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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to offer a wide range of extra-curricular clubs for Autumn Term 2024-25. There is a mix of sport, dance, art, science and choir. Clubs are available to all children from Year 1 to Year 6. Each club is briefly described below. The full list to include the schedule with information about days, pricing, and how to book spaces can be viewed on our website. Please click [here](#) to view the full list together with online booking flyers from all external providers.

### **Choir**

Our choir is run by our Music Lead, Mrs Gray. It runs throughout the year and is available for Years 3 - 6. Children perform in local events such as visiting The Lindens care home at Christmas, through to high profile events such as the Young Voices Concert, and in April 2024 they sang at the Royal Albert Hall as part of the Echoes concert. The Christmas Carol Concert and our annual Summer Concert are the highlights in school. The cost of the club covers staffing, music and material as well as transport to some events.

### **Multi-Sport with Ross Neary - Autumn term: Racquet sports**

Ross Neary is known to many as the tennis coach at Great Brickhill and for his Supersports holiday clubs. Ross will be at High Ash two days a week from September leading some of our PE lesson. He will offer two sports clubs afterschool, for Year 4-6 on a Tuesday and Years 1 to 3 on Thursday.

These clubs will have a specific focus so the children can develop their skills rather than playing a different sport each week. There will be a different sports activity each term and the clubs will be tailored to the skills and abilities of the group. Our aim is to run these clubs outdoors for as much of the year as possible.

Only the Autumn clubs are available to book at this stage but we're giving the programme for the year so you can see what will be on offer. Maximum number 16 per club.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 1-3	Racket Sports (tennis/badminton)	Gymnastics/fitness	Bat and ball (cricket/rounders)
Year 4-6	Racket Sports (tennis/badminton)	Invasion Sports (hockey/rugby)	Fitness/Athletics

### **Netball**

We are very grateful that our parent volunteer, Mrs Palmer, is willing to run a netball club next term. The club will be supported by Mrs Stanley. Netball will move to a Friday afternoon but will only run up until half-term whilst the evenings remain lighter. We won't be running netball over the winter months as it becomes too dark to play outside. Netball club is open to Years 4 to 6.

### **Commando Joe - Team building & Problem solving**

All our KS2 children enjoy our Commando Joe sessions each week. From September onwards we're going to be offering an additional club with, our own Commando Rus, on a Wednesday after school. Commando Joe club is well-rounded to empower young people so that they can reach their potential. They give young people the building blocks to develop life skills which have a positive impact on their wellbeing, confidence and life throughout school and beyond. The club will use a fun-environment to build children's social, emotional and creative skills. We are offering this club to Y4-6 on a half-termly basis. Whenever possible the club will be outdoors. Maximum number 16 per club.

### **Dance and Ballet**

We are thrilled to be welcoming Mrs Eve Venn back to High Ash after her maternity leave. Mrs Eve is extremely popular among our children and has been missed by all. She will be returning to High Ash in September to run her usual Street Jazz Dance club but on Monday's instead of Friday's. She will also run a Ballet club on Wednesday mornings. Both clubs are extended to Year 1- 6 children.

### Filmmaking

Joanna from Milton Keynes Filmmaking Club will continue to run this club next term on Monday's after school 3.30-4.30pm to Years 1 - 6 children. Discover Your Inner Spielberg! Immerse yourself in imaginative and magical creative sessions. Get ready for lights, camera, action! Enhance literacy, boost confidence, and foster teamwork by producing short films using tools like a clapperboard, green screen, and Canon EOS R50. Please click [here](#) to view a short video of what our children have been up to this term:

### Mad-Science

We are also excited to be running two Mad Science clubs next term from September. One club will run on **Tuesday after school to Years 1 - 3 children and the other on Thursday after school to Years 4 - 6 children. This club will run half termly for 7 weeks.** Please see below some information they have provided:

#### All Mad Science Programming Includes:

- Children participating in exciting hands-on experiments, fun science challenges, seeing daring demonstrations and building and creating cool science gear to take home to keep the experimenting going.
- Exciting and innovative equipment that children will likely not come across in school science lessons.
- Activities carefully developed by experts in the fields of science and education, risk assessed and fully insured.
- Programme leaders experienced working with children, carefully trained, with all relevant DBS and right to work checks as well as being safeguarding and first aid certified.

#### Mad Science Afterschool Clubs:

- 1 hour sessions full of daring demonstrations, exciting hands-on experiments, & science challenges.
- Year Groups: 1 - 6
- Numbers: KS1: 18 max per club KS2: 22 max per club

The topics they are planning to do in the Autumn term are: Static Electricity, Current Electricity, Microscopes, Optical Illusions, Che-mystery, Ph Factor, Magnets, Super Structures, Glow Show and Slime.

### Love Art and Craft -

High Ash Art clubs have produced so much beautiful work this term. The children have really enjoyed learning about different artists and creating their own artist inspired pieces. We've had stunning Van Gogh inspired vases of flowers, beautiful Hundertwasser paintings using warm and cool colours, and Picasso inspired Cubist portraits. They are also enjoying learning about art from different cultures including Aboriginal art and Native American totem poles. We're already planning some exciting autumn-themed projects for after the summer holidays and look forward to another term with the talented High Ash artists!



For full information and how to book spaces for all clubs including the external providers, please view the booking flyers, full list and this letter on our website.

All external club provider online bookings will go live Friday evening, 5<sup>th</sup> July.

We hope you are as excited as we are with the clubs we are offering next term. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Kind regards

High Ash Office