



HLA News

Friday 9th May 2025



Dear Families,

Even though it has been a 4 day week this week with the bank holiday we have had such a productive time here at Highfield Littleport.

The builders are making some fantastic progress with the project. This week a momentous step in the build took place. We held the signing of the steels ceremony where two students from each class came down to sign the steels. The students then watched the two steels be put into position by the big crane that is on site. We have created a video compilation, which is in the link below. I have also included some pictures. Look at this: https://youtu.be/Ug_t8SKl0IA



This week our Communication Teaching Assistant Angela led a fantastic session alongside our link speech and language therapist. Nearly 30 parents and carers attended which is excellent. We hope the content of the session was useful. Thank you for Angela and the team for delivering such a great event. We want to deliver more sessions like this to support our families so if you have a suggestion of a topic that may be of help to you (behaviour, sensory needs etc.) please do let us know and we will see what we can organise.

Our learners have been maximising communication opportunities this week. We were funded for some new I pads to be purchased to support communication in classes using the app Chatter Boards. Some of our students have been using this in class and we have been seeing and hearing some excellent communication because of their use. This is a free app you can download at home if you have an I Pad it is available on the app store.

Technology has also been used in other ways to huge benefit across the school this week. Some of our learners have been accessing Clicker 8 to support their writing. One student wrote some excellent instructions using the software, which is fantastic as normally he is quite a reluctant writer.

Can I remind parents and carers that as the weather is getting warmer students need to be at school fully equipped for the weather? Please ensure your child has a hat and water bottle with their names on. Do not forget water bottles need to be plastic for health and safety purposes. Also, please ensure your child has sun cream without any nut products.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and 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.
- We are on **week 2** of the school menu next week (WC 12/05/25).

School Attendance

Whole school attendance was **90.8%** this week – this is a lot lower than last week. Remember regular school attendance is very important and a legal requirement. 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



Think about the location of the TV

Will it be used in a shared family space or in a bedroom? Think about: setting time limits; restricting inappropriate content; and encouraging them to come to you with any worries.

Did you know that many of our TV's are now smart TV's. They have the capability of connecting to Alexa, Youtube and a whole range of internet resources. Make sure you think about usage times and where the TV is situated so that you can monitor the use as a parent or carer.

Emotion of the Week

The emotion this week is **EXCITED**. 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

Try to spend your week living in the present moment. Do this by:



Not spending time gazing into your crystal ball (worrying about or trying to predict the future)



Not spending time looking into your rear view mirror (ruminating about the past)



Remembering to be in the here and now – engaging with each of your senses and connecting with the moment