



High Ash CE School Weekly Newsletter Friday 17th July 2026



'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

We have had a very busy week. The Year 5 and 6 children put on an amazingly funny production of 'I'm an 11 year old get me out of here!' It was brilliant to see what talents we have at High Ash. Foundation and Year 1 and 2 really enjoyed the Punch and Judy show that they had yesterday which tied in with their theme of the seaside. Yesterday, HASA held their AGM and I would like to thank them for all their hard work over the year, they have raised a record breaking amount of just over £15,000. Thank you to the whole school community who support them!

Autumn Term Clubs and Wraparound Care 2026-27...

Please refer to our separate email sent last week providing you with information on the clubs we are offering next term and booking wraparound care for the next academic year. Please click on the links below to view these on our website:

Clubs - <https://www.hhighashschool.co.uk/page/?title=Clubs&pid=616>

Wraparound - <https://www.hhighashschool.co.uk/page/?title=WRAParound+care&pid=43>

Learning highlights this week....

Acorns

This week has been absolutely packed with teamwork, active fun and thoughtful discussions!

In RE, we have been thinking all about 'special places.' Working in our house teams, the children had a wonderful time using Lego and other construction toys to build a safe, special home for a small world character. This led to some lovely conversations as we looked at photos of different homes from around the world. We talked about their similarities and differences, what makes those homes unique and shared heartwarming thoughts on what makes our own homes so special to us.



We also took a big step in understanding our environment by learning about the dangers of plastics in the ocean. Using the beautiful story of 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' - the tale of a discarded plastic bag in the ocean. We explored how plastic can harm sea creatures and what we can do to help protect marine life.

Finally, a huge congratulations to all of our children for competing in their very first Sports Day! They did an incredible job and tried their absolute best in the hoop race, the balance-the-beanbag-on-your-head race, and the fast-paced sprint. We were so proud of how they supported one another; they learned what it means to be a good sport, understanding that taking part and cheering on our friends is what truly matters, even if we don't always win.



Acorn Reminders

- Oracy homework- Ask your child who "Stanley" turned out to be in our story, and see if they can remember how we can protect our sea friends!
- Please check at home and return all reading books, this includes Library books, home reading coloured books and phonics books.

Year One and Two

Thursday was a special day in Key Stage One as all of the children enjoyed an end of term treat day to celebrate their hard work and good behaviour. The morning started with the culmination of our DT topic when the children prepared the wraps they have spent time researching and designing. There were some wonderful combinations of healthy ingredients and we were so impressed with some of the brave choices they made... onion, apple, cheese and chicken anyone?





In the afternoon we headed to the seaside (the hall!) for an incredible Punch and Judy show before heading to the beach (the sandpit!) to play and then finished off our fabulous sunny day with a picnic; eating our delicious wraps and having an ice lolly treat.

Year 1/2 Reminders

- We will be sending home books and pictures on Monday, so it would be great if children could bring in a plastic bag to help carry all of their possessions and treasures!

Year Three and Four

This week in Geography we discussed the advantages and disadvantages of buying locally grown food or imported food. To show our discussion we created tables of our ideas. In our second lesson of the week, we learnt all about longitude, latitude, the tropics and even time zones! That's a lot of information packed in. To consolidate our knowledge, we worked in pairs to label the countries and geographical features like the longitude and latitude lines.



In Art, Year 3/4 have been exploring the vibrant world of Indonesian textile art this week! The children learned about the traditional resist-dyeing process of batik, focusing on how intricate, repeating patterns are created. Using a clever, classroom-friendly alternative of washable glue as a resist, they carefully drew their own geometric and organic designs before layering paints over the top. Once washed, their beautiful, resist-patterned masterpieces were revealed...



We also explored how patterns are engineered for everyday fabrics, learning to design and construct our own custom printing blocks. Using a range of materials, we carefully considered symmetry, spacing and alignment to create continuous, repeating designs. It was fantastic to see precision and creativity come together in a brilliant collection of unique repeated patterns, large scale!



Year 3/4 Reminders

- Please return any school library books before the summer holidays.

Year Five and Six

Our school hall was transformed into a stage of pure talent this week as our fabulous Year 5 and Year 6 pupils treated us to their production of "I'm An Eleven-Year-Old, Get Me Out of Here!"

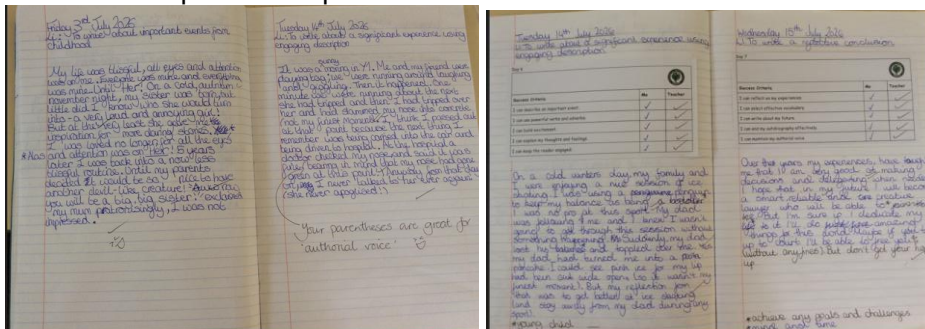
After weeks of intense preparation, the children took to the stage and delivered performances that were nothing short of spectacular. Preparing for a show of this scale is a massive undertaking, and we could not be prouder of how the pupils rose to the challenge. From memorising complex scripts and mastering precise stage directions to perfecting energetic dance routines and hit songs, their dedication was evident in every single scene.

Our Year 6 pupils led the narrative with incredible maturity, proving themselves to be absolutely brilliant actors and actresses. They brought humour, drama, and immense personality to their roles, keeping the audience captivated from start to finish. Supporting them beautifully were our Year 5 choir, whose soaring vocals, perfect timing, and enthusiastic energy provided the ultimate soundtrack to the show.

A huge thank you to all the staff who helped behind the scenes, and to the parents and carers for your support with costumes and line-learning at home. Most of all, congratulations to Year 5 and 6—you blew us all away!

Alongside our theatrical adventures, we have also continued our writing journey this week by diving into the fascinating world of autobiographies. Writing about oneself is no easy task, and the children have had to think incredibly carefully about how to structure their own life stories so far.

Here are a couple of examples of excellent work:



From organising key milestones in chronological order to selecting the perfect anecdotes that capture their unique personalities, the pupils have shown wonderful self-reflection. It has been a joy to read about their early memories, their proudest achievements, and their hopes for the future. We definitely have some future best-selling authors in our midst!

In Maths, children were delighted to use the chrome books. Many of the girls took on a design challenge which they thoroughly enjoyed - as you can see from the looks on Azalea and Cali's faces!



Year 5/6 Reminders

- We will be sending books home on Monday, so it would be great if children could bring in a plastic bag to help carry all of their possessions!
- Monday 20th July - Leavers Blessing at St Mary's Church at 1.30pm. Only Year 6 parents are invited.
- Monday 20th July - Year 6 Leavers Festival at 7.30-9.00pm in school
- Tuesday 21st July - Leavers Assembly at 2.00-3.00pm. Only Year 6 parents are invited.

Star Writers...

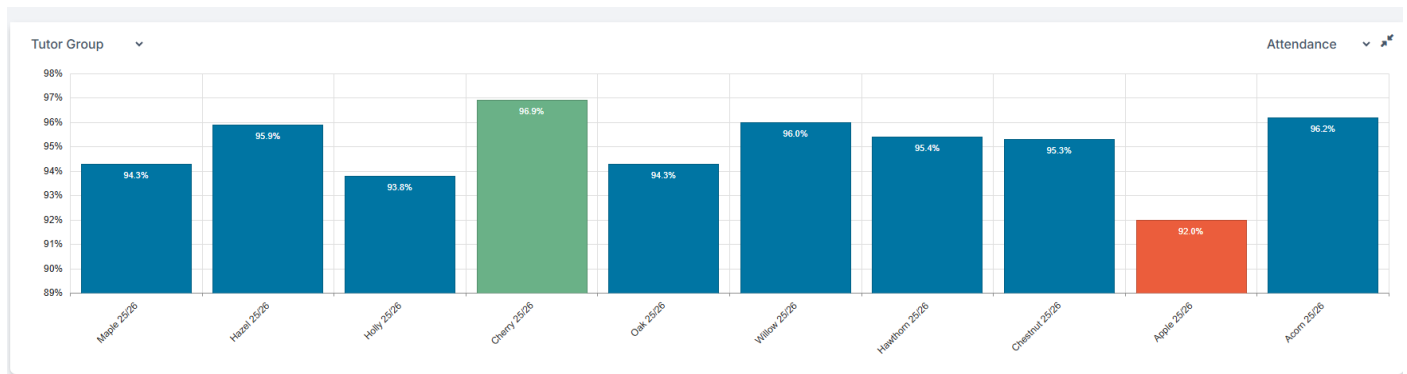


Well done to this week's Star Writers Vdara, Cody, Lilah, Albie, Flynn, Piper and Amina. I loved reading Flynn's precise instructions for how to make a delicious wrap and Albie's facts about sharks were terrifying! Congratulations to you all, you certainly ended the school year as super star writers.

Mrs Barrasford

Attendance this week...

Our school attendance this week stands at **93.5%** and for the whole school year it is at **94.9**. This is below the expected target of 96% required by Ofsted. Please see below attendance per class for this whole school year:



Please remember to always ensure that you email absence@highashschool.co.uk for every day your child is absent from school.

Diary dates for next week commencing w-c 20th July...

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Tuesday 21st July - Last day of term - Breaking up for the Summer holidays

Have a wonderful weekend.

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