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HIGHAM ON THE HILL
CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter Autumn Edition 1 - 2026

Friendship, Respect, Hope, Truthfulness, Wisdom, Forgiveness

Friday 28th August 2026

Welcome

A very warm welcome back to all our children, families, and staff as we begin a new year together. I hope you have all enjoyed a restful break and are returning refreshed and ready for the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

I would like to extend a particularly special welcome to the new families joining our school community this term. We are delighted that you have chosen to become part of our school family, and we look forward to getting to know you and supporting your children as they grow, learn, and flourish with us.

This half term, our Christian value is **Friendship**. Friendship is a precious gift from God and is at the heart of a caring and respectful community. In the Bible, Jesus reminds us of the importance of loving one another and being good friends through kindness, compassion, encouragement, and forgiveness. Throughout the coming weeks, we will be exploring how we can build positive relationships, show respect for others, and support one another both in and out of the classroom. As always, we are incredibly proud of our pupils and the way they demonstrate our values every day. By working together as a school family, we can continue to create a nurturing environment where everyone feels welcomed, valued, and able to achieve their very best. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. I look forward to another wonderful half term filled with learning, friendship, and opportunities to grow in faith and character. To find out what is going on in and around our school, please make sure that you follow us on Instagram:

highamprimary

We will be posting information about what's happening in our school day to day: you will be able to have an insight to what it is like to be a student here. Our school newsletter will be published every **two** weeks. If you would like to find out about your child's timetable, please visit the class pages on our school website. If you would like to find out about our curriculum, please visit the class pages and the curriculum pages of our website. To help make sure that all communication runs smoothly, please follow the communication protocol attached. If in doubt, email the office: office@higham.risemat.co.uk.



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.

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

PFA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The PFA would like to give notice of the AGM of the Parents and Friends of Higham on the Hill C of E Primary school, to be held on **Monday 21st September 2026**. The meeting will start at 2:30pm with the PFA Annual General Meeting, at Higham on the Hill C of E Primary School, Main Street, Higham on the Hill, CV13 6AJ. The PFA plays a vital part in the school community and all parents, as members of the PFA, are invited to support the AGM. This is your chance to hear and see how the funds you have helped to raise have been used for the benefit of the children/students at our school.

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The AGM is also an opportunity for you to elect the PFA Committee, who represent the association throughout the forthcoming year. Nominations should be sent in advance of the AGM for anyone wishing to stand as an Officer or Ordinary Committee Member, for the first time. Existing committee members wishing to stand for re election do not have to be nominated again but should inform the PFA of their intention to stay in their role.

If you would like any further information about being a Committee Member, please speak to Ruth Wood PFA Chair), Marlene Partington (Secretary) or Amy Blaney (Treasurer).

PE Days

On your child's PE days, they should come to school in their PE kit:

- white t-shirt (optional with the school logo)
- plain black shorts, leggings or tracksuit trousers
- plain black sweatshirt – or the school sweatshirt / cardigan
- plain trainers or plimsolls Please remove earrings before school and ensure that hair is tied back.

Children will be asked to remove wrist watches and any small objects and chains of religious significance or medical necessity.

PE days are as follows:

Class 1 (Reception) – Tuesdays

Class 2 (Year 1 & 2) – Tuesdays

Class 3 (Year 3 & 4) – Tuesdays

Class 4 (Year 5 & 6) - Wednesdays

Attendance

Attendance is important because it helps children 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	School Year
1	99.33%
2	92.76%
3	98.95%
4	95.81%



Class	Autumn Term 1
1	99.33%
2	92.76%
3	98.95%
4	95.81%

Class 1

A very warm welcome to all our new children and families joining the EYFS Foundation Stage. We are delighted that you are becoming part of our school family and look forward to sharing this exciting journey with you. Starting school is a wonderful milestone, filled with new experiences, friendships, and opportunities to learn and grow. Our Early Years team is committed to providing a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment where every child feels happy, valued, and confident. Through play, exploration, and discovery, children will develop the skills they need to become enthusiastic and independent learners. We understand that starting school can bring a mixture of excitement and nervousness, both for children and parents. Please be assured that our caring staff are here to support you every step of the way. We cannot wait to welcome you through our doors, get to know you, and help your child flourish during their first year with us. We look forward to a fantastic year ahead together!

Class 2

Mrs Harris and the Class 2 team are looking forward to a fun-filled half term. The children have made a wonderful start, particularly with their handwriting. Each morning begins with gross and fine motor activities, which the children are really enjoying. We are focusing on letter formation and number formation at the start of every English lesson. In writing, the class are exploring *How to Catch a Star*, retelling the story and thinking carefully about punctuation to build clear, accurate sentences. Developing strong transcription skills remains a key priority. Phonics has restarted with great enthusiasm, helped along by our new whiteboards and black pencils. Class 2 have begun learning/revisiting the AY sound. In Maths, we are strengthening our understanding of place value, practising counting forwards and backwards and forming numbers correctly.

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Our foundation subjects are full of exciting learning too—from exploring the local area in Geography to experimenting with colour wheels in Art. PE will take place every Tuesday, and on Wednesdays at 2:45pm parents and carers are warmly invited to come in and listen to the children read. Please keep an eye out for upcoming phonics-session dates.

Class 3

Hope you all spotted the new name! Welcome back! I hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday and managed to stay cool in the very hot weather we had. I always enjoy my holidays, but by the time the nearly 6 weeks are over, I am looking forward to getting back to school and seeing all of the children's smiling faces! I am excited to be working with the Year 4's who I know will help and support the Year 3 children who are making the step up (in school terms) to KS2. I really like the autumn term as the trees start changing colour and we look forward to Harvest time and all of the other changes that we see around us in nature. This year Rise have changed the Pupil Charter a little so it means the WHOLE of Class 3 will be learning the songs and attending the choral event (in April 2027 – can't wait to hear what songs we will be learning). Don't worry Year 3's you won't miss out on the Sports Event, you will get a chance to take part when you are Year 4! 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.

Class 4

A very warm welcome back to all our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils! We hope you have had a wonderful summer break and enjoyed spending time with family and friends, trying new activities, and making happy memories. As we begin a new school year, we are excited to see your smiling faces and hear all about your adventures. The Autumn Term is always a special time. It brings new opportunities, new challenges, and new experiences. Whether you are starting Year 5 or beginning your final year in primary school in Year 6, this is your chance to make the most of every day, work hard, and be proud of all that you achieve. This term, you will be exploring exciting topics, developing new skills, and taking on greater responsibilities. There will be opportunities to work creatively, solve problems, collaborate with others, and challenge yourselves in ways that help you grow both academically and personally. Remember, success is not just about getting things right straight away. It is about trying your best, learning from mistakes, and never giving up when things become difficult. Every challenge is an opportunity to learn something new. This year, let's aim to be curious, courageous, and caring. Let us support one another, celebrate our achievements, and create a school community where everyone feels valued and included – really show off the Higham Way. We cannot wait to see what you will accomplish over the coming months. Let's make this Autumn Term a brilliant one filled with learning, laughter, friendship, and success. If you need to contact us and don't get a chance to speak to catch us on the playground, you can always email at office@higham.risemat.co.uk and the message will be passed on.

Uniform

We respectfully ask all parents to support our school uniform policy and ensure that each child is sent to school dressed appropriately in smart attire.

Our daily school uniform is:

- red sweatshirt or cardigan with a school logo
- a white shirt or polo shirt
- black or grey school trousers, pinafore, knee-length skirt or shorts
- black school shoes

Our PE uniform (to be worn all day on PE days):

- white t-shirt (with the school logo)
- plain black shorts, leggings or tracksuit trousers
- plain black sweatshirt

If you need any help with these items, or would like to help the environment by using some of our pre-loved uniform, please contact Mrs Stretton in the office.

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery to school.

Exceptions are made for:

- Wrist watches - not smart watches
- Small earring studs in pierced ears - not hoops

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- Small objects of religious significance or medical necessity.

We do ask the children to either remove these objects during PE, games, and swimming, or not wear them on PE days.

Please ensure that all your children's uniform has their name clearly marked/written to ensure that we reduce lost uniform.

Relish instructions & Milk

 **Reminder to Parents:** Please ensure you are ordering your child's meals through the Relish portal. Meals can be ordered for the whole term in advance, and you will be notified of any menu changes.

If you would like your child to receive milk while at school, please register them using the following link: www.coolmilk.com. Remember every child under the age of five is entitled to FREE school milk.

Dates for your diary

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

This half term:

Tuesday 1st September - Individual School Photographs

Wednesday 2nd September – Reading with Children 2:45pm (Class 1 & 2)

Monday 21st September – AGM Meeting – 2:30pm

Friday 16th October – Inset Day – school is closed

Monday 19th October School closed for Half Term

Further ahead:

Friday 2nd October– Parent Early Reading in the Hall 8:30am