



High Littleton Church of England Primary School Wednesday 21st October 2026

Awards

Headteacher's Tea Party: Congratulations go to Sienna and Phoebe (Owls), Chloe and Sophie (Hedgehog), Harry and Renne (Foxes), Astrid, Amelia and Aaliyah (Badgers), Martha and Thea (Otters), Henry and Rowen (Robins) as well as Connor and Lola (Deer) who attended this terms Headteacher's Tea Party. This is in recognition of their impeccable behaviour and manners (see photo below).

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

School Council: Democracy has been high on the agenda in the last few weeks, when the children cast their votes in our annual School Council elections. As the Returning Officer, I can announce that Austin and Otilie (Owls), Wilson and Hugo (Hedgehogs), Charlie and Holly (Foxes), Amelia and Kobi (Badgers), Theo and Zander (Otters), Harry and Isabel (Robins) as well as Hayden and Thora (Deer) have been duly elected as our School Council representatives for 2026-2027.

Star Readers: Congratulations to Elijah (Fox) and Archer (Otter) who are the recipients of the KS1 and KS2 Star Reader Awards respectively. These awards are in recognition of the children's hard work both at home and at school to improve their reading.

OPAL Rangers: Koa, Ivy, Sunshine, and Oliver (Badgers), Arlo, Niko, Erin and Roux (Otters), Martha, Seyon, Bowie and Evelyn (Robins) as well as Nicky, Quinn, Taylor, Noah, Ella and Gracie (Deer) have all stepped forward to become our new OPAL Rangers for this academic year. They have been tasked with supporting the adults and ensuring that all the children enjoy their playtimes.

Parents' Evenings: Many thanks to you all for attending last week's Parents' Evenings. If you were unable to meet with your child's teacher, please contact the school office to arrange a telephone consultation after half term.

Have a wonderful half term - remember tomorrow, Thursday, 22nd October and Friday, 23rd October are INSET Days; see you on Monday, 2nd November.

Mr Griffith



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

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School Council and House Captains



Sports



Behaviour Policy

We are extremely proud of the children who attend High Littleton Church of England Primary School. Visitors to school often comment about the positive behaviour of the children and that they are a credit to the school. Our Behaviour Management System follows six simple Golden Rules.

Our whole school approach to behaviour includes all children, all staff and all parents. These rules will be followed in class, during lunchtime, in the playground, during Collective Worship and extra-curricular clubs as well as at the beginning and at the end of the school day.

Golden Rules

The following rules will be displayed around the school.

1. We listen; we don't interrupt.
2. We look after property; we don't damage things.
3. We are gentle; we don't hurt others.
4. We work hard, we don't waste time.
5. We are honest; we don't cover up the truth.
6. We are kind and helpful; we don't hurt anybody's feelings.



Sanctions

Sanction 1: Yellow card (name recorded)

Sanction 2: Red Card (name recorded)

Sanction 3: Sent to Key Stage Leader or Deputy Headteacher

Sanction 4: Sent to Headteacher

Sanction 5: Letter/email/phone call to parents

Rewards

Work Together Treat

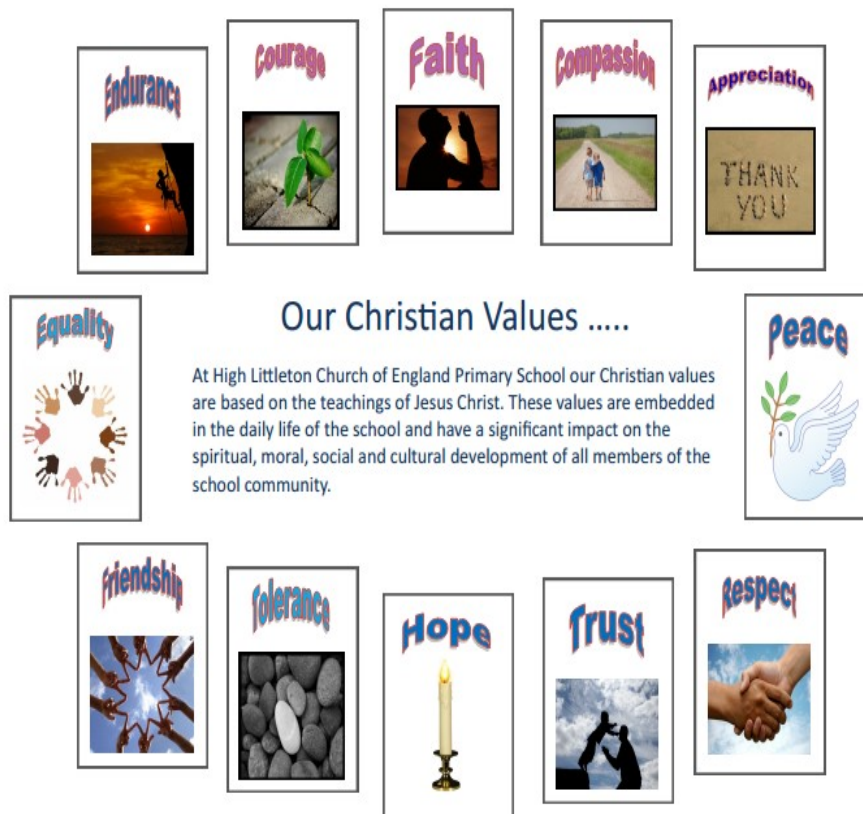
Each class can decide on how many marbles they can collect during the term. At the end of the term, if they have achieved their goal, the class will be awarded a treat. This reinforces the idea of team-work and the need to follow the Golden Rules if they are to be rewarded.

Mr Griffith's Tea Party

At the end of each term, two children from each class will be invited to attend a tea party hosted by Mr Griffith. The decision will be based on which children have been following the Golden Rules. Each child will receive an invitation in the post from Mr Griffith a week before the party takes place. It is also a lovely opportunity for Mr Griffith to spend some quality time with the children!

Christian Vision and Values

The building of friendships and learning how to work and play with others is fundamental to our shared Church School vision. Through our strong Christian ethos, we recognise the importance of supportive relationships at all levels to strengthen resilience and wellbeing, giving our school community the confidence and self-belief to thrive. Combined with inspirational teaching and experiences, we empower each child with an enthusiasm for learning and self-improvement, enabling them to achieve not only their full academic potential, but their own ambitions. Leading by example, we promote a positive, can-do attitude and regard for the environment. Our Christian values and teaching foster a culture of fairness, dignity and respect for others as well as an understanding of faith.



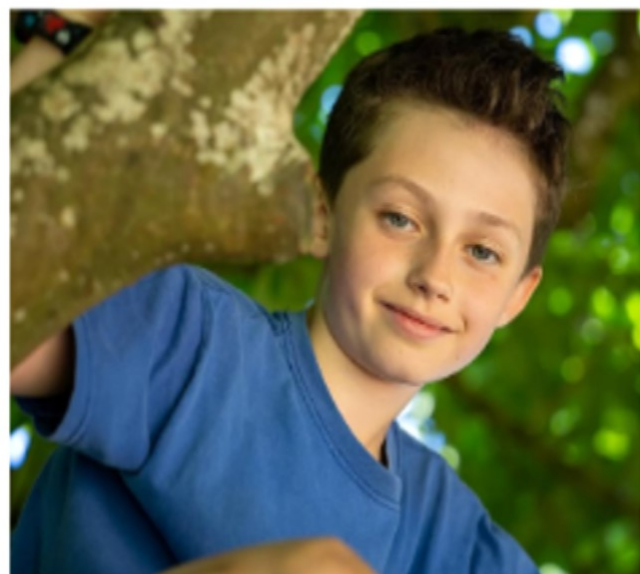
Nut-Free School

To help keep all our children safe, please remember that our school is strictly **nut-free** and **sesame-free**. We have pupils and staff with severe, life-threatening allergies to nuts and sesame seeds. When preparing your child's packed lunch or breaktime snack, please ensure that no items containing nuts or sesame are sent into school. **Please avoid sending:**

- Nuts (e.g., peanuts, almonds, cashews, walnuts)
- Nut-based spreads (e.g., Peanut Butter, Nutella)
- Sesame seeds and sesame products (e.g., hummus, tahini, seeded rolls/crackers)
- Cereal bars or baked goods containing nuts or sesame

Even tiny traces or airborne particles can trigger a serious allergic reaction. Thank you so much for your support and vigilance in keeping our school community safe!

**HIGH LITTLETON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL
OPEN MORNING
Tuesday, 10th November 2026
9:30am-12pm**



**Are you looking for your child to start school in September 2027?
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.**

Thought of the Week

'Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.'

(Psalm 100: 1-2)

When many of us are feeling down or a bit fed up, we often need something to lift us. This might be time with family or friends, or maybe enjoying a good film, or watching something funny. Many of us enjoy uplifting music and one genre that often hits the spot is disco. If you're not a fan, I unapologetically warn you that this is very much a disco themed message!

Disco first emerged in New York, in the early 1970s, although it keeps on getting revived through genres like house music, nu-disco and most recently through modern pop-disco crossovers with artists like Dua Lipa and The Weeknd. It was originally seen as a direct fusion of different musical styles including funk and soul, rhythm and blues, Latin and of course Gospel. Whereas the other styles provided the driving basslines, the syncopated rhythms, the melodic structure and the celebratory dancefloor energy, the emotionality, euphoric vocal arrangements and background harmonies all originated in Gospel music.

This is probably why so many people see Disco as uplifting - it is directly connected to the soul. Many Disco legends like Donna Summer ("I Feel Love"), Candi Staton ("Young Hearts Run Free"), Gloria Gaynor ("I Will Survive") and Loleatta Holloway ("Love Sensation") all started off singing in church gospel choirs. Even if the messages in many Disco songs don't refer to God or faith, the spirit is still there, through the singing and the emotions. And there is often a focus on love. And although this is love between people, the Bible talks about humans imitating God's unconditional, forgiving and enduring love. As it says in 1 John 4:19, *'We love because he first loved us.'*

When the disco movement first started, some of the venues described their club sets in explicitly religious terms, like "Mass" or "Church". These events were open to everyone and disco is often seen as one of the most inclusive forms of music, regardless of your race, gender or orientation. There are many examples of black female artists who became famous because of disco, including Diana Ross, Chaka Khan, Patti LaBelle, Sister Sledge and The Pointer Sisters, alongside those I have already mentioned.

Because of its spiritual overtones, it's no surprise that a sub genre known as 'Gospel Disco' (or Divine Disco), emerged in the late 70s and into the 80s, bridging the spiritual, uplifting roots of Gospel traditions with the energy and emotion of disco.

In today's verse we are told to 'Shout for joy to the Lord' and to 'Worship the Lord...with joyful songs'. We are being encouraged to sing and enjoy music. This may of course include some kitchen dancing as well! Many Christians believe that music first originated from God, with the morning stars singing together and the angels shouting for joy when the earth was first formed (Job 38:4-7). So Gospel music, and maybe even Disco, can point towards God's love for us and the opportunity to enjoy what he has given us.





**DO YOU NEED
CHILDCARE BEFORE OR
AFTER SCHOOL?**

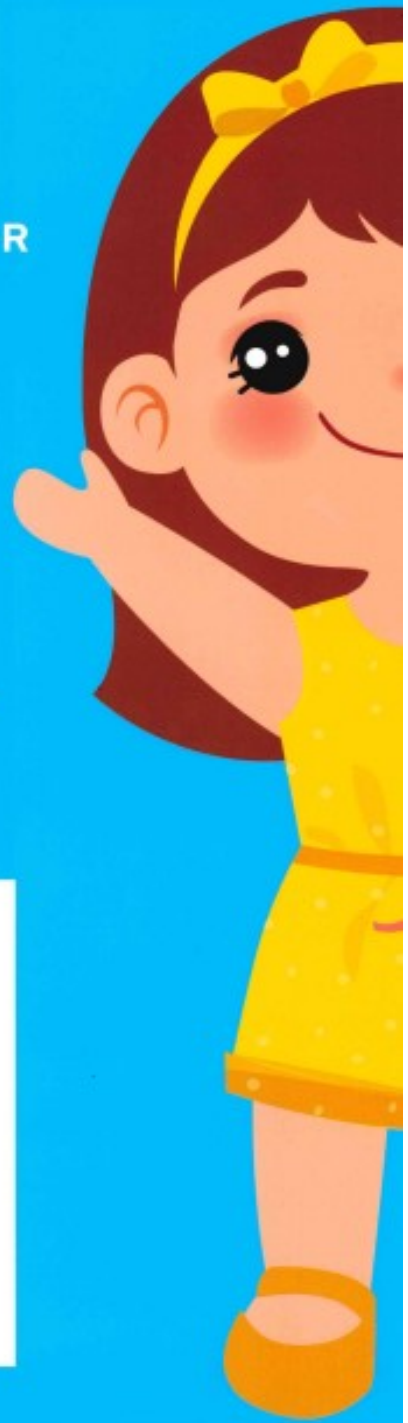
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BOOKING SITE**



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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



Important Dates

Date	Event	Year Group	Classes
02.11	Back to school	All	All
02.11	Bike Ability Starts	Year 5	Robin
03.11	Shepton Mallet Prison Visit	Year 5	Robin
06.11	PTA Non Uniform (Bring Chocolate)	All	All
10.11	Open Morning for Prospective Parents	n/a	n/a
13.11	Children in Need Ramble	All	All
16.11	Odd Socks Day	All	All
17.11	Bristol Museum Visit	Year 1	Hedgehog
20.11	PTA Non Uniform (Bring a Bottle)	All	All
24.11	SS Great Britain Visit	Year 2	Fox
25.11	INSET Day	All	All
4.12	Senior Citizens Party	Year 6	Deer
5.12	PTA Christmas Fair	All	All
7.12	KS1 Christmas Concert	Years 1 and 2	Hedgehog and Fox
8.12	Nativity	Reception	Owl
9.12	Nativity	Reception	Owl
9.12	Theatre Trip to The Egg	Year 4	Otter
9.12	Theatre Trip to Bristol Old Vic	Years 2 and 3	Fox and Badger
10.12	Theatre Trip to Bristol Old Vic	Reception and Year 1	Owl and Hedgehog
11.12	Theatre Trip to Tobacco Factory	Years 5 and 6	Robin and Deer
15.12	PTA Christmas Movie Night	All	All
15.12	KS2 Carol Concert	Years 3-6	Badger, Otter, Robin and Deer
16.12	Christmas Dinner Day	All	All
18.12	Christmas Service	All	All

Please note that all information, including timings can be found on the Parent Calendar of our school website:

www.highlittletonschool.com

Attendance

Please see below attendance for each class:

Owl	98.3%
Hedgehog	98.2%
Fox	98.5%
Badger	97.7%
Otter	98.6%
Robins	97.3%
Deer	93.8%
Total	97.3%



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 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.



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Craft cafe



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Craft, cake and toys! .



Thurs. 29th Oct.

High Littleton Church Hall

10 - 11.30



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**PARENT AND CHILD
Painting workshop**

during school holidays



**Tuesday 27th October
10am - 12:30pm**



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