

# HIGH STEET PRIMARY ACADEMY

## Newsletter

28th  
November  
2025

### A Message From Our Head Teacher



The only thing I would like to talk about this week is the residential the Year Five and Year Six children have just returned from. As you (hopefully) know, we try to offer residential visits for our KS2 children as we know how brilliant they are in offering children brilliant personal development opportunities. The pupils get a chance to experience 'real life' away from home comforts and they are asked to take part in activities, chores and have lots of fun in the process.

The children have returned today from the visit and all (including the staff) are tired and smelly but also smiling from ear to ear. Ian told me that the head of the trust that runs the farm visited at the end of the week. He said he had been told that our school and our pupils were one of the best groups that have ever visited. As a thank you, he has offered us two more FREE residential visits – how amazing!

I know you will join me in thanking the staff that gave up their own time to support our pupils – Ian, Jess and Katy. Ian said the trip was 'inspirational and transformational' for both staff and pupils – how lovely for all involved.

Have the best of weekends,

Steph Macdonald

# Reading



**This week our D of E students welcomed two new pupils to our drop-in library session! There was lots of laughing (once they finished eating a biscuit or two!) while playing with the story-telling dice! Can we get 3 or more visitors next week?**

**Available every Monday – 3.30- 4.15 -**



**Biscuits, books (on Boom reader!) and board games! What better way to end a Monday!**

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

**Year One- Chloe, Selin**

**Year Two- Elsie, Issac**

**Year Three- Ozan, Lyla**

**Year Four- Paige**

**Year Five- Mustafa, Luna**

**Year Six – Matthew, Qayes, Rimi, Mohammad, Raymond, Abraham, Asher, Fatima, Raniya, Rahmadan, Ilan, Ledjon, Hilma**



# Our Winners...

## CURRICULUM STARS

Year One: Aicha

Year Two: Rayyan

Year Three: Melody-Rae

Year Four: Harley

Year Five: Talia

Year Six: Ledjon



## ATTENDANCE

Our winners this week are:

**Year Six**

with 98.21%

Well done Year Six!!!!

Whole school : 92.32%



# Pupil Voice

## NURSERY

In nursery this week the children have enjoyed listening to the story “The Windy Day” very fitting for the weather this week. The children really enjoyed walking over to the field to fly our dragon kite. They listened to instruction very well, lining up and doing count a down to run with the kite. We waited patiently for the wind to blow and for our kite to take off.



## RECEPTION

Our reception class loved getting out and using the equipment on the playground this week. It was lovely to see them having fun on the bars and being brave to climb on the top of the lookout. I think you can see they all had such great fun. They especially liked getting to pull silly faces at Leea.



# Pupil Voice

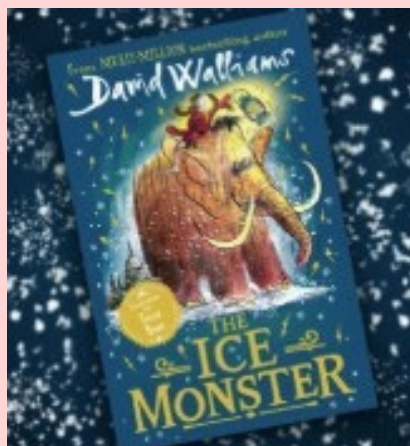
## YEAR ONE

In Year 1 we have been busy writing our own versions of the story Stickman. These have been great to read with some wonderful imagination from the children. In Maths we have begun to look at shape. In science we plunged ourselves into darkness to help understand how we have day and night. We have been focussing a lot of our time on our winter show with less than two weeks until we can showcase our hard work. We have sent home letters regarding what each child should wear if you did not get your letter, please let us know.



## YEAR TWO

Year Two have had another productive week, where we have planned and written diary entries, imagining we were alive during the great Fire of London! The children were practising their use of the progressive past tense, while trying to include incorporating facts learnt in the History lessons! We have also continued with our daily DEAR book - 'The Ice Monster' by David Walliams. Have you been reading at home? What texts - remember to log that reading on Boom Reader.



# Pupil Voice

## YEAR THREE

This week, we've written fantastic diary entries, in character as the 'Windmill Farmer'. We've explored the climate of the UK and compared it to different climate zones around the world, we've investigated why certain objects make shadows, and we've even designed our own moving picture mechanisms!



## YEAR FOUR

Another great week of learning has taken place in Year 4 as we build towards our 'prove-it' statements in Geography and Science and prepare for our Pizza making! It promises to be an exciting end to the Autumn term.

We carried out an investigation so see how temperature affected melting and the results were conclusive. We also discussed why high temperature causes faster melting, starting conversations about atoms and energy that will continue into secondary school. Please keep practising on TTRS and log all reading on Boomreader.



# Pupil Voice

## YEAR FIVE

We've had a lovely week in year 5 practicing our symmetry and gymnastics in physical education. Within our maths we have been using our prior knowledge to understand which method we need to use to answer number questions.



## YEAR SIX

This week, while half of the class embarked on the exciting residential trip, the children who stayed behind had an equally fantastic time at school. They have been getting creative and working on their narrative writing skills by crafting alternative plots for Tim Burton's "The Nightmare Before Christmas." In these imaginative stories, Jack Skellington discovers a new door leading to a land that the children have uniquely designed. The students were enthusiastic and enjoyed bringing their inventive ideas to life through their writing! A copy of their work will be coming home with them as they are excited to share their stories.



# 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 2

W/C: MONDAY 10TH NOV, 1ST DEC, 5TH JAN, 26TH JAN, 23RD FEB, 16TH MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H</b></p> <p>Crispy chicken served with seasoned wedges and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh Bar E m/c So Mi</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H, W</b></p> <p>Creamy chicken and tomato pasta bake served with veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh Mi</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H, W, V</b></p> <p>Cheese and tomato pizza served with potato wedges and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu, Wh, So, Mi</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H</b></p> <p>Roast gammon with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, veg and gravy</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - W</b></p> <p>Salmon bites served with fresh chips or wholewheat pasta and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu, Wh, F</p>
<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, V</b></p> <p>Homemade vegetable moussaka served with veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh Mi Ce Mu So</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, VE</b></p> <p>Vegetable curry and rice served with veg</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE</b></p> <p>Mexican vegan cheese and bean quesadilla served with wedges and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh O</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE</b></p> <p>Vegetarian sausage with vegetable casserole and roast potatoes</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh Ce m/c Bar</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, W, V</b></p> <p>Cheese wheels with fresh chips or wholewheat pasta and veg</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh Mi Mu</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, V, W</b></p> <p>Blueberry cake</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh E Bar</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H, V, VE</b></p> <p>Cornish fairings biscuit with fruit</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H, V, VE</b></p> <p>Fruit platter</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H, V, W</b></p> <p>Banana cookies</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh E</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H, V, W</b></p> <p>Vanilla and chocolate marble cake with custard</p> <p>Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi m/c Bar</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. Children allergic to beef and pork upon request. One meat free day. H = HOME-MADE IN THE KITCHEN, W = WHOLE WHEAT INGREDIENTS, VE = VEGAN DESH, V = VEGETARIAN.

Allergen Key: Gluten (Glu), Barley (Bar), Wheat (Wh), Oats (O), Rye (R), Soya (So), Sulphites (Su), Sesame (Se), Peanuts (P), Mustard (Mu), Molluscs (Mo), Milk (M), Nuts (N), Eggs (E), Crustaceans (C), Cider (Ck), Fish (F), Lupin (L), 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:**

**Y5 & Y2 - Fire Service Visit : 02.12.25**

**Y1 & Y2 Winter Performance : 10.11.25 & 11.12.25**

**Winter Fayre : 17.12.25**

**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		

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

Public Holiday    
  School Holiday    
  School Inset Day



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**



# 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.

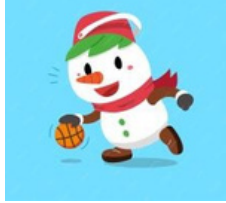
We have fully funded and private spaces available from two  
years old. Offering both morning and afternoon sessions  
during the academic year.

**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).

