



**The summer seems like a distant memory now and we have achieved so much this Autumn term, including a visit from the Ofsted Inspection team!**

The term has drawn to a close with the wonderful Nativities which started in Reception classes, Bumblebees and Butterflies. It was a pleasure to watch the children perform with such confidence and enthusiasm and they were so proud of their performance. They have only been in school for a term and yet have made such amazing progress.

Key Stage 1 'wowed' us again with their production of 'Born in a Barn' and dazzled us with their singing and dancing - all their hard work produced a fantastic performance.

Year 5 performed at the Portsmouth Cathedral as part of the Christmas concert, Rock Steady rockstars performed amazingly in their rock concert and we were joined by many parents at the Portsmouth Schools Carol Concert. Thank you for all your support at these events which helped us all to embrace the Christmas spirit.

The recent Ofsted Inspection in November was undertaken following the new framework. We had five inspectors in school on the Tuesday and three on the Wednesday as they were being quality assured also. It was a demanding couple of days and I was so proud of the Highbury team and children. The inspectors really understood our school ethos, culture and community. The report will be sent to you in the new year and I am sure you will agree that it highlights all the positives and hard work that happens at Highbury. Please take a minute to watch the video link shared on Studybugs which gives you a further insight to the new framework.



Thank you to our amazing PTA who worked so hard to bring Christmas to Highbury. The Colour Hamper raffle was a huge success and the children really enjoyed their visit to 'Elfridges' to make some special purchases. A huge thank you to you all for your support and generosity.



Congratulations to Brooklyn S in Year 6 who was a runner up in Amanda Martin's Christmas Card competition. The design was amazing and Amanda was so impressed with Brooklyn's creativity. Well done!



## Celebrating Wonderful Achievements this term...

Mini Great South Run - Sebastian B, Ella T, Athena R, Lana C  
Dancing - Faye T, Hazel P, Ophelia G, Alba D, Josie C, Tallulah C  
Swimming - Evie E, Alex P  
Karate - Ronnie P, Lana C  
Brownies Awards - Ruby J, Esme P  
Gymnastics - Gabby B  
Football - George A  
Sports Award - Izzy C  
Singing - Ella T  
Tamal Exams - Susanna T  
Beaver Award - Bertie MW  
Boxing - Joseph N



Well done to Sherwood Forest who won the most house points for the second half term running! A special non-uniform day will be happening in the new year for the winning team.



Thank you for all your generosity with Children in Need. Your support enables us to broaden the children's experiences and understand why it is important to take part in such charity events.

A gentle reminder - please can we ask that the children continue to use their tote bags or similar and large bags, including back packs are not brought into school. Equally, water bottles should be slimline.

Thank you for your support.



Please take a moment to support the PCC library consultation survey via this link <https://www.research.net/r/PCCLibrariesWEB>  
Deadline date for responses 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas. Enjoy the holiday time with those you love.  
Take care.



## DAIRY DATES FOR THE NEW YEAR - 2026

### INSET DAYS

23.02.2026

22.05.2026

26.06.2026

### January 2026

#### **5th - Return to school**

6th - Open Box - Great Fire of London - Year 2

8th(Thursday) - Open Day Tours @ 10am

9<sup>th</sup> Jan – March 20th (Fridays) Swimming - Year 2

13th - Mini Professors Extreme Weather - Year 5

15th - Class Assembly - Oak

Spring Clubs Start & End January 19th (Monday) – March 12th (Thursday)

19th Mini Professors - Year 2 - Power of Air

20th- Fishbourne – Year 4

22nd - Class Assembly - Ash

23rd - Milestones Museum – Year 5

27th - Class Assembly - Squirrels

### February 2026

3rd - Class Assembly - Foxes

12th - Class Assembly - Otters

12th - Staunton Country Park - Year R

Disco 12th - 4:00pm – 4:45pm KSI &YR

Disco 12th - 5:00pm-6pm KS2 Yrs 3&4

Disco 12th - 6.15 -7.15pm KS2 Yrs 5&6

#### **INSET DAY 23rd (Monday)**

25th Openbox - The Gigantic Turnip - Year R

25th Openbox - Victorian Childhood - Year 5

26th - Class Assembly - Badgers

### March 2026

2nd - 6th - World Book Day Week

3rd - Class Assembly - Hedgehogs

3rd - Mini Professors - Digestion & Teeth – Year 4

5th - World Book Day Dress Up - optional

9th - Fort Purbrook Activity Centre - Year 4

10th - Class Assembly - Robins

10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> - Parents Evening

10th - Titanic Seacity - Year 2

Book Fayre- 10th, 11th, 12th, 16th (Wednesday-Monday) -after school

11th- Alice Holt - Year 1

13th - Butser Ancient Farm - Year 3

13th - Victorian Dress Up Day

**16th - Little Canada Residential - Years 5&6**

17th - Mini Professors - Plants – Year 1

19th- Class Assembly - Woodpeckers

**20th - Dress down day RED Nose Day**

23rd- Rock Steady Concert

24th - Easter Fair - Yr 6

25th- Easter Concert - St Philips - Yrs 3&4

26th - Class photos

**27th - Break up for Easter**

