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HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friendship, Respect, Hope, Truthfulness, Wisdom, Forgiveness

12th February 2026

Wishing you all a marvellous half term

As we reach the end of this half term, I would like to take a moment to celebrate all that our pupils have achieved over the past few weeks. It has been a busy and productive start to the year, filled with exciting learning opportunities, creative projects and memorable experiences across the school.

Our children have shown enthusiasm, resilience and kindness in their classrooms, on the playground and in our wider community. From developing their reading and writing skills to exploring new concepts in maths, science and the wider curriculum, they continue to impress us with their curiosity and determination.

Thank you to our staff for their dedication and to our families for your ongoing support with homework, reading and school events.

We are incredibly proud of the positive attitudes our pupils demonstrate each day. We finished our half term with a much-loved and enjoyed "vertical" scavenger hunt: children in mixed age teams and have to find representations of things in our school. It is a truly special activity that always embodies and shows "The Higham Way": children supporting one another (often in surprising ways), having fun and learning together, expressing their individuality whilst retaining a sense of belonging and living out our values.

I hope you all enjoy a well-earned break, and return refreshed and ready for another fantastic half term of learning and growth.



SenCo Coffee Morning

Please note that our next coffee morning will take place **on Friday 13th March 2026, from 8:30am to 9:15am.**

This session will focus on supporting your child with transitions to and from school. It's an informal get-together, and everyone is very welcome to come along.

Enjoy a coffee and a slice of cake while Mrs Harris, our school SENCO, shares helpful ideas for supporting your child with self-regulation before and after the school day.

If you have any questions about this session, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Parents Evening

Parents evening is now live on Arbor.

Please log on to your account to ensure you have booked a space. Parents evening will be held on Wednesday 4th March and Thursday 5th March. Please note, if your child is in reception appointments will only be available on Thursday 5th March. If you have any issues, please contact the school office via email (office@higham.risemat.co.uk) or phone (01455 212294).



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Children's Mental Health Week

This week was **Children's Mental Health Week**.

This year's theme, chosen by the national charity Place2Be, is **"this is my place."**

The theme encourages children to think about the places where they feel they belong.

A sense of belonging is essential for children's wellbeing. When children feel accepted at home, in school, and in their communities, it helps them to:

- build confidence and self-esteem
- regulate their emotions
- feel safer and more connected
- develop resilience
- stay engaged in learning and relationships



Our Anti-Bullying Team led a fabulous and informative Worship on Wednesday, supported by SCARF (our PSHE curriculum) and Mrs Ecob. SCARF stands for Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, and Friendship—five essential values that support our children's mental health and wellbeing. On Thursday, to mark the end of our week, children and adults came in wearing lots of different scarves as a representation of our individuality – as well as reminding us that it's important to remember our Mental Health – just as much as our physical health.



Class 1 talked about the 5 essential values and how they live them out:



If you are worried about your child's mental health and wellbeing, visit <https://lptnhs.com/SupportForParents> to find out more.

Please reach out if you are concerned about your child's mental health, whether through school or other local services, support is available.

Class 1 Phonics drop in

We are delighted to invite you to join us for a special drop-in session on **Wednesday 11th March at 8:30am**.

This is a wonderful opportunity to see phonics teaching in action and gain practical ideas to support your child's learning at home.

If you would like to attend, please log in to **Arbor** to sign up.

We look forward to welcoming you!

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Attendance

Attendance is important because it helps students stay on track with their learning and maintain continuity throughout the year. We would like to share with you the class attendance for the year so far and for this term so far. Please see the information below, and we encourage you to share it with your children to emphasise the importance of good attendance.

Class	Year so far
1	95.74 %
2	96.59 %
3	97.24 %



Class	Spring Term
1	94.29 %
2	94.38 %
3	97.08 %

PFA Chocolate Bingo

The PFA are holding a chocolate bingo on **Friday 27th February, 3 – 4pm.**

Please ensure you have handed your consent form in to the school office.

If you do not have a copy, please contact the school office and they will be happy to provide one.



Dates for your diary

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

This half term:

Thursday 26th February – PE Workshare – 2:30pm

Wednesday 4th March – Parents Evening

Thursday 5th March – Parents Evening

Friday 6th March – World Book Day

Friday 13th March – SendCo Coffee Morning

Friday 20th March – Red Nose Day

Friday 20th March – Workshare - 2.30pm

Wednesday 25th March – Class 3 Residential Trip

Tuesday 24th March – Easter Church Service – 10am

Further ahead:

Wednesday 15th April – Year 1/2 Faith Trip

Thursday 16th April – KS2 Faith Trip

Thursday 23rd April – Yr 4 Rise Voices

Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May – SATS

Friday 15th May – Workshare - 2.30pm

Tuesday 30th June – Leavers Service – 10am

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