



# HLA News

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025



Dear Families,

We have had a wonderful week here at Highfield Littleport. Lots of wow moments which have made us all feel extremely proud as staff.

The builders are making some fantastic progress with the project – we are currently on week 14 of the 39-week programme. This week they have laid all of the concrete to the foundations. From Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May there will be a crane on site to erect the steels for the structure of the building. Any parents who drive on to site will need to stay and wait in the transport queue and students will be brought to and from the vehicle if they are able to manage the change in routine. Parents must not leave their cars so that the traffic runs smoothly. Parents accessing site on foot will still be able to access via the front of the building but this is only during drop off and collection times. Visitors accessing the building outside of these times will need to walk around the extension and access the front entrance by following the walk way. We are grateful to the builders for making this adjustment to minimise changes in routine for some of our learners who struggle.

This week we have taken delivery of some fantastic adapted hand cycles. These bikes are for learners who struggle with a conventional bike. We have been working with the moving and handling team to assess their use this week to get them on and freewheeling safely! Look at the picture of one of our learners having great fun at lunchtime. We are hoping to use donations and raise some money to purchase some larger sized bikes like this for everyone to access.



This week our learners have been working extremely hard. Learners in Key Stage 4 have been working on a parenting awareness module for their ASDAN studies. They have been using the baby simulators to learn how to address babies care needs. Some learners were rather shocked at how much they cried whereas others adapted to it brilliantly.

Some of our younger learners have been trying horse riding for the first time this week as part of the Riding for the Disabled intervention every Tuesday. They managed putting the riding hat on (which can be a big step in itself) as well as getting on the pony and riding in the arena. There has also been some amazing language development through our Identiplay sessions. Fantastic progress for all concerned.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing the students back on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Headteacher



## Important Information



- Please ensure any spare clothes borrowed are returned to school once used.
- Please remember we are a **NUT FREE** school due to severe allergies. **This includes sun creams and other products.**
- Don't forget to connect to your child's Evidence for Learning account. If you need a reminder of your username or to reset your password please do let us know. The domain you need to use when logging in is **highfieldlittle**
- Please can I remind parents that **absence on the day needs to be reported via Arbor**
- We are in desperate need of larger clothes for some of our students. If parents have any spare tracksuit bottoms or tops that are teenager to adults please do send them into the school office.
- We are on **week 1** of the school menu next week (WC 05/05/25).

## School Attendance

Whole school attendance was **95.1%** this week – this is a great improvement to last week. Thank you for working with us to improve this figure. Please remember any school term time holidays will not be authorised. **Unauthorised holidays during term time will face a penalty notice.**

## Online Safety Tip of the Week

**Be careful who you trust online:** remember that people you have met online are still strangers, no matter how long you have been talking to them or how friendly they are. Meeting up with these people can be dangerous, so only do so with your parents' or carers' permission, even then only when they can be present. If you only go with your friends then you risk putting them in danger too.

**Beware of  
strangers  
online**



## Emotion of the Week

The emotion this week is **EMPATHY**. Discuss this emotion with your child and how it makes their body feel. Explain that different emotions are ok and we are here to help manage them.



## Mental Health Tip of the Week



Always try to stay positive. A positive outlook can breed positive actions. Always try to see the best in a situation however difficult it may seem at first.