



# Highworth Combined School & Nursery

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Letters sent home & e-School messages this week: School Lunches in September (Y2),  
Peripatetic Music Lessons (Y3),

Dear all

Not long now till the end of the year, but, it's business as usual here. Well nearly: lots of normal lessons interspersed with some exciting events too.

Firstly, a big thank you for your support at Sports Day last Friday. The large turn out was much appreciated by all. You can get a flavour of the day by looking at a few photographs now on the website here: [https://www.highworth.bucks.sch.uk/web/july\\_2024/692772](https://www.highworth.bucks.sch.uk/web/july_2024/692772)

On Monday, Year 2 dodged the showers at Rushall Farm, met the cows, went on a tractor ride and had lots of opportunities to explore the wonderful farmland.

Year 3 went on a local area walk on Tuesday, further investigating our area as part of their History unit this term.

Monday and Tuesday also saw all pupils attending one of the dress rehearsals for our Key Stage 2 production: Aladdin Trouble. This definitely helped performers and singers to deliver stunning performances to parents and carers on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. A huge thank you to all involved in delivering such an enjoyable and polished production, especially Miss Kennedy, Mrs Martin, Mrs Smith and Mrs Sparkes.

Recently, we received the fantastic news that the results of statutory tests at the end of Year 6 (End of Key Stage 2 SATS) were the best ever for our school. This is the result of hard work from EVERYONE at school and home during the many (up to 8) years that the children have been pupils at Highworth. Some highlights below:

Please note: data for 2024 is provisional

EXS: Working at Expected Standard

GDS: Working at Greater Depth Standard

RWM: Pupils achieving this standard for Reading, Writing and Maths

% achieving EXS+ and high score/GDS in RWM at KS2					
	2018	2019	2022	2023	2024
School EXS+	63.0%	65.0%	72.0%	77.0%	80.0%
National EXS+	64.0%	65.0%	59.0%	59.0%	61.0%
School GDS	5.0%	8.0%	5.0%	8.0%	12.0%
National GDS	10.0%	11.0%	7.0%	8.0%	

Furthermore, 51% of Highworth pupils achieved Greater Depth Standard in Maths (last year the National figure was 24%).

We plan to hold our Leavers Assembly on the field at 9.30am on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, and you are all invited! However, the weather forecast indicates that there may be some rain. We have a back-up plan to move inside, but if this is necessary, we will only be able to invite parents and carers of children in Year 6 to attend (space will be limited in the hall). Please look out for more information next week.

Annual Reports to Parents and Carers will come home with children today in their book bags. We hope that you will find them useful and enjoyable to read. Our aim is for there to be no surprises as we endeavour to keep you up to date at Parent and Carer Consultation Evenings through the year. Please take the time to read and share the report over the weekend. Should it be necessary, it is possible for you to call Mrs Bennett on Monday morning to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher later that day between 3.30pm and 5pm. This will only be necessary if there is something in the report that must be discussed with the current teacher. Please remember that we have done thorough hand overs to new teachers who are well placed to support your child's learning in the new year so it will not be necessary for most parents and carers to book an appointment.

My very best wishes for a happy (sunny would be nice) 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: 95.9%**  
**(CLASSES 5K)**

**WELL DONE**

**WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:**  
**91.9%**

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES THIS WEEK:**

##### **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

Nursery visit from Ark Farm  
**6pm – 8pm:** End of Year Disco.

##### **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

**9.30am:** Leavers Assembly on school field – all welcome

**10.15am:** Y6 Leavers Party – Y6 parents & carers are invited to join Y6 children and staff in Sue's garden

**2:15pm:** School closes for the Summer break (please collect your child on time)

#### **SIGN OF THE WEEK**



*Hurt*

## PARENT ZONE



**Thursday 25 July, 11am - 3pm**

Wycombe Museum

Priory Avenue, High Wycombe, HP13 6PX

Residents and community members are invited to come along and discuss any matters with multi-agency teams:

- FREE Crime Prevention advice and security items
- FREE Health Checks and advice
- FREE bouncy castle and activities for children and young people
- FREE Waste/recycling advice and products
- Helping Hands – advice on help and support available
- Domestic Energy Efficiency- advice on grants and schemes
- Housing- discuss any concerns and issues
- Adult Learning- advice on courses available to you

Teams and local volunteers will be in the area undertaking high visibility patrols, engaging with residents, completing litter picks and dealing with a range of issues identified by the community.

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## Bucks Culture Open Weekend

This year, Bucks Culture Open Weekend will be offering a wide range of activities on the theme of **Together We Celebrate**, inspired by the Paris Olympics and Paralympics 2024. We're calling all young artists aged 6-10 years old to come and join in the fun at **BNU!**

**28 July**  
SUNDAY



10.00AM - 12.00 PM 

Buckinghamshire New   
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The Room

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