



HLA News

Friday 7th March 2025



Dear Families,

It has been a busy week and the students have really loved the activities they took part in for World Book Day. Photos further down on the newsletter!



The builders are making some great progress with the turning circle initial works for the extension. There are some photos of the progress that they have made below. They are aiming for the turning circle to be completed by 11th March. This will be a temporary surface but will be fully functional. Parents and carers who drop off will need to park in the bays along the entrance road to the school and then bring your children to the parent entrance. If you are unable to do this please wait in the traffic queue around the turning loop where you will be directed by staff. There may be a few teething problems but we would appreciate it if you could bear with us as this will only improve things for everyone concerned

You will see that currently we have some teacher and Department Leader vacancies advertised. These posts are part of our expansion of our teaching team ready for the opening of the extension in January 2026. As always the School Council will be helping us with the interview process to ensure we get quality staff to support our learners.

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day at school in style with lots of sensory and engaging activities for the students to enjoy. Many of the students and staff dressed up and shared who their favourite book characters were. Our English coordinator Barbara Rajya organised a series of sensory stories for our learners to be fully immersed in the stories they were experiencing. This was generously supported by RG Carter who kindly donated £120 of books to the school. Our students also had a visit from Justine Demierre who is a published author sharing her book with the students. Here are some photos of all of the learning and fun.

Could I ask a quick plea this week? If parents and carers have any tops and bottoms that are outgrown could they please be donated to the school? Please send them into the school office. We have a stock of spare clothes but as some have not been returned we do not have any left at school. Thank you in advance.

Students from Wrens have been making some excellent progress with their communication. Angela has been working with learners both in and out of class on using ipads to assist with communication. There have been some lovely moments where use of technology has been accompanied by speech which is great to observe. Students in H2 have also been working on their communication using I pads with great results.

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**
- If anyone has spare clothes to donate to our school stock we would be most grateful.
- We are on **week 3** of the school menu next week (WC 10/03/25).

School Attendance

Whole school attendance was 92.4% this week – it is continuing to rise, well done. Thank you for working with us to improve attendance. 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



Make sure you are aware of what your child is accessing online. Sit with your child so that you know what is going on and can guide them to the right content.

Emotion of the Week



The emotion this week is FEAR. 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



Get good sleep

Good-quality sleep makes a big difference to how we feel mentally and physically, so it's important to get enough.

We understand that sometimes parents of children with additional needs struggle with sleep deprivation. Make sure you grab those moments while you can so that you are rested and refreshed.



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RG Carter were kind enough to donate £120 worth of books to the school for World Book Day. A big thank you from the staff and students.