

# HIGH STEET PRIMARY ACADEMY

## Newsletter

12th  
December  
2025

### A Message From Our Head Teacher



This week I had the privilege of watching the Christmas production 'Seven Little Penguins'. The pupils performed brilliantly, and it was so lovely to see them enjoy acting, singing and dancing. We value and promote the academic achievements of our pupils, but this is always balanced with a chance for our students to take part in activities like this – it is excellent for boosting confidence and wellbeing! Well done to all the children involved, and thanks to the staff team for supporting our students so well!

You may have seen in the news that our current school meal provider, CATERed, will no longer be providing its services after the end of this academic year.

Unfortunately, due to the continually rising costs of food and staffing, the company is no longer able to continue. However, a support package has been provided by the Council to make sure that CATERed can continue to operate until the end of July 2026, which means there will not be any immediate changes.

We are now working on our plans to arrange for a new school meals service, which will either be an alternative provider or run directly by us. Please be reassured that the closure of CATERed next July will not affect your children receiving school lunches as a service will always be provided.

All of the staff working in our kitchen will also be able to transfer over to the new provider, so we hope to keep our brilliant school meals staff and minimise any change for the children.

We'll share more information about future changes in due course.

Have the best of weekends,  
Steph Macdonald

# Reading



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

**Year One- Chloe**

**Year Two - Issac**

**Year Three- Ozan**

**Year Four- Paige**

**Year Five- Mustafa**

**Year Six – Rimi**



**They each win a book to take home!**

**Keep up the good work**



# Our Winners...



## CURRICULUM STARS

Year One: Skylar

Year Two: Mickey

Year Three: Flossie

Year Four: Kenley



## ATTENDANCE

Our winners this week are:

**Year Four**

with 98.33%

Well done Year Four!!!!

## CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Year Four

Esme & Oscar C

Year Five

Aurora

Year Six

Acacia, Lyric & Darcy



whole school : 94.9%



# Pupil Voice

## YEAR ONE

Wow what a week Year 1 have had this week. With our show this week we have been super busy with last minute rehearsal, and I think all of their hard work paid off because the show was amazing. The children have worked incredibly hard, and I hope you all enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed sharing it with you. As well as our show we have been continuing to look at shapes. Ending this week with making our own 3D shapes, although we found this tricky all the children persevered to create the finished shape. Well done everyone for a great week.



## YEAR TWO

And that's a wrap! Well, at least for our show it is...the children were brilliant this week as they took to the stage! Their confidence and enthusiasm shone through! They have also enjoyed the opportunity to show off their learning from science this week in their Prove it, as well as writing their information texts about the Great Fire of London.



# Pupil Voice

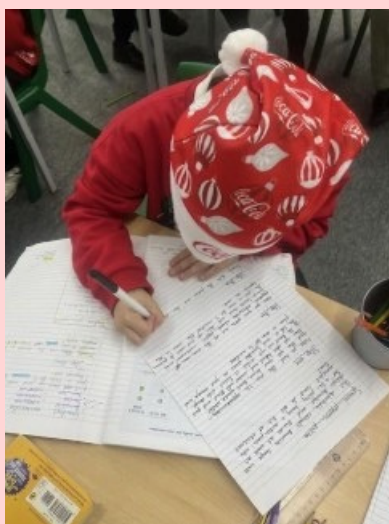
## YEAR THREE

Year 3 have enjoyed finishing up our weather-recording fieldwork, to better understand the weather at this time of year in Plymouth. We've measured daily rainfall, temperature and windspeed, and represented our data using mathematical graphs! We've also written some fantastic persuasive texts about why it's important for our school to help battle climate change! A great week for all!



## YEAR FOUR

Year 4 continue to make great strides in their times table proficiency and we look forward to cementing this great progress in the terms ahead. It has been a busy week as we head towards the end of term, with pizza making and prove-it statements taking number one priority as we conclude our units in DT, Geography and Science. We have just completed our pizza instructions in English and in Maths we are investigating the relationships between the 3-, 6- and 9-times tables. Have a super weekend!



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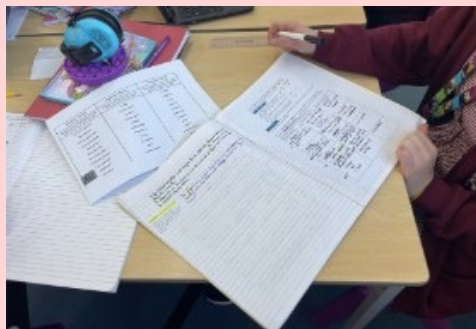
## YEAR FIVE

Year 5 have had a great week! They particularly enjoyed their music lesson where they learnt to play Hot Cross Buns on the virtual glockenspiel, using the iPads. They loved learning about the different notes (we used E, D and C) and learning to read them off the screen as they played along with the song! Who knew we had such a musical class!



## YEAR SIX

Year 6 have busily been completing research for our balanced argument about Ancient Maya achievements. They've been using persuasive tools such as rhetorical questions to present compelling arguments. We've also been rapidly heading towards the end of our calculations to 10,000,000 unit in maths and I've been very impressed with their levels of reasoning. I ask them to explain 'I know' and 'So' to you. This weekend please could times tables be practised (all tables to 12 and beyond) and SATS boot camp practise test 11 to be completed by Wednesday please. Have a great weekend.



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

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], Milk/Lactose [ML], MBS [MB], Nuts [N], Eggs [E], Crustaceans [C], Celery [Ce], Fish [F], Lactin [L] m/c May Cornish

= 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:**

**Winter Fayre : 17.12.25  
(See flyer below)**

**Mufti Day : 18.12.2025  
(See flyer below)**

**Last day of Term Two : 18.12.2025**

**INSET day : 19.12.25  
(school closed to pupils)**

**Winter Break : 22.12.25 - 05.01.25**

**First day of Term Three : 06.01.25**





## 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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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



# WINTER

## *Mufti*



THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DEC 2025

We invite children to join us for  
Winter Mufti.

This could be a warm woolly jumper,  
soft and fluffy clothes or even  
something Christmas themed.



# End of Term Mufti Day

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025

We invite the children to celebrate the  
end of term by wearing mufti on our  
last day.

Please remember sensible shoes!



# VISIT OUR LIBRARY!

Come up to the library where you can share a story or loan a book!

Learn to play a new game in 'Games Corner'.

**NEED HELP WITH BOOMREADER?  
COME TO THE LIBRARY WHERE  
WE WILL BE WAITING TO HELP!**

Every  
Monday  
through  
November and  
December

3:30-4:15



Biscuits available....what are you waiting for?



[WWW.HIGHSTREETACADEMY.ORG](http://WWW.HIGHSTREETACADEMY.ORG)

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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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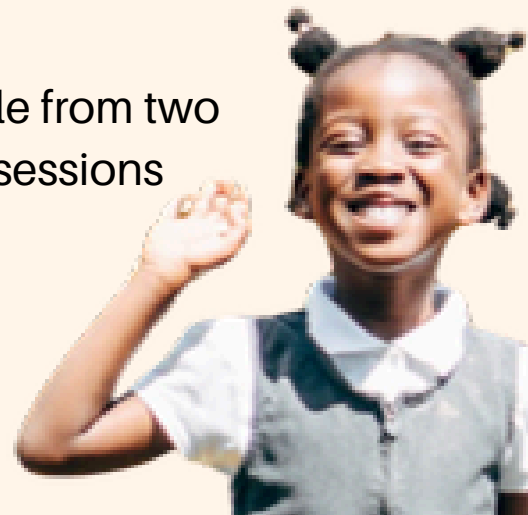


## **IS YOUR CHILD AGED 2-4 YEARS OLD? ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT NURSERY PLACEMENTS?**

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

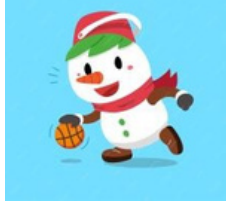
We have fully funded and private spaces available from two  
years old. Offering both morning and afternoon sessions  
during the academic year.

**CALL US TODAY**





# TGS Coaching Holiday Club



If you are looking for somewhere fun, safe and reliable to send your children, so you can get any last-minute Christmas shopping and planning sorted.

TGS Coaching is here for you!

We offer a wide range of activities for your children to enjoy. In the two days we are open your children will be able to take part in dodgeball, gymnastics, outdoor adventure play and many exciting Christmas themed activities, all supervised by qualified, enthusiastic coaches.

Location: High Street Primary Academy School

Address: High Street, Stonehouse, Plymouth, PL1 35J

Dates: Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd December

Times: 9am-3pm

Ages: 5-12 years old

Price: £15

Thanks to funding from Fit & Fed project we can offer 15 FREE spaces to children who receive benefit related free school meals. Your child will also receive free lunch each day they attend.

There is limited spaces F&F meaning they won't last long, so get your child booked in now!

For any additional information contact us at [joshswabey05@gmail.com](mailto:joshswabey05@gmail.com)

To book your place complete the booking form (link found in caption).

