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HIGHAM ON THE HILL
CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter Autumn Edition 2 - 2026

Friendship, Respect, Hope, Truthfulness, Wisdom, Forgiveness

Friday 11th September 2026

Class 1 & 2 Reading

Reading is vital for our children because it helps them develop language, imagination, and curiosity. By listening to stories, children learn new words, sentence patterns, and ways of expressing ideas.

Books also build concentration and memory, as children follow events and characters across a story. Reading together supports strong relationships between children and adults, creating special moments of connection. Stories introduce children to different cultures, ideas, and experiences, broadening their understanding of the world. Most importantly, reading nurtures a lifelong love of learning and gives children the skills they need to succeed in school and beyond.

We love reading at Higham! We would like to invite parents and carers of Class 1 & 2 children into their classrooms on **Wednesday at 2:45** to read with children. Teachers will be on hand for advice.

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

School admissions applications for September 2027 are now open

Please make sure you apply on time to give your child the best chance of getting a place at one of your preferred schools.

Things you need to know:

Secondary School applications

- Apply by 31st October 2026 if your child is moving up to a secondary school.
- Apply online using the parent portal (you'll need to create an account if it's your first time)
- Choose at least 3-5 schools, including your catchment school. Remember- naming one school does not increase your child's chances. If we cannot offer your preference, your child may be allocated a school some distance away.
- Check the order of preferences carefully before submitting your application.
- If you make changes later, always RESUBMIT your form.
- Visit open days, check school websites, and think about how your child would get to school each day.

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Primary School applications

- Apply by 15th January 2027 if your child is starting school for the first time.
- Applications are also made online through the Parent Portal.
- Choose at least 3-5 schools, including your catchment school.
- Use the Guide to Education (insert link) for details of schools and admissions

Key Dates for your Diary

- 31st October 2026 – Secondary application deadline.
- 15th January 2027 – Primary application deadline.
- 3rd March 2027 – Secondary National Offer Day.
- 16th April 2027 – Primary National Offer Day.

To make things easier for you, download the step-by-step school admissions checklist here. Applying on time and including your catchment school gives your child the very best chance of a successful school place.

Please make parent portal a hyperlink: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/apply-for-a-school-place/parent-portal-for-school-applications>

Checklist: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2025-08/school-admissions-checklist.pdf>

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.

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).

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	99.52%
2	95.32%
3	99.25%
4	96.08%



Class	Autumn Term 1
1	99.52%
2	95.32%
3	99.25%
4	96.08%

Current Vacancies

Due to the continued growth of our school, we have a number of vacancies available. This is a fantastic opportunity to join a dedicated team focused on providing the very best education and support for our children.

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We're looking for people who share our commitment to helping every child flourish and succeed. If someone comes to mind, please let them know about these opportunities.

Teacher - <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/141468/EDV-2026-HCEPS-04264>

LSA - <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/141468/EDV-2026-HCEPS-00939>

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

This half term:

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

Friday 25th September – Class 4 Swimming – First Session

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

Friday 9th October – Young People Minds – Wear something Yellow

Wednesday 14th October – Church Service – Harvest – 10am

Friday 16th October – Inset Day – school is closed

Monday 19th October School closed for Half Term

Further ahead:

Friday 18th December – Class 4 Swimming – Last Session

Wednesday 16th December – Church Service – Christmas – 10am

Friday 5th February – Collective Worship at Church – 2:45pm

Wednesday 17th March – Church Service – Easter – 10am

Friday 28th May – Collective Worship at Church – 2:45pm