of Pendle. More information can be found on the weekly church newsletter of St John's Church, Higham and St Anne's Church, Fence.



Our Christian Value this half term is: **KINDNESS**

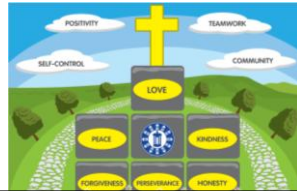
Our Bible quotation of the week is: EPHESIANS 4:32

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

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This week's prayers written by the children in Sycamore and Oak Classes:

Dear God

Thank you for my hands to help people when they fall. Thank for my eyes to see. I ask you to help me to serve other people. Thank you for everything you have given me.

Amen (by Izzie)

Dear God

Thank you for letting me be humble and not boastful and to love my neighbours, friends and family. Thank you for giving me a thoughtful mind and to help everyone around me.

Amen (by Mariam)



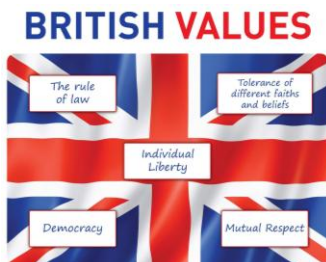
Dear God

Please help us to be loving and respectful to all our peers. Help us to be thankful for things we already have. Make us smart and well-behaved. Help us to realise when we are in the wrong. Help us to not be sinful and make us good role models. Thank you for the things you have given us.

Amen (by Hawa)

British Values:

Throughout the year, our daily act of worship will afford us time to discuss and reflect upon the fundamental British Values.



This half term, the children are learning about: **MUTUAL RESPECT**

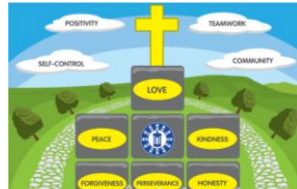
Mutual Respect means:

Treating others with **kindness**, **fairness**, and **respect**, even when their views differ from your own.

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Blackburn Diocese Centenary Mission Weekend: Friday 11th –

Sunday 13th September 2026

Friday 11th September 6.30pm
Come to Higham Village Hall.
...Join in a beetle drive
...always a family favourite
...always great fun
...free pizza supper
Prizes to be won

Saturday 12th September 12-2pm
Come to the Refectory Fence.
...find the lost sheep
...catch a fish
...paint a pot
...plant some seeds
...Home cooked food available in the Refectory
Prizes to be won

Sunday 13th September
9.30am St John's Church Higham and 11am St Anne's Church Fence ...
Come to 'Blessing of the backpacks'
...bring your school bag to church for a blessing as the new school year starts
Refreshments served after the service

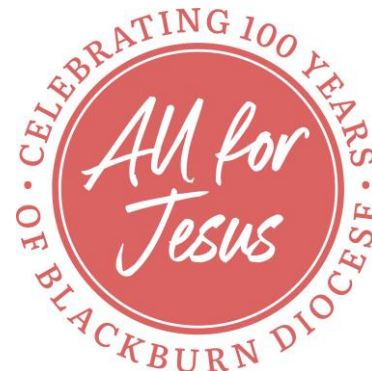
This weekend, families are invited to join the centenary celebrations in our local churches.

The fun begins on Friday evening at the Higham Village Hall for a Beetle Drive!

Then on Saturday, come to the Refectory in Fence for some crafts and cakes!

On Sunday, join us for a special worship at St John's Church at 9:30am. Children are invited to bring their new school bags to be blessed by Rev. Lesley. We hope to see

many of our families there!



Our S.P.I.R.I.T. Learning Behaviours Keep in Step with the Spirit

We ask our everyone in our school community 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

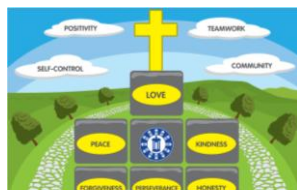
I = Ideas and Imagination

T = Teamwork

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Keeping up-to-date with what is going on in school:

Please refer to the separate letter which provides information on the mobile apps we use to communicate with parents and share information with the wider community.

Letter Join Handwriting Scheme:

During the spring term, we introduced a new handwriting scheme called Letter Join. Parents were sent a letter last term which includes details of how to log into the Letter Join Home Access enabling you and your child to recap, revisit and practise the handwriting joins they are learning in class. Please ask your child's class teacher if you need the login details again. [This link](#) will take you to an introductory video which explains the progression of Letter Join

The importance of reading real books at home every day with your child:

Please note: the children should have brought home a letter this week about reading to give parents and carers support and advice on how best to support their child.

Phonics knowledge alone does not determine whether a child will become a fluent reader – this is just the beginning.

In YR, Y1 and Y2, it is vital you read real books every day at home (not from a screen) with your child in order for them to make expected progress in their reading as they move through the school.

Once they move into Y3, your child should still be reading daily but they should be able to read with more independence with you overseeing their study and asking comprehension questions.

PTA Membership:

All parents and carers are eligible to join our PTA. If you would like further information on how you could contribute to our team, please contact Janet Crossley using the following email address: j.crossley@higham.lancs.sch.uk

Our first PTA meeting will take place at 3:30pm on Monday 21st September. Please get in touch with Janet or the school office if you would like to attend.

Breakfast and After School Club charges from September 2026

Following a consultation with parents and carers, I can confirm that our breakfast club and after school clubs will continue to run at the same times in September.

Unfortunately, we have had to increase our charges to parents due to rising costs.

We have therefore brought in a 2-tier charging system as follows:

The new charges from September will be:

Breakfast Club (Monday – Friday from 7:30am) - £8 per session

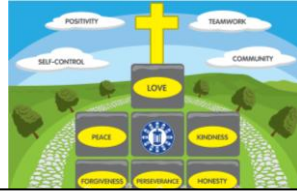
After School Club (Monday – Wednesday)

Part session (until 4:15pm) - £8; Full session (until 5:30pm) - £11

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Allergy Awareness:

Please be allergy aware. We are a nut free school. Please do not send in any nuts or nut-containing products. **We are also a LENTIL FREE SCHOOL from September.** This is to ensure the safety of pupils and staff in our school. Please be vigilant when sending snacks or packed lunches into school. Thank you.

Weekly Attendance: (TARGET – 97%)

Elm -	97.6%
Ash -	94.1%
Birch -	97.3%
Sycamore -	97.7%
Oak -	98.4%
Whole School -	97.2%

Best wishes
Mrs H Shaw
Headteacher

Please do not send any of the following into school:

Nuts of any kind

Foods containing nuts

Peanut butter or nut spreads

Chocolate products containing nuts

Lentils or foods containing lentils

⚠ SEVERE ALLERGIES IN SCHOOL ⚠

Even a tiny amount can cause a serious allergic reaction for some children and staff.

✅ PLEASE CHECK FOOD LABELS CAREFULLY

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

♥ Be Kind • Be Safe • Look After Each Other

