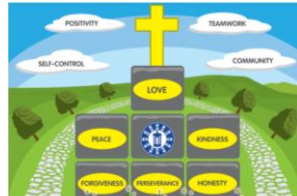


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Date: Friday 7th November 2025

Re: Weekly Newsletter

Weekly Worship:

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

- Our Christian Value for this half term is PEACE
- We have been rehearsing for our annual REMEMBRANCE service in school on Tuesday 11th November
- We have also begun preparing for the Higham Christmas Fair



The Kingdom Season – an extract for Rev Lesley's weekly newsletter

"It is in November that we enter what is known as 'The Kingdom Season' and the colour red is used. Red is a colour reflecting the work of the Holy Spirit and the sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross. Red Poppies are used extensively at this time as a symbol of remembrance for people who have died or suffered in war or conflict. So much to remember...so much to learn from...so much that calls us to build for the future in the light of the past.

For the people of Israel, remembering was as integral part of their faith; the story of how God had delivered them from Egypt and led them safely through the wilderness to the Promised Land. A story repeated by parents year after year, to their children and children's children. The memory of God's goodness and guidance across the years sustained, enriched, and encouraged their faith.

For Christians too, remembering has a special place. 'Do this in memory of me' said Jesus (Luke 22: 18-20; 1 Corinthians 11: 24). Such words remind us that our faith is not based on wishful thinking or idle speculation, or well-intentioned philosophy, rather it is rooted in history, in what God has done."

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

Sunday 9th November 2025 - **Remembrance Sunday**

Join us for our Services of Holy Communion with Reverend Lesley

10.30am St John's – Service of the Word and Act of Remembrance at the Village Memorial in the church grounds

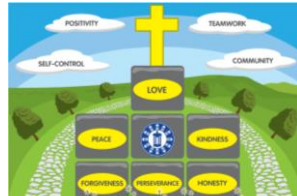
10.30am St Anne's – Holy Communion with an Act of Remembrance in church

12noon Act of Remembrance at the Fence Village Memorial

Higham Christmas Fair: Sunday 23rd November 11am-3pm Higham Village Hall

Our Christmas Choir will be performing at the Higham Christmas Fair at the Village Hall on Sunday 23rd November 2025 to sing some Christmas songs ahead of the arrival of Father Christmas himself! Our PTA will also be hosting a fundraising stall – so please pop along and support us. ☺

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Higham Village Christmas Card Competition:

A letter was sent home before the half term holiday 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 17th November 2025. Three winning designs will be chosen. Everyone who enters will receive a small edible token to say thank you! 😊

New Sports Cool Clubs: Thursday and Friday after school

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

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

Friday 3:30pm – 4:30pm – Laser Tag

Please note: there will be no club on Friday 19th December as school will close at 1:30pm for the Christmas holidays.

New Autumn / Winter Lunch Menu:

Parents have been sent a copy of the new menu via School Comms and this is also available to view on the parents' section of the school website.

Our new menu has now begun and next week we will be on **Week 2**.

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.

Key Dates:

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

Below are some key dates this half term to highlight:

Monday 10th November – Odd Socks Day (start of Anti-bullying Week)

Friday 14th November – Children In Need – Fundraiser

Sunday 23rd November – Christmas Choir singing at the Higham Christmas Fair

Monday 24th November – UK Parliament Week

Wednesday 10th December – Elm and Ash Class Theatre Trip

Date To be confirmed Wed 3rd December – Higham Village Roaming Nativity

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

Monday 15th December – Key Stage 2 Christmas Party (pm)

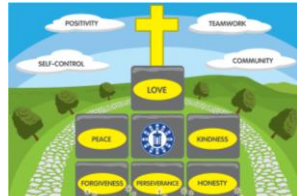
Tuesday 16th December – 2pm Year 3 Christingle Service in Church

Wednesday 17th December – 2pm KS2 Carol Service in Church

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 18th December – Elm and Ash Class Christmas Party (pm)

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Monday 10th November – Odd Socks Day

To mark the beginning of Anti-bullying Week, we would like again to invite everyone in our community to wear odd socks for the day to celebrate diversity and our own uniqueness.

This year, the message from the Anti-Bullying Alliance is about empowering children and young people to use their Power for Good to speak out, support others, and build a world where kindness wins. The children will be participating in activities throughout the week linked to anti-bullying week. For more information, follow this link:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2025/anti-bullying-week-2025>



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.

New Roof:

The scaffolding is now installed and the hoarding has been constructed in the EYFS yard meaning we will still have safe access to some of this area. The roofers should be on site from next week. The building works are likely to continue until March 2026 subject to any unexpected delays. Glynn Hughes from Equans is the Site Manager for this project. LCC Buildings Team are overseeing the project. I am in daily contact with the team who aim to ensure that the building works do not impact significantly on the children's learning.

Greenhead Lane - Road Closure: 10th November for 5 days

Please note: there is a sign up stating that Greenhead Lane will be closed for 5 days from Monday.

Attendance this week:

Elm Class	- 88.8%
Ash Class	- 91.9%
Birch Class	- 88.8%
Sycamore Class	- 95.6%
Oak Class	- 81.2%
Whole School	- 89.3%

Best wishes Mrs H Shaw, Headteacher