

# HIGHBURY NEWS



Valued Individuals, Inspired and  
Nurtured as Learners

JULY 2025

## Hello...



As we come to the end of another busy year it is amazing to reflect on all the brilliant achievements of the pupils and the fantastic learning opportunities they have experienced.

This term we have seen the pupils visit The River Hamble, Arundel Castle, The Splash Park, Beach School, Caterpillars Leaving Party, Lords Cricket Ground, Formula One, Playground Proms, The Year 5 Book Awards, a spectacular Brass Band performance at the Guildhall and of course our successful Sports Day! Wow, it has been truly wonderful to see so many pupils engaging in their learning and embracing in the opportunities beyond the classroom.

The children enjoyed two fun filled days in their new classes during their transition visits and we welcomed the new Reception children to our school. Everyone appears excited for the new year!

The year seems to have flown by and we are ready to enjoy the summer holidays. I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and engagement with the school community. By working collaboratively we will ensure that the 'Primary years' are fulfilling, rewarding and most importantly so memorable for the children.

Enjoy yourselves this summer, take care and have fun making memories.

Mrs Watson



## Goodbye and Good Luck Year 6

It is with both sadness and excitement that we say a fond farewell to our amazing Year 6 children.

They have been a wonderful year group who have worked so hard, achieving brilliant outcomes in their SATS. Their determination and resilience to achieve their best is highly commendable and this great work ethic will support them as they continue on the next exciting step of their education at Secondary School.

The children entertained us all with the most spectacular performance of Oliver! Their commitment, positive attitude and sheer joy of performing was a pleasure to watch - we were so proud of them all and we know they will continue to shine!



## Farewell

*Departure*  
**TIME**

As we say goodbye to Year 6 we also say goodbye to some much loved staff members. Mr Partridge is leaving us to finally start his retirement, although we may just convince him to return again! Mrs Chudley is leaving us to begin her exciting adventure to complete her teaching qualification, she is going to become a super teacher! Mrs Joyce is off to pastures new working within adult education and we wish her well. Ruby Webdale is leaving the Nursery and starting a new position at Medina - we wish her luck! We will miss them all and thank them for their dedication to the Highbury Family.



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## Celebrating Achievements...



**Karate** - Jude H, Isaac S, Ella T

**Football** - Isabella S, Thomas J, Albie M, Rupert S, Jai J, Jagger J, Hudson M, Penelope S, Aran K, Esmee C, Adrianna V, Albert T, Hugo T, Mollie G, Connie M, Kade F, Stanley B

**Gymnastics** - Cleo K, Evie E, Gabby B, Emma M, Minnie C, Maya I

**Boxing** - Lenny C

**Swimming** - Theo M, Betsy W, Farley R

**Cricket Team** - James F, Fraser W, Joseph H, Nathan S, Finn H, Thomas B, Harry M

**Tap Dancing** - Matilda B

**Beavers Award** - George S

**Brownies Sports Day** - Iona M, Rene B

**Charity Work** - Bertie MW

**Dancing** - Ophelia G, Ella P

**Music Quiz** - Daniel W



**At the recent Teach Portsmouth Awards we were thrilled to see many of our team short listed for awards.**

**We are thrilled to announce that Mrs Hartt and Miss Hewitt were the proud winners of the Wellbeing Award - we are so proud of you! They were recognised for their work with the Simon Says charity which supports children and families through bereavement. They felt honoured to be nominated and even more delighted to win the award.**

**In addition a huge congratulations to Mrs Sarson and Mrs Tracey-Wright who were both short listed too - you were our winners!**

**Huge congratulations to Hannah Harris in the Nursery who has completed her SENCo accreditation with flying colours - we are so proud of you.**

## Reports



We hope you were pleased with the school reports and feel very proud of your child's achievements. We encourage you to complete the reports slip which provides you the opportunity to share your views.



## Highbury Hoe-down!

The recent Summer Fayre was a huge success and it was wonderful to see so many of you joining us for this event. We have raised in excess of an epic **£3000** which will enable us to support the pupils within the school. Thank you, as always your support is really appreciated.

A huge thank you to the amazing PTA for organising such a great night.



## Dandelion Event

The Dandelion Event was a celebration and coming together of our service children who, alongside Mrs Fuller, participated in the Festival of Friends.

The world can sometimes feel as scattered and unpredictable as the seeds of a dandelion, especially for children from Service families who often face unique challenges. With this in mind, our school has embarked on creating the Dandelion Club, a nurturing space tailored just for our Service children.

The Dandelion Club is much more than just a club; it's a safe and welcoming environment where children can develop a sense of belonging, friendship, and resilience. This special community encourages children to express themselves, share experiences, and build confidence. As they interact with peers who understand their distinct journeys, friendships blossom, and a strong support network naturally grows.



## Active Travel

### Get Active Portsmouth!

This summer, ditch the car, grab your bike and join us for a series of FREE family fun days in parks across Portsmouth!

Whether you're looking to get fitter, explore more of the city, or just enjoy a great day out with the family, there's something for everyone – and it's all completely free!

Discover the benefits of swapping car journeys for greener, cleaner ways to travel like walking and cycling. One lucky person will also win a bike, lock and helmet in our prize draw.

Join us between 11am and 2pm at one of our local park events for a jam-packed day of fun, fitness, and freebies. Sign up on Eventbrite using the links below, or just turn up:

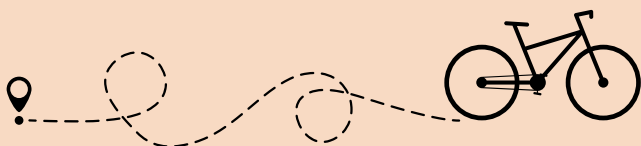
- [Tuesday 5 August – Canoe Lake, Southsea](#)
- [Wednesday 6 August – Baffins Park](#)
- [Wednesday 13 August – Alexandra Park, Hilsea](#)
- [Thursday 14 August – Paulsgrove Park](#)

There's plenty of activities to get involved with, including a cycle obstacle course, inflatables, face painting for the kids, bike safety checks and security marking.

We are also offering up to 50% off used bikes in partnership with Portsmouth Cycle Exchange (£50 maximum discount).

Find out more at

[www.travel.portsmouth.gov.uk/getactive](http://www.travel.portsmouth.gov.uk/getactive).



## Reminders

Please remember the school day starts at **8.40am** and arrival after this time will be marked as late. The school day finishes at

**3.20pm** and only in exceptional circumstances will children be permitted to be collected early. Thank you for your support in adhering to the school timings.



## Dates for your diary...

### September

3<sup>rd</sup> - **INSET DAY**

4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> - Home Visits - Year R

8<sup>th</sup> - Welcome Visits - Year 1

9<sup>th</sup> - Year R starts day - Group A

9<sup>th</sup> - Year R start day - Group B

9<sup>th</sup> - Welcome Visits - Year 5

10<sup>th</sup> - Welcome Visits - Year 6, Year 2

11<sup>th</sup> - Welcome Visits - Year 4

12<sup>th</sup> - Year R - all pupils - in all day

14<sup>th</sup> - Welcome Visits - Year 3

15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> - Bikeability - Year 5

16<sup>th</sup> - Swimming - Year 6

16<sup>th</sup> - Mini Professors - Year 3

22<sup>nd</sup> - Autumn Clubs begin

22<sup>nd</sup> - Mini Professors - Year 4

26<sup>th</sup> - Science Museum - Year 5

29<sup>th</sup> - Mary Rose Visit - Year 4

30<sup>th</sup> - New to Year R Open Day

### October

3<sup>rd</sup> - Harvest Festival

6<sup>th</sup> - Flu Vaccination - Whole school

10<sup>th</sup> - World Mental Health Day

15<sup>th</sup> - New to Year R Open Day

17<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of half term

**20<sup>th</sup> Oct - 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov - HALF TERM**

### INSET DAYS

3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 25

21<sup>st</sup> Nov 25

23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 26

22<sup>nd</sup> May 26

26<sup>th</sup> June 26 - Date Change



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# A Snapshot of Highbury Life...

