

# HIGH STEET PRIMARY ACADEMY

## Newsletter

9th  
January  
2026

### A Message From Our Head Teacher



Happy new year to our lovely families. I hope you have had the best of breaks, and the children of HSPA are rested and ready for the new term!

We have a week of slightly wild weather, with ice and exceptionally cold conditions at the start of the week and high wind and rain at the end. As always, please ensure your children are coming to school in weather appropriate clothing.

Outdoor play is so important for our pupils; they can be physically active, get fresh air and socialise with friends, so we always try to get them out for play and lunch as long as conditions are safe. If children have hats, coats, gloves etc. we can ensure they get outside even if it is a bit chilly or damp.

There are some fantastic events happening this term so, as always, keep an eye on the diary dates section of the newsletter. We have a few changes this term – we welcome Olivia Ashurst who will work as a TA in Year Four, and Katy Timms has started her new role as EYFS TA. We also have some student teachers who will work across the school throughout the spring term.

If you have any queries or concerns about your child and their schooling, please do not hesitate to get in touch in the usual ways.

Have the best of weekends,

Steph Macdonald

# Reading



**This week's top readers are:**

**Year One- Chloe & Aya**

**Year Three- Ozan & Willow**

**Year Six – Grace, Jason, Maddie, Raymond & Rahmadan**

**Please ensure all logs are on boom reader- if you are reading at home log it! 3 times per week and you will be celebrated during recognition assemblies.**





# Our Winners....



## CURRICULUM STARS

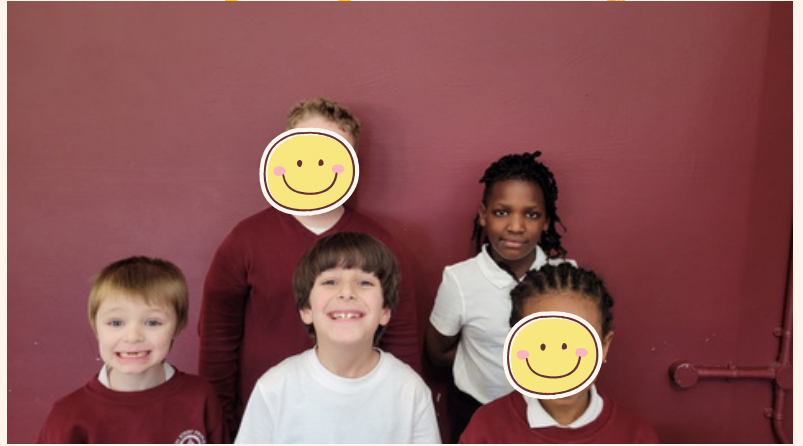
Year One: Theo

Year Two: Rahaf

Year Three: Ozan

Year Five: Maria

Year Six: Abdullah



## ATTENDANCE

Our winners this week are:

**Year Five**

with 98.52%

Well done Year Five!!!!

Whole school : 90.83%

## GOLDEN TICKET

Year One: Skylar

Year Two: Sarah

Year Three: Hamdalat

Year Four: Esme

Year Five: Mustafa

Year Six: Raymond



Whole school



# Pupil Voice

## NURSERY

What a lovely fun filled first week back we have had. We have welcomed lots of new friends and shared some wonderful activities. The children have enjoyed our story "The Little Red Riding hood". The children made some wolf mask to take home and loved sharing them with their mummies and daddies. Some of the children have worked hard practicing to write their names. Well done Pre-school.



## RECEPTION

Reception have had a brilliant start back to school this week! We have loved seeing them all. We have been busy exploring The 3 little pigs this week, and our drawing club creations have excited our creativity and have been building our very own houses!



# Pupil Voice

## YEAR ONE

We have had a great first week back to school this week. We have been enjoying our new story Cops and Robbers in English. We have also been very excited to find out about our new Science unit which is all about Everyday Materials. In Maths we have started looking at the numbers 6 – 10, understanding that we can make these numbers using 5 and a bit structure. As a reminder our PE has now moved back to a Tuesday.



## YEAR TWO

It's been all go in Year 2 during our first week in 2026! I've already been super impressed at their stamina for writing and creativity when putting together sentences that include expanded noun phrases to describe the wolf in the class story.

We've also been trialling out a soft start workbook of key number facts and handwriting practise that the children complete as they arrive in the mornings. From next week, if the children have not completed the booklet I will send it home so they can practise some of these key skills. As a reminder our PE has now moved back to a Tuesday.

# Pupil Voice

## YEAR THREE

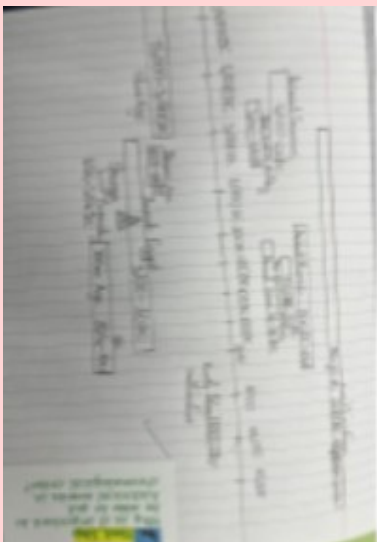
We've had a fantastic first week of 2026. We've begun to study a new story, about Beowulf's battles with the Mountain Dragon! We've practised measuring mass and volume in Maths. We've begun investigating the Bronze Age in History, and the force of magnets in Science! This term is going to be the best yet!



## YEAR FOUR

It has been a great start to the new term, with so many Year 4 learners picking up from where they left off with a dedication and focus on times table fluency. There is still time to complete and hand in the homework booklet and earn merits!

We have also started a new history unit on Ancient Egypt, starting by looking at when this great civilisation occurred and comparing this the other civilisations we have learned about (The Romans and The Stone/Bronze/Iron Age) using our chronology skills.



# Pupil Voice

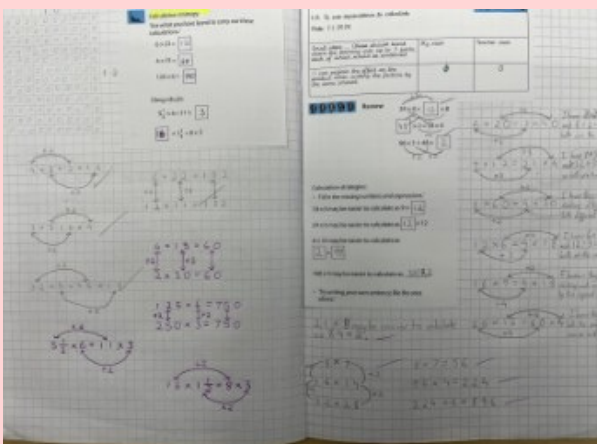
## YEAR FIVE

What a great start to the year we're having in Year 5! This week we have started all new topics within our subjects. In maths, our new unit is all about area and perimeter. Ask your child how we would work out the perimeter of a square, can they remember the key rule?



## YEAR SIX

Happy New Year! Great to see everyone back and ready to take on 2026. We started a whole raft of new units this week; multiplication and division, our narrative based upon 'Running Wild' by Micheal Morpurgo, and our geography unit all about sustainability. Have a great weekend and please remember, early bird for those children invited starts next week.



# 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.



# WEEK 3

DATES: W/C: MONDAY 17TH NOV, 8TH DEC, 12TH JAN, 2ND FEB, 2ND MARCH, 23RD MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H, W</b></p> <p>Sticky BBQ meatballs served with pasta and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H</b></p> <p>Cheese and tomato French bread pizza served with wedges and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu W Mi m/c So</p>	<p>All day breakfast choose from: meat or plant based served with a hash brown, beans and veg</p> <p>Meat option - H Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi</p> <p>Plant based option - V, VE Allergens: Glu Wh</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H</b></p> <p>Roast chicken served with roast potatoes Yorkshire pudding, veg and gravy</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - W</b></p> <p>Battered fish fillet with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh F</p>
<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, W, V</b></p> <p>Cheesy courgette sausage with mash, veg and gravy</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, V</b></p> <p>Vegetable lasagne served with garlic bread and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh Mu Mi m/c E, Bar</p>	<p>Meat option - H Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi</p> <p>Plant based option - V, VE Allergens: Glu Wh</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE</b></p> <p>Katsu vegetable curry bake with roast potatoes and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - W, V, VE</b></p> <p>Quorn dippers served with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh</p>
<p><b>SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE (MI) / TUNA MAYONNAISE (F E) OR A HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE WITH PASTA</b> (For the full allergy information, please refer to our webpage or check with your school)</p>				
<p><b>DESSERT - H, W, V, VE</b></p> <p>Date crispy crunch</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh Bar m/c Mi So</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H, W, V</b></p> <p>Toffee and apple cake</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh E</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H, V, VE</b></p> <p>Fruit platter</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H, V</b></p> <p>Orange butter biscuits</p> <p>Allergens: Glu, Wh E</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H, W, V</b></p> <p>Steamed jam sponge and custard</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi</p>
<p><b>AVAILABLE EVERY DAY: FRESH SALAD / FRESH FRUIT AND YOGHURT</b></p>				

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 = VEGAN DESK, V = VEGETARIAN.

Allergen Key: Gluten (Gl), Barley (Bar), Wheat (Wh), Oats (O), Rye (R), Soy (So), Sulphites (Su), Sesame (Se), Peanuts (P), Mustard (Mu), Milk/soy (Mo), M&A (M), Nuts (N), Eggs (E), Crustaceans (C), Celery (Ce), Fish (F), Lupin (L), m/c: May Contain





**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:

**12.01.26 - YR Vision screening**

**13.01.26 - Roots Group – Selected children weekly**

**14.01.26 YR & Y1 Healthy Smiles Fluoride Varish**

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

	May 26					June 26					July 26					August 26				
Monday		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31
Tuesday		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	
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Thursday		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		
Friday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		

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



# IT'S A PIZZA DAY

Census Day Lunch

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026**

Menu

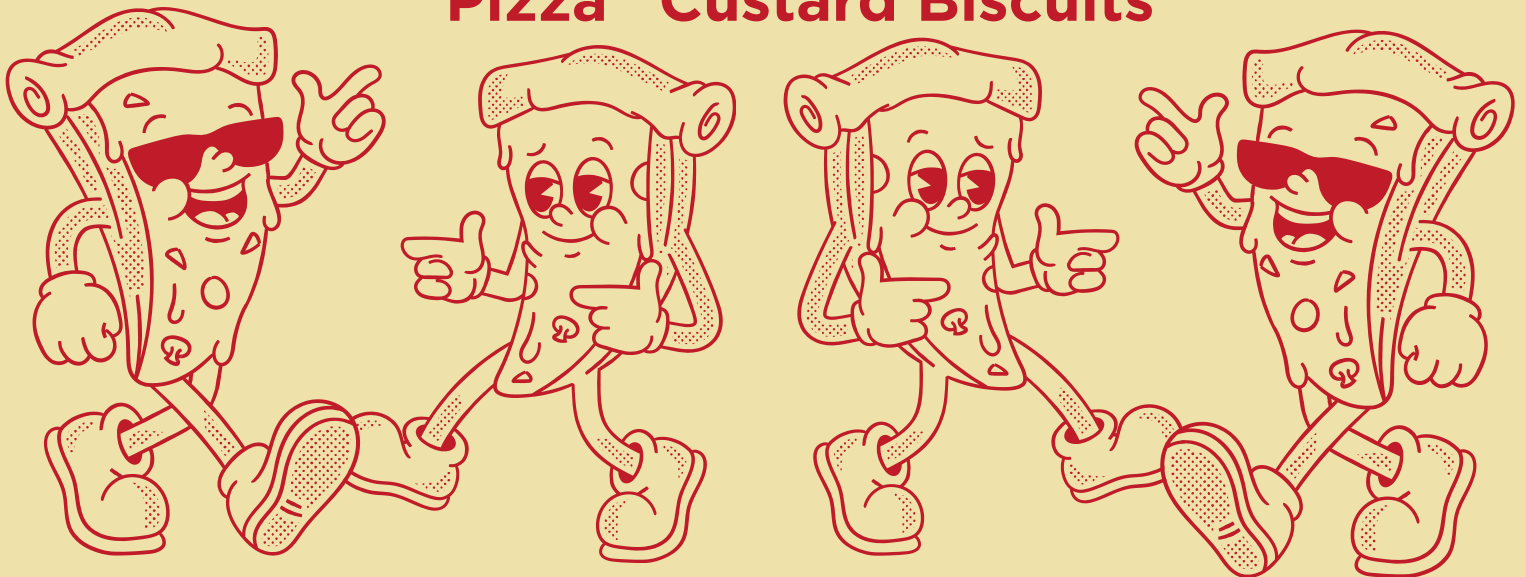
**Pepperoni Pizza**

**Cheese & Tomato Pizza**

**Quorn Dippers**

**(we will also be serving Jacket Potatoes & Winter Pasta)**

**“Pizza” Custard Biscuits**



**REMEMBER - MORE LUNCHES WE SELL ON  
CENSUS DAY MEANS MORE FUNDING FOR  
OUR SCHOOL**

# HELP!



Did you know the government currently provides vouchers during the holidays to those entitled for free school meals to support with the cost of lunches?

**Are your family eligible for Free School Meals?**

Is your child due to start school this September?

**Do you need help registering your child for their next school place?**

**Do you need help registering your child for clubs?**

**Do you need signposting to additional services?**

If you need help registering for any of the above, Clare is available is to support, see her to book an appointment or come to our drop

in session on

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 0830 - 0930**





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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**

