Highbury News

October 2026

'Valued as Individuals, Inspired and Nurtured as Learners'

Termly Highlights

Hello,
It has been great to start the new school year so positively. It has been wonderful to see the school community embrace our new school uniform and the sea of green creates a very calm presence. The children have settled into their new classrooms and routines and we have welcomed our children in Reception who joined with us for the first time in our Harvest Celebration assembly.

The weather has been kind to us so the children have been enjoying the weekly Forest School lessons and we have had visits from Hampshire Cricket, Bikeability and Pompey in the Community who have supported some sporting activities in upper Key Stage 2.

Pupils have enjoyed extending their learning with trips to The Winchester Science Museum, The Mary Rose, Arundel Castle, Year 5 Book Awards and a local litter pick in Year 1. All pupils have represented Highbury well demonstrating our school values! Thank you for supporting these trips to go ahead.

We have met with many new parents and children at our recent Open Days and we ask that you encourage others to come and see how great Highbury is for their children.

I hope you all have an enjoyable half term holiday with your families. Please remember the school is closed for two weeks.
Mrs Watson

Harvest Festival

Unfortunarly the rain disrupted our plans to celebrate the Harvest Festival at St Philips Church but Fran, our Vicar, swiftly arrived at school to join us for the celebration. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together to celebrate with songs and a story from Fran. We were overwhelmed with the generosity of our community and so appreciated your donations. Thank you



Nursery Expansion

Highbury Nursery welcomed guests on Wednesday 14th October to celebrate the official opening of our newly expanded provision, made possible through the Department for Education's Best Start in Life grant.
We welcomed Amanda Martin MP who was joined by Jennese Alozie, CEO of our University of Chichester (Multi) Academy Trust, members of the Trust Executive Team, Governors, project partners and other stakeholders to mark the completion of the development.
The event included speeches and wonderful performances from a small group of Year 6 pupils, who sang Dream Big and A Million Dreams. Both songs were particularly fitting, reflecting the school and Trust's shared focus on aspiration, the earliest years and helping every child to develop strong foundations for the future.

Celebrating Wonderful Achievements...

Football – Arin C, Florence Q, Hudson M, Esmai C, Oliver C, Lewis S, Rupert S, Birdie L, Kenny M, Yvie H, Teddy M
School Football Tournament - Berry BW, Birdie L, Poppy P, Robyn C, Renae W, Willow D, Niamh B
Dancing – Amara BD, Ella T, Olivia M, Isla B, Isabelle EK, Eden C
Gymnastics – Gabby B (selection to the National Primary Women's Team), Willow M, Emma M, Hallie W
Karate – Lennox T, Ebun A, Erika D, Brianna D, Oliver C, Mira C
Swimming – Tristan V, Bertie MW, Alex P
Reading Challenge – Gigi H, Tristan V, Florence Q, Olivia N, Emily U, Charlotte B, Isabella EK, Logan F, Oliver C, Logan F
Blue Peter Badge - Orin P
Brownies Promise - Connie M, Penelope S, Mollie G
Brownie Badges - Ruby J
Cricket – Tristan V
Great South Run Fundraising - Logan F
Theatre Production - Amelia A





Parent's Evening

There will be an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher on the **week beginning the 9th November.** More information to follow.

Contact Info

Thank you for your support as we move over to Arbor for our communication for school visits and parents evening. Please do contact the school office if you are experiencing problems and we will endeavour to help you solve these issues.

Upcoming Events

November 2026
2nd - Return to school
3rd - Phonics Workshop - Year R
5th - Fire Pitt – ALL
5th - Open Box - Year 2
9th - SSE visit - Year 4
10th - Parents Evening - ALL
11th - Parents Evening - ALL
11th - Cinema Visit - Year 2
11th - Open Day Tours - new to YR
12th - Parents Evening - ALL
13th - Children in Need - ALL
17th - Story books workshop - Year R
18th - Wild Beach School Workshop - Year 1
19th - School Photos - Individual and Siblings
23rd - Flu vaccinations - ALL
26th - Natural History Museum - Year 6
26th - Dress down day - PTA Colour Raffle
27th - INSET DAY
30th - Open Day Tours - new to YR

December 2025
4th - Christmas come to Highbury - PTA
7th - Open Box Christmas Show – Years 2-6
7th - Rock Steady Concert
8th - Bumblebees Nativity
9th - Butterflies Nativity
9th - Christmas Carols - Cathedral - Year 5
10th - Christmas Jumper Day
11th - Elf Workshop – Nursery, Year R & Year 1
15th - Key Stage 1 Nativity - St Philips
16th - Key Stage 1 Nativity - St Philips
16th - Christmas Dinner – ALL
17th - Christmas Parties - ALL
18th - Last day of the term-
SCHOOL CLOSES AT 1PM

January 2027
4th - INSET DAY
5th - Return to school



We are pleased to share the news that Mr and Mrs Rogers welcomed their baby daughter into the world on 11th October. We send them all our love and best wishes.