

Highlands Primary School

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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

It is with great pride and excitement that I write to you as the new Headteacher of Highlands Primary School.

Having been part of our school community for many years, I feel incredibly fortunate to be taking on this role in a school that means so much to me. Over the years, I have had the privilege of working alongside our wonderful pupils, dedicated staff, supportive families and governors, and I am deeply committed to continuing the school's success.

A warm welcome back to you all. It was great to see everyone back on Tuesday. The children all looked fabulous in their new uniforms on their first day back. Many thanks for supporting the uniform policy, please remember to put your child's name in their uniform. If you need further support with the sourcing of school uniform, please speak to Miss Milner who has a variety of uniform, including school sweatshirts.

Staffing

We welcome many new staff to Highlands this term: Mr Coll our deputy head teacher, Mr Hughes a year 3 teacher and Miss Scoular who will be in school every morning as our attendance officer. In addition, we have a new business manager, Miss Tullock who will be working in school on a Tuesday and Thursday.

Mrs White, our school SENCO, will only be in school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays this year.

Significant Dates

This term is often very busy, so I have attached an updated list of key dates and activities for the term. There are a number of school visits planned and further details of these will be sent out as the term progresses. We endeavour to ensure you are notified well in advance of any event which is taking place in school. We will do our best to stick to these but some may inevitably be added or changed due to unexpected circumstances. We will also upload these onto our website.

Photographs

The photographer will be in school taking individual photographs on Monday 5 October. Details of how you can purchase photographs will follow.

A reminder about dates of term for this academic year:

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

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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.

Attendance

At our school, we know that good attendance is one of the most important factors in helping children achieve their full potential. Every day in school provides valuable learning opportunities, helps children build friendships, and supports their confidence and wellbeing. We understand that there can sometimes be challenges that make attendance difficult and we want to reassure you that we are here to listen and support. If you have any concerns or need help, please do get in touch. By working together, we can ensure every child has the best possible chance to succeed.

Year 6 SATs

A heads up for those parents of year 6 children - the year 6 SATs tests will take place during the week beginning **Monday 10 May 2027**. All year 6 children need to be in school for the whole of the week as there are tests every day.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

We will be taking part in the annual MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 25 September. Children will have an opportunity to buy a cake/bun or biscuit for a small donation, with all monies received going to MacMillan Cancer Support. Reminders will be sent out nearer to the date.

Harvest Festival

We are holding our annual Harvest Festival Celebration on Friday 9 October. Last year you all did us proud with the amount of non-perishable food items that were sent in which benefited local charities. We are asking for more donations this year please. A flyer will come out later this term with further details.

Stay in touch

We try our best to keep parents well informed and we encourage you to speak with our staff at the end of the school day if you have any questions or concerns. Mrs Precious and Miss Milner are always around school and are keen to support and work with parents. We will continue to send text reminders for some events and activities – please let the school office know if you change your address or phone number. Any additional information can be found on our website - as well as our Facebook pages.

The staff at Highlands look forward to your ongoing support and working with you all over the academic year.

Kind regards



Mrs H Smith
Headteacher