



# HLA News

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025



Dear Families,

Here we are at the end of another busy week at Highfield Littleport. I am so proud to see our learners and staff demonstrating our learning values in action, particularly resilience, kindness and team work.

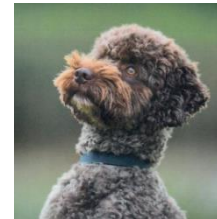


The builders are making some great progress with the extension and the project is currently still on track. This week they are beginning to prepare the foundations for the extension. They are putting in piling mats in preparation for the steel piles to be installed. The piling part of the works will begin as from next week and will last for approximately two weeks. There will be a crane on the entrance plaza so space here will be reduced. Take a look at the pictures on the last page for progress of the works.

We have an agreement with the contractors that all deliveries will take place outside of the drop off and pick up times. It is essential that parents do not enter site to pick up their children prior to 2.15pm so that deliveries can still operate safely. This information has also been passed on to the transport operators. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who joined us either in person or via Teams for parents evening this week. This was a very useful event in informing you all of the great progress our learners are making and giving an update on their next steps. We had some lovely comments shared which we are very grateful for.

This week we welcomed a new visitor to our school. Otter the therapy dog met students across the school. He will be joining us every Thursday and working with students who have been referred by their class teachers. Here is a picture of the handsome boy!



Next week we will be hosting our Easter fair. Our students in Key Stage 4 have been working super hard at organising lots of fun activities and prizes for this. Parents of Key Stage 4 students have been invited into school from 1.30pm to see the student's enterprise skills in action. Other classes will be inviting parents into school to share their learning. Keep an eye out for invitation letters from your class.

Students in our upstairs classes watched a performance of the Railway Children from a touring theatre company this week. All paid fantastic attention and were engrossed and engaged the whole way through.

Students in our complex green classes have been working super hard on their communication this week. They have been using Ipads to assist their communication in classes fantastically. We have invested in a bank of additional Ipads to expand this within the classes to really promote efficient methods of communication.

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 2** of the school menu next week (WC 24/03/25).

## School Attendance

Whole school attendance was 91.2% this week – it is slightly lower than last week. Let's try to improve the figure next week. 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



**Sextortion** – this is  
When criminals threaten  
to share pictures or info  
about you unless you pay money or do  
something else you do not want to do.

Snapchat has introduced some new security features to help limit this happening. There's now in app warnings, friend request protections, location sharing and enhanced blocking.

### Emotion of the Week



The emotion this week is LOVE. 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

#### Live a Healthy Life



Being active, enjoying the outdoors and having a healthy, balanced diet all impact how we feel. Also, binning bad habits like smoking, and cutting down on alcohol and caffeine can have a positive effect on our mood.

Take a look at the video where you can get some tips:

<https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/mental-wellbeing-tips/top-tips-to-improve-your-mental-wellbeing/#healthy-lifestyle>

Here are some progress pictures for the new extension. The hoarding and vision panels have also just been put up. This will be made even more colourful in the next few weeks – watch this space!

