

HIGH LITTLETON

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday, 26th September 2025



Headteacher's Update

Attendance: As we come to the end of another week, I am delighted that our current whole school attendance is 98%. Over the last few days we have had 100% attendance which is incredible - long may this continue. In terms of punctuality, I am pleased to see very few children arriving late to school, as this is unsettling for the children who arrive after 8.50am.

Packed Lunches: Please can I remind you that it is important for children to eat a healthy lunch as this improves concentration and behaviour both at school and at home. Please follow this link www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes to give you some ideas.

Harvest Service: Next Friday afternoon, we will be visiting Holy Trinity Church for our annual Harvest Service which will be led by Rev. Pitt. The service will begin at 2.00pm. Please note that although this is a whole school service, not all year groups will be participating. This year the service will include items by children in Otter and Robin classes.

Bath Spa Student: This week we have welcomed Miss Amber Nolan and Miss Ellie Stevens to our school as they embarks on a potential career as teachers. Miss Nolan and Miss Stevens will be working in Hedgehog and Fox classes respectively.

Immunisations: Your child's flu vaccination is now due. This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. Please complete the consent form (yes or no) using the following link: www.bswschoolagedimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu Please use the school code: WT141149

PTA Annual General Meeting: Our first PTA meeting will be held on Thursday, 9th October at 6pm. We would be delighted to see as many of you as possible to support the PTA in raising much-needed revenue to help the school.

Autumn Parents' Evenings: Our Autumn Parents' Evening will be held on Tuesday, 14th October 3:30pm - 6:30pm and Thursday, 16th October 3:30pm - 5:30pm. All parents will need to book a slot using your ARBOR Parent Portal app. A letter has already been sent to you with instructions on how to book an appointment with your child's class teacher. If you have any questions, please contact office@highlittleton.mnsp.org.uk

Mr Griffith



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

House Captains

Last week, the whole school took part in the first democratic process of the new academic year, when our new House Captains were elected. Many congratulations to Ettie-Jean (Trinity), Eve (Amesbury), Isabella (Mearns), Aaliyah (Greyfield), Charlie (Halig), and Dorothy (Lytel).



School Games Award

We are delighted to inform you that we have recently been accredited with the School Games Mark for 2024-2025. This is in recognition of our commitment to providing an inclusive PE and school sport offer. This award reflects the high standard which we set ourselves in not only developing each and every child's personal development, but also highlights our sporting commitment (both inclusive and competitive). My grateful thanks to Mr Gunning for ensuring that PE and School Sports remains a high priority for our school and that children benefit from a wide range of sporting opportunities.



Year 6 Visit to Cranmore

On Wednesday, our Year 6 pupils visited the East Somerset Railway at Cranmore as part of their work in History. Children have been learning all about what life was like as an evacuee during the Second World War and this educational visit transported them through evacuees' experience of billeting, new homes and friends, being issued with an identity card and exploring children's experiences of being evacuated.



Thought for the Week

"People, trust God all the time. Tell him all your problems, because God is our protection."

(Psalm 62:8 - NCV)



One of the things I enjoyed as a child was a real sense of safety.

Not all children are assured this, but for the majority of us our parents or carers often did whatever they could to shelter us from the world outside.

But this is becoming harder and harder as time marches on. When I was growing up, there was one screen in the house and three channels (four channels by the time I was 10). Older children would knock on our door from October to December, either to ask for a treat, a penny for a guy or some money for singing some carols, but they were relatively harmless. One of the local dads did punch the vicar in the face once for not letting him and his family into the primary school fair without paying. It would have only been a nominal fee, but they didn't want to pay and he made this very clear after the reverend asked them not to climb over the boundary fence.

Apart from that one small incident, I think I was quite well protected, at least until reaching secondary school. As a parent myself, I have always wanted to keep my own children safe, but this is an ongoing battle in this day and age. At the last count, including work laptops, there are 13 screens in our house, so there is always access to the internet and even with parental controls in place, there is still content that "slips through". Going to the local park, visiting pubs and restaurants or using public transport, it is clear that words that may not be allowed until after 9pm on television are rife elsewhere at any time. Although living in an area that is reasonably quiet and peaceful, we have still observed at least one example of severe criminal damage, something that left us all deeply upset and feeling very unsafe.

The Psalms in the Bible, despite being between 3 and 4,000 years old, are often still so applicable. Psalm 62 was one of King David's psalms and it talks about him finding rest in God, his 'rock and salvation'. In verse 8, which is today's verse, David tells us to 'always put our trust in God' and that we can 'tell him all our problems'. For those of you with a faith, you might be able to relate to this. Do you share your problems with God? Do you know you can always trust him?

Finally, David tells us that 'God is our place of safety'. Can we really trust God that much and enjoy that real sense of safety? Even in 2025?

I know it is something we would all love to experience, to have a deep assurance that everything will be all right, regardless of which countries are at war, regardless of who is leading 'the free world', regardless of which groups are on a peaceful protest march, bellowing their demands.

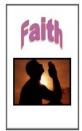
For many people around the world, knowing God's peace is a reality. They know that he is in control and that he is the one who they can rely on. That doesn't mean bad things don't happen, but ultimately he is with them through every experience, good or bad. Isn't that something worth investing in?

Paul Marvin (Christian Distinctiveness MAT Lead)

Christian Values













Our Christian Values

At High Littleton Church of England Primary School our Christian values are based on the teachings of Jesus Christ. These values are embedded in the daily life of the school and have a significant impact on the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all members of the school community.













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.

Autumn Term Parents' Evenings

Please note that this term's Parents' Evenings will take place <u>in</u> <u>person</u> during the w/c 13th October. We will contact you again via email to inform you of how to book an appointment with your child's teacher Prior to these dates.



HIGH LITTLETON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

OPEN MORNING

Tuesday, 11th November 2025 9:30am-12pm













Are you looking for your child to start school in September 2026?

We are opening our doors to prospective parents so that you can come and see what goes on at High Littleton Primary School.

No appointments necessary.



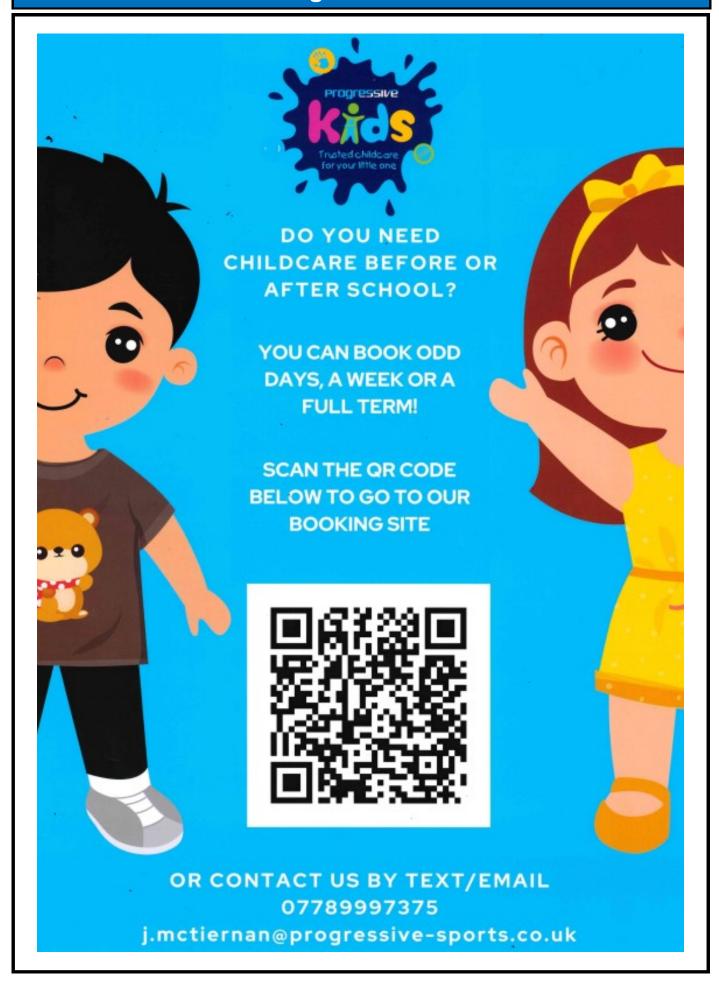
Diary Dates

Here is an overview of calendar dates for term 1. More details will follow.

Date	Event	Class
15th September	After School Clubs begin	Y1-6
3rd October	Harvest Festival @ Holy Trinity (2pm)	All
9th October	Trip to The Egg Theatre	Years 2/3
9th October	PTA Meeting @High Littleton School (6pm)	All
14th October	Individual and Sibling Photos	All
14th October	Parents' Evening	All
16th October	Parents' Evening	All
22nd October	PTA Spooky Baking Competition and Cake Sale	All
23rd October	Last day of term 1	All
24th October	Inset Day 3	-
3rd November	Term 2 begins	All



Progressive Kids



Golden Rules



We are gentle



We are kind and helpful



We listen



We are honest



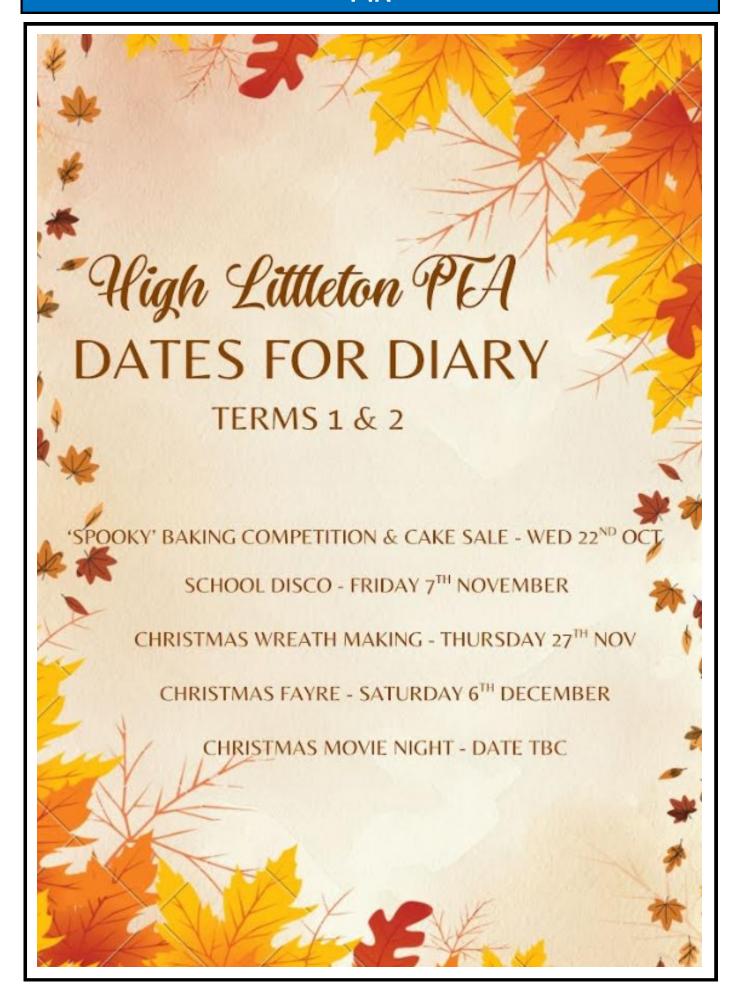
We work hard



We look after property



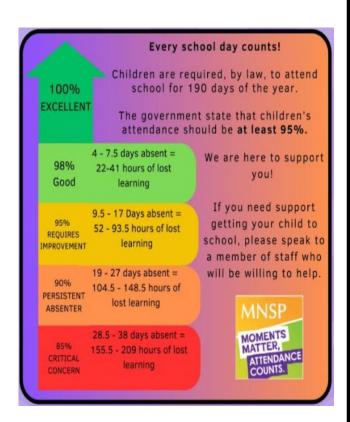
Positive Press



Attendance

Please see below attendance for each class:

Owl	96.7%
Hedgehog	98.2%
Fox	99.4%
Badger	97.9%
Otter	98.6%
Robins	98.4%
Deer	97%
Total	98%



Please check out the website - Click on the <u>link</u>.

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



Dates for your Diaries 2024-2025

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.









Greyfield Wood, High Littleton



Halloween Forest Crafts - Thursday 30th October

Fairy Tale Survival Skills - Friday 31st October

10am - 3pm £35 p/child p/day £25 p/sibling p/day





















The B&NES Specialist Autism Support Service (SASS) is a team of specialist practitioners aiming to empower education colleagues, families and young people across B&NES to access the most appropriate support and information.

Our range of Padlets



with supporting resources and information

www.padlet.com/SASSBathnes

Our SASS Helpline

every Wednesday morning 9am-12pm 01761 412198 Training for professionals

including Autism
Education Trust (AET)
training; so that staff
supporting your child can
access updated support
and information

Parent/Carer Coffee Mornings

led by SASS team members at Longfellow's Cafe, BA3 3A - see the dates <u>here</u>



Sharing of resources

including our <u>SASS</u> <u>Specialist Guide for</u> <u>Education Settings</u>



sass choir whole family welcome!
See our flyer here

Universal Level Support available through SASS for families

this support can always be accessed, even if a referral for targeted/specialist support for a young person has not been accepted*

Supportive School / Setting Audits

Using the AET
Standards Framework
see our audit
resources here

Regular newsletters

including best practice updates, new resources... and more

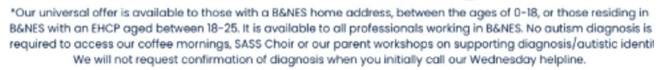
https://padlet.com/SASS Bathnes/newsletter



Training for parents/carers

including

<u>Cygnet</u> training our training overviews
can be found here





For information about training and events, and one-page profiles of the team members, please visit https://padlet.com/sassBathnes/Updates

Where support to implement best practice regarding autism and SEND is required, please also consider contacting the Inclusion and SEND Advice Service: https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/inclusion-and-send-advice-service