



HLA News

Friday 6th June 2025



Dear Families,

After a very different start to the week here we are having completed the first week of the final half term of the year. Thankfully the UK Power Networks have fixed the underlying electrical fault and we no longer have the unreliable generator. We were not just without electricity but also did not have running water facilities as the water system is powered by an electric pump. Taking the decision to close the school really is very much a last resort. I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to the parents and carers who sent some lovely supportive messages.



The builders are making some excellent progress. Unbelievably they are half way through the build that has gone so fast. The ground floor concrete has now been put in and the first floor concrete is due to be completed next week. The works have become a little noisier this week but in the main, the students are managing well with this. Earlier in the week, Emma Brooke and I confirmed the floor and wall finishes and we chose things in detail – even down to the door handles!

Following the sudden loss of our friend Jaxon, I need to share how immensely proud I am of our students as to how they have managed their grief. Students have done many activities that Jaxon would have enjoyed – making curry one of them to remember him fondly. His friends have also written touching messages and letters to share with his family. We are planning to organise some things to keep at school as a permanent memorial, we will share these with you once they are finalised.

This week S1 attended the Joan Mann Special Sports Day at RAF Mildenhall. They took part in a variety of accessible sporting activities as well as some fun events too. The service personnel were amazing hosts. Some of our students were medal winners – well done everyone! Jaxon won a medal last year and upon hearing of his passing, the personnel added a special touch to the event. The personnel dedicated one of his favourite songs to Jaxon and gave him a special mention.

Learners in Key Stage 4 had a special treat this week using some of their hard-earned funds from their enterprise. Students in H1, H2 and H3 went bowling and to play laser tag. It was lovely to hear how they put our learning values into action off site too. Students showed great teamwork and everyone was so kind helping each other when bowling. It was lovely to hear how some of our yellow pathway learners supported our green pathway learners. The interaction was fantastic.

Do not forget next week is a busy week too. On Monday at 1.30pm, we will be hosting our lower school sports day. Tuesday at 1.30pm, we will be hosting our upper school sports day. Both events have had letters sent out with reply slips so that we know how many visitors to expect. On Wednesday, we have two visits happening. H1 and H3 will be attending the President's Sports Day. Some members of Key Stage 3 will also be attending Wicksteed Park. Many opportunities to apply our learning values. I am looking forward to hearing all about the visits.

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.

School Attendance

Whole school attendance was 89.7 % this week. Take a look at our website for information on the impact that poor attendance has on learning – lets work together to improve this. 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



Check a website

A fast, easy way to check if a website is likely to be legitimate or fraudulent ... before you visit it.

Not everything you see online is legitimate or legal. Take a look at this website where you can check to see if a website is fraudulent before you visit it:

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/checkawebsite/>

Emotion of the Week

The emotion this week is **WORRIED**. 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

Talk To Someone You Trust