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**Letters sent home & e-School messages this week:** After School Sports Clubs (Y1-Y6), Reading Support (Rec), Pancakes (Rec)

Dear all

We have finished this half term with a busy week of events

On Tuesday, children in Year 4 went to Wembley Arena to perform with the Young Voices Choir. As usual, the children had a wonderful time. So much so that 1 pupil told me in assembly that it was 'one of the best experiences of my life'. A big thank you to Mrs Martin who has been practising the songs in Music lessons with Year 4 for quite a few weeks now, and to Mrs Clarke and Mrs Lipinski who accompanied the group to Wembley.

Some of our hard working and much appreciated governors visited us on Wednesday morning as part of their work to scrutinise and improve what we do. This term, the aim was to demonstrate that our curriculum meets the needs of pupils and national expectations.

After school on Wednesday, teachers visited Manor Farm Infant School to take part in collaborative work with a group of local schools called the Chiltern Area Partnership. We have been working in groups to plan and complete projects together, sharing good practice and participating in events arranged with the schools.

Many excited children arrived for the Valentine Disco on Thursday evening which was much enjoyed thanks to the hard work of volunteers and the committee of Highworth Friends. There was enthusiastic dancing; much consumption of sweets and fizzy drinks and a late night so it's probably a good thing that half term starts later today!

Children in Year 5 end the week with a trip this afternoon to play Handball at a Sports Hub Event at Holmer Green Secondary School. This leads me nicely to a very important introduction: Mr Horlock, our new Senior Sports Coach, joined us on Monday this week. I know you will join me in wishing him a warm welcome to Highworth.

Finally, in assembly today we had to say a sad goodbye to Jasiah Akhtar, a member of our support team. Jasiah is taking on a new and exciting role at a local secondary school after supporting very many children at Highworth over almost 7 years. Whilst we are thrilled for Jasiah, she will be much missed by staff and children.

A reminder that school ends at 3.20pm today for a week's half term holiday before re-starting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

My best wishes for some rest and relaxation

Clare Pankhania

## ATTENDANCE

The display board at the front of the school shows each year group's weekly attendance.

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 96%**

**BEST ATTENDANCE: 96.2%**

**(CLASS: 4C)**

**WELL DONE**

**WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:**

**92.4%**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES NEXT WEEK:

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

Half Term – school closed

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

Children return to school

**B Discover Bucks  
Museum**

Discover Bucks Museum  
Church Street  
Aylesbury HP20 2QP  
discoverbucksmuseum.org  
01296 331441

# February Half Term

**Monday 13 - Saturday 18 February 2023**

Discover how your amazing brain works with our family fun activities this February Half Term. Take part in brain baffling optical illusions and find out how different brains work through interactive experiences.

Discover more at [discoverbucksmuseum.org](https://discoverbucksmuseum.org)  
or scan the QR code



From FREE  
to £5 per  
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# Buckinghamshire Family Learning



## FREE SCHOOL'S COURSES FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

You must book by clicking on the QR code, [click the link](#) or phone 01296 383582.

Do you want to help support your child's learning in school?

Do you want to develop your own understanding in a fun way?

Do you want lots of helpful ideas and resources to help your child learn with you at home?

### RECEPTION COURSE



Imagination

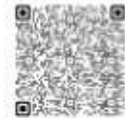
#### DEVELOP YOUR CHILD'S EARLY READING by CREATING A STORYSACK

How to encourage your child's love of books and ways to support their understanding of stories.

[Monday 20 February - 9:30am to 11:30am](#)

[Tuesday 21 February - 9:30am to 11:30am](#)

[Wednesday 22 February - 9:30am to 11:30am](#)



### YEARS 1 & 2 WORKSHOPS and COURSES

#### STORY WORKSHOP

Helping your child learn to read with fun reading activities using the book:

'Tale of the Whale' by Karen Swann

[Monday 20 February - 7pm to 9pm](#)

[Tuesday 21 February - 12:30pm to 2:30pm](#)

[Wednesday 22 February 9:30am to 11:30am](#)

[Thursday 23 February - 9:30am to 11:30am](#)



Reading



#### SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH READING AND COMPREHENSION

Learn simple, fun activities to develop important reading skills and understanding of stories.

[Monday 27 February - 7pm - 9pm](#)

[Tuesday 28 February - 12:30pm to 2:30pm](#)

[Wednesday 1 March - 9:30am to 11:30am](#)

[Thursday 2 March - 9:30am to 11:30am](#)



### YEARS 3 & 4 WORKSHOPS and COURSES

#### READING and WRITING SKILLS WORKSHOP

Learn simple, fun activities to develop important reading and writing skills using 'Revolting Rhymes' by Roald Dahl

[Thursday 23 February - 9:30am to 11:30am](#)



Writing



#### SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH WRITING, GRAMMAR AND SPELLING

Ideas to improve your child's writing and how to support their understanding of grammar and spelling.

[Monday 27 February - 9:30am to 11:30am](#)

[Wednesday 1 March - 12:30pm to 2:30pm](#)

[Thursday 2 March - 7pm to 9pm](#)



### YEARS 5 & 6 WORKSHOPS and COURSES

#### DEVELOP YOUR CHILD'S WRITING, GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION

Ideas to improve your child's writing and how to support their understanding of grammar and punctuation.

[Wednesday 1 March - 7pm to 9pm](#)

[Thursday 2 March - 9:30am to 11:30am](#)



Writing



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# Buckinghamshire Family Learning



## Family Learning Early Years Courses - February to April 2023

**FREE** workshops and courses for parents and carers with children aged 2 to 4 years old.

To book use the QR code, [click the link](#) below or phone 01296 383582.

For more information, please contact a member of our Family Learning team:

Wendy (Aylesbury/Chesham) 07768 044813

Sarah (Wycombe) 07825 862029

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### WORKSHOPS

#### STORY WORKSHOP

Join our FREE workshops and discover what Family Learning is about. Help your child learn to read with fun activities using the book:

"Brown Bear, Brown Bear what do you see?"

Tuesday 28 February - 1pm to 2:30pm

Southcourt Family Centre, Aylesbury



Imagination

10 Little Pirates

Thursday 2 March - 9:30am to 11:30am

ONLINE



#### EVERYDAY FIRST AID

Learn tips on how to deal with choking, burns and minor injuries. Increase your confidence in applying basic First Aid.



First Aid

Friday 24 March - 9:30am to 12pm

Newtown Family Centre, Chesham



### EARLY YEARS SPRING CRAFTS

Discover how reading stories, singing songs and learning simple Spring crafts ideas will help with your child's early years development at home.



Crafts

Monday 3 April - 10am to 12pm Hithercroft Family Centre, High Wycombe

Tuesday 4 April - 1pm to 3pm Southcourt Family Centre, Aylesbury

Wednesday 5 April - 10am to 12pm Newtown Family Centre, Chesham



### CONFIDENT ME

Help build your child's confidence and wellbeing through sharing stories and simple activities together at home.



Thursday 23 February - 10am to 12pm at Elmhurst Family Centre, Aylesbury

Tuesday 28 February - 9:30am to 11:30am ONLINE

Wednesday 1 March - 10am to 12pm at Newtown Family Centre, Chesham



### STORY EXPLORERS

Learn many fun practical ideas to support your child's speech and language development through different types of play.



Stories

Monday 27 February - 9:15am to 11:15am at Hithercroft Family Centre, High Wycombe

Wednesday 1 March - 10am to 12pm at Hampden Way Family Centre, High Wycombe

Thursday 2 March - 9:30am to 11:30am ONLINE



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