

Highlands Primary School

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Principal: Mrs Debra Smith

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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

End of Term Assembly

Our final assemblies of the year will be held on Friday morning. We will be presenting our end of year awards and you are most welcome to join us. Due to numbers, we are splitting the assemblies; the EYFS/KS1 assembly will start at 9.30am and the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 assembly will start at 10.30am.

Staffing changes

We say goodbye to a variety of staff at the end of this week. Miss Little who has been based in KS1 for the last year leaves on Friday, we wish her well in whatever life throws at her next. Mrs Redburn has also taken the decision to leave Highlands. She has been with us for 8 years and we all wish her lots of luck in whatever she chooses to do next. Ms Eastham and Mrs Dearing who have both been at Highlands since the school was in special measures way back in 2000/2001 have both taken the decision to retire. They have both played a huge role in making Highlands the success it is today and I thank them both for the dedication and service they have given to the school. I'm sure you will join me in wishing them both a happy and healthy retirement.

We welcome two new members of staff to Highlands in September: Mr Hughes, who will be teaching in year 3 and Mr Coll who will be Highlands' new deputy headteacher. Our teaching staff for next year is as follows:

Foundation Stage 2	Key Stage 1
Lead – Mrs Harris Miss Greenham Ms Schiele	Lead – Mrs Green Miss Harrison Mrs Eskrett Mr Wilson Mrs Haldenby/Miss Beech
Years 3 and 4	Years 5 and 6
Lead – Mrs Ellis Mr Hughes Mrs Corcoran Miss Appleyard	Lead – Mrs Saxby Miss Clark Mrs Randall Mrs Redburn

Significant dates and What's on next term?

I have attached a copy of your child's 'What's on' for the Autumn term. I hope this will give you an idea of what they will be learning when they return to school in September. We endeavour to inform you of significant dates well in advance. Please be mindful that some of these change at the last minute and these are unavoidable. Attached to this letter is your child's 'What's on' and a copy of the significant dates for the Autumn term.

School Uniform

A very large part of our success is down to our consistently high expectations, and this includes our school uniform. Sweatshirts are available from the school office at the price of £11.50. We do provide the children with PE kits which are always commented on when visitors are in school. We ask that you ensure that your children return to school in the autumn term in the correct uniform. **This includes black shoes.** I have attached a copy of our School Uniform Policy for your information. Children should not wear jewellery or large bows in their hair.

Lost Property and Personal belongings

Ms Milner had the lost property on display earlier this week. On Friday we will be disposing of all lost property that has not been claimed. Please encourage your children to check their lockers to ensure all personal belongings are brought home including clothes, pack up boxes and outdoor PE shoes.

Dates of Term 2026-2027

Autumn Term	
Tuesday 8 September 2026	Friday 23 October 2026
Tuesday 3 November 2026	Friday 18 December 2026
Spring Term	
Tuesday 5 January 2027	Friday 5 February 2027
Monday 15 February 2027	Friday 19 March 2027
Summer Term	
Tuesday 6 April 2027	Friday 28 May 2027
Monday 7 June 2027	Friday 23 July 2027

School closed to children: Monday 3 May 2027 for May Day bank holiday

Autumn term 2027: For those of you booking holidays for the summer in 2027, children will return on Tuesday 7 September 2027.

Year 6 SATs week – week beginning Monday 10 May 2027

Autumn term lunch menu

Please find attached the menu for the Autumn term. There will also be additional special day menus which will be sent out separately, nearer the date.

School closes on Friday for the summer holidays. It has been a fantastic year for Highlands and our children have all done extremely well.

This is my last newsletter to you and as I prepare to leave Highlands Primary School after 35 years, I would like to take a moment to thank all of the families, children, staff and governors who have been part of my journey. It has been an absolute privilege to serve this school community and to watch generations of children learn, grow and thrive. I have been incredibly fortunate to work alongside dedicated colleagues and supportive parents who share a commitment to giving every child the very best start in life. While it is not easy to say goodbye to a school that has been such a significant part of my life, I leave with countless happy memories, immense pride in all that we have achieved together and great confidence in the future of Highlands Primary School.

Thanks to everyone involved with Highlands for their support over the past year and a personal thank you from myself for the last 35 years. I wish you all a wonderful summer holiday, have a fabulous break with your children and best wishes for the future.

Kind regards

Debbie Smith
Principal

**Dates for your diary
Autumn Term 2026**

Date	Event
Tuesday 8 September	Children return to school
Tuesday 8 September and rest of week	Induction into 2s sessions
Monday 14 September	2s children start normal sessions
Friday 18 September	Year 6 to Kingswood Sports day
Friday 25 September	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Monday 5 October	Photographer in school
Thursday 1 October	Year 2 to Willerby Synagogue
Friday 9 October	Harvest Festival
Wednesday 14 October	Parental consultation evening
Tuesday 13 October	Year 2 Theatre
Monday 19 October	Flu immunisations
Tuesday 20 October	Flu immunisations
Thursday 22 October	EYFS farm visit
Thursday 22 October	Initial letter to new F1 parents by today – children who are due in Jan 2027
Friday 23 October	Break up – Half term
Tuesday 3 November	Children return to school
Friday 7 November	FS1 confirmation letters back today
Wk bg 15 November	Anti Bullying Week
Wednesday 11 November	Remembrance Day
Wk bg 16 November	2s/FS1 home visits this week
Monday 16 November	Year 5 Skills4Bills
Wednesday 18 November	Year 5 Skills4Bills
Friday 13 November	Children in need day
Friday 27 November	Christmas Fair
Wk bg 7 December	Letter confirming 2s F1s spring term places to go out
Monday 7 December	Father Christmas in his grotto
Tuesday 8 December	Father Christmas in his grotto
Thursday 10 December	Magic Carpet performances
Friday 11 December	Year 3 to Cresswell Grags
Friday 11 December am/pm	Year 1 Christmas Concert
Tuesday 15 December am/pm	FS2 Christmas Concert
Wednesday 16 December	Christmas Parties
Thursday 17 December 11am	Carols on the playground
Thursday 17 December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 18 December 9.30am	End of term assembly and Christmas service
Friday 18 December 3.15pm	School closes for Christmas