

HIGH STEET PRIMARY ACADEMY

Newsletter

16th
January
2026

A Message From Our Head Teacher



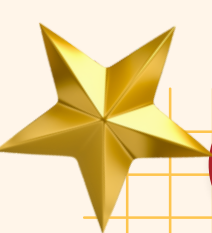
Last week in assembly we looked at new year's resolutions, and we have been definitely starting lots of new things at HSPA this January. Last week was the start of our curriculum clubs. Unfortunately, at the moment, we do not have a sports coach to run after school clubs (we are working on this so watch this space!) but we do have class teachers now running clubs for Y6 (morning and afternoon sessions for selected pupils), an all year groups choir and a KS2 tables club on Thursdays after school. There will be more new clubs in the summer term, so please keep an eye out for the sign-up information towards Easter.

We had another really positive census day lunch. This is the time of year that the government collect information about free school meals from schools across the country. On this day, we encourage as many pupils as possible to take a school lunch so that the school can receive as much funding as we can. The kitchen team did us proud with a special menu, and the majority of the High Street pupils ate a school meal. If you are interested in finding out more about our school lunch options, please pop into the school office and pick up a menu!

It has been quite chilly and damp recently and we know there are many colds and bugs going round. We always encourage positive attendance, so just a reminder that we are happy to accept pupils with sniffles and colds – it is just more serious bugs such as D and V that require absence. As always, please keep an eye on our school newsletter, Facebook page and website for information about all school events.

Have the best of weekends,

Steph Macdonald



Our Winners...

CURRICULUM STARS

Year One: Bayleigh

Year Two: Laura

Year Four: Kyle

Year Five: Rani



ATTENDANCE

Our winners this week are:

Year Six

with 95.6%

Well done Year Six!!!!

Whole school : 93.14%



Pupil Voice

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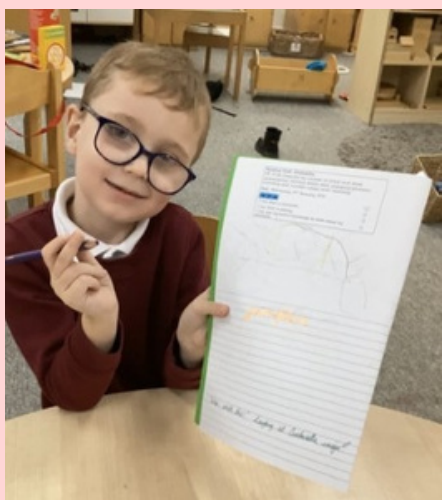
In Pre-school this week we have enjoyed sharing the story “When I’m a grown-up” It has sparked discussions about what jobs the children would like to do when they are “bigger”. We have had lots of police officers, a midwife and even a vet.

The children enjoyed showing off their artistic skills drawing what they will be when they are a grown up.



RECEPTION

In Reception this week we have been so excited to read the text ‘Suddenly’, after the 3 Little Pigs visiting last week, the children have loved exploring the characters in a different funny story! We have seen some great communication this week. The children have discussing respect, and what it means to be a supportive friend and member of our school community.



Pupil Voice

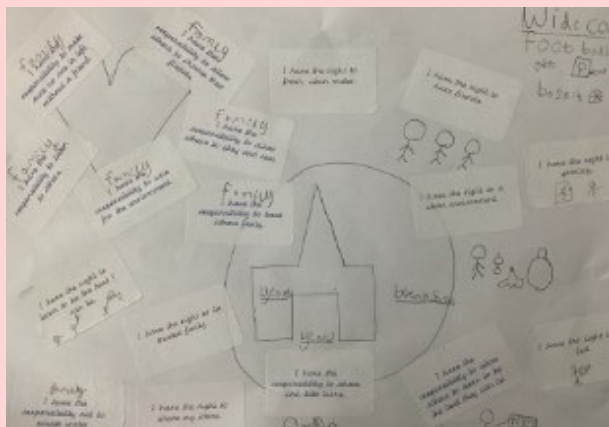
YEAR ONE

We have had a great week this week, finishing off our letters to Officer Pugh in English. We have been looking at odd and even numbers in Maths. In Geography we have been looking at what countries make up The United Kingdom and we have been super excited to find out that in DT we will be making a fruit salad as part of this unit.



YEAR TWO

A good second week – from gathering great vocabulary ready for writing our own narratives; adapted from our class text, ‘Mr Wolf’s Pancakes’ and great PSHE discussions about our rights and responsibilities within different groups in and out of school.



Pupil Voice

YEAR THREE

This week, the children have written brilliant narrative's based on the story of Beowulf. We've drawn some fantastic polygons and started learning about angles. We've also learned about the similarities and differences between the Bronze and Iron Age. More fun to come next week!



YEAR FOUR

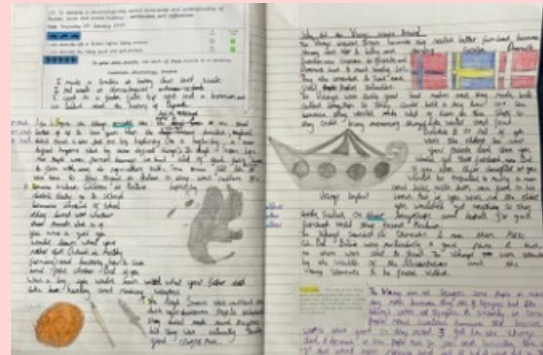
Our first full week back has been full of fantastic learning. We have dived into our science topic, investigating how vibrations cause sound and how sound waves travel to our ear for our brains to interpret. We have also compared the houses of Ancient Egypt to houses in Britain at the same time in history and discovered that Egyptians used bricks before anyone else. Have a great weekend and keep practising those times tables and logging that reading!



Pupil Voice

YEAR FIVE

Year 5's new History topic this half term is all about the Vikings! It follows on nicely from our previous learning about the Anglo-Saxons and the class are doing a great job of making links to their existing knowledge. Today they learnt all about the reasons for the Viking invasion. Some of them were even able to compare the similarities and differences between the Vikings and modern migration. It's great to see how much they enjoy History!



YEAR SIX

Year 6 have been extremely busy this week, we have been tackling increasingly complex multiplication problems including problem solving. We also finished our narrative descriptions and moved to our next unit which now will build narrative suspense. There are truly stunning pieces of learning. Finally, a big well done to those who have attended the Early bird sessions, your dedication is admirable.

SCHOOL MENU

NEW MENU!!!!

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.

CATERed **WEEK 1**

W/C: MONDAY 3RD NOV, 24TH NOV, 15TH DEC, 19TH JAN, 9TH FEB, 9TH MARCH, 30TH MARCH

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|--|---|---|--|---|
| CHOICE 1 - H, V Macaroni cheese with garlic bread and veg Allergens: Glu, Wh, Mu, Mi m/c Se | CHOICE 1 - H Potato topped chicken pie served with veg Allergens: Glu Wh Ce Mi m/c Bar | CHOICE 1 - H Sausage and mashed potato served with veg and gravy Allergens: Glu Wh | CHOICE 1 - H Roast chicken served with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding veg and gravy Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi | CHOICE 1 - W Youngs fish fingers served with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg Allergens: Glu Wh F |
| CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, VE Vegan chilli with rice and veg Allergens: So | CHOICE 2 - H, V Broccoli and potato bake served with veg Allergens: Glu Wh Mi | CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, VE Vegan meatballs in a tomato sauce with pasta and veg Allergens: Glu Wh So | CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE Homemade bean cottage pie served with roast potatoes and veg | CHOICE 2 - H, V, W Cheese and tomato quiche with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi |
| SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE (MI) / TUNA MAYONNAISE (F F) OR A HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE WITH PASTA (For the full allergy information, please refer to our webpage or check with your school) | | | | |
| DESSERT - H, V Pear flapjack Allergens: Glu, O | DESSERT - H, V Chocolate shortbread Allergens: Glu Wh Mi m/c Bar | DESSERT - H, V, VE Fruit platter | DESSERT - H, V, VE Custard biscuit and fruit slices Allergens: Glu Wh | DESSERT - H, V Apple crumble and custard Allergens: Glu Wh O Mi m/c Bar |
| AVAILABLE EVERY DAY: FRESH SALAD / FRESH FRUIT AND YOGHURT | | | | |

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. H = HOME-MADE IN THE KITCHEN, W = WHOLE WHEAT INGREDIENTS, VE = VEGETARIAN, V = VEGETARIAN.

Allergen Key: Gluten [Gl], Barley [Bar], Wheat [Wh], Oats [O], Rye [R], Soya [So], Sulphites [Su], Sesame [Se], Peanuts [P], Mustard [Mu], Milkcase [Ms], MB [M], Nuts [N], Eggs [E], Crustaceans [C], Celery [Ce], Fish [F], Lactin [L] m/c Mayonnaise

Climate Friendly

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, you can scan the QR code below to take you to our page or search for “High Street Primary Academy”.

Here are our upcoming events this term:

13.01.26 - Roots Group – Selected children weekly

20.01.26 - Y4 Self Esteem, Resilience and Confidence Anxiety Workshop

03.02.26 - Y5 Widening Horizons Duke of Cornwall

13.02.26 Last day of Term 3

26.02.26 - First day of Term 4





HIGH STREET PRIMARY ACADEMY 2025-26 TERM DATES

| | September 25 | | | | | October 25 | | | | | November 25 | | | | | December 25 | | | | |
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| Monday | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | |
| Tuesday | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | |
| Wednesday | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 | |
| Thursday | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | | |
| Friday | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | | |

| | January 26 | | | | | February 26 | | | | | March 26 | | | | | April 26 | | | | |
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| Monday | | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | |
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| | May 26 | | | | | June 26 | | | | | July 26 | | | | | August 26 | | | | |
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Public Holiday
 School Holiday
 School Inset Day

| Term | No. of Pupil Days |
|----------|-------------------|
| Autumn 1 | 37 |
| Autumn 2 | 34 |
| Spring 1 | 29 |
| Spring 2 | 29 |
| Summer 1 | 24 |
| Summer 2 | 35 |
| Total: | 188 |



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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.



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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.

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