

HIGH STEET PRIMARY ACADEMY

Newsletter

26th
September
2025

A Message From Our Head Teacher



It is only our third full week back and we have already been out and about with the HSPA pupils. Year Two went off to the farm on Wednesday this week and had a brilliant time learning about farming and how animals are raised. Their behaviour was exemplary, and I know the staff team really enjoyed the day with our pupils. Yesterday, Year Six went to Plymouth University as part of the Millfield's Trust programme. While they were there, the class met with various people from the University and found out what opportunities await them, and different paths they can take to still choose this path of further education. Again, the team noted that the pupils were very well behaved, and they engaged well with the activities – I love hearing about the positive profile pupils present when out in public! We hope this sparked their ambition and they shared their aspirations at home with you.

This week, we have done a little extra work about 'bullying' with some of our classes. At the start of the year, we always ensure children have a very clear definition of what bullying is – this means they can clearly tell us if this is happening to them. We use the NSPCC definition which is "intentional behaviour that hurts someone else. It includes name calling, hitting, pushing, spreading rumours, threatening or undermining someone. It can happen anywhere – at school, at home or online. It's usually repeated over a long period of time and can hurt a child both physically and emotionally."

If your child comes home and shares a worry about friendships (or getting on and falling out), can you all please support us by considering this definition before getting in touch to raise a concern about 'bullying'.

Often, when we investigate a claim of bullying, it is actually just friendship issues that are easily solved once we are aware of them.

Have the best of weekends,
Steph Macdonald



SAFEGUARDING EVERYBODY EVERYDAY

Our Safeguarding Team



Steph Macdonald

**Strategic Designated
Safeguarding Lead**



Leea Jolly

**Designated
Safeguarding Lead**

**Sharna Denver
RSAT Safeguarding Lead**

**Adam White
Safeguarding Govenor**

**If you notice or have a concern about one of our students
or another adult in school please talk to one of our
safeguarding team.**

Safeguarding@highstreetacademy.org



SAFEGUARDING EVERYBODY EVERYDAY

Here is a reminder of our local family hubs available:



Green Ark Family Hub

Green Ark Family Hub is run by Action for Children



Manor Street Family Hub

Manor Street Family Hub is run by Action for Children



Our Winners...



CURRICULUM STARS

Year One: Chloe

Year Two: Fox

Year Three: Louie

Year Four: Joel

Year Five: Lincoln



GOLDEN TICKETS

Year One: Chloe

Year Two: Fox

Year Three: Louie

Year Four: Joel

Year Five: Lincoln



ATTENDANCE

Our winners this week are:

Year Three

with 98.55%

Well done Year Three!!!

Whole school : 94.87%





Pupil Voice



NURSERY



Another lovely week we have had in nursery. Our children have settled in well and established the routine throughout their sessions. They love getting involved in all activities within the environment and enjoy adult led group activities. The children enjoyed participating in shape Bingo at the maths table.

The book we have shared with our children this week "It's okay to be different". They enjoyed looking at the pictures and naming what they could see.

RECEPTION

This week has been so fun in Reception! Our book has been *The Rainbow Fish*; we have enjoyed exploring all the amazing vocabulary in the text and discussing the moral of the story. The children have been reflecting beautifully on how to make new friends, how to notice when others need a friend, and how they can adapt their behaviours to include others in their play. We have also started Drawing Club this week and have been producing some amazing images and writing in response to our text!



Pupil Voice

YEAR ONE

We have had a busy week in Year 1 this week. We have just started our first big unit of English where we are looking at the story Dogger. In Maths we are still working hard practising counting up to and across 100. This week we have been representing numbers on tens frames with pegs.

We have creating maps of our building, and we have been looking at what animals are carnivores, omnivores and herbivores.



YEAR TWO

We have had a great week in Year 2, from beginning to look at the features of an autobiography; using previous learning to help us with adding bigger numbers in maths and directing teddies around a map in Geography! But the highlight of the week...the trip to Porsham Farm. The children were eager learners – asking great questions, as well as playing down in the woods! Fun times!



Pupil Voice

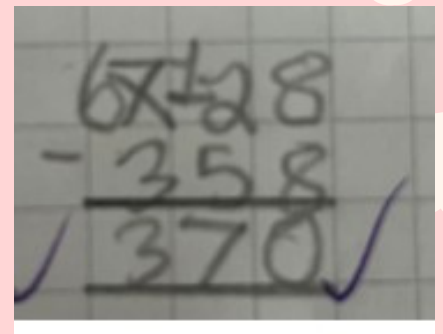
YEAR THREE



We've continued our Stone Age learning this week by exploring a new story, called 'Stone Age Boy', and have had a lot of fun recreating the story using freeze frames and writing descriptive sentences in-character as the Stone Age people. We've also learned about how the Stone Age people collected and cooked food, and we had a great time in the Art Room where we practised colour mixing, getting ready for our Cave Painting final piece!

YEAR FOUR

Another super week of learning in Year 4! We have explored the layout and style of news reports in English and we continue to master addition and subtraction strategies (including exchanging and regrouping) in Maths. It has been wonderful to see so many children practising on Times Table Rockstars this past week. Do keep up this magnificent effort and once your child has completed at least one Soundcheck, use the Garage function so that they can practise any gaps in their knowledge.



Pupil Voice

YEAR FIVE

We have been super busy this week in year Five from planning our parachutes, making them and testing out whether a boiled egg will survive the trip going down the fire escape! I have been super impressed this week with all our perseverance, group work and use of vocabulary when predicting if the egg will make it. Well done Year 5!



YEAR SIX

Hello to all. Year 6 have been on a walkabout this week, not one but two trips! We explored the breadth of opportunities at Plymouth University including marine biology, optometry, biomedical science and much more. The students even had an impromptu talk with a senior lecturer about the routes into University and how accessible it can be.

A very enlightening week and the class were congratulated on their behaviour and focus. Well done, team.



Reading



What a busy week! Our librarians have been busy ensuring our library is stocked and ready for our school to share. We will be inviting you to come and share some stories with us in our Library- keep an eye out for the dates!

This week's top readers are:

Year One- Chloe & Selin

Year Two- Rayyan

Year Three- McKenzie

Year Four- Paige & Leia

Year Five – Junior, Mustafa & Rani

Year Six – Eman, Jason, Ramadan & Rufus



UNIFORM



Our students all look amazing in their new uniform, for our new and our returning families, we just wanted to do a reminder on our uniform expectation:

UNIFORM

Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan

Charcoal grey trousers, skirts, shorts or pinafores

White polo shirt

Red gingham summer dresses

Black shoes or Black trainers (all must be black, no brand logo or colour - including the sole of the shoe)



PE KIT

Black jogger bottoms

Plain white t-shirt

Plain black or burgundy hoodie

Trainers










ALL BRANDED UNIFORM & ACCESSORIES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE SCHOOL OFFICE

SCHOOL MENU

Our Jacket Potato option is now available.

School meals should now be paid through Arbor, you will also be able to choose your child's lunch if you wish to.

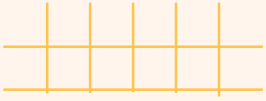
Orders will also be taken from your child at the start of the school day.

 <h2 style="margin-left: 200px;">WEEK 3</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">W/C - MONDAY: 5TH MAY, 2ND JUNE, 23RD JUNE, 14TH JULY, 8TH SEPT, 29TH SEPT, 20TH OCT </p>				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>CHOICE 1 - H, V</p> <p>Macaroni cheese with garlic bread</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh Mu Mi m/c Se</p>	<p>All day breakfast - choose from meat or climate friendly option</p> <p>Meat Option - H Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi</p> <p>Climate Friendly - V, VE Allergens: Glu Wh</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H, W</p> <p>Spaghetti bolognese</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh Ce m/c Bar</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H</p> <p>Roast turkey served with roast potatoes seasonal vegetables and gravy</p>	<p>CHOICE 1</p> <p>Salmon bites served with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh F</p>
<p>CHOICE 2 - H W V VE</p> <p>Courgette sausage in a hot dog roll with seasoned wedges</p> <p></p>		<p>CHOICE 2 - H W V VE</p> <p>Quorn dippers served with tomato and vegetable rice</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh</p> <p></p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H W V VE</p> <p>Vegetable crumble, roast potatoes seasonal vegetables and gravy</p> <p>Allergens: O m/c Bar</p> <p></p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, V</p> <p>French bread pizza served fresh chips or pasta</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh Mi m/c So</p>
SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE (MI) / TUNA MAYONNAISE (F E)				
<p>DESSERT - H W V VE</p> <p>Oat biscuits with fruit</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh O Su m/c Bar</p> <p></p>	<p>DESSERT - H, V</p> <p>Orange jelly and ice cream</p> <p>Allergens: Mi</p>	<p>DESSERT - H W V VE</p> <p>Lemon shortbread with fruit slices</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh m/c Bar</p> <p></p>	<p>DESSERT - H W V VE</p> <p>Fruit Platter</p> <p></p>	<p>DESSERT - H, W, V</p> <p>Orange drizzle cake</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi m/c Bar</p>
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY: FRESH SALAD / FRESH FRUIT AND YOGHURT				
<p><small>Fresh fruit, local Westcountry yoghurt available daily. Fresh drinking water is available throughout the lunch time period. All meals served with seasonal vegetables. Chicken alternatives to beef and pork upon request. One meat free day.</small></p> <p><small>H = HOME-MADE IN THE KITCHEN. W = WHOLE WHEAT INGREDIENTS. VE = VEGAN DISH. V = VEGETARIAN.</small></p> <p><small>Allergen Key: Gluten (Glu), Barley (Bar), Wheat (Wh), Oats (O), Rye (R), Soya (So), Sulphites (Su), Sesame (Se), Peanut (P), Mustard (Mu), Mollusca (Mo), Milk (Mi), Nuts (N), Eggs (E), Crustaceans (C), Celery (Ce), Fish (F), Lupin (L), m/c: May Contain</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small> = Climate Friendly</small></p>				

DID YOU KNOW
You can have mixed or brown rice instead of potatoes!
Tilda



yummy



SCHOOL EVENTS

Please check here for any upcoming school events, we will include the year group and any information you may need.

We will also send emails, letters and flyers with any details.

We would encourage all parents to add our Facebook page as we regularly update this with messages:

“High Street Primary Academy”

Here are our upcoming events this term:

**Noel’s Bag of Numbers – 1pm-3pm 01.10.25 - running for 4 weeks
(see flyer below)**

Census Day - 02.10.25 (see flyer below)

World Mental Health Day – 10.10.25

Nasal Flu Vaccinations – 14.10.25

Y1 Millfield's Inspired Trip – 14.10.25

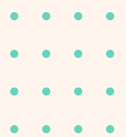
Y2 Dental School visit – 20.10.25

Y5 Widening Horizons/KARST 'Remember Nature' sessions- 23.10.25

Last day of Term 24.10.25

Half Term – 27.10.25 - 31.10.25

First Day of Term – 03.11.25





Bag of NUMBER

**FREE MATHS WORKSHOP SESSIONS FOR
PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGED 5 TO 11 AND
TEACHING ASSISTANTS**

Four two-hour school-based workshop sessions, led by Noel Mitchell, an experienced Primary School teacher, you can:

- Brush up on your own maths skills
- Learn current maths language and terminology
- Explore using maths 'tools' to support a range of maths problems and calculation methods
- Make links to maths and real-life applications
- Gain confidence to be able to support your child at home with their maths
- Opportunity to seek further maths training / qualification

Receive **a bag of maths goodies!**



Four sessions from 1-3pm:

24.09.25

01.10.25

08.10.25

15.10.25

Speak to Clare or Rachael in the office to secure a space! First come first served!



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ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL?

High Street Primary School is a popular and successful primary school located in Plymouth's historic Stonehouse region. It was founded in 1894 and enjoys an extremely positive reputation in the community. The staff here are committed to providing a strong family atmosphere, and to making sure the children feel safe and cared for.



[CALL US TODAY TO BOOK A TOUR](#)



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IS YOUR CHILD AGED 2-4 YEARS OLD? ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT NURSERY PLACEMENTS?

Did you know High Street Primary Academy has a Nursery?
Our dedicated team is passionate about helping your child
grow and thrive.

We have fully funded and private spaces available from two
years old. Offering both morning and afternoon sessions
during the academic year.

CALL US TODAY

