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Newsletter

Highwood Primary School Issue no.53

'Where Individuals Matter'

Dear Parents/Carers,

Academisation discussions

I wanted to update you with some ongoing discussions that Highwood's governing body has been having in relation to academisation.

Recently, the Department for Education released their latest white paper '**Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for all.**' In this document, it was made clear that by 2030 all schools are expected to be in 'A strong family of schools' through Academies and Multi-Academy Trusts (MATs).

An academy school is a state funded school that is directly funded by the government, but is independent of local authority control. A MAT operates more than one academy school and uses the combined expertise within the organisation to develop school improvement and be efficient in how they use their financial resources together.

Since the white paper announcement, Highwood's Governing Body have been actively seeking information from a wide variety of organisations to aid us in choosing the right family of schools for us to join. One of the most exciting opportunities that we have explored is the creation of a new MAT with local schools.

Highwood has already been working closely with local schools through an informal partnership called 'The Schools Learning Alliance' (SLA). Highwood has been a member of the SLA for just over two years, working on school improvement strategies and professional development for staff. This has involved sharing effective practice, creating staff networks and taking part in subject reviews in all of our schools. This was hugely beneficial in the build up to our OFSTED inspection in December.

We have now opened a dialogue with a small number of the schools from within the SLA to discuss the creation of a new Multi Academy Trust and the opportunities this may present. We are excited at the prospect of being a founder school in a new Trust as this will allow us to be in charge of our own destiny and will make sure everything that makes Highwood the school it is will be protected.

Highwood is in the very early stages of these conversations, and when the time is right we will tell you more details and consult with all of our stakeholders properly.

I hope you enjoy the contents of the newsletter and take a much needed break over the Summer.

Thank you for your support.

Matt Hickey

Head Teacher



Governing Body News

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Well done for another successful school year! (Give yourselves a round of applause!)

Anyone who has been observing the Government in the last few years, has seen the amount of change regarding their recommendations about Education. The School Leadership Team and the Governing Body, have been working in partnership to understand what that means for Highwood.

In Mr Hickey's newsletter piece, he has explained the Department of Education's white paper '**Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for all**', which states that by 2030 all schools are expected to be in 'A strong family of schools' using a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) model to achieve this.

We have spent this academic year speaking to existing MATs and organisations to obtain information for Highwood to choose the right family of schools to join. We are excited about the prospect of creating a new MAT with like-minded local schools, which allows Highwood to be responsible for our own future. We are in the initial stages of these discussions, continuing to gather information, so we can hold meetings with the school community in the new academic year.

All change...we would like to say goodbye to some old friends:

Mr Dharmesh Modi, who ended his term earlier this year. Mr Modi's knowledge and experience in Construction was highly valued during the school's building extension over the past few years. Also as a parent governor, he regularly kept us updated with queries from our parent community.

Mrs Beth Rowland, who has been a Highwood Governor for almost 25 years!! Mrs Rowland has recently been appointed as Deputy Mayor and is taking a larger role within Wokingham Council. We have really appreciated her help and support over the years and look forward to future collaborations in her new capacity.

... but also welcome new members to our team:

Mrs Ravindran, as a parent governor. She has experience as a governor from another school, so we appreciate her fresh perspective joining the team.

Dr Love, as a co-opted governor. She has been shadowing the governors for the past year, so she has observed all our board meetings and committees. She decided to step up into contributing to our group, so the Full Governing Body (FGB) voted her in as co-opted governor this term.

Finally, the Governing Body would like to recognise:

The whole school team – Highwood's remarkable professionals are a credit to the school and our community. Thank you for maintaining stability and encouraging the children every day.

The parents and carers – Thank you for all your support. We know it's not been easy with the constant change in the world around us.

All of Highwood's children – Well done on another year, you've worked hard and so enjoy the summer break!

Best Wishes from the Highwood Governors



Foundation 1 News

Miss Nunn

Mrs Alleyne, Mrs Vanka, Miss Mair, Mrs Bailey & Miss Finch

Welcome to our Foundation 1 News. We have had a great Summer Term in F1. We have continued our topic which is **'How are all animals different?'** and have been busy getting our older children ready for their move to Reception.

We had a special class guest this half term from Miss Nunn's tortoise, Hector. The children loved being able to handle him and help to look after him. All the children were confident to hold Hector and were fascinated to learn about what he eats and where he came from.



The children have continued participating in lots of animal based activities while learning about our topic. They have made animal masks, looked for creatures in the garden and we also had our animal dress up day!

As the weather has been warming up the children have engaged in lots of water play to keep us cool, both indoors and out. We have explored water channelling, washing the babies and even had a nice cool foot spa!



SPORTS DAY!

The F1 children participated in their first sports day and we all had a fantastic time. The children joined in with lots of different races. They all listened so well and showed really good teamwork skills by cheering each other on. All the children won a medal for their participation. Well done F1, you were amazing on your first sports day and thank you to all the parents that came to support!

The children have enjoyed playing in the new role play camping area. Thank you to all parents that made donations towards this, the children have really enjoyed it and have learnt so much about what it would be like to go camping in real life.



A message from Miss Nunn:

I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to all the children and many families that I have worked with, not only this year, but for the last 5 years! I have had an absolute blast teaching nursery at Highwood and I am sad to be saying goodbye.

From myself and the nursery team, we would like to wish all the children moving to F2 the best of luck, we will all miss you very much but we know you will continue to be amazing. I hope all the children and their families have a great summer and best wishes for the next academic year and beyond!

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter to see what we are up to each week! @HighwoodPrimFS1



Foundation Stage 2 News

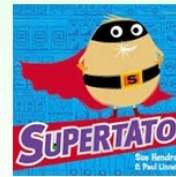
Mrs Parker and Miss Hargreaves

Mrs Newham, Miss Mair, Miss Webb, Mrs Alleyne, Miss Poulton

Who are our local heroes?

Welcome to the Foundation Stage Newsletter for the second half of the summer term!

We have been looking at superheroes in stories, like 'Supertato' and 'Superworm'. The children were able to write the lovely story of 'Superworm' and then they enjoyed making their own Supertato comics.



We all had great fun on our super hero day, designing their own 'Super vegetable'. Everyone enjoyed the activities on offer, such as making masks, superhero art and lots of games!!



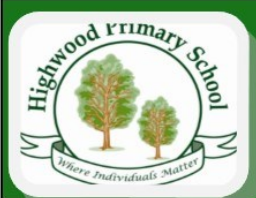
In maths the children have been mastering number! We were introduced to some new resources called Rekenrek counting frames. It is a really fun way to show our understanding of numbers, such as one more and one less; doubles; halves and number bonds to 10.



PE is always a highlight of the week! This half-term they have focussed on athletics and cricket skills. Mr Edwards has been so impressed with their effort and enthusiasm for these sports.



Thank you for your support this half term. The children have been absolutely brilliant and we are all very proud of them. Enjoy the summer holidays.



Year 1 News - Summer 2

Mrs Garner, Mrs Gill, Miss Hughes
Mrs Butler, Mrs Rudroju, Mrs Turnbull, Mrs Kearney

Which animal would you invite for tea?

Science and PSHE

This term we have been learning a lot about plants. We have looked at what plants need to grow and the functions of different parts of the plant. In PSHE, we have looked at how to eat healthily and what a balanced plate would look like for our tea party.



English

Our main text this term has been 'Six Dinner Sid'. We have loved exploring how cheeky Sid is and creating some fantastic word banks to describe him. We have worked hard to mix the 'Tiger Who Came For Tea' and 'Six Dinner Sid' together to create a new story. We loved acting out our stories in a puppet show!



Maths

In Maths we have been working really hard to develop our measuring skills. We have practiced measuring length, height, mass and capacity, doing lots of practical lessons to help us visualise the units. We have learnt about positions and how things have been turned. We loved making a treasure map. In mental maths, we have been using Rekenreks to help us with composition, which has helped us to remember all of our number bonds.



Computing

We have started using the laptops in computing this term, working with both the touchpad and a wired mouse. This was challenging at first but we showed great perseverance to learn what the buttons do and how to double click so we can save and retrieve our work. We were also able to use the laptops to look at some live wildlife webcams.



Check out our Twitter feeds at;
@HighWoodPrimIG (Mrs Gill/Mrs Garner)
@HighWoodPrimIH (Miss Hughes)



Year 2 News - Summer 2



Miss Amor, Miss Bolger

Mrs Long, Mrs Tiwari, Mrs Moore, Mrs Nandakumara, Mrs Platt

What a year it has been! Whilst we are sad that the children are moving on to Year 3, we can't help but celebrate all the wonderful memories we have created together. We wish the children all the best for their new adventures in Year 3!

What could go in our Best British Banquet?

English

The children really connected well with the nonsense world of Wonderland



for our last piece of writing. We loved acting out the story then we got creative and changed the setting of the Mad Hatter's tea party to the Mad Hatter's Banquet, complete with snake sandwiches and flying cooked turkeys!

Whole Class Reading

To say that we have enjoyed reading 'Fantastic Mr Fox' would be an understatement because we have been on the edge of our seats with each new chapter! We had many amazing discussions around the controversial topic of heroes and villains!

Maths

We spent much of the term recapping concepts and challenging ourselves with higher-order questions. Now we love a 'Solve' question!

DT

We continued our 'growing' journey with a really informative and enjoyable trip



to the Reading Road Allotments. To prepare for our Best British Banquet, we practised many skills such as peeling, grating and chopping.

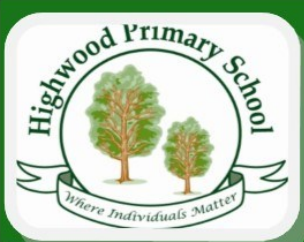
Finally, we created a healthy plate!



Art

Inspired by Giuseppe Arcimboldo, we created masterpieces out of fruit and vegetables!





Year 3 News

Mrs Hartgrove, Miss Bicheno & Dr Read

How can we help protect our planet?

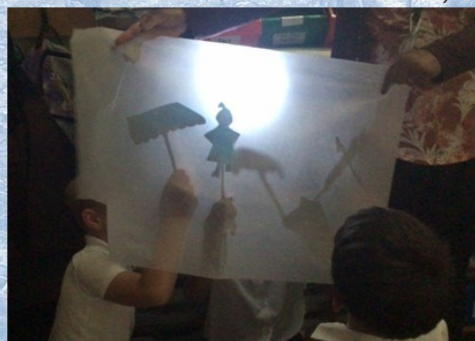


LITERACY

We tried very hard with our explanation texts on animals that are found in the rainforest and have written speeches to explain why we must protect rainforests and our planet against deforestation. In Whole Class Reading, we have been looking at the story of Rain Player. In the story, Pik has to defeat Chac, the god of rain, in the Mayan game 'Pok-a-Tok'.

MATHS

In maths, we spent several weeks looking at time. We learned about the difference between digital and analogue time, how to write times in both words and numbers, and about 24 hour time. We also worked on the duration of time before recapping work on number, calculations and fractions.



SCIENCE

In science, we have been looking at light and shadows. We investigated materials and then made our own shadow puppets. We've also been looking at plants and animals that enjoy the dark of the rainforest.

TOPIC

We have been excited to learn about the Mayans. We learnt about their Gods, what they ate, how they wrote and their number system. We compared their civilisation to our own and found there were lots of similarities. We had a lot of fun designing Mayan masks too!





Year 4 News

Mr Allaway, Miss Barrett, Miss Rajput, Miss Hulme, Mrs Tindall and Mrs Mohammed

Welcome to this edition of the Year 4 news! As we welcomed everyone back through the school doors, we have already had lots of new and exciting learning opportunities this term. Please read on to find out about the fantastic learning the children have been doing!

How have our coasts made Britain great?

This term year 4 have continued their investigation into Britain's coasts and the features that define a coast. The children have also been exploring medieval castles and replicating their engineering.

Maths

Year 4 have been very busy in maths this term, covering topics ranging from co-ordinates to statistics. We learned how to read analogue and digital clocks in both the 12 and 24 hour format. The children explored how to find the differences between two time periods, measuring it in minutes and hours.

In statistics we explored representing discrete data using pictograms and bar graphs. We also learned how to represent continuous data using line graphs.

Writing

This term year 4 have been on a fantastical adventure, exploring fantasy realms, creatures and plot lines. We started off by creating our own dragons and writing rhyming poems about them. The children loved trying out different vocabulary to create rhyming couplets.

After poetry, the children moved onto writing fantasy narratives that involved terrifying monsters, resilient heroes and evil villains.

Our class reader this term has been Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

Science

In science we have been looking at sound and how it is created. We explored different instruments and watched how the vibrations they made caused our scientific rice to bounce all over the place.

We then explored how to make different pitched sounds by adapting the types of vibrations.

Design and Technology

In DT this term we have been looking at castles and

how drawbridges work. The children worked in pairs to design castles, which they decorated. They experimented with how to build a suitable pulley system and then managed to incorporate this into their castle to create a drawbridge that could be raised and lowered as needed.

Year 4 camping trip

Although we didn't end up at Swanage, the children thoroughly enjoyed the overnight camp at school. They learnt how to



put up a tent independently and persevered as teams. They loved roasting marshmallows, learning French cricket, and becoming ninjas in

the obstacle course. Miss Barrett was 'delighted' to be woken up constantly throughout the night by children needing the toilet!

Seaside day

We continued the fun into our seaside day so that all of Year 4 could experience the fun. They showed their creative skills in dream time art, their quick pace in kick rounders and their enthusiasm for parachute games.

We finished with a game of rounders where everyone enjoyed having a go!

It has been an absolutely fantastic year and we wish everyone the best when they move up to year

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HighwoodPrim4b



Year 5 News

Team: Miss Majer, Mr Robinson, Mrs Nielsen and Mrs Nice

How do you build an empire?

Welcome to the Year 5 news! I am pleased to say that we've had lots of exciting opportunities and lots of new learning going on. Please read on to find out more!

How do you build an empire?

English

Key Question Lessons

This term, we have been looking at persuasive writing, focusing on adverts. We started the unit by exploring a large range of persuasive texts, looking for the features, as well as thinking about the audience and purpose, before moving onto our warm and hot writes. To inspire some of our writing, we made our own magical wands and tried to sell them, before writing a job advert for the Zodiac Council, linked to our whole class reading book, 'Who Let the Gods Out.'

Maths

We have carried on our shape, space and measure units this term, focusing on 2D and 3D shapes, looking at how to tell the time, as well as moving on to look at symmetry and co-ordinates.

We found telling the time quite tricky at first, especially when converting from analogue to digital, but by the end of the unit we were all confidently telling the time and working out time durations too.



Our key question this term is 'How do you build an empire?' and our focus is on the Greeks and how they have influenced the modern world. Since last term, we have moved on from looking at where Greece is, and have started focusing more on the Ancient Greeks and what legacy they left behind. We've explored lots of different battles that the Greeks had, as well as looking at the impact key figures had - such as Alexander the Great (and why he was called great) - before looking at some of the key things the Greeks left us. We particularly enjoyed coding in computing, where we made our own Theseus and the Minotaur mazes to get Kubo the robot through.

P.E.

We have really enjoyed the summer term of P.E. The children have improved their striking and fielding skills in cricket and rounders; their passing and catching while learning the sport of ultimate frisbee; and had great fun playing the very enjoyable game of Danish Longball.

It has been a super end to the year. Well Done everyone!

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Year 6 News

Teachers: Mrs Raines, Miss Bocutt, Mrs Chaudhary and Mrs Anil

This term we have worked hard to answer the question: **'What is the secret to success?'**

English

In order to help us answer the question, 'What is the secret to success?' we have been learning about the lives of successful people. We read biographies of: Elvis, Katherine Johnson and Malala in order to find out about the personal qualities they had and how they had overcome any challenges they faced. It was amazing just how many of the Highwood learning behaviours these inspirational people used! We then researched the lives of people we felt were extraordinary, and wrote their biographies.

During class reading lessons, we have continued with our book, 'A Wizard of Earthsea'.

Maths

We all sighed with relief when we eventually finished the Year 6 maths curriculum. Since then, we have been applying our maths knowledge to design and budget start-up and running costs for a theme park.

Science and PSHE

We have continued to explore the question, 'What's the secret to a healthy body?' by looking at the effect of exercise on our body and mind, and what is needed for a healthy diet. As scientists, we carried out an experiment to find out the effect of different levels of exercise on our mood and levels of concentration. We were surprised to find out that even though our bodies felt exhausted after the 'beep test', we were more alert and had better levels of concentration. As biologists, we learnt about the 7 different nutrients needed to help us grow and stay healthy, and about the different proportions needed of each of these.

Design and Technology

Our design and technology lessons built upon our science learning. We compared different packed lunches before designing, preparing and eating a healthy packed lunch.



The children were quite surprised just how tasty the food was, and many of them loved the healthy option of wholemeal wraps.

PE

We have used the learning behaviour of 'teamwork' in PE this term. Year 6 demonstrated amazing teamwork during our sports day and superb leadership when helping at KS1 sports day. We have also enjoyed playing cricket with Mr Edwards and rounders with Miss Bocutt and Mrs Raines.

Art



In Art, we have used our observational skills and sketching techniques to draw an anatomical drawing of a lamb's heart. We really enjoyed

identifying the different parts of the heart.

Music and Drama

The Keymaster was a huge success this term. We really enjoyed learning all the songs, and having the opportunity to perform to a real life audience at last!



Goodbye and Good Luck

All the Year 6 team would like to wish the children all the very best for secondary school and beyond.

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The Orchard Speech and Language Resource News

Mrs Godfrey, Mrs Payne, Mrs Khan, Mrs Pithiya, Mrs La Porte

Literacy: Six Dinner Sid and The Bad-Tempered Ladybird



Children in The Orchard have been writing to entertain with stories based on Six Dinner Sid and The Bad-Tempered Ladybird. Their chosen audiences are the families at coffee morning and the children in F2. We hope you enjoy hearing their imaginative ideas!



Maths: Time and Measure



We have made the most of the sunny weather to measure, measure, measure!

While some children have been problem solving and converting between units of measure, others have been timing and comparing activities in seconds, minutes and hours.



Have a great summer holiday
from the Resource Staff Team!

Follow us on Twitter @HighwoodPrimR





PE/Sports News

Mr Edwards

Welcome to the last "PE & Sports News Page" of the 2021/22 academic year and what a year it has been!

PE Lessons:

The classes have been concluding the suite of athletics events. We have finished the year learning cricket skills & playing full fun matches including "Non Stop Kwik Cricket" for KS1, "Diamond Cricket" for LKS2 and full Kwik Cricket in UKS2. Year 6 have completed their assessments pulling all of their learning into the last 12 weeks of their primary school life, teaching their peers various curriculum skills. As we had done historically before the pandemic, the year 6 final assessment was to run KS1 Sports day which I am pleased to say was a great success. I have received many emails from parents saying how amazing they were and a credit to our school. F2H also had an extra session taking part in Dance with our teacher Miss Coleman.

Highwood Primary 2022 Sports Days.

This year sports day looked a little in doubt due to the changeable weather. However, miraculously, the rain stopped and we were able to run both sports days. Due to the fantastic comments received by parents and staff the last time we ran a full sports day (2019!) I decided a repeat of the format for this year. Both KS2 and KS1 had a carousel of activities plus every child being entered into a running race. Sports day wouldn't be the same without the parents and toddlers races and again they didn't disappoint. After a whole 2 mornings events across KS2 and KS1 sports days, only a few points separated 1st (Red Kites) & 2nd place (Falcons) with Eagles and Hawks tying for 3rd, it just goes to prove that every child played their part and every last ounce of extra effort makes the difference. Once again I would like to thank all of the staff, Bulmershe young leaders that ran the KS2 activities, year 6s and the parents for their support of this years sports days.



Matches & Tournaments:

This half term has been super busy as all of the school games that are usually spread over 12 weeks have been condensed in 6! Also, we have had a busy schedule of cricket matches.

Wokingham Schools Tri-Golf Tournament.

Highwood have competed many times in this tournament over the years but this year we managed to win a bronze medal, our best result yet! The children were amazing and you can view a fabulous video by typing in this link to your browser:

<https://youtu.be/edG7YlqkfB4>

Wokingham Schools "Tennis Red" Tournament.

This year we took a strong and keen team with us, 4 boys and 4 girls. They all played and scored their matches showing great respect and fair play. We made it all the way to the semi final winning the 3rd place play off against Hawkedon. Another bronze medal and again our most successful year so far.





PE/Sports News 2

Mr Edwards

Wokingham Schools Cricket All Stars (Year 3)

Shinfield St Marys played host to a fabulous "non competitive" cricket festival. This was great fun where a carefully selected number of children represented Highwood taking part in a number of cricket based activities and skills.



Berkshire School Games "Commonwealth Games Event"

We were incredibly fortunate to be selected to represent Wokingham schools in a Commonwealth games event at the famous Bisham Abbey Training Complex. 12 specially selected (for great attitude, respect, perseverance and behaviour) were selected to attend from year 2. The children took part in 6 "Values" activities and had such fun. I cannot be more proud of the children's conduct representing both school and district.



Wokingham Schools Cricket All Stars (Year 5/6)

This year saw the return of the cricket tournament at Wokingham Cricket Club. Due to our teams success at the Woodley Sports Week Cricket tournament, we qualified to play in this event. The weather was not too kind but our players persevered but struggled with the conditions. A fabulous and very tight game against St Pauls put us making the finals out of reach. We played a friendly against Shinfield St Marys where we won which was a nice end to the day. Here are this half term's Highwood Sports stars showing us what they have been up to outside of school.



Sports Achievements out of school



Wokingham Schools Cricket League.

A really close and competitive league this year has seen our team of 2022 win 2 and lose 2. Week on week we have improved so much and I cannot be more proud of the team. They have really bonded as a team and worked so hard for each other.

Two of our senior sports stars have been selected to represent their districts/Counties for next season. Devontae for Wokingham FA and Phoebe for Berkshire Hockey. Huge congratulations to both and good luck for next season.



SENCo & Parent Support Adviser

Wow! It seemed in September that summer was a long way away, but it has gone in a blink of an eye! We have thoroughly enjoyed supporting pupils and families across the school this year.

Our next SEN coffee Morning is from 8.45am in the Family room on 27th September. Our guest speakers are from Promise Inclusion, a local charity delivering on the promise that all people matter. To find out more about Promise Inclusion visit: <https://www.everyclick.com/charity/wokinghamdistrictsmencap>

We will also be having coffee mornings with Transform Housing, Communicare and the Cowshed over the Autumn term, please keep an eye out for confirmed times and dates. As always, if there is anything you would like support or information on or any training that you think would be of benefit to Highwood parents and carers, please let us know. We will do our best to provide this.



We hope that you have an enjoyable summer holiday. We have created a summer challenge that your family may want to try.

We look forward to welcoming you back to school, in September.

Lucy and Mrs Padbury

Local SEND Support

 <p>Information, support & what's on locally for SEND families.</p> <p>https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/local-offer-for-0-25-year-olds-with-additional-needs/</p>	 <p>Provide free, confidential, impartial SEND advice, guidance and support.</p> <p>www.sendiasswokingham.org.uk</p>	 <p>Specialist support for local Families who have Children & Young People with Special Needs parentingspecialchildren.co.uk</p>	 <p>ASSIST Team</p> <p>Autism Spectrum Service for Information Support and Training</p>
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Who we are:	
	<p>Lucy Sayer - Parent Support Advisor (PSA)</p> <p>I support the pupils in school and their families. This includes putting together a timetable of information events, training and social events that we can all, (current restrictions allowing!), enjoy as a school community. I'd also welcome any ideas you have about events, so please get in touch if there is anything you think would benefit the families of</p>
	<p>Mrs Padbury - Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo)</p> <p>A special educational need/ and or disability (SEND) can cause barriers to a child's learning. My role in school is to identify the children's strengths and manage any extra needs they may have. I liaise with teachers and teaching assistants to help support the pupil's needs and discuss appropriate actions that will help reduce any barriers to their learning. If you have any SEND concerns please talk to your child's class teacher.</p>

SENCo & Parent Support Adviser (continued)

Mrs Sayer and Mrs Padbury's Holiday Challenge

How many of these free activities can you do in the summer holidays?

Climb a tree in Highwood.

Skim a stone at Southlake.

Count the Ducks at Dinton.

Kick a ball at Bulmershe Park.

Wonder at Woodford Park's new play equipment.

Visit a museum: <https://www.readingmuseum.org.uk/>

<https://collections.reading.ac.uk/cole-museum/>

<https://merl.reading.ac.uk/>

Have a look in the library

Visit all these playgrounds in Woodey:

Ashenbury Park	Badgers Rise play area	Blanchard Close play area
Bulmershe Park	Crescent play area	Enstone Road play area
Hearn Road play area	Malone Park	Mollison Way play area
Redwood Avenue play area	Sandford Park Southlake	Vauxhall Drive play area
Wheble Park	Woodford Park	Woodley Town Centre play area

Local support agencies - Food

Please see some information on local support agencies.

The Lunch Bunch

Requests for lunch and food; also links into First Days Charity who can help with clothing, uniforms, sanitary products, etc. <https://www.woodleylunchbunch.org/>

Woodley Share

The community engagement team hub in Woodley is based at Emmanuel Church on Southlake Crescent. The hub offers a dedicated space where people can meet with the team and each other and get support.

There will be a drop-in session each Monday between 3.30pm and 5pm. It is run in partnership with Emmanuel Church, Share Wokingham, Woodley Lunch Bunch and Woodley Foodbank.

To contact the community engagement team, email: community.engagement.localities@wokingham.gov.uk.

The Grub Club

A community project supporting families, who would normally access free school meals, throughout the holidays. We provide free lunches and activities for all ages, plus a listening ear, a helping hand, and a signpost to further support where needed. Starting on 26th July 2022. Norreys Church, Norreys Avenue RG40 1UU Wokingham thegrubclubwokingham@gmail.com 07584 420224

Woodley Foodbank

We are the only food bank in Berkshire that does not require food vouchers or referrals to be able to support people. You can just turn up at Woodley Baptist Church between 9.30 - 12.30 on weekdays to collect a parcel or if you are unable to get to there, you can call 07806 658995 to request a delivery.

Asda

The Kids Eat for £1 initiative is available all day, every day from 25th July until 4th September in England and Wales, as long as the Café is open and dependent on the store, a hot meal or cold meal, or both, will be on offer. There is no minimum spend and adults do not have to purchase anything for kids to qualify.

Baby food is also available as part of the initiative, with little ones able to enjoy a free pouch of Ella's Kitchen baby food (70g pouch) in their local Asda Café.

Places to Eat over the Summer holidays

Lots of big names are looking to support families over the summer holiday, (this information has been taken from Heart.com and other news outlets – please check online that these offers are valid in your local area).

Tesco

Kids can eat for free when an adult spends £3.50 in their cafe. This deal is running until September 1 and applies to Tesco cafes nationwide. It covers the lunch Pick “N” Mix meal deal, hot meal deal, alongside various breakfast options such as Little Eggs on toast.

Asda

Children across England and Wales can eat for just £1 in Asda Cafés and there is no minimum spend for adults. This scheme starts from 25th July and goes on until 4th September and is valid at any time of day, seven days a week. Children aged 16 and under can access a hot or cold meals which include mac 'n cheese with a salad, chicken nuggets and chips, full English breakfast, pancakes with maple syrup and a cold selection of sandwiches, fruit, drinks and more.

M&S

Kids eat for free when an adult spends £4 in its cafe. You need to visit an M&S café after 3pm to get this freebie, with the deal running until September 3. The kids meal deal includes one main, one side and one kids drink plus a piece of fruit with a total value of £3.95.

Morrisons

Kids eat for free when an adult spends £4.50 in its cafe. This offer is only valid from 3pm, but Morrisons doesn't say on its website when the deal will run until. You can only get one free meal per paying adult, and the offer excludes all cafe specials.

Bella Italia

Kids eat for £1 with a paying adult ordering a full price main from the A La Carte menu. This deal excludes Saturdays, so you can only take advantage of it Sunday to Friday. It also isn't valid on the August bank holiday. To get the offer, you need to download a code from the [Bella Italia](#) website.

Sizzling Pub and Grill

For every adult meal at Sizzling Pub and Grill, kids can dine for just £1. This applies Monday to Friday, between 3pm and 7pm, although the Sizzling Pub website doesn't say when the offer is due to stop. It also can't be used in conjunction with our breakfast or any other offer or set menu.

Farmhouse Inns

Up to two kids per paying adult can eat for just £1 each at Farmhouse Inn pubs this summer. Sadly, the deal has already ended in Scotland, but it is running until September 3 for its sites in England and Wales. You can only go Monday to Friday and the freebie is for one small breakfast, any kids meal or junior carvery.

Cafe Rouge

Kids eat one or two courses for £1 at Café Rouge when you order one adult's main meal. Excludes Saturdays.

Places to Eat over the Summer holidays - cont

Hungry Horse - free kids breakfast with a paying adult

Every day throughout the summer holidays, Hungry Horse has been giving out free breakfast to kids with every paying adult. This offer finishes on September 1 and is available every day from 8am until 12pm. Again, you'll need to ask your local Hungry Horse if this includes bank holidays too.

Brewers Fayre - free kids breakfast with a paying adult

Children aged 10 and under eat free when one adult purchases an ultimate cooked breakfast meal deal or ultimate vegetarian breakfast meal deal at Brewers Fayre. Up to two kids per paying adult can eat for just £1 each at Farmhouse Inn pubs this summer. The deal is running until September 3 for its sites in England and Wales. You can only go Monday to Friday and the freebie is for one small breakfast, any kids meal or junior carvery.

Pausa Cafes at Dunelm

From June 27, children get 1 mini main, 2 snacks and a drink free with every £4 spend at Pausa Cafes at Dunelm stores.

Preto

Kids eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto. This offer is open to children up to 10 years old - This is an ongoing offer.

Whitbread Inns

Purchase one £9.50 breakfast at any Whitbread Inns pub or restaurant and two kids under 16 eat for free.

Future Inns

At Future Inns, under 5's always eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays, it's extended to under 12's.

Table Table

Two children under 16 years old can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult.

YO! Sushi

Kid's eat free from 3pm-5.30pm, Monday to Thursday until September 1, when an adult spends £10.

The Real Greek

Kids eat free every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult.

Angus Steakhouse

Kids under 10 can eat free from the children's menu when grown-ups order mains from the main menu. Available every day 12pm - 5pm.

We hope you find this information useful.

Reminders

ABSENCE



Please contact the school office by 9.30am if your child is absent stating the reason for the absence. This can be done via Iris Parent-Mail or by phone on 0118 9265493.

If your child is going to be late and requires a hot dinner this must be booked by 9.30am.

All requests for leave of absence must be made on the absence form available from the school office. Routine appointments should be made outside of school time.

Please see the latest Attendance Policy on the school website regarding Penalty Notices.

SCHOOL DINNERS



Children in Reception, Years 1 & 2 are entitled to universal free school meals, funded by the government. If your child would like a school dinner please let the class teacher know and this will be booked for them.

Children in Nursery, Years 3 to 6 are required to pay for dinners. The price of a school dinner is **increasing to £2.30 per day** from September 2022. Payment should be made via SCOPAY in advance. Dinners are booked in the morning in class when the register is taken and booking closes at 9.30am.

If you think your child may be eligible for benefits related free school meals please contact the school office for a form.

Applicants in receipt of Universal credit must receive a net earned income of less than £7,400 to be entitled to free school meals. This may also entitle your child to other benefits in school i.e. free trips etc.

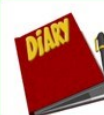


EARRINGS

Please note that our school policy is for earrings to be removed for PE, for the health and safety of the children.

It is recommended that ear piercing is only done in the first week of the Summer holidays to allow the time for them to settle.

Diary Dates



Friday 2nd Sept 2022	Inset Day - School closed
Monday 5th Sept 2022	School starts for all children
Monday 5th - Wednesday 7th Sept 2022	New to F1 children 'Stay and Play' sessions
Monday 5th Sept 2022 - 9am - 10.30am	Welcome to Highwood for new F2 parents
Thursday 15th Sept 2022 - 6pm - 7.30pm	Meet the Teacher
Monday 19th Sept 2022 - 3.30 - 4.30pm	Literacy Workshop - Year 1
Thursday 22nd Sept 2022 - 3.30 - 4.30pm	Literacy Workshop - Year 4
Monday 26th Sept 2022 - 3.30 - 4.30pm	Literacy Workshop - Year 2
Tuesday 27th Sept 2022 - 9.30 - 11.00am	SEN Coffee Morning with Promise Inclusion
Thursday 29th Sept 2022 - 3.30 - 4.30pm	Literacy Workshop - Year 5
Monday 3rd Oct 2022 - 3.30 - 4.30pm	Literacy Workshop - Year 6
Thursday 6th Oct 2022 - 3.30 - 4.30pm	Literacy Workshop - Year 3
Monday 10th Oct 2022 - 3.30 - 4.30pm	F2 Phonics/Reading workshop
Tuesday 11th Oct 2022 - 9.30 - 11.00am	Family Centre Coffee Morning with Transform Housing
Thursday 13th Oct 2022	FOH Halloween Disco
Monday 17th Oct 2022 - 3.30 - 4.30pm	F1 Prime Areas Workshop
Wednesday 19th Oct 2022 - 5.00 - 8.00pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 20th Oct 2022 - 3.30 - 6.00pm	Parents' Evening
Monday 24th - Fri 28th Oct 2022	Half term
Friday 4th November 2022	Non-uniform day for non-perishable donations for Winter Fair
Tuesday 8th Nov 2022, tours at 9.30am, 1.30pm and 6.00pm	Prospective new parent tours
Thursday 10th Nov 2022, tours at 9.30am, 1.30pm and 6.00pm	Prospective new parent tours
Tuesday 15th Nov 2022 - 9.30 - 11.00am	Family Centre Coffee Morning with Communicare
Tuesday 15th Nov 2022 - 1.30 - 3.15pm	Upper KS2 Maths SPLAT
Wednesday 16th Nov 2022 - 1.30 - 3.15pm	Lower KS2 Maths SPLAT
Friday 18th Nov 2022	Children in Need Day (wear spots or merchandise)
Wednesday 23rd Nov 2022 - 10.00 - 11.30am	F1 Maths SPLAT
Wednesday 23rd Nov 2022 - 1.30 - 3.15pm	F2 Maths SPLAT
Thursday 24th Nov 2022 - 1.30 - 3.15pm	KS1 Maths SPLAT
Friday 25th Nov 2022	Non-uniform day for donations for Winter Fair
Monday 28th Nov 2022 - 3.30 - 4.30pm	F2 Maths Workshop
Tuesday 29th Nov 2022 - 9.30 - 11.00am	Family Centre Coffee Morning with The Cowshed
Tuesday 29th Nov 2022 - 1.30 - 2.30pm	New to Nursery Parents meeting for January starters.
Tuesday 29th Nov 2022 - 3.30 - 4.30pm	Year 3 Maths workshop
Tuesday 29th Nov 2022 - 3.30 - 4.30pm	Year 4 Maths workshop
Thursday 1st Dec 2022 - 3.30 - 4.30pm	Year 5 Maths workshop
Thursday 1st Dec 2022 - 3.30 - 4.30pm	Year 6 Maths workshop
Saturday 3rd Dec 2022	Winter Fair
Tuesday 6th Dec 2022 - 3.30 - 4.30pm	Year 1 Maths workshop
Tuesday 6th Dec 2022 - 3.30 - 4.30pm	Year 2 Maths workshop
Wednesday 7th Dec 2022 - 9.15 - 9.45am	FS Nativity (morning)
Wednesday 7th Dec 2022 - 9.45 - 10.30am	KS1 Nativity (morning)
Thursday 8th Dec 2022 - 1.45 - 2.15pm	FS Nativity (afternoon)
Thursday 8th Dec 2022 - 2.15 - 3.00pm	KS1 Nativity (afternoon)
Friday 9th Dec 2022 - 9.15 - 9.45am	FS Nativity (morning)
Friday 9th Dec 2022 - 9.45 - 10.30am	KS1 Nativity (morning)
Tuesday 20th Dec 2022 - 1.30pm	Last day of term - School finishes at 1.30pm