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Highlands Primary School



HIGHLANDS NEWS

Highlands Primary School takes seriously its responsibility to safeguard all children and adults and has rigorous procedures in place to do so

Welcome to the May edition of Highlands News. The summer term is always a busy one and we have already had a number of children out on visits this term, with other year groups planned to go out later this term. Some of our choir made the news last Friday as they were invited to sing on the top of Hull Minster with other schools from the city to welcome in the month of May. Watch out for them on 'Songs of Praise' later in the year too. Next week is SATs week for our year 6 children. They have worked incredibly hard this year and deserve to do well; year 6 children are welcome into school early from Monday - Thursday, they have already ordered their breakfast, which will be served in the dining hall at 8.40am. If your child is in year 6 make sure they get to school bright and early. For those of you who do not yet know, Mr Murray leaves us next Friday (15 May). He has secured a job closer to where he lives. We wish him the best of luck and I know he will be sadly missed.

Diary Dates

Wk beginning 11 May - Key Stage 2 SATs

Wk bg 11 May - Home visits for September 2s/F1 starters

Wednesday 20 May - Year 6 to Food and Farming Day

Wednesday 20 May - Audiology tests in Reception

Friday 22 May - Break up - Half Term

Monday 1 June - Return to School

Monday 1 June - Multiplication check-year 4 starts- 2 weeks

Wk bg 8 June - Phonics screening check week for year 1 children

Thursday 11 June - F1 Stay & Play

Friday 12 June - School closed - staff training day

Monday 22 June-pm - Swimming for year 5 classes starts for next 2 weeks

Wk bg 29 June - Letter to 2s and FS1 parents confirming place for September 2026



Attendance

Whole School - 94.6%

EG/CH 92% DS 90.5%

AG 95.2% CC 94.5% EE 93.3% JW 94.9%

ZE 94.5% HH 96.1% SC 95% BA 92.7%

ER 96.1% GS 97% HR 94.9% HS/SA 95.5% LM 94%

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Foundation Stage - Mrs Harris & Miss Greenham, Ms Schiele and the key worker groups in FS1

This week, F1 and F2 enjoyed some very special visitors as they welcomed a range of exciting animals into school. The children had the opportunity to meet and learn about rabbits, guinea pigs, a bearded dragon lizard, centipedes, and even a snake! Everyone was fascinated to discover interesting facts about the animals and enjoyed seeing them up close. It was a fantastic hands-on experience and a wonderful way to support the children's learning about living things and caring for animals.



Mrs Green & Miss Clark

We cannot quite believe how quickly the half term is going! We have been very busy and had lots of fun since coming back from our Easter break. As part of our science curriculum we have planted radish seeds. We are carefully looking after them and when they are ready we will harvest them, clean and chop them and have a taste. We have just finished our story about Mr and Mrs Grinling and wrote some fantastic innovation stories. We are very proud teachers! In our maths lessons we have started learning about fractions and how to share amounts equally. If we could please remind you that as the weather gets warmer, we will be spending time outside and will need to ensure the children have had suncream on before coming to school. Thank you for your continued support



Mr Wilson & Mrs Eskrett

We are thoroughly enjoying the new spring weather in our outdoor PE. The children are working on their aim when throwing small balls at targets and beginning to learn how to play tennis! We have been enjoying having Tigers Trust in to lead some of our lessons and playing some fun games with the skills we have learnt.

In writing lessons we are innovating the wishing tale 'Lila and the Secret of Rain.' The children are working hard to include dialogue in their writing. In DT we have begun our sewing unit, we will be designing and making pennants inspired by the continent of Africa, which we have been learning about in geography. Did you know that Africa only has two seasons? A wet season and a dry season!



Mrs Corcoran & Miss Appleyard

Year 4 have been working really hard this term to ensure we are trying our best to score as high as possible on the multiplication check. We have only got a few more weeks until we have to complete it so make sure the children are using TTRockstars at home as often as possible.

In English we have written some excellent conquering the monster tales based on 'The Giant's Necklace'. Our teachers are reading the book at the end of the day and we are looking forward to finding out what happens to Cherry as our story was left on a cliffhanger!

In maths we are working with decimals and we can now write decimals, compare them and order them. In art we have thoroughly enjoyed drawing our own seascapes using Hokusai's 'Great Wave of Kanagawa' as inspiration. We can't wait to do a painting next. We loved our visit to Withernsea and we were able to see lots of preventative measures that are in place to stop coastal erosion. It's a great beach and we found lots of sea glass and fossils too!

Mrs Smith, Mrs Saxby & Mr Murray

We are all incredibly proud of the Year 6s and how hard they have worked this year. It is hard to believe that their SATs are next week – they will be flying the Highlands nest before we know it!

In English, the children are writing a discussion text linked to the short video Alma. They are confidently applying the skills they have been taught, which really reflects their effort and commitment. In maths, we are coming to the end of our shape unit, focusing on angles. The children have shown great resilience, as there has been a lot to remember. In science, we have begun our topic on evolution, and the children thoroughly enjoyed examining fossils this week.

Next week, doors will open at 8:30am, with breakfast served at 8:40am. Please ensure your child arrives on time and encourage them to attend even if they are feeling a little unwell. They are well prepared and we are confident they will do their very best.

As Mr Murray prepares to leave, he would like to wish all the children the very best for the future.

Mrs Ellis & Miss Harrison

So far this term in Year 3 we have explored Christopher Columbus during our history lessons. We have started to investigate what he did to become a significant person of history.

We have also innovated our class text 'Gregory Cool' based on a journey story. The children have impressed us with their innovations and are applying all of our new taught skills within their writing.

In PE the children have started a new unit of athletics. This unit of PE will help the children to prepare for their upcoming sports day. We really do have some talented children!

In the upcoming weeks we look forward to starting our art where we will be analysing the work of Picasso and making a 3D musical instrument.



Mrs Randall, Mrs Redburn & Miss Syson

Year 5 have made a fantastic start to the summer term and we are incredibly proud of their efforts. In maths, we have been working on our decimals unit, where the children have shown great confidence when adding and subtracting decimals. The children have also been working hard on creating believable characters in tense settings, writing their own chilling tales of fear inspired by 'Room 13' – the quality of their stories has been truly impressive.

They have also represented the school brilliantly during our recent trip to Whitby, showing excellent behavior throughout the visit. While there, the children enjoyed completing a fieldwork booklet, following a simple map of lettered locations, discussing what Whitby has to offer with both residents and tourists and conducting a short questionnaire, all of which they approached with enthusiasm and maturity.

Messages

Key Stage 2 SATs
Wk beginning Monday
11 May 2026

