



HIGH LITTLETON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Thursday, 2nd April 2026



Happy Easter

Headteacher's Tea Party; Congratulations go to Rupert and Napoleon (Owls), Dylan, Elliana and Rory (Hedgehogs), Harry and Kobi (Foxes), Roux and Iris (Badgers), Isabel and Ivy (Otters) as well as Harry and Elsie (Robins) who attended this term's Headteacher's Tea Party (see photo below). This is in recognition of their impeccable behaviour and manners.

Star Reader Awards: Our KS1 Star Reader for this term is Charlotte (Fox) and our KS2 Star Reader is Mabel (Badger). These awards are in recognition of the children's hard work both at home and at school to improve their reading.

Crazy Hair Day: Thank you to you all for donating so generously to our Crazy Hair Day which raised £170 towards Dorothy House in memory of our much loved and much missed colleague, Jayne Meissner.

School Trips: The last couple of weeks have at times, felt pretty quiet at school with so many classes being given the opportunity to take part in so many events and activities. Children in Owl Class visited Court Farm whilst Year 5 visited the Boulder Rooms in Frome and had a chance to do some skateboarding. Year 4 have been orienteering while children in Hedgehog and Robin classes have also taken part in the Dance Umbrella. Year 6 have also been away on a week-long residential to Torquay and our Instagram account has been flooded with photos of the children having a great time. Again, my thanks go to Mr Gunning, Mrs Mulvaney and Mrs Beale for giving up their precious time to support the children.

Comic Relief Talent Show: What a great day we had dressing up to raise much needed money for Comic Relief. Not only that, we were treated to some fantastic performance during our Talent Show which culminated in Thora (Robin) being judged as the winner having wowed the audience and judges with a beautiful rendition of Bob Marley's *Three Little Birds*.

PTA: Thank you to our amazing PTA for organising Mothers' Day gifts as well as the Easter Raffle and cake sale which have all helped to raise much-needed funds for the school.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a wonderful Easter holiday - I think I can safely say that we've all earned it! We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday, 20th April.



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

KS1 Star Reader

Congratulations to Charlotte (Fox) who are the recipients of the KS1 Star Reader Award. This award is in recognition of Charlotte's hard work both at home and at school to improve her reading.



KS2 Star Reader

Congratulations to Mabel (Badger) who are the recipients of the KS2 Star Reader Award. This award is in recognition of Mabel's hard work both at home and at school to improve her reading.



Year 6 Residential - English Riviera!



Comic Relief Talent Show



Owl Class Court Farm Visit



Sporting Opportunities



Dance Umbrella - Hedgehogs and Robins

This event is always a high point in the school calendar as it gives the children a truly unforgettable experience. Both Hedgehogs and Robins were a credit to the school both on and off stage. Their performances brought smiles and tears in equal measure. Thank you to Miss Wheeler, Mr Smalley and Miss Challenger for ensuring that the children had a great time.



Thought of the Week

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'Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.' (Psalm 16:9-10 NIV)



'Risen Christ', Estcourt James Clack (1955), on display at Wells Cathedral

So Easter. What's it all about?

The word Easter doesn't even have anything to do with Resurrection. The naming of the celebration as "Easter" seems to go back to the name of a pre-Christian goddess in England, Eostre, who was celebrated at the beginning of spring. The only reference to this goddess comes from the writings of the Venerable Bede, a British monk living in the seventh and eighth centuries.

It's probably for this reason that some Christians refer to Easter Sunday as Resurrection Sunday. Although the weekend starts with a difficult and distressing death, by the middle of the weekend, there's this happy and joyous event.

For many people, the whole concept of the resurrection can be difficult to grasp. The idea that someone who was brutally killed on Friday can walk out of his tomb on Sunday doesn't seem very likely.

Many people over the years have tried to disprove these events. All sorts of things have been suggested, one being that Jesus wasn't actually on the cross and that it was someone else. Another is that Jesus was on the cross but he didn't actually die. A third idea is that Jesus did die but then his disciples took his body from the tomb and hid it so everyone would believe that he came back to life.

The point is when you look into it, none of these ideas really stand up. Firstly, the Jewish leaders who wanted him killed recruited someone who had been with Jesus for the last three years to identify him. They must have got the right man. Also, the Romans were one of the most brutal communities of all time. They knew how to kill someone. The Bible suggests that Jesus died relatively quickly and they stuck a spear in his side to make sure. In fact they were so sure he was dead, they didn't even need to break his legs (which is what they often did to speed up the crucifixion process).

The idea that the disciples could have organised themselves to hide his body is also extremely unlikely. These were men who ran away at the first sign of trouble when Jesus' was arrested and who, apart from John, were all non-existent at his crucifixion. They spent all of the Saturday in hiding and whenever Jesus actually mentioned rising on the third day, they didn't seem to pay him any attention. If this had been a big conspiracy, they certainly weren't in on it.



Many of the people who do believe in the resurrection are sensible and rational human beings, who haven't been brainwashed or manipulated into believing it. Even if it does seem a bit unbelievable, that's why it's considered a miracle. Surely we could all benefit from one of those. Happy Easter!

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



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CHILDCARE BEFORE OR
AFTER SCHOOL?

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

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BELOW TO GO TO OUR
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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%



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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.



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