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Date: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Re: **Weekly Newsletter**

## Weekly Worship

- The children have been learning about our Christian value of Perseverance and the S.P.I.R.I.T. learning behaviour Teamwork
- Our Bible reading for this week was **John 14:1-14 - Jesus Comforts His Disciples**  
*"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.  
My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?"*

## Mental Health Awareness Week – 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026



Next week is Mental Health Awareness week. Earlier today, I sent home a letter with some quick top tips on how to improve your mental health. These were shared with the children during assembly. Next week, the children will be learning more in their PSHE lessons about how to look after their own and others' mental health.

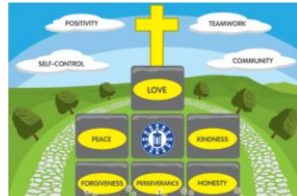
## Key Stage 2 SATs Week – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May

We wish all of our Year 6s good luck ahead of their SATs tests next week. The best advice we can give them for over the weekend is to rest, relax, eat good healthy food and get a good night's sleep. We are already proud of you all and are sure you will perform to your very best. 😊

The timetable for next week is as follows:

Date	Tests
Monday 11 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions
Monday 11 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling
Tuesday 12 May	English reading
Wednesday 13 May	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic
Wednesday 13 May	Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday 14 May	Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

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## Developing our Outdoor Provision:

We are looking for donations of the following objects and materials for our outdoor provision areas. Please bring any donations of the following to the school office:

- Large pieces of fabric (for den building or scene-setting)
- Wooden palettes (in 'good as new' condition – no nails or rotten wood etc.)
- Plastic cars, trucks, diggers for playing in sand and mud
- Plastic piping e.g. plumbing pipes, drainpipes, etc (in good condition)
- Stacking milk crates, wooden crate boxes
- Buttons, shells, pebbles and stones
- Metal pots, pans and utensils
- Plastic plates, bowls and cups
- Tarpaulin, twine, plastic pegs

## Important Dates - Summer term:

2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> May – Higham May Fair

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – SCHOOL CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Maypole dancing at the May Fair (Bank Holiday Monday)

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Reception 2026 Intake – Parent Welcome Meeting – 4pm**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Key Stage 2 SATs Week (Year 6)

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Cultural Diversity Week (please see separate letter for more details)

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Annual Sports Day (9:30am – 11:30am – 2 adults per family invited to attend)**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – school closes at 3:30pm for the half-term holiday

**W/C 25<sup>th</sup> May – HALF TERM**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – School Reopens

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check (2 week window for assessments)

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June – NSPCC Safeguarding Workshops for children in Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6

W/C Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Phonics Screening Check Week (all Year 1s plus some Year 2s)

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June – morning session – MHST Year 6 Transition workshop

**\*\* DATE CHANGE \*\***

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Father's Day Service in Church (Year 3 and Year 4 – Fathers invited)**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Outdoor Elements Trip (Year 4 and Year 5)

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – MHST 'Food and Mood' workshop (Year 1 and Year 2)

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> and Mon 29<sup>th</sup> June – 9:30am-11am – New Reception Starters '26 transition visits**

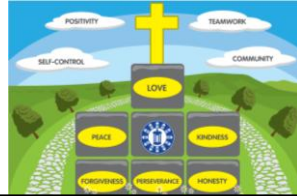
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July – SATs Results published to schools

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July – End-of-year reports published to parents

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers' Service at 2:30pm in Church

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – School Closes at 1:30pm for all pupils for the summer holidays**

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## Extra-curricular clubs and activities summer 1 half term:

**Board Games and Nurture Club:** lunchtimes on a Monday, Thursday and Friday with Mrs Schillaci

**Thursday After School Sports Club:** delivered by Sports Cool (booking and charges apply)

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**Football club:** after school with Miss Briddon (dates and times to be confirmed)

## Changes to the school day from September '26

Following the consultation with parents and carers, the Governing Body has agreed the following changes to the school day from September 2026:

**8:40am:** Gates open

**8:45am:** Morning Registration

**12noon:** Lunch

**12:50pm:** Afternoon Registration

**3:10pm:** School day ends for Elm and Ash Classes (infant classes)

**3:15pm:** School day ends for Birch, Sycamore and Oak Classes (junior classes)

## Extended Services from September:

7:30am – 8:40am Breakfast Club (£8 per session – Monday to Friday)

3:10pm – 5:30pm After School Club (price per session tbc – Monday to Wednesday)

## Price increases for Extended Services:

From September, Breakfast Club will increase to £8 per session.

We also need to increase the charge for our After School Club but are looking at ways we can keep this affordable for our families. A separate letter was sent to parents earlier this week asking them to indicate whether they require the club until 4:15pm or if they will require it until 5:30pm.

Please email the office to let us know so that we can finalise our charging policy for the club.

## School Instagram Account:

Please follow us on our new Instagram account, like and share!

We are: [highamstjohnsschool](https://www.instagram.com/highamstjohnsschool)



Instagram

## 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.



## School dinners:

Our new menu began after Easter and is available to view on our school website.

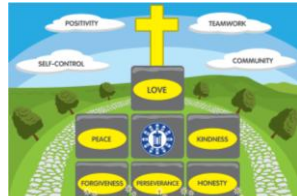
## School dinners – price increase from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026

Lancashire Catering Services are contracted to provide our school dinners service.

They have informed us that from the 1<sup>st</sup> April, the price has increased from £2.90 to **£3 per meal.**

Please book school dinners in advance using the School Gateway app. Thank you.

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## Cultural Diversity Week: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

### Timetable for the week:

**MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> May: Bollywood Dance Workshops** – all classes with a celebratory whole school performance at the end of the school day, complete with traditional Holi paint colours!

**TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> May: Samba Drumming Workshop** – Birch, Sycamore and Oak Classes with a performance assembly at the end of the school day in front of the whole school

**WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> May: Languages and Food Day** – opportunities in classes to try learning a new language; food tasting / creating activities (Elm: French; Ash: Spanish; Birch: Urdu; Sycamore: German; Oak: Polish; Whole School: British Sign Language)

**THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> May: Sports Day!** 9:30am – 11:30am (2 x parents per family are invited to attend)

**FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Cultural Diversity Day** – a non-uniform day when the children are invited to come to school wearing traditional clothing representative of their cultural heritage (please ensure clothing and footwear is suitable for a day learning and playing within our school setting)

### Bollywood Dancing Workshops and Holi Celebration:

Holi is a major Hindu festival of colours, love, and spring.

Jenisha Patel from 'Jenny's Bollywood Academy' will be leading the workshops.

Jenny has shared the following information regarding the coloured paints which are used in the celebration dancing at the end of the day:

*"For the colour powder, we use Festive Colours, which are non-toxic and safe for children to use."* <https://www.festivecolours.com>

*"It works best if the children bring white tops or spare clothes to change into for the final session, as it can get quite messy! Clothes and shoes may get stained, and if it rains the colour can stick a bit more — but it's all part of the fun and creates such a memorable experience."*

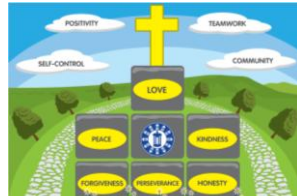


**Please note:** We will be seeking consent from parents for your child to participate in the celebration using the coloured paints. This will be posted on School Comms in due course.

Your child will still participate in the dance activities if you choose not to consent to them joining in with the coloured paints.

To support with the cost of providing these activities for the children, **we are asking for a small voluntary contribution of £3 per child.** We really appreciate your contributions which will help us continue to provide exciting enrichment for the children. If you have any concerns about making the payment, please contact our school office who will be happy to help.

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## FREE Music Workshop experience for children:

### Lancashire Music Service

Lancashire Music Service would like to invite musicians who play clarinet, flute, saxophone, trumpet and recorder to attend a Progression Event. It will be held on **Tuesday, 19th May at Burnley Music Centre, Moor Lane, Padiham BB12 8HT.**

This event is for your pupils that are currently learning an instrument as part of Whole Class Instrumental Tuition, PDP or small group wind lessons in school. As a service we are committed to providing high quality events that motivate young people to grow and thrive as musicians. We hope that this event will enable musicians to connect with other like-minded young people and encourage them to engage further in musical opportunities that the music service provide in the local area.

The event will run from 4pm and end at 7pm. There will be a short concert for parents which will

begin at 6.30pm. Students can bring snacks (nut-free) and drinks for consumption throughout the evening. We also have a tuck shop with drinks priced at 30p and other stationary items costing 10p.



## Attendance:

Elm Class:	99.2%
Ash Class:	97.5%
Birch Class:	95%
Sycamore Class:	98.5%
Oak Class:	98%
Whole School:	97.7%

Best wishes,  
Mrs H Shaw (Headteacher)