



# High Littleton Church of England Primary School Friday 19th January 2024

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## Happy New Year

**Welcome back:** As this is the first newsletter of the new year, I would like to welcome you all back to High Littleton Primary School following what I hope was a lovely Christmas period for you all.

**Governor Open Days:** On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, we were delighted to invite members of our Governing Body along with Mr Alun Williams to school, so that they could observe the day-to-day running of the school. Governors visited all classrooms, observed lessons, spoke with staff and children and also spent time on the playground and in Collective Worship. Feedback from the two days was very positive. It was clear to the Governors that routines and behaviour were excellent and that the quality of teaching and learning was of a high standard.

**Accelerated Reader:** If you are a parent of a child in Key Stage 2, you will have received a letter informing you of our plans to award certificates to children based on the amount of word read. Each time a child successfully completes a quiz, the system allocates the child the number of words which were read in the book. Therefore, as the children read more books and correctly answer quizzes, the number of words read increases. This will also hopefully spur children on to read more regularly at home and your support would be greatly appreciated.

**Phonics:** You may have seen our Instagram post earlier on this week which celebrated our success in the recent national Phonics Screening Check. The letter from the Minister for Schools, which can be seen within this newsletter, congratulates us as a school on achieving a 96% pass rate and places the school in the top 4% of schools in the country. My heartfelt thanks to the staff and parents for ensuring that the children achieved so well.

**Attendance:** You will no doubt be aware that school attendance has been in the news recently, with the government keen to improve attendance rates post-pandemic. We as a school are fortunate that you as parents place a great deal of emphasis on regular attendance and our average attendance (97.1%) since September has been well above national averages.

**Hinduism Workshop:** Today, children in Deer Class welcomed Mrs Indira Mistry, who worked with the children to develop their understanding of Hinduism and what it is to be a Hindu. The children thoroughly enjoyed their sessions and our grateful thanks Indira for visiting and sharing her knowledge.

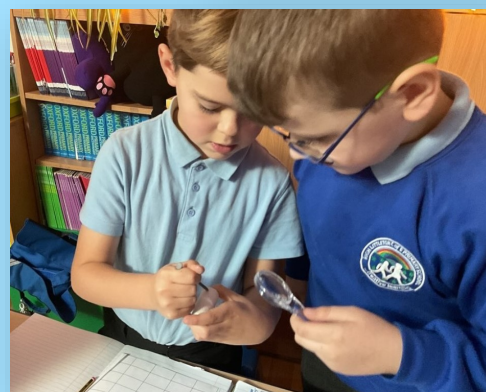
**Photo:** Term 3 Headteacher's Tea Party recipients



*"Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12*



# Goings on at High Littleton





# PTA

The immediate issue that we now face as a school is filling the role of Chair/Co-Chair, and at the time of writing this, a replacement has not been found. Without this role, the PTA cannot continue to raise funds and therefore this will have a direct effect on what we can offer the children at school.

If you feel you can support the PTA in either of these roles, please come and speak to me. As I've already mentioned, without your support as parents, the PTA cannot continue.

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## Community

# PAULTON COMMUNITY POOL TERM TIMETABLE SEPTEMBER 2023



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
6:30 – 9:00 Early Morning Swim*	6:30 – 9:00 Early Morning Swim*	6:30 – 9:00 Early Morning Swim*
9:00 – 9:25 Pre-School Lessons*	9:00 – 9:25 Pre-School*	10:00 – 11:00 School Swimming*
9:15 – 9:45 Parent & Baby Class*	9:15 – 9:45 Parent & Baby Class*	11:30 – 11:55 Pre-School Lessons*
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12:15 – 13:00 Adult Lunchtime Dip	11:00 – 11:25 Pre-School Lessons*	18:00 – 19:00 1-1 Lessons*
13:30 – 14:30 School Swimming*	11:30 – 11:55 Pre-School Lessons*	18:30 – 19:30 Public Swim
15:30 – 18:00 School Children Aged Lessons*	12:15 – 13:00 Adult Lunchtime Dip	19:30 – 20:15 Aqua Aerobics
18:00 – 18:30 Rookie Lifeguard*	13:30 – 15:00 School Swimming*	
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Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6:30 – 9:00 Early Morning Swim*	6:30 – 9:00 Early Morning Swim*	9:00 – 11:30 School Children Aged Lessons*
9:15 – 9:40 Pre-School Lessons*	10:00 – 10:30 Stay and Play	11:35 – 12:00 Pre-School Lessons*
9:45 – 10:10 Pre-School Lessons*	11:00 – 11:45 Aqua Aerobics	12:00 – 13:00 1-1 Lessons*
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18:00 – 18:30 Swimfit Activate+*		
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Sunday
9:00 – 9:45 Family Fun Swimming*
9:45 – 10:30 Family Fun Swimming*
10:30 – 11:15 Family Fun Swimming*
11:15 – 12:00 Family Fun Swimming*
12:00 – 12:45 Family Fun Swimming*
14:00 – 17:45 Private Hire*

Charity Number: 292672

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**Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP**  
Minister for Schools

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08 January 2024

I am writing to congratulate you on your school's outstanding achievement in the 2023 Phonics Screening Check.

We want to ensure every child develops a firm grasp of phonics as the basis on which to improve standards of reading. As such I was delighted to see your results.

With 96 per cent of pupils in Year 1 at High Littleton CofE VC Primary School meeting the expected standard in the check, your school is in the top 4 per cent of all primary schools in the country.

The latest figures show that 83 per cent of pupils who met the expected standard in the check went on to achieve at least the expected standard in reading at key stage 2 in 2023, which underlines the importance of developing the ability to decode words effectively at an early age.

Your particular success in teaching phonics and early reading so effectively means your pupils are developing a firm foundation, from which they can become increasingly fluent and develop a lifelong love of reading.

I would like to thank you for your commitment and success in this vital area of a child's early education and congratulate you, your staff and pupils again on all you have achieved.

Yours sincerely,

**Damian Hinds**  
Minister for Schools



## Attendance

Please see below attendance for each class from September to today:

Owl	96.7%
Hedgehog	96.5%
Fox	94.7%
Badger	97.8%
Otter	96.3%
Robins	96.5%
Deer	97.5%
Total	96.5%

Attendance Matters



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Please check out the website. Click on the link below:-

[www.highlittletonschool.com](http://www.highlittletonschool.com)

### **Dates for your Diaries 2023-2024**

*Please click on the link below to take you to the 'Diary Dates' page and scroll down to see Club dates!*

['Diary Dates/Clubs'](#)

High Littleton Primary School is committed to working towards race equality, promoting positive approaches to difference and opposing all forms of racial prejudice and discrimination. Language or behaviour, which is racist or potentially damaging to any ethnic or racial group, is not tolerated and will always be challenged. We recognise that British society is made up of people from many different racial, cultural, linguistic and religious backgrounds and that all pupils must be fully prepared to live in such a diverse society.