



# High Ash CE School Weekly Newsletter



Friday 5th June 2026

*'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16*



*Grow Together Shine Forever*

To all our families,

We have had a great week. The children have enjoyed starting some new topics in class and I have seen many children coming to me to receive their merit badges! It is always a pleasure to share with them their successes and to award the merit badges.

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming our new Reception 2026 parents into school on Monday evening. It is always a busy term as we start to look forward to the next academic year, sorting classes, getting children ready to transition in school and to secondary schools. It really is a very exciting time!

#### **Staffing update...**

We would like to share the exciting news that Miss Cassie will be starting her maternity leave on 22nd June - I would like to thank her for all her hard work and we all look forward to meeting the new arrival.

Mrs Howe is retiring at the end of this term. She has been a member of staff at High Ash for **over 28 years!** She has held many roles within the school: cleaner, caretaker, teaching assistant and currently a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant. What a varied career and such an achievement. We will certainly miss her and have a special assembly organised for her at the end of term.

Mrs Underwood is also leaving us at the end of the term. She has decided that she would like a change and so is moving to a Milton Keynes school. We would like to wish her all the best with her new adventure and thank her for all her hard work at High Ash over the past 9 years where we have celebrated her getting married and the birth of her girls. Mrs Underwood started off as a class teacher and quickly demonstrated her skills and deservedly became our Assistant Headteacher. She has been instrumental in many aspects of the school and is a super teacher who we will miss.

Miss Maylor is also leaving us. She has decided that the time is right to relocate and be with her boyfriend. Again we would like to wish her all the best and thank her for all her work in the past four years. Miss Maylor started her career with us and it has been a pleasure to see her develop as a great teacher. We will certainly miss her and her cheery personality.

#### **HASA Summer Fayre June 27th - 11am-2pm...**

Please roll up & get excited for the High Ash Summer Fayre on Saturday 27th June. We are really excited to be hosting another fayre this year as last year was such a success. There will be an inflatable, games, bbq, bar, refreshments & loads of fun. The whole school community will be there and we hope you will too, helping your children with their stint on the stall their class is running, or just coming along for a burger and a go at the tombola! Entrance is free, plenty of 50p games, tombolas for all ages, food & drink. We look forward to seeing you all there for a real community spirited day.

Please do support this event - the classes are having a competition for who raises the most money on their stall - every year HASA donate money to the school to enable your children to have the 'extras' in school. This year HASA are raising money to buy one class set of iPads and also help to replace some of our reading books. It is a great way to be a part of our community and to give something back - whether that is your time or to donate a little money. Please remember '#Nooutsiders' as **everyone is welcome at our lovely school and as we say to our children please 'be bothered'** and get involved. Thank you.

# High Ash School's SUMMER Fair

🕒 11-2

📍 High Ash School  
Playing Field

★ FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR



BOUNCY CASTLE



BARBECUE



CLASS GAME STALLS



DRINKS



SNACKS



TREATS

AND MORE...!

FUN ❤️  
FOR THE  
WHOLE  
FAMILY!

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VOLUNTEERS AND  
DONATIONS NEEDED



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ALL PROCEEDS  
GO TOWARDS  
THE SCHOOL

Save ❤️  
the date!

## Learning highlights this week...

### Acorns

Acorns have been enjoying their first week learning about the beach! We started the week by having our own beach experience on the field using our sand tray and lots of toys like buckets and spades. We talked about our own experiences of going to the beach on holiday with our families.



We began comparing our holidays and the places we had visited. Some of us had stayed in the UK to visit a beach but some of us had been on planes and gone to beaches in other countries around the world.

Then we talked about postcards and how in the past, people would send postcards from where they were on holiday back to friends and family to tell them about where they were and what they were doing. After that we started creating our own postcards using a variety of different skills. We used two different types of glue, glue sticks and PVA. We stuck sand to our postcard and then used cellophane to create the sea. Then we drew and cut out our own family members using our drawing and scissor skills and stuck them to our beach scenes. We used our talk about our own holiday memories to help us with this. When they are complete, we will write messages on them about where we are and who we are with on the beach.



Outside we have been creating pirate ships and becoming a pirate crew. In story time, we have shared some fiction stories about pirates such as 'The pirates next door' and having fun in the small world acting out pirate and holiday adventures using our plane and pirate ship.



## Acorn Reminders

- Please remember to keep reading at home with your child, it makes a huge difference to their fluency.
- Keep sending in any boxes or junk modelling bits that you have for our engineering area.
- Thank you to those families who have already donated to our bingo card items, please keep sending bits in as all donations help.
- Please ensure that you have named your child's belongings. As the weather is warming up, more children are removing their jumpers and many are not named which is making it difficult to find out whose jumper is whose. We will be putting non-named jumpers in the lost property boxes located in the lobby of the school front entrance.

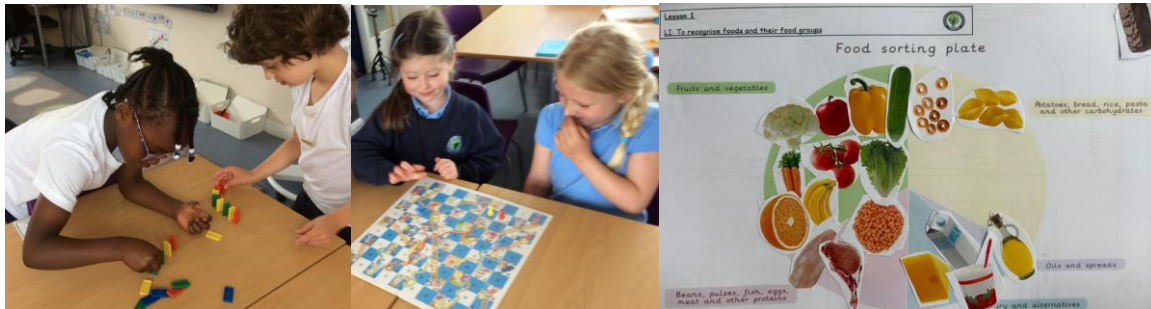
## Year One and Two

We were back to work with a bang in Key Stage One and we started the last half of the Summer Term by introducing our new Geography big question of "What's it like to live on the coast?" The children will be revising their knowledge of the countries and capitals of the United Kingdom before moving on to look at human and physical landmarks, seas and oceans and then the features of a coastline. This week we sorted human and physical features before recording a variety of landmarks onto a map of the British Isles.

We will be linking this learning to our I'm a Clever Writer English texts and we have some lovely ones to look forward to. Year One have been retelling the story of 'What the Ladybird Heard at the Seaside' while Year 2 have been practising their joined up handwriting ready for Year 3!



In Maths Year One has started investigating numbers to 100 and Year two are still tackling the tricky topic of telling the time! In DT we will be working towards a final project of designing and making a tasty, healthy and nutritious wrap and so the children started to investigate what a healthy meal should look like and created their very own healthy eating plates by sorting proteins, carbohydrates and fats.



Key Stage One Games Club proved popular during the rain this week and although the weather has not been as we would hope for the Summer term we have still made use of our wonderful Outdoor Classroom with children being entertained by the wonderful Mrs Khan during a social and attention intervention!

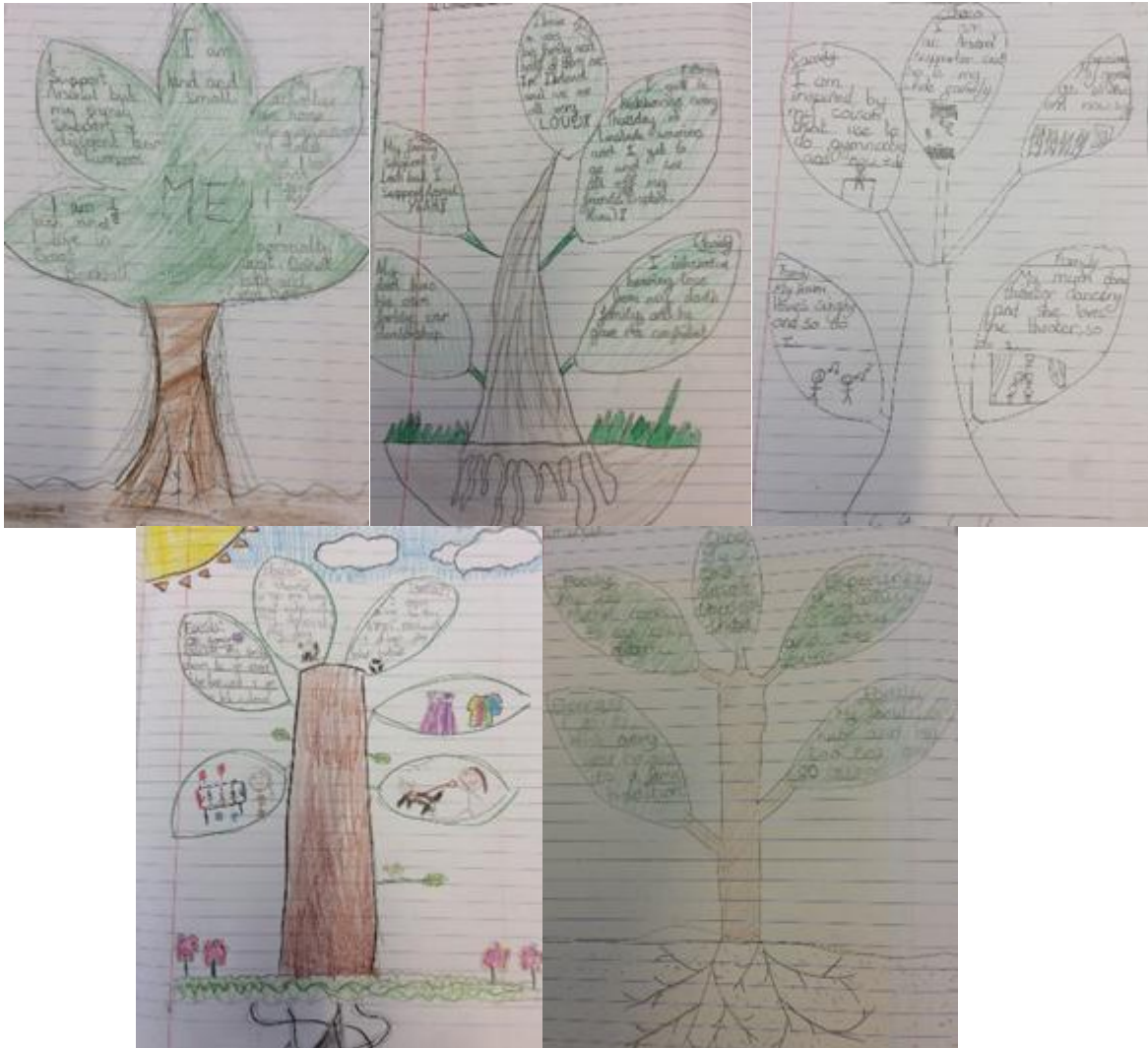


### Year 1/2 Reminders

- Key Stage One - Special Men's Assembly will take place on Friday 19th June at 2.55pm
- Trip to The Shuttleworth Collection on Monday 15th June. Please remember to pay and provide consent via your MCAS app within Trips
- Reading at home - Our Focus text for the next few weeks will be a gorgeous picture book to transport us to the seaside, 'Mouse by the Sea' by Alice Melvin is highly recommended if you would like to share in your child's learning.
- Year 2 Multi-Skills Festival at Cottesloe School on Tuesday 16th June. Please click on this link to provide consent: <https://forms.gle/P6bJwchUv6minY9X7>

### Year Three and Four

This week, we started our PSHE topic for the half term. Year 4 thought carefully about what makes them unique, considering family influences, choices they have as well as experiences they have had and continue to have that contribute towards making them who they are. They produced their ideas in leaves of a tree.



In Geography we have been learning about food miles and how we can reduce them. To do this we learnt about where different foods come from around the world and how many miles it takes to get to us! We then found out about how many fossil fuels have to be burnt to rear cows and to make bread! Did you know that 70% of people never eat a full loaf of bread? To explain how dairy, meat and bread can be harmful to the environment we created a presentation to explain!



On Friday we had a wonderful visitor in school to kick start our Art unit off. Paige is an artist from Bedford who came in to teach us how to print onto fabric. Our new topic is all about printing and design, using nature to influence our patterns and how we can repeat them when manufacturing a product. We had a fantastic time learning and creating our own prints! Thank you Paige!



### Year 3/4 Reminders

- Keep remembering to leave all toys, fidgets, jewellery and belongings from home at home. Thank you!
- Just fruit for break time snacks please.
- Please ensure that you have named your child's belongings. As the weather is warming up, more children are removing their jumpers and many are not named which is making it difficult to find out whose jumper is whose. We will be putting non-named jumpers in the lost property box at the school's front entrance.
- Hazel Class Assembly, Friday 12th June at 2.15pm. Parents are welcome. Doors open at 2.05pm.

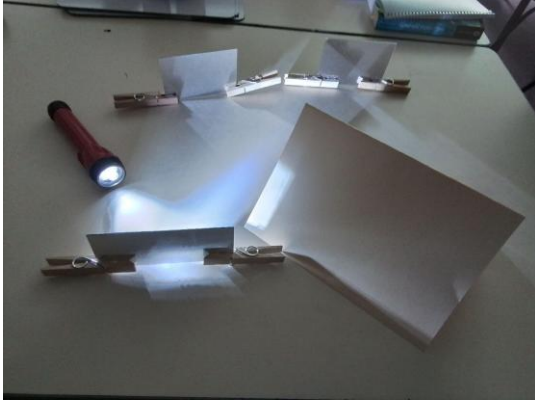
## Year Five and Six

The children in Year 5/6 have been thoroughly enjoying making the most of the warmer weather and taking their PE lessons outside. This week, they have been developing their throwing, catching and batting skills through a range of fun and engaging activities.

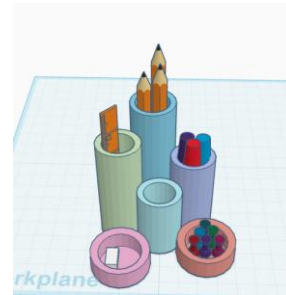
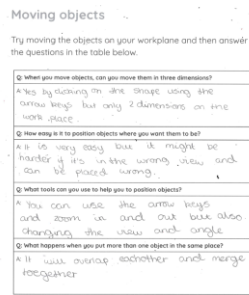
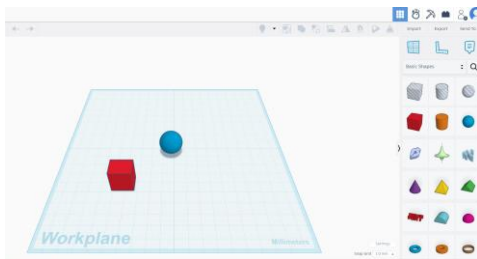
We are excited to have started our rounders unit, where the children are demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship while continuing to improve their skills. There has been great enthusiasm and participation from everyone, and it has been wonderful to see their confidence grow.

We are all looking forward to our mini rounders tournament at the end of the term, where the children will have the opportunity to put their skills into practice and enjoy some friendly competition.

In Science this week we have been looking at reflection and building our knowledge of light travelling in straight lines. We used torches and mirrors to reflect light from one side of the desk to the other so it travelled into the 'eye'.



In computing this week, we have been using 'tinkercad' software to learn how to manipulate 3-D shapes. So far, we've moved objects in three dimensions, positioned and repositioned objects, used different tools such as zoom, changing perspective and using 'handles'. We had to problem solve when objects overlapped each other. Then we analysed our learning and are looking forward to the challenge of creating pencil pots over the next lessons!



Rehearsals have begun for this year's production. Full details are on the google classroom. It's so funny - we know you'll enjoy it!

## Year 5/6 Reminders

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- Just fruit for break time snacks please.
- Remember to keep Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th July free from 6 - 7:30 pm for the school production of 'I'm an eleven-year-old...Get Me Out Of Here!'

## Star Writers...



It was a pleasure to read the work from our Star Writers this week. A huge thank you and congratulations to Marcie, Zachary, Aaron, Layla, Avir, Binky, William, Roman and Ethan. Well done and keep up the good work!

## Reflections...

This week we have been thinking about Shalom - finding peace in everything we do and everywhere we go. We thought about how we could find and create Shalom in our school. The children wrote ideas and we created our Shalom tree. The bible reading we looked at this week was taken from 2 Thessalonians 3:16. May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.

## Attendance...

This week attendance is at 95.7%. Please remember to email [absence@highashschool.co.uk](mailto:absence@highashschool.co.uk) for every day your child is absent from school. Thank you.

## Wishlist Class Bingo

Don't forget our Wishlist Class Bingo!

You can find your child's class Wishlist Bingo card on the school's website by following this link [Wishlist Class Bingo](#). Small items can be dropped off with the class teacher or at reception. For larger items, please call the office, and we'll arrange a suitable time for you to drop off at school.

We've had some great donations so far...let's see which class will call 'Full House' first!

## Sports Day...

Sports day this year is on **Friday 26th June**. The timings for sports day are as follows:

Year 5 and 6 - 9:15 - 10:15

Foundation - 10:25 - 11:15

Year 3 and 4 - 11:20 - 12:30

Key Stage 1 Years 1 and 2 - 1:30 - 2:30



# THIS WEEK'S MENU

**MONDAY**

Pork Meatballs with tomato sauce & spaghetti with a garlic slice  
Vegetable Ravioli & a garlic slice  
Jacket potato with baked beans, cheese or tuna mayo

**TUESDAY**

Beef chilli with taco with rice & taco  
Mexican bean roll with rice & taco  
Jacket potato with baked beans, cheese or tuna mayo

**WEDNESDAY**

*Ash Tree Summer Roast*  
Chargrilled Roast chicken breast with seasonal salad bar & new potatoes  
Vegetable Quiche of the week with seasonal salad bar & new potatoes  
Jacket potato with baked beans, cheese or tuna mayo


**THURSDAY**

Katsu Chicken curry with rice or noodles  
Vegetable stir fry with rice or noodles  
Jacket potato with baked beans, cheese or tuna mayo

**FRIDAY**

Salmon Fish fingers served with chipped potatoes & peas  
Quorn dippers with chipped potatoes & peas  
Jacket potato with baked beans, cheese or tuna mayo

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*Diary dates for next week commencing w-c 8th June...*

W-C 8th June - Year 1 National Phonics Screening test

Monday 8th June at 6.00pm - New Foundation Parents Welcome Evening

Friday 12th June - Year 3/4 Geography visitor

Friday 12th June at 2.15pm - Hazel Class Assembly, parents welcome. Doors open at 2.05pm

Friday 12th June at 2.55pm - KS2 Star Assembly. Invite only. Doors open at 2.45pm

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