



HIGH LITTLETON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday, 3rd July 2026



Head's View

Assessment Results: We are delighted to share some fantastic end-of-year results, which are well above national averages and a testament to the hard work of our children, staff, and parents. In Reception, 83% of children achieved a Good Level of Development (GLD); 96% of our Hedgehogs passed the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check; and Otter Class excelled in the Multiplication Tables Check with an impressive average score of 24/25. These achievements put the children in an excellent position for the next academic year. Please note that due to circumstances beyond our control, Year 6 SATs results have been delayed nationally and will not be released to schools until Thursday, 16th July. We will share these with you in our final newsletter of the year.

Summer Fair: Many thanks to our hard working members of the PTA for organising such a wonderful summer fair last Friday. Thank you to those of you who attended and spent all your hard-earned money on various stalls and inflatables. Although not yet official, we believe that the PTA have raised approximately £2000.

Sports Day: What a fantastic day we had earlier this week at The Recreation Ground for our annual Sports Day! The energy was electric, and we are incredibly proud of all our students for their amazing effort and sportsmanship. A massive congratulations to Greyfield for a well-deserved victory to take home the trophy this year! We also want to extend a huge thank you to all the parents and families who came out to support; your loud cheers and wonderful encouragement made the day incredibly special for our entire school community.

Educational Visits: Our children have thoroughly enjoyed a fantastic lineup of educational trips recently, sparking curiosity and creativity across all year groups. We got up close with exotic wildlife and learned about conservation during a hands-on adventure at **Chew Valley Animal Park**, stepped back in time to explore rich history and cultural stories at the **American Museum**, and experienced the magic of live theatre with an inspiring, world-class performance at the **Bristol Old Vic**. Thank you to all the staff and venues for making these diverse, enriching experiences possible for our children!

Saying Goodbye: We would like to say a fond goodbye to Dolcie, who has left us to start her new journey at Longvernal Primary School. We will all miss her very much, but we wish her the absolute best of luck and lots of happiness as she settles into her new school!

School Closure: We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all parents and carers for your patience, co-operation, and understanding during our unexpected two-day closure last week due to the extreme, high temperatures. Ensuring the safety, health, and well-being of our pupils and staff is always our absolute priority, and we deeply appreciate your flexibility and support in helping us manage these challenging weather conditions smoothly.

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

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Sporting Events



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IT'S GOING TO BE
HOT NEXT WEEK!

PLEASE HELP US KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE AND COMFORTABLE
BY MAKING SURE THEY BRING:

A HAT



**TO PROTECT
THEIR HEAD**

**SUNCREAM
APPLIED**



**APPLY BEFORE
SCHOOL**

A WATERBOTTLE



**TO STAY HYDRATED
THROUGHOUT
THE DAY**

♥ **THANK YOU FOR HELPING US LOOK AFTER EVERYONE!**

Quadkids County Finals

Many congratulations to our Quadkids team who took part in the county finals earlier on this week where we came 6th in the small schools events. Huge congratulations to Perrie (Deer) who came second in the 75m sprint in a time of 11.39 seconds—a fantastic achievement.



Classes 2026-2027

Owl Class - Mrs Emma Payne

Hedgehog Class - Miss Jade Wheeler & Mrs Claire Richardson

Fox Class - Miss Ellie Stevens

Badger Class - Miss Alice Langley

Otter Class - Mrs Ania Woods

Robin Class - Mr Kyle Smalley

Deer Class - Mr Ian Gunning

Thought of the Week

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“He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you make it a den of robbers.” (Matthew 21:13)



'Purification of the Temple' by El Greco (Doménikos Theotokópoulos) (1600)

Do you sometimes get angry? I know I do!

I remember sharing with children the time that Jesus cleansed the temple, and how generally shocked they were to see Jesus so incensed.

The problem with understanding why Jesus was so angry is that we are only given the bare bones of the situation. In Matthew's Gospel, it just says he drove out those who were buying and selling things without much of an explanation why. Was it just because they were buying and selling? Does Jesus have an issue with commerce?

For Jews at this time, to be able to worship at the temple, they would usually have to present an

animal for sacrifice - as a way of saying sorry for the things they had done wrong. This again upset the children listening, but they felt much better when I reassured them that no horses, dogs, cats or guinea pigs were harmed!

Unfortunately, many of the worshippers travelled a long way and so they had to buy their animals when they got to Jerusalem. The worshippers were also expected to pay a 'temple tax', but this could only be paid using the correct Tyrian shekel, so any other type of coin had to be exchanged.

Now, you've probably guessed it already, but yes, those buying and selling in the temple were probably overcharging these visitors, so buying their animals and exchanging their coins was costing them more than it should. Instead of it being about people coming to worship God, it was more to do with making money at other people's expense, especially those who could ill afford it. This was the time of Passover and many Jewish visitors would want to worship in the temple, so this could be seen as a form of exploitation.

Now maybe it is clearer as to why Jesus was so angry and why he was so keen to 'drive them all out'.

This type of anger is known as righteous anger, when someone is angry because of an injustice being done to someone else. When we get angry, is it for this reason? Are we angry about those who are suffering in our world or those struggling to buy enough food? Are we doing something about this anger that we feel?

Or is our anger more like selfish anger? As I explained to the children at the time, selfish anger is when we get angry because we can't get chips for tea!

This week, if something you see or hear about makes you angry, what can you do to make it better? Can you send an email or letter to your local MP? Can you find a charity that is working to make a difference in that area? Do what you can to make a difference.

And if our anger is selfish...maybe we need to keep quiet...😞!

"It is written
(in the
Scriptures), 'My
house will be
called a house
for prayer.' But
you are changing
God's house into
a 'hiding place
for thieves.'"
- MATTHEW 21:13-15



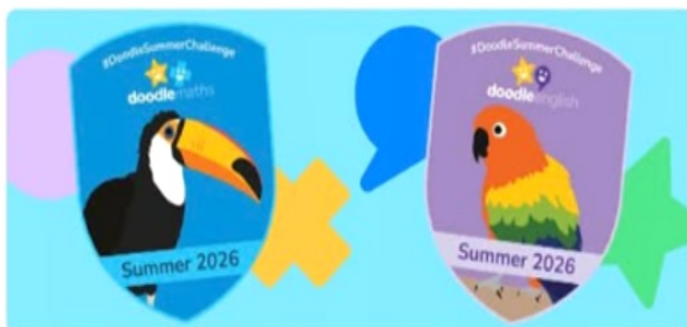
Doodle Summer Challenge

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, 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!

SCAN THE QR CODE
BELOW TO GO TO OUR
BOOKING SITE



OR CONTACT US BY TEXT/EMAIL
07789997375

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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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