



# HIGH LITTLETON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday, 13th February 2026



## Welcome, Awards, Teamwork, Cake...

**Welcome:** Last week we welcomed two new children to High Littleton Primary School. Both Chloe and Alice have joined us in Owl and Badger Class respectively. I have no doubt that their time with us will be a happy one. We have also welcomed two new Baths Spa students who will be spending the remainder of this academic year with us. We wish both Miss Hellewell and Mrs Liu as they begin their time in Hedgehog Class and Fox Class respectively.

**Headteacher's Tea Party:** Congratulations go to Louie and Hugo (Owls), Holly and Stanley (Hedgehogs), Rory and Charlotte (Foxes), Josh and Elliott (Badgers), Elodie and Esmie (Otters), Bertie and Quinn (Robins) as well as Chloe and Perrie (Deer) who attended this term's Headteacher's Tea Party. This is in recognition of their impeccable behaviour and manners (see photo below).

**Headteacher's Award:** Many congratulations go to Perrie (Deer) who was, this afternoon, presented with my Headteacher's Award. This is recognition of her achievements at school and to recognise Perrie's outstanding behaviour and attitude towards learning.

**Year 5 and 6 Gymnastics:** Well done to all our Year 5 and 6 pupils who took part in this year's gymnastics competition. The children demonstrated fantastic skill, balance, and determination, performing a range of impressive routines with confidence and enthusiasm. We are incredibly proud of the teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship shown by everyone involved. Thank you to all participants for representing the school so brilliantly — you should be very proud of your achievements! A special mention to Sienna (Deer) who was awarded the gold medal for her Level 3 routine - an incredible achievement.

**PTA Cake Sale:** A big thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising the Valentine's Cake Sale. The delicious homemade treats were a huge hit with the children and staff alike, and the event raised valuable funds to support school activities. We are very grateful to everyone who baked, donated, and purchased cakes to make the sale such a sweet success.

**Parents' Evenings:** Thank you to all the parents who signed up for Parents' Evening on ARBOR. We appreciate your support and engagement in your child's learning journey and look forward to welcoming you to discuss your child's progress and achievements.

Have a lovely half term break.

Mr Griffith



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

## Star Readers

Congratulations to Frankie (Owl) and Beatrice (Deer) who are the recipients of the KS1 and KS2 Star Reader Awards. These awards are in recognition of the children's hard work both at home and at school to improve their reading.



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## Term Dates 2026/2027

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Term	Start	End
Term 1	Thursday 3rd September 2026	Friday 23rd October 2026
Term 2	Monday 2nd November 2026	Friday 18th December 2026
Term 3	Monday 4th January 2027	Friday 12th February 2027
Term 4	Monday 22nd February 2027	Thursday 25th March 2027
Term 5	Monday 12th April 2027	Friday 28th May 2027
Term 6	Monday 7th June 2027	Friday 23rd July 2027

### Inset days 2026/27

Inset 1	Thursday 3rd September 2026
Inset 2	Friday 4th September 2026
Inset 3	Thursday 22nd October 2026
Inset 4	Friday 23rd October 2026
Inset 5	Wednesday 25th November 2026
Inset 6	Monday 4th January 2027

## What did the Romans ever do for us?

Badger Class enjoyed an exciting trip to the Roman Baths in Bath, exploring ancient history first hand.

The children were fascinated by the historic architecture, learned about Roman life and culture, and even imagined what it was like to visit the baths nearly 2,000 years ago. It was a fun and educational adventure that brought history to life!



## Crazy Hair Day

A huge thank you to all the children who took part in our fantastic Crazy Hair Day. It was wonderful to see so many creative, colourful, and imaginative hairstyles on display, and the day brought lots of smiles and laughter to the school. Thanks to your generosity, all proceeds will be donated to Dorothy House Hospice Care, supporting the vital care they provide to patients and families. Well done to everyone for helping to make a difference!



# Chinese New Year

Owl Class welcomed the Lunar New Year with a vibrant celebration of Chinese New Year. The children learned about traditions and symbols associated with the festival, created colourful crafts, and enjoyed tasting some traditional foods. It was a joyful day filled with curiosity, creativity, and a wonderful appreciation of another culture.



# Years 5 and 6 Gymnastics Competition



# Thought of the Week

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**'Love is patient, love is kind...It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.'** (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

Recently a friend of mine was speaking to her hairdresser about faith. The hairdresser wanted to understand what made her choose to become a Christian. My friend was quite clear on this and felt that there were three things that they wanted to share that helped them to make this decision.

The acronym was HAL, which for any sci-fi fans out there will know is the name of the artificial intelligent character and main antagonist in the Space Odyssey films. Apart from the same letters being used, there is no other connection here, but it might help you remember the acronym after reading this page.

So the H stands for Hope. Everyone needs hope. We need to believe that things are going to either stay good or get better. As Friedrich Nietzsche said, "He who has a why to live can bear almost any how." If there is no purpose, no meaning in life, we ultimately struggle. My friend was clear that for her, having a belief and relationship with God gives her life meaning and purpose and ultimately hope.

The A stands for Acceptance. Brené Brown said, "True belonging doesn't require us to change who we are; it requires us to be who we are." Knowing we are accepted for who we are makes all the difference. It means we don't have to conform to other people's expectations of us. It also means we don't have to try and be someone else. We can enjoy being ourselves. If God made us then surely he made us well. Psalm 139:14 says that we are 'fearfully and wonderfully made' and that God's 'works are wonderful'. Again, hope, purpose and the knowledge that you are accepted.



Finally the L stands for Love. There are so many different understandings of the word love, but the one that is usually associated with God's love is agape - selfless, unconditional love. This is the kind of love that doesn't depend on your actions, looks, or status. It's caring for someone simply because they're a person, not because of what they do. That's the sort of love that my friend was referring to.

She ended the conversation by saying surely everyone wants these three things in their lives and the hairdresser had to agree.

What about you? Do you agree?

## 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

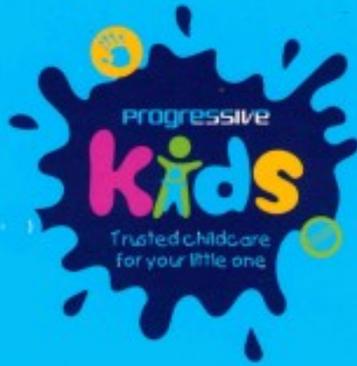


## Nut-Free School

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.



DO YOU NEED  
CHILDCARE BEFORE OR  
AFTER SCHOOL?

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

SCAN THE QR CODE  
BELOW TO GO TO OUR  
BOOKING SITE



OR CONTACT US BY TEXT/EMAIL  
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[j.mctiernan@progressive-sports.co.uk](mailto:j.mctiernan@progressive-sports.co.uk)



# 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.

# EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



B&NES LIBRARIES

FESTIVAL OF LIBRARIES

7 - 21 FEBRUARY 2026

## Half Term Fun at Your Local Library

### Bath Central Library

#### We're Going on a Lion Hunt

Presented by DragonBird.

Immersive stories for under-5s and their grown-ups.

#### Storytime

#### Baby Bounce & Rhyme

#### Crafting Day

Enjoy making a bookmark, mini book or Library card holder

#### Draw along with Fergal

Pop along to Bath Library and learn how to draw me, Fergal, with author Robert Starling

### Keynsham Library

#### Baby Bounce & Rhyme

#### Crafting Day

Enjoy making a bookmark, mini book or Library card holder

#### Storytime

#### Board Game Fun

### Midsomer Norton Library

#### Baby Bounce & Rhyme

#### Storytime

#### Crafting Day

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#### Monday 16 February

11.00 - 11.50am &  
2.00 - 2.50pm

#### Tuesday 17 February

10.30 - 11.00am

#### Wednesday 18 February

10.30 - 11.00am

#### Friday 20 February

10.00 - 3.00pm

#### Saturday 21 February

12 noon



#### Tuesday 17 February

9.30 - 10.00am &  
10.30 - 11.00am

#### Wednesday 18 February

10.00 - 3.00pm

#### Thursday 19 February

10.30 - 11.00am

#### Saturday 21 February

10.00 - 12noon

#### Monday 16 February

11.00 - 11.30am

#### Wednesday 18 February

10.30 - 11.00am

#### Thursday 19 February

10.00 - 3.00pm

### Festival of Libraries:

This is our programme of **free** events for everyone to enjoy over this half-term.

There are:

Jigsaw Days

Board Game Fun

Crafting Days

Pop into your local library for a programme or look out on our social media.

### Festival of Libraries:

#### In Our Community Libraries:

Paulton Community Library

Story Rhyme Tuesday 17 Feb

& Colouring 10.00-

0-4 years 11.00am

Radstock Community Library

Crafting Tuesday 17 Feb

10.00 - 11.30am

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