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Letters sent home & e-School messages this week: Reminder: Phonics & Reading Workshop (Nursery/Reception), Nursery Parent/Carer Consultations HID Coffee Morning Winter Fayre, Making Pizzas (Y2), Stay & Play (Nursery)

Dear all

The Full Governing Body met this week. Term dates, and especially Inset days, were discussed and consequently I can give you plenty of notice for when Inset, teacher training, days will fall during the school years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026. Please use this link to go to the bsite: https://www.highworth.bucks.sch.uk/web/school_day_and_term_dates/295808

You can also see term dates for the current year on the calendar here:
<https://www.highworth.bucks.sch.uk/web/calendar>

As you know, Highworth Friends are holding a Winter Fayre on Friday 13th December. The Fayre will start at 2.30pm so parents and carers can, if they wish to, collect their children from 2.20pm to attend (from classrooms as you would at the end of the school day). However, I would like to make it clear that it is not necessary to collect your children early as staff will continue to teach until 3.20pm, and because the Fayre will continue until 5pm. We hope this provides flexibility for as many families as possible to attend.

A highlight of the year is our annual Carol Concert, this year taking place next Tuesday 3rd December. If your child is performing, we hope very much that you will join us to enjoy some festive music.

Sadly, I need to include more photographs of people parking so that all children, including their own, are put at risk when leaving school. It seems that we will also have to buy an additional cone... again. Money that would be better spent on something more beneficial to your children



My best wishes for a happy weekend

Clare Pankhania

ATTENDANCE

To report your child's absence please phone and leave a message or send an email to:

reception@highworthcombined.co.uk

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 96%

BEST ATTENDANCE: 98.3%
(CLASS 4M)
WELL DONE

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:
95%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tuesday 3rd December

7pm: Carol Concert
(choir & instrumentalists)

Wednesday 11th December

2.15pm: Reception Performance to Parents

Friday 13th December

Mufti Day – bring a donation for the Winter Fayre

2.30pm: PTA Winter Fayre

PARENT ZONE

SIGN OF THE WEEK



Tired

depleted of strength or energy
"tired mothers with crying babies"; "too tired to eat";

Follow this link to see how to sign 'tired' in BSL

[British Sign Language BSL Video Dictionary - tired](#)

PTA NEWS

We are pleased to say that the volunteer link for the event is now live:

<https://volunteersignup.org/FLY7J>

The success of our events rely heavily on the help of the wider school community gifting us their time in order to prep, run, and clear up, which then enables us to raise vital funds for the school to provide our children with equipment and opportunities that school funding just does not stretch to.

A huge thank you to everyone that has been in touch regarding raffle prize donations, we are still accepting and collecting prizes, so please do contact us at highworthfriends@gmail.com if you have a donation to make.

Many thanks

Highworth Friends PTA



Nurture Programme

Parenting group

The Nurture Programme is a parenting group that aims to empower parents to:

- build positive relationships
- encourage co-operative behaviour
- develop resilience, empathy, and self-esteem in themselves and their children.

Places must be booked prior to the course starting. Contact us or scan the QR code for more details and to book your place.



Get in touch

01296 383293
familyhubgroups@
buckinghamshire.gov.uk



High Wycombe
(3-day course)
Thursdays

16 to 30 January 2025
9:30am to 2:30pm



Aylesbury
(5-day course)
Wednesdays

26 February to 26 March 2025
9:45am to 12:30pm



Burnham
(3-day course)
Wednesdays

12 March to 26 March 2025
9:30am to 2:30pm

Courses start January 2025

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Keeping your child in mind

Healthy parent relationships

This programme works with parents or carers who have different parenting styles, changes or breakdowns in relationships.

It aims to help you understand how your relationships impact your children and how working with positive, respectful communication can support your child to reduce the impact.

For more information and to book your place scan or press the QR code.

4-week and 1-day courses available.



Contact us

01494 776 786

earlyhelpduty@

buckinghamshire.gov.uk



Youthspace Centre
High Wycombe
Thursdays

16 January to 6 February
4-week course
10:30am to 12:30pm



Amersham
Family Centre
Thursday

30 January
1-day course
10am to 4pm



Castlefield
Family Centre
Thursday

12 March
1-day course
10am to 4pm

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Wellbeing matters

For 7 to 11 year olds

A one-day workshop during the February half-term for primary-aged young people.

Topics will include your wellbeing, emotions, self-esteem, resilience, and relationships with others.

Spaces are limited, secure your place now!

Scan/press the QR code to secure your place or for more information

If you need help completing the form or registering your interest please email:

familyhubgroups@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or call 01296 383293.



Berryfields Family Centre

Monday 17 February 2025 | 9:30am to 2:30pm



Mapledean Family Centre Plus

Wednesday 19 February 2025 | 10am to 3pm

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Buckinghamshire Family Information Service

Age 0 to 19 (25 SEND)



The **Buckinghamshire Family Information Service (BFIS)** provides information and advice on family matters, childcare and things to do locally.

We support parents, parents-to-be and children and young people from birth to 19 (up to 25 with SEND).

You can find

- Support with family issues
- Family centres
- Support for children with SEND
- Childcare and early years providers

Get in touch

☎ 01296 383293
✉ familyinfo@
buckinghamshire.gov.uk

For more information please visit
<https://familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>

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Messy play and explore

Free play sessions for children aged 0 to 5 years



Come along for lots of fun including arts, crafts, toys and outside play at one of our Wycombe Family Centres. **Dress for a mess!**



**Mapledean
Family Centre +**

Mondays and Fridays
9:45am to 11:15am



**Hampden Way
Family Centre**

Mondays
9:30am to 11:30am



**Hithercroft
Family Centre**

Tuesdays
9:30am to 11:30am



**Risborough
Family Centre**

Wednesdays
9:30am to 11:30am



**Marlow
Family Centre**

Thursdays
9:30am to 11:30am



**Castlefield
Family Centre**

Fridays
9:30am to 11:30am



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Mental Health
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Oxford Health NHS



FREE

**FOR PARENTS
AND CARERS**

LIVE WEBINARS

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

**DATES:
VARIOUS**

**TIME:
6PM - 7.30PM**

To register, scan the QR codes on the next page!

01865 601555

buclmhst@oxfordhealthnhs.uk

*PLEASE NOTE: YOU WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO REGISTER FOR ONE OF THESE WEBINARS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN MORE THAN ONE, PLEASE CONTACT US.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SECURE YOUR PLACE:

Topic	Date	School Age	QR
Introduction to Mental Health	14th October 2024 6pm - 7.30pm	Primary	
Introduction to Mental Health	22nd October 2024 6pm - 7.30pm	Secondary	
Childhood Anxiety	4th November 2024 6pm - 7.30pm	Primary	
Adolescent Anxiety	18th November 2024 6pm - 7.30pm	Secondary	
Understanding Child Behaviour and Development	22nd January 2024 6pm - 7.30pm	Primary	
Supporting your child with Exam Stress	18th January 2025 6pm - 7.30pm	Secondary	
Low Mood and Depression	26th February 2025 6pm - 7.30pm	Secondary	
Understanding Adolescent Development and Behaviour (teenage boys)	15th March 2025 6pm - 7.30pm	Secondary	
Change and Transition	2nd April 2024 6pm - 7.30pm	Primary	
Supporting your child with Exam Stress	22nd April 2025 6pm - 7.30pm	Secondary	