



HIGH LITTLETON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday, 17th July 2026



...and that's a wrap!

Farewell: After 15 wonderful years of dedication, kindness, and inspiration, we say a heartfelt farewell to Ms Tunstall as she begins her well-earned retirement. Throughout her time at our school, Ms Tunstall made a lasting difference in the lives of countless children, sharing not only knowledge but also encouragement, patience, and care. She has been a valued colleague, a trusted teacher, and an important part of our school community. On behalf of everyone at High Littleton Primary School, past and present, I would like to thank Ms Tunstall for her years of commitment and wish her every happiness, good health, and many exciting adventures in this new chapter. She will be greatly missed, and we hope retirement brings her all the joy that she truly deserves.

We say a heartfelt thank you and goodbye to Mrs Baruta, who is leaving her role as our school cleaner. We are so grateful for all her hard work, care, and dedication in helping to keep our school a clean, safe, and welcoming place for everyone. We wish Mrs Baruta every happiness and success for the future. She will be greatly missed by our whole school community.

As our Year 6 children prepare for the next stage of their journey, we wish them every success and happiness. We are so proud of all they have achieved and know they will continue to shine. Good luck, Year 6—we will miss you!

We say a fond farewell to the Evans family as they begin an exciting new adventure in Australia. Thank you for being such a valued part of our school community. We wish you all every happiness, success, and wonderful experiences in your new home. Good luck, and don't forget to keep in touch—we'll miss you!

We are also saying goodbye to Felix (Hedgehog) and Lexie (Otter), who are both moving on to new schools in September. We wish them and their families all the very best as they leave High Littleton for the final time.

Headteacher's Tea Party: Congratulations go to Thea and Etta (Owls), Emily, Imogen and Clara (Hedgehogs), Orla and Sunshine (Foxes), Aurora and Niko (Badgers), Ophelia and Evie (Otters), Noah and William (Robins) as well as Charlie and Ezra (Deer) who attended this morning's Headteacher's Tea Party. This is in recognition of their impeccable behaviour and manners (see photo below).

Finally, I would like to thank you as parents and carers for all your support. I continue to feel privileged to work in such an amazing school. I'd like to wish you all a relaxing summer holiday. Please note that the school is closed to pupils on Thursday, 3rd and Friday, 4th September. We look forward to welcoming you all back here on Monday, 7th September.

Mr Griffith



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

SATs Results

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils for the excellent outcomes they achieved in this year's Key Stage 2 SATs. Their results were well above the national averages across the curriculum and are a testament to the hard work, determination and resilience they have shown throughout their time at primary school. While SATs are only one measure of achievement, they reflect the commitment our pupils have shown in developing their knowledge, skills and confidence. These fantastic results are the culmination of years of learning, supported by dedicated staff and families who have worked alongside our children every step of the way. Congratulations to every member of Year 6. You have represented our school with pride, and we are delighted to celebrate your success. We wish you every happiness and continued success as you begin the next exciting chapter of your education.

All pupils	Reading	Writing	Maths	RWM Combined	SPAG
Expected	88%	92%	96%	84%	88%
National 2026	75%	73%	75%	63%	74%
Greater Depth	40%	32%	52%	32%	36%
National 2026	33%	13%	26%	8%	28%
Scaled Scores	109	n/a	110	n/a	108
National 2026	106	n/a	105	n/a	105

Summer Reading Challenge



Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to Charlie on receiving the Headteacher's Award. This well-deserved recognition celebrates Charlie's positive attitude, hard work, and commitment to always doing their best. We are incredibly proud of this fantastic achievement—well done, Charlie!



Star Readers

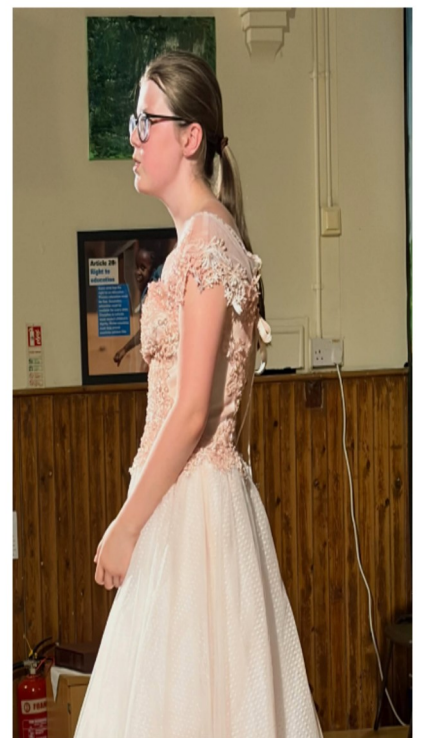
Congratulations to our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Star Readers, Rupert and Ophelia. Their enthusiasm for reading, love of books, and dedication to developing their reading skills have earned them this well-deserved recognition. Keep up the fantastic work!



Summer Production

Summer Productions: Congratulations to Deer Class as well as Mr Gunning, Mrs Beale Miss Richards for producing two fantastic performances of *Barnum—The Showman's Dream*. The quality of the singing was second to none and the scenery and costume designs were incredible.

Well done Deer Class!



Thought of the Week

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'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.' (Hebrews 13:8)

Image taken from 'The Chosen' Series 1 (2017)



If you've not come across the series 'The Chosen' on Amazon, then I thoroughly recommend you take a look. And what better time than over the summer holidays!

It's a series about the life of Jesus, created, written, directed and produced by Dallas Jenkins and Angel Studios.

The series focuses around the people that were chosen to live and work with Jesus, the twelve disciples. But the series also includes some of the women that may well have travelled with

him - some of which are mentioned in the Bible but are not included as being among his disciples. A Jewish rabbi in those days wouldn't have included women in their group of followers and this is commented on in the series, so it is very revolutionary that some of Jesus' followers were female.

What's interesting about this series is the way that Jesus' and the disciples' humanity is portrayed. Jesus, played by Jonathan Roumie, often makes little jokes and comments that are genuinely funny and the disciples are shown in all their true colours.

Included in the group is Matthew, beautifully performed by Paras Patel. Matthew was a former tax collector and in the series he is portrayed as being neurodiverse, which provides a really valid explanation as to why a Jewish person might think it would be okay to work for the Romans collecting taxes, while not necessarily understanding how other Jewish people may respond.

Whether you are a Bible scholar or someone who has very little Bible knowledge at all, it is a real treat to watch an historical drama which focuses on a diverse group of mixed up individuals and the way they become a unit.

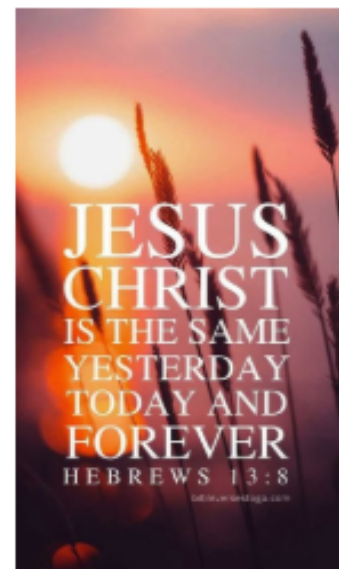
Angel Studios are presently filming the sixth series and although Amazon is showing the five seasons that are available, there is a Chosen app which means you can also watch it all for free if you don't have an Amazon subscription.

After watching one particular episode where Jesus was teaching The Sermon on the Mount, it reminded me of today's verse from Hebrews 13, that tells us that Jesus is the same - yesterday, today and forever. It doesn't matter how he is portrayed in films or in television series, or which translation of the Bible you read, it is still the same man.

For Christians all over the world, this is a real encouragement, especially in a world where everything is constantly changing. To know there is one person who can be relied upon and who will never leave or forsake you whatever happens, makes a tangible difference.

My recommendation is to [take a look at this series](#) and don't give up after episode one as Jesus only appears in the last two minutes!

I wish you all a peaceful and blessed summer and all the best for the new year.



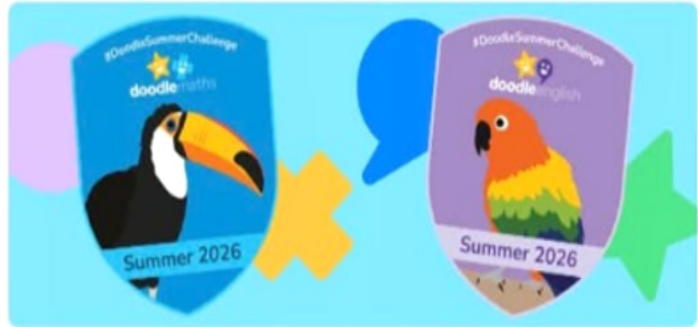
Doodle Summer Challenge

The Doodle Summer Challenge

1st of July - 31st of August 2026

Earn a pin badge and certificate!

Between the **1st of July - 31st of August**, Doodle are running two exciting Summer Challenges — the DoodleMaths Challenge and the DoodleEnglish Challenge!



Both Challenges are designed to encourage a few minutes of daily Doodling, keeping your child engaged in their learning and boosting their skills. Plus, they can earn exclusive rewards by taking part!

How to take part

1 Create or link your account

If you haven't already, create and/or link a parent account to your child's school account. To find out how to do this, see the reverse of this flyer or visit help.doodlelearning.com and search 'how to link account'.

2 Register for the Challenge

From the **1st of July**, visit parents.doodlelearning.com and press **Register** next to your child's name for one or both Challenges.* **The last day to register for and begin the Challenge is the 18th of August.**

3 Doodle 'little and often'

Once you've registered, encourage your child to **earn 750 stars** (or **600** if they were born after August 2018) and use **DoodleMaths** and/or **DoodleEnglish** for **14 days*** between the **1st of July - 31st of August**.

*These 14 days don't need to be in a row. A day of use is defined as completing at least one exercise between 00:01 and 23:59.

4 Receive a pin badge and certificate!

Once they've reached their target, we'll send a **pin badge** to their school. This will arrive after the Challenge comes to an end. You can also claim a **personalised certificate** for them by visiting parents.doodlelearning.com and pressing **Download certificate**. The last chance to do this is midnight on the 25th of September.



Tag us and use the hashtag
#DoodleSummerChallenge

For more information,
please visit doodlelearning.com/challenge.

Any questions? Visit help.doodlelearning.com and press on the green circle icon to chat to our team.



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**



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, fools 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
07789997375**

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.



**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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