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**HIGHAM ON THE HILL
CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Rise

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Friendship, Respect, Hope, Truthfulness, Wisdom, Forgiveness

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Autumn Term Opportunities

Our Autumn term is full of extra opportunities and events to keep us busy until Christmas.

The PFA's post-Halloween sweets amnesty box will be in our reception area from Monday. Please remember that we are a completely NUT FREE school - if in doubt, leave it out! 😊

Next Friday the annual SCHOOL DISCO will be held from 3:00 - 4:30. Class 1 & 2 will be invited to come to school in their own clothes, ready to party. Class 3 will still be going swimming so they will need to come in PE kit and then will be given the opportunity to change when they are back at school. The £4 entry and permission forms need to be in by Monday 3rd November. Children will need to be collected at 4:30 from the front of school as normal.

We have our church collective worship on Friday 14th November: please feel free to join us as the collective worship team will lead at 2:45. All children will need to be collected from church at 3pm. This will coincide with our GREAT HIGHAM CHILDREN IN NEED BAKEOFF so bring your pennies to buy some cakes.

On Friday 28th November, we would like to invite you in to school in the morning to make a Christmas decoration with your child. This will be followed by a whole school CHRISTINGLE service at the church at 10am. The children will return to school, and you will be able to take the Christingle and decoration home with you, ready in time for the first Advent Sunday.

On Friday 5th December, we will be holding our annual SANTA FUN RUN to raise money for the Rainbows Hospice. More details will follow about how to help us raise funds.

Work share will be on Friday 12th December: come and see the fabulous work that your children have been doing at 2:30pm.

On Tuesday 16th December, we will hold our Nativity Service at the church at 10am to which you are all cordially invited.

Keeping Your Children Safe This Halloween

Halloween can be an exciting time of year for children — dressing up, collecting treats, and enjoying the spooky fun after dark!

But while Halloween is meant to be full of frights and fun, there are some real-life scares that families will want to avoid.

Please use the link below for top tips on having a safe and memorable Halloween with your children. 🧛‍♀️ 🍂

[How to keep children safe this Halloween | 12 top tips](#)

Remembrance Day 🌹

Our school council will be selling poppies on behalf of the Royal British Legion from Monday next week. We will be marking Remembrance Day at 11.00am on Tuesday 11th November with a special collective worship led by the children and our choir.

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Nut Free School

Just a friendly reminder that we are a nut-free school. We currently have children with nut allergies, so it is very important that no nut products are brought into school, this includes any sandwich spreads that would include nuts, like Nutella.

We truly appreciate your continued support in helping us keep our school a safe environment for all children.

Welly Donations Needed!

Our Reception children love exploring the outdoors, whatever the weather! We're currently looking for donations of children's wellies. If you have any spare pairs at home that your child has outgrown, we'd be delighted to give them a new life here at school.



Class 1

What a fantastic first half term for Class 1! Our Reception children have settled in brilliantly, learning routines and classroom norms quickly, and already showing themselves to be true superstars!

Our Year 1 and 2 children have been busy with some brilliant learning too — they really enjoyed their Victorian week in History and have been exploring Henri Rousseau in Art, creating some wonderful, creative pieces.

This half term promises even more excitement! We'll be building on all the progress they've made, exploring new topics, and enjoying fun activities as we approach Christmas. There's so much to look forward to, and we can't wait to see the children continue to shine!

If you have any questions about what your child will be learning this half term, please feel free to get in touch at lharris@higham.risemat.co.uk

Class 2

Goodness me where did the first half term go? I can't believe we are already at the end of October and ready to head into the colder months (not to mention Chr... - which we don't say until December in Class 2!)

The children have been amazing in the first half term. The Year 4 children have helped the Year 3s settle into our classroom routines. Everyone is really showing the fantastic behaviour that we always expect at Higham, I am so proud of all of the hard work the children have been putting in.

We have lots to look forward to this half term. We will be holding a Remembrance collective Worship on the 11th November, Odd Sock Day when we launch Anti-bullying week as well as many other events.

As always thank you for your support; reading with you children, helping them with their homework and coming to parents evenings, it is great that we can work together to make sure all of our children flourish and succeed.

If you need to contact me and don't get a chance to speak to me on the playground, you can always email at sevans@higham.risemat.co.uk.

Dates for your diary

Dates in red are when parents/carers are invited to attend.

This half term:

Thursday 13th November – Diabetes awareness – Children are welcome to wear Blue

Friday 14th November – Children in Need

Monday 17th November - EYFS Open day for 2026 New Starters – 3.30pm

Wednesday 19th November – Reception and KS1 Phonics drops in – 8:30am

Friday 28th November – Christingle – 10am

Thursday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 12th December – Parent Workshare – 2.30pm

Tuesday 16th December – Christmas Nativity Story – 10am

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Further ahead:

Friday 6th February – Parent Workshare - 2.30pm

Wednesday 4th March – Parents Evening

Thursday 5th March – Parents Evening

Friday 20th March – Parent Workshare - 2.30pm

Tuesday 24th March – Easter Church Service – 10am

Friday 15th May – Parent Workshare - 2.30pm

Tuesday 30th June – Leavers Service – 10am

Friday 3rd July – Parent Workshare (Book Collection Only) - 2.45pm