



HLA News



Friday 4th July 2025

Dear Families,

Here we are at the end of a busy week, the students are beginning to get tired now but learning is still going full steam ahead.

The builders are making some excellent progress and are now over half way through the build programme. It is great as some of the walls are beginning to be built on the outside so it is actually looking more like a building!

Today your child will have their school summary report sent home. Please log on to your Evidence for Learning account where you can see all of the photos and associated learning steps that have been achieved. 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** In with this, you will also find a letter that gives details of the class name and teacher who will be. Unfortunately, we are not able to confirm the support staff for each class yet as we still have some teaching assistant recruitment to complete. As always we will ensure that there is a detailed hand over of information and there will be familiar staff, working with the students at all times.

I am pleased to share that we have been recognised for our excellent work at HLA to develop new teachers and those who are training. The Active Learning Trust have awarded us with ECT (Early Career Teacher) Ambassador status. This means that we are recognised in the area for our timely communication, mentoring and excellent support and development of staff in their early years of teaching. We love to develop our staff at all levels and look forward to doing this more in the future as our school grows.

This week we have had lots of visitors coming to the school as prospective placements for our growth when the extension opens in January 2026. So that we can ensure our students are settled we will be phasing the growth of the 50 spaces. We will be opening two classes in January 2026, which are likely to be a class of Year 1&2, and then a second class of Year 3, 4 &5. Then in September 2026 we will be opening a further two classes, we are not sure of the year groups for these classes yet it will be dependent upon demand for places in the local area. The final class will be opening later subject to demand.

This week we have also had some visitors from some of the trustees of the school and Active Learning Trust. One of our students did some research on them and during the visit asked some very insightful questions! They were very impressed with our provision here and were eager to learn lots about what we do and actively get involved.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing the students back on Monday.

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.
- Don't forget to complete the form for the free school lunch on the last day of term. Here is the link if you need it: <https://forms.office.com/e/Dm4PuYUW1B> to be completed by Friday 11th July. If you do not complete the form by this date we will assume you DO NOT want the meal.

School Attendance

Whole school attendance was 92.9% this week. This is a bit of a dip compared to last week – let's improve the figure next week! Every minute really does count. 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



What is a deepfake?

Deepfake technology is a type of artificial intelligence that can spread misinformation and disinformation. Stay informed to help protect children and young people online.

For a parent guide use this link:

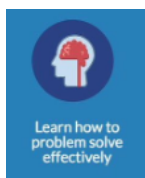
<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-is-a-deepfake/#deepfake-guide>

Emotion of the Week

The emotion this week is **CONFUSED**. 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. This is a period of the year where students may feel very confused about next steps.



Mental Health Tip of the Week



Try to step back and think about the steps to solve a problem. It might help talking to a friend or writing down pro's and con's to help you put things into perspective.