



HIGH LITTLETON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday, 12th June 2026



Head's View

As this is the first newsletter of this term, may I take this opportunity to welcome you back from your half term break. Since our return to school, there have been many activities, both academic and extracurricular to keep the children on their toes!

Year 1 Phonics: This week, children in Hedgehog Class have taken part in the annual Phonic Screening Check. I was incredibly proud of their achievements and although the results cannot be made public quite yet, I am sure that you will be as delighted as I am by the outcome.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check: Another year group to take on the challenge of a formal test are children in Otter Class, who have been practising their times tables recall for the past few months. Each child was asked to answer twenty-five questions with only six seconds to answer (and type) each response. Again, once the results have been verified, I will be able to share these with you where we can celebrate the children's achievements.

School Disco: Many thanks to our PTA who last week organised two school discos which were well-attended and raised much-needed funds for the school. Please remember that the PTA's Summer Fair is taking place at the Recreation Ground next Friday evening, 19th June from 4-6pm.

New starters: It was a delight to open our doors on Monday evening when we welcomed all our new parents whose children will be starting in Reception come September. Over the coming weeks we will be inviting the children into school to help settle them in before the big day!

Multiskills Festival: This week, our children in Fox Class visited Bath University for a multiskills festival where the children took part in various sporting activities. Many university employees commented on how well-behaved our children were.

Humanist Visit: Yesterday afternoon, we welcomed Pat Walmsley to school as she met with children in Otter and Deer classes to discuss her life as a humanist. This allowed children to ask searching questions and to deepen their understanding as part of our RE curriculum.

SARI Workshop: Next week, children in Years 4 and 5 will be working alongside SARI (Support Against Racist Incidents) when members of the SARI team will lead a number of workshops designed to support all children in being inclusive and embracing diversity in all its forms.



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

Golden Welly



These children have been presented with the Golden Welly for spending their lunchtimes filling our new vegetable plots with soil and compost.

Metal Miners



We were visited by these two gentlemen who are part of The Somerset District Miners Welfare Trust. They have donated this silhouette to act as a permanent reminder of the industry that shaped our local community.



Lifeboats

Struggling in the water?



FLOAT TO LIVE

Safeguarding

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, please contact the school office and ask to speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Griffith, or our Deputy Safeguarding Lead, Mr Gunning.

The safety of our young people is the responsibility of us all.

During the school holidays if you have a concern about a child, please contact BANES Social Work Services.

You can raise your concerns in any of the following ways:

- Call Children's Social Work Services on 01225 39 61 11 or 01225 47 79 29 (weekdays, 8.30am to 5pm, except Fridays when they are closed from 4.30pm)
- Drop into the Keynsham One Stop Shop and ask for the duty children's social worker
- Discuss your concerns with someone who works with children and families: Teacher, Health visitor, School Nurse
- **Out of office hours** - If you think a child is in immediate danger please BANES Emergency Duty Team on 01454 61 51 65

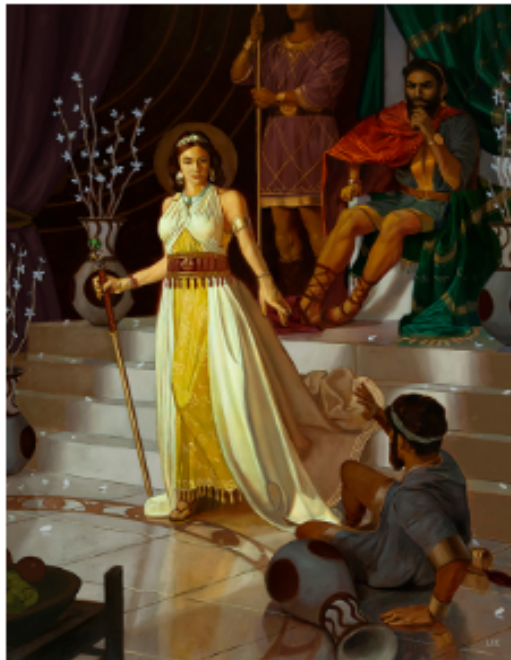
**Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility**



Thought of the Week

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“...And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?” (Esther 4:14)



'Queen Esther' - Bernard Lee (2021)

If you don't know the story of Queen Esther from the Bible, I strongly recommend reading it. Firstly, it's not very long (only 10 short chapters) and secondly it is an easy read, with quite a conventional setup. There's two heroes (Mordecai and Esther) and there's even a baddie (Haman). The story is so much like a lot of our modern good over evil stories, that I even saw it performed as a pantomime!

I don't want to give too much away, but Haman, the baddie, is keen to get rid of Mordecai and all his people (the Jews) just because Mordecai won't bow to him. Mordecai explains that he will only bow to his God and his king, Xerxes.

Unfortunately, Haman is very angry about him not bowing and he is on good speaking terms with the king. Haman tricks Xerxes into signing a decree agreeing that 'a people' (the Jews) who do not follow the king's laws are to all be killed in a few months' time.

Xerxes doesn't realise who he is agreeing to have killed and by this point in the story, not only has Mordecai

saved him from a plot to kill him, but the king is now married to Esther, who is Mordecai's cousin and also a Jew.

When Mordecai finds out about Haman's plan, he realises that Esther is the only one that can talk to the king about this, as she is his Queen. Unfortunately, Esther knows that anyone, including the Queen, who goes to see the king without being invited, could be killed. She is in fear of her life, but Mordecai encourages her to approach the king, adding that her appointment to her royal position may have been 'for such a time as this'.

I won't tell you what happens in the end, but it is worth reading it through to find out. You can even watch [this short BBC video](#) to give you an updated overview of the story.

Like Esther, we can sometimes be asked to do something that we don't want to do. This might be something to do with our family or maybe our job. Sometimes, we are so desperate not to do that one thing, that all we want to do is get out. But like Esther, sometimes it is important that we stick around and do the thing we really don't want to do.

Maybe someone else could do it instead of you, but like Mordecai says in the story, you may have been put in this position especially for this reason.

So before you drop everything and run, pause for a moment. Maybe that thing you don't want anything to do with is the one thing you have to have everything to do with. It may be tough, but with help from God and/or others, you can get through it.



OPAL Resources

It's that time of year again when we are asking for donations of loose parts to further enrich the children's outdoor learning experience. High Littleton is a platinum awarded OPAL school. The aim of OPAL is to enrich the children's outdoor playtime by encouraging free and imaginative play, reinforcing social skills and allowing a safe environment for the children to assess their own risks.

As before, we're asking for items off the list below. Whilst we will thoroughly check all items to ensure their safety, it would be appreciated if you could check that the items are safe enough to play with i.e. pockets, bags should all be cleared out, cables cut-off.

Natural Loose Parts	Fabricated Loose Parts
Bulbs/seeds/plants	Astro Turf Off cuts
Logs	Bed linen
Pea Gravel	Boards, Old Cabinet Doors, Panels
Pine cones	Bread, milk, bottle and grocery crates
Play Bark/ Woodchip	Brief cases
Tree stumps that can be used as seats	Buggies, push chairs
Sea Pebbles	Cable drums
Shells	Decking that can be made into planters
Varied aggregates, slate, flint, clay	Event shelter/old tents
Wood offcuts	Fabrics – Preferably parachute type materials and as colourful as possible.
	Hoses and pipe
	Netting - fishing, cargo, football
	Old clothes, jackets, overalls, hats, bags
	Suitcases/Briefcases of all sizes
	Treasure that can be buried - crystals, rocks, coins, foos gold, mini dinosaurs etc



Nut-Free School

Please can I remind you that we are **NUT FREE SCHOOL**.

Please can you also ensure you do not provide SESAME items. We are asking all parents to bear this in mind when sending lunches and snacks to school.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Progressive Kids



DO YOU NEED
CHILDCARE BEFORE OR
AFTER SCHOOL?

YOU CAN BOOK ODD
DAYS, A WEEK OR A
FULL TERM!

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BOOKING SITE



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Golden Rules

We are gentle



We are kind and helpful



We listen



We are honest



We work hard



We look after property



Attendance

Please see below attendance for each class since the beginning of the academic year:

Owl	96.5%
Hedgehog	97%
Fox	98%
Badger	96.7%
Otter	96.8%
Robins	97.9%
Deer	97.4%
Total	97%



Please check out the website - Click on the [link](#).

Follow us on Instagram high_littleton for the latest news and information about the school.



Dates for your Diaries 2025-2026

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.



09:00
- 15:30



Years
R-6



SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

St John's C of E Primary School

1

Mon 20th July
Tues 21st July
Wed 22nd July
Thurs 23rd July
Fri 24th July

Gymnastics
Summer Sports
Nerf, Dodgeball & Archery
Dance OR Football
Musical Theatre



2

Mon 27th July
Tues 28th July
Wed 29th July
Thurs 30th July
Fri 31st July

Nerf, Dodgeball, Archery & Football
Summer Sports
Dance OR Multi-Sports
Musical Theatre OR Multi-Sports
Nerf, Dodgeball, Archery & Football



3

Mon 3rd Aug
Tues 4th Aug
Wed 5th Aug
Thurs 6th Aug

Nerf, Dodgeball & Archery
Summer Sports
Football
Dance OR Multi-Sports



4

Mon 10th Aug
Tues 11th Aug
Wed 12th Aug
Fri 14th Aug

Football
Summer Sports
Nerf, Dodgeball & Archery
Dance



5

Mon 17th Aug
Fri 21st Aug

Nerf, Dodgeball, Archery & Football
Dance



6

Mon 24th Aug
Tues 25th Aug
Friday 28th Aug

Nerf, Dodgeball & Archery
Summer Sports
Football



Tues 1st Sept

Nerf, Dodgeball, Archery & Football



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