



Weekly Newsletter

11th July 2025

Making learning a lifelong adventure

Our school value for this half-term is

Happiness

Dear Parents/Carers

Looking Back and Looking Forward

As we look towards the end of one school year and the start of another, it is quite natural (and perhaps healthy) to have some anxiety about change. This goes for parents and staff, as well as for the children. For this reason, we undertake transition work towards the end of the summer term, which helps everyone to feel confident about what is expected and how things will be in the new school year in September.

This week, all the children have had the opportunity to visit their new classrooms and meet their new teachers and teaching assistants in readiness for the new school year. Yesterday our Year 6 pupils visited their new secondary schools for the day, making room for our Years 1 to 5 pupils to move up to their new year groups for the morning. Meanwhile the new Reception intake, each with a parent, joined us for lunch at Beeches Bistro for the last of their 3 visits prior to the end of term. As well as easing anxiety and setting expectations, the visits also provide pupils with an opportunity to reflect on the challenges and successes of the current school year and the possibilities of the forthcoming one.

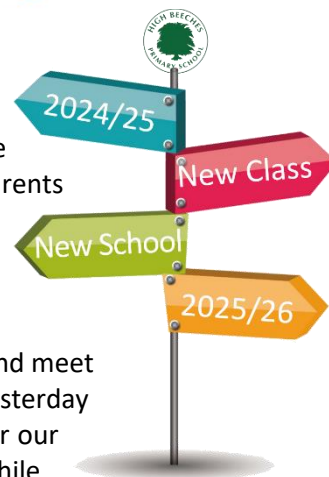
Today, the children bring home their annual reports which capture and celebrate their current attainment and summarise the progress made over the course of the current academic year. They also include information about their attendance, personal development, behaviour and attitude to learning. Although the reports look and feel very similar to those from the previous few years, we have made some changes to the format this year, following feedback from parents and staff, to ensure that they are as individualised as possible, whilst providing useful, clear and concise information. Do take some time to look at the report over the weekend and take the opportunity to discuss it with your child in an age-appropriate way. I would, as always, like to thank the class teachers who have spent a considerable amount of time putting them together.

Next Week in School

Our Year 6 pupils will be beginning their leavers' events next week, with the reflective leavers' assembly, led by Revd John Fellows on Tuesday and two performances of their end of school production, *I'm a Year 6, Get Me Out of Here!* They will also be experiencing the strong arm of the law in a mock magistrate's trial on Wednesday as part of Hertfordshire Magistrates' Courts *Legal Eagles* programme. Our Year 5 pupils will be undertaking the *Bikeability* programme throughout the week.

Yours faithfully

Jonathan Walker
Headteacher



Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children for their achievements this week.

• Reception Chestnut Class	Ella	For always trying hard and being a kind friend. Well done!
	Sophie	For always being polite, using her manners and being a delightful class member. Well done!
• Reception Oak Class	Miller	For always following the rules, trying his best and being a happy member of oak class.
	Ben	For making great progress with reading this year and always trying hard.
• Year 1 Cedar Class	Henry	For always being ready to listen and learn during carpet time. What an excellent role model. Well done :)
	Noah	For showing independence and working hard to write his own story based on the book 'We're Going to Find a Monster!' Well done :)
• Year 1 Elm Class	Henry	For representing 2-digit numbers in a variety of ways.
	Evie	For always showing enthusiasm for her learning :)
• Year 2 Hazel Class	Lev	For designing and making an amazing DT army vehicle.
	Marley	For using a strong and confident voice when dealing with friendship issues.
• Year 2 Willow Class	Tilly	For putting lots of effort in making a model in D&T.
	Ayeza	For making a great model in D&T with interesting design features.
• Year 3 Birch Class	Emmie	For writing a fantastic report about your festival using a wide variety of conjunctions adverbs and prepositions.
	Sammy	For beautifully reading The Gruffalo's Child to the class.
• Year 3 Redwood Class	Dylan	For working hard in computing to solve coding problems.
	Logan	For showing resilience and perseverance with literacy gold.
• Year 4 Maple Class	Isaiah	For writing an excellent character description of his hero in English
	Anaya	For showing resilience when designing and building a lamp in D&T
• Year 4 Pine Class	Isabella	For consistently showing the values of kindness and friendship in Pine class.
	Noah	For confidently using his multiplication and division facts to find fractions of amounts.
• Year 5 Ash Class	Harrison	For giving such detailed and thoughtful answers in English which others can Magpie
	Ella	For extending and challenging yourself in Maths when analysing data.
• Year 5 Hawthorn Class	Clara	For being proactive in looking out for friends at lunchtime.
	Charlie	For bravely overcoming a setback to perform in our talent auditions.
• Year 6 Rowan Class	Rhea	For her effort in PE this week – despite the heat!
	Zach	For enthusiastically taking on his role in the play.
• Year 6 Sycamore Class	Leo	For taking on extra responsibilities setting up for the Yr6 production.
	Ava	For always being helpful and supportive in class.
• PE Awards Infants	Robbie	For showing good resilience and perseverance to keep going in our big game of capture the flag. Well done!
	Henry	For his excellent tagging and team play in our tag games this week. Well done!
• PE Awards Juniors	Roman	For showing strong leadership and teamwork skills in our 'transfer market' for his team this week. Well done!
	Izzy	For some great tagging and showing a strong team ethic in our games this week. Well done!

Community Matters



Supporting Families

Message from Hertfordshire Children's Social Care

We're inviting families across Hertfordshire to help shape the future of children's social care by completing a short questionnaire, you can share your experiences ideas and hopes for a system that truly supports every child and family. This is your chance to co-design services that reflect your community's needs, because no one understands what works better than you. Whether you're a parent, carer or young person your insights are invaluable. Let's build a brighter, more supportive future together. Please use the QR code or [this link](#) to complete a short questionnaire.



Further Information and Reminders

Attendance

Congratulations to Chestnut and Sycamore classes who have the best attendance this week, with 100% and 99.3% respectively.

Holiday Clubs

[Apex Sports](#) – Sports Activities with Mr George – 24th 25th 28th 29th 30th July, 4th 5th 6th August, 1st 2nd 3rd Sept

[Baking Buddies](#) – Baking with Mrs Shafer – 29th 30th 31st July, 18th 19th 20th 21st 22nd 26th 27th 28th 29th Aug

[Sewing Club](#) – Sewing activities with Mrs Ward – 24th July, 27th Aug

Chess Club - <https://the-checkmate-club.classforkids.io/camp/9>



Diary Dates

Friday 11 July 2025	<i>Pupil reports out to parents</i>
Monday 14-18 July 2025	<i>Year 5 Cycling Proficiency</i>
15 & 16 July 2025, 6pm	<i>Year 6 Leavers' Production</i>
Monday 21 July 2025, 5.30pm	<i>Year 6 Leavers' Event</i>
Monday 21 July 2025, 9:30am	<i>HB's Got Talent</i>
Tuesday 22 July 2025, 9am	<i>Year 6 Leavers' Assembly</i>
Tuesday 22 July 2025, 1:30pm	<i>School closes for summer holiday</i>