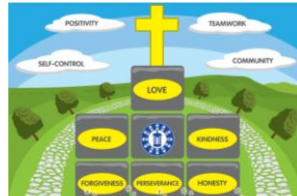


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Date: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

**Re: Weekly Newsletter**

Weekly Worship:

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

- Our Christian Value for this half term is **KINDNESS**



**Services at St John's Church, Higham and St Anne's Church, Fence**

Sunday 26th October 2025 19

the Sunday after Trinity **BIBLE SUNDAY**

Join us for our Services of Holy Communion with Reverend Lesley

9.30am St John's; 11am St Anne's

Readings: Isaiah 45: 22-end; Luke 4: 16-24

**'Saints and Souls' – Next Sunday 2nd November – services in both churches**

It is that time of year when St John's, Higham and St Anne's, Fence, will hold Memorial Services. During the service, names of loved ones are read out as an act of commemoration and there is the opportunity to light a candle in their memory.

St Anne's, Fence – 11am, followed by lunch

St John's Higham - 4pm

Lists are available at the back of church for you to write the name/s of your loved one/s to be remembered. Names must be submitted by this Sunday 26th October

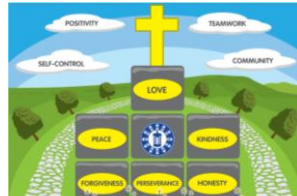
## **Year 6 Applications to Secondary School:**

Below is a reminder from the admissions team.

We would like to remind you that the **closing date for secondary school applications is Friday, 31 October 2025.** As this falls during the school holiday, we would like to remind parents and carers that the deadline is fast approaching.

- The online system is open, please apply using this link:  
<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-secondary-school/>
- An application must be submitted for all Year 6 children, even if they already have a sibling attending the preferred secondary school.
- Home to school transport should be considered when choosing a school. It is important that families can get their child to and from school once a place is offered.

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## Key Stage 2 Higham Christmas Choir:

A letter was sent out last week inviting children in Key Stage 2 (Y3-Y6) to participate in this year's Christmas Choir. Our choir has been invited to attend the Higham Christmas Fair at the Village Hall on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 to sing some Christmas songs ahead of the arrival of Father Christmas himself!

Please can parents of any children who would like to participate sign and return the slip on the letter. Rehearsals will take place during the school day during the 3 weeks leading up to the fair after the half term holiday.

## New Sports Cool Clubs: Thursday and Friday after school

Next half term, Sports Cool coaches will be leading the following after school clubs:

Thursday 3:30pm – 4:30pm – Creative Lego Club

Friday 3:30pm – 4:30pm – Laser Tag

## Key Stage 1 Theatre Trip: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Parents will have received a letter with more details regarding this exciting trip.

The payment option is also now live on School Comms.

## Oak Class Trip to a Preston Mosque: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Parents will have today received a letter with more details regarding this trip.

The payment option is also now live on School Comms.

Please note: We will be travelling to Preston via train and parents are required to drop off and collect the children from Burnley Manchester Road train station.

Drop off and collection times are on the letter.

## New Autumn / Winter Lunch Menu:

Parents have been sent a copy of the new menu via School Comms.

The new menu begins on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November and we will be on Week 1.

## Special Bonfire Night Menu: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Please note: there is a special menu on this date to celebrate bonfire night.

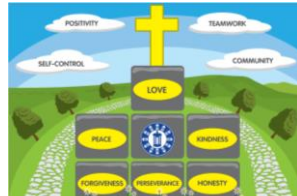
Parents should book and pay online in advance via the School Gateway app if they would like their children to have a dinner. Thank you.

## Remembrance Poppies: Collection in aid of the Royal British Legion

The children have been purchasing poppies and bracelets etc. in aid of the Royal British Legion. These will continue to be on sale during the first week of the next half term should your child wish to purchase an item.



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## Higham Village Christmas Card Competition:

Something to keep the children occupied over the half term holiday!

A letter has been sent home today with the children about an exciting competition the village are running. They would like the children to enter their design for a Christmas card.

Designs must be on A5 sized paper. The deadline for entries to be returned to the school office is Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025. Three winning designs will be chosen. Everyone who enters will receive a small edible token to say thank you! 😊

## Holidays during term time:

Our attendance target is a minimum of 96% for every child. To reach their target, as a minimum, all children must attend school for at least 183 out of 190 school days in the year.

The target is set because evidence proves that children who attend school regularly do better in school both now and in the future. When absences due to holidays are added to absence because of illness, children's attendance percentages can drop to unacceptable levels.

There are only 190 school days in the year which leaves 175 days for leisure activities and holidays – so please do not book holidays during term time. Thank you.

## Key Dates:

Please keep checking our school calendar regularly as dates are added regularly.

Below are some key dates this half term to highlight:

HALF TERM - MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER – FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – School Closed (INSET Day)**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Oak Class Trip to a Preston Mosque

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Children In Need – Fundraiser**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Christmas Choir singing at the Higham Christmas Fair**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Elm and Ash Class Theatre Trip

**\*\*To be confirmed\*\* Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Higham Village Roaming Nativity**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Elm and Ash Class Nativity Performances (9:30am and 2:15pm)**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Key Stage 2 Christmas Party (pm)

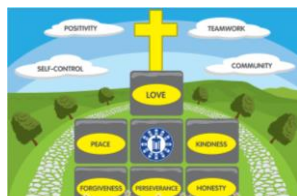
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – 2pm Year 3 Christingle Service in Church**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – 2pm KS2 Carol Service in Church**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Elm and Ash Class Christmas Party (pm)

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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)



## 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.

## New Roof:

The building work to replace our existing roof will now commence next week.

Please therefore do not be alarmed if you see a number of building contractors on our school grounds. They will be installing cabins on the school car park.

Elm Class parents will need to come to the main playground gate to drop off and receive your child. Thank you for your support and understanding.

The building works are likely to continue until March 2026 subject to any unexpected delays.

## Attendance this week:

|                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| Elm Class      | - 90%  |
| Ash Class      | - 92 % |
| Birch Class    | - 87%  |
| Sycamore Class | - 98%  |
| Oak Class      | - 94%  |
| Whole School   | - 92%  |

Best wishes

Mrs H Shaw

Headteacher