

# HIGH STEET PRIMARY ACADEMY

## Newsletter

5th  
December  
2025

### A Message From Our Head Teacher



As we approach the end of term we are really ramping up our festive activities here at High Street. Next week we have our Year One and Year Two winter performance, "The Seven Little Penguins". I have been hearing them rehearse over the last couple of weeks and I am very excited to watch it in person. We encourage parents of these students to attend and witness their hard work, you can speak to the office team to book tickets or use the QR code on the flyer at the bottom of this newsletter.

On Thursday we have our "Winter Mufti", please remember we appreciate the cost of living and do not expect you to go out and buy new clothing such as Christmas jumpers. We are happy for the children to wear anything winter themed, this could be some warm winter leggings or trousers with a nice thick, cosy jumper. Please use clothing your child already owns. Perhaps they have a lovely warm, handmade jumper they would love to show off, or even just normal clothes with a bit of tinsel!

I am also looking forward to our Christmas Lunch on Thursday, a roast dinner with all the trimming - how yummy. I have also been told there will be a sweet treat or two! The kitchen have asked for pre-orders as much as possible so please complete the form or order with Clare or Rachael. We like to treat the children with table service, so for one day a year they get their meals delivered to them and we do all the clearing up. There are limited lunch options so please talk to the admin team if you need more information.

We will be having our Winter Fayre on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, we have stalls, fun & games and our famous raffle, I have been informed we even have a visit from the big man himself, Father Christmas - book your visit through our Arbor School Shop.

Have the best of weekend, stay warm,

Steph Macdonald

# Reading



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

**Year One- Shukroh, Iris, Chloe, Aya**

**Year Three- Hamdalat, Ozan**

**Year Four- Hamza**

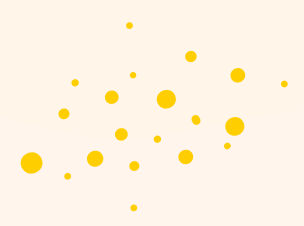
**Year Five- Mustafa, Rani**

**Year Six – Raymond, Rimi, Matthew,  
Rahmadan, Asher, Qayes, Jason.**





# Our Winners...



## CURRICULUM STARS

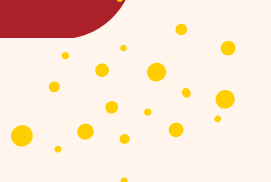
Year One: Miriam

Year Two: Dimitar

Year Four: Oscar W

Year Five: Lyla

Year Six: Kaiden



## ATTENDANCE

Our winners this week are:

**Year Four**

with 95.83%

Well done Year Four!!!!

Whole school : 91.26%

# Pupil Voice

## NURSERY

What a lovely fun filled week we have had in nursery. Our new story this week we enjoyed sharing with the children is “Leaf man” the children enjoyed looking at the pictures in the book and naming what animals they could see made from leaves. We had “cows, turkeys, mice, fish and even a turtle”. The children have enjoyed some festive crafts at the creative table. They loved making their party hats ready for next week.



## YEAR ONE

Year 1 have had another busy week. We have been looking at starting to plan our own winter poems in English. In Maths we have been creating shapes by manipulating other shapes which the children all really enjoyed. We also had a visit from the dentist, it was great to see the children’s recall of information which they had learned when they were in reception and we all know how to take care of our teeth.



# Pupil Voice

## YEAR TWO

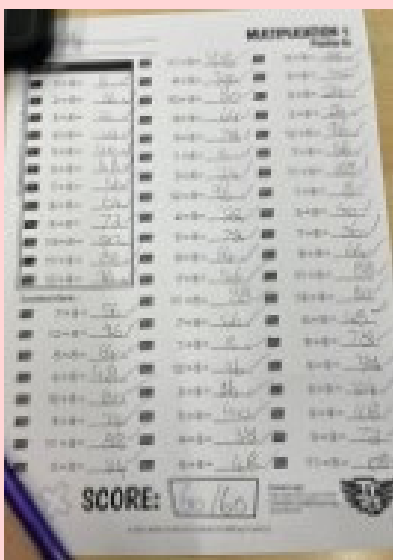
Another busy week of learning in Year Two! The highlight of the week was probably our visit from the fire service where they were able to make links between our history and science lessons, as well as learn about fire safety.

And...setting fire to model houses, as part of a science investigation into everyday materials!



## YEAR FOUR

It's been yet another busy week in Year 4, as we continue to practise our times tables (focusing on the 8-, 3- and 6s this week) and we continue to see great progress from the class, with many learners now achieving 100% in our weekly checks. This is thanks to the amazing effort so many students are making by practising in school and at home on TTRS and even practising 'the old-fashioned way' by writing them down and learning by rote. Let's keep up this marvellous effort, as the work we put in now will pay huge dividends in the future.



# Pupil Voice

## YEAR FIVE

We've had a busy week in Year 5 this week! Within our English unit we're writing our own information texts about Plymouth today and Plymouth during the war.

Within DT we have been looking at a new unit all about Isambard Kingdom Brunel. Can your child tell you what his most famous invention was?

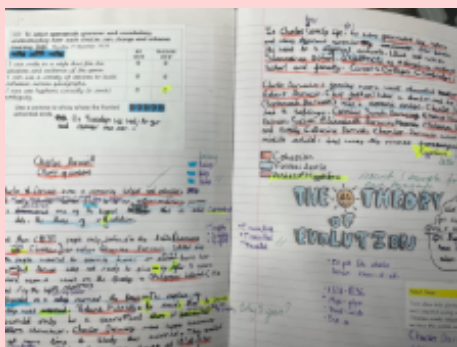
On Tuesday afternoon, we had a guest speaker talk to us all about fire safety, when to call 999 and why smoke detectors are crucial.



## YEAR SIX

A great week of focussed learning, which is remarkable given the long days and nights for half the class last week. We have completed our biographies of Charles Darwin which were an absolute pleasure to read. We're also coming to the end of yet another unit of maths. Speaking of maths, there's been a notable boost with the assessment scores and a growing confidence with the subject. Please keep on encouraging the home learning and times tables practise, it makes a huge difference.

This week's home learning is Maths test 9 on SATS boot camp and 5-10 minutes per day of TT Rockstars.



# 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
<b>CHOICE 1 - H, W</b> Sticky BBQ meatballs served with pasta and veg Allergens: Glu Wh	<b>CHOICE 1 - H</b> Cheese and tomato French bread pizza served with wedges and veg Allergens: Glu W Mi m/c So	All day breakfast choose from: meat or plant based served with a hash brown, beans and veg	<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> Battered fish fillet with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg Allergens: Glu Wh F
<b>CHOICE 2 - H, W, V</b> Cheesy courgette sausage with mash, veg and gravy Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi	<b>CHOICE 2 - H, V</b> Vegetable lasagne served with garlic bread and veg Allergens: Glu Wh Mu Mi m/c E, Bar	Meat option - H Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi  Plant based option - V, VE Allergens: Glu Wh	<b>CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE</b> Katsu vegetable curry bake with roast potatoes and veg Allergens: Glu Wh	<b>CHOICE 2 - W, V, VE</b> Quorn dippers served with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg Allergens: Glu Wh
SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY; BEANS / CHEESE (MI) / TUNA MAYONNAISE (F E) OR A HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE WITH PASTA (For the full allergy information, please refer to our webpage or check with your school)				
<b>DESSERT - H, W, V, VE</b> Date crispy crunch Allergens: Glu Wh Bar m/c Mi So	<b>DESSERT - H, W, V</b> Toffee and apple cake Allergens: Glu Wh E	<b>DESSERT - H, V, VE</b> Fruit platter	<b>DESSERT - H, V</b> Orange butter biscuits Allergens: Glu, Wh E	<b>DESSERT - H, W, V</b> Steamed jam sponge and custard Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi
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. Children alternatives to beef and pork upon request. One meat free day. H = HOME-MADE IN THE KITCHEN, W = WHOLE WHEAT INGREDIENTS, VE = VEGAN DISH, V = VEGETARIAN.

Allergen Key: Gluten (Gl), Barley (Bar), Wheat (Wh), Oats (O), Rye (R), Soya (So), Sulphites (Su), Sesame (Se), Peanuts (P), Mustard (Mu), Molluscs (Mo), Milk (Mi), Eggs (E), Cereals (C), Celery (Ce), Fish (F), Sulfur (S), m/c: May Contain.

 = 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:

**“High Street Primary Academy”**

Here are our upcoming events this term:

**Y1 & Y2 Winter Performance : 10.11.25 & 11.12.25**  
(See flyer below)

**HMS Courageous Visit - 11.12.25**  
(Pupil Parliament students)

**Christmas Lunch : 11.12.25**

**Winter Mufti Day**  
(See flyer below)

**Winter Fayre : 17.12.25**  
(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	
Wednesday		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	20	5	12	19	26		
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



Year One & Year Two  
proudly presents

# THE SEVEN LITTLE PENGUINS



10<sup>th</sup> & 11 December 2025

Doors open : 2pm

Show starts : 2.15pm

Scan the QR code below to book your tickets now!



Refreshments & programmes will be on sale on the day  
(cash only)



# WINTER FAYRE

17TH DECEMBER 2025

3.30pm - 5pm

**FUN & GAMES**

**STALLS**

**REFRESHMENTS**

**SANTA VISIT\***

**RAFFLE**

**SCHOOL LED ACTIVITIES ARE CASH ONLY**

**\*£3.50 PER CHILD, PREBOOKED VISITS ONLY,  
AVAILABLE THROUGH ARBOR SCHOOLSHOP OR AT  
THE ADMIN OFFICE**





# 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.

# 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)

01752 225649



## 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**



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

01752 225649

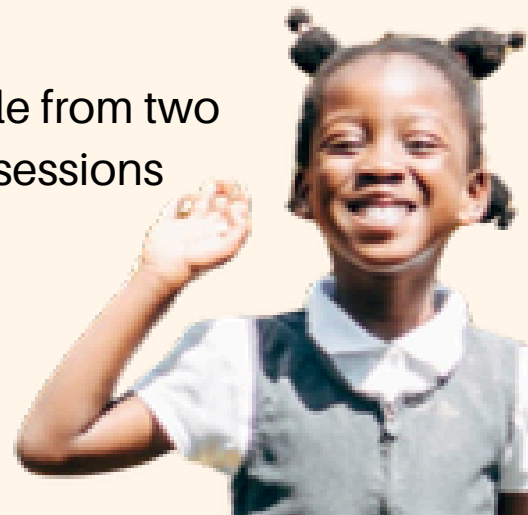


## **IS YOUR CHILD AGED 2-4 YEARS OLD? ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT NURSERY PLACEMENTS?**

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

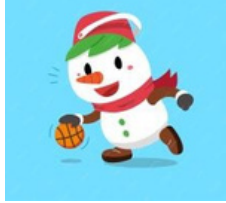
We have fully funded and private spaces available from two  
years old. Offering both morning and afternoon sessions  
during the academic year.

**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).

