

High Lane Primary School September Newsletter



BACK TO SCHOOL

Happy New School Year!

10th September 2024

As we embark on another exciting school year, I extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to all of our pupils and their families and in particular to the children in Nursery and Reception who are starting their High Lane journey this term. I hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer break filled with laughter, adventure, and relaxation.

This year one of our school's key priorities is to further develop the enriching experiences we offer. The aim is to support children in identifying, celebrating and learning from their creativity and that of others across the wider curriculum. There has been a palpable sense of excitement amongst the staff team who have been busy planning engaging lessons, creative projects, and unforgettable experiences that will enhance learning, create lasting memories and foster lasting friendships.

In particular this term, we will be focussing on 'trying something new' - discovering new interests, encouraging new experiences, learning new skills and developing new friendships. We are excited to explore these things together and for us all to benefit from the rich learning opportunities that can be enjoyed when we step out of our comfort zone and try something new.

We have a wonderful Autumn Term planned for the children, filled with exciting events, challenges, and achievements. We will be encouraging pupils, parents and the wider community to stay actively engaged in our school, as your involvement is invaluable. The diary dates document will come out as usual next week, but I have included some of the key events on this newsletter.

Here's to a fantastic school year filled with endless possibilities! Let's make this an unforgettable journey together.

Best wishes

Mrs Alison Humphries
Headteacher

Essential Dates for your Diary

Meet the Teacher:

Thursday 19th September

Clubs start:

From Monday 23rd September

Half Term ends:

Friday 18th October

Staff INSET Days (Children are not in school)

Thursday 2nd January 2025

Friday 3rd January 2025

Friday 25th July 2025



Upcoming Opportunities and Events

Trips and Visits

We are looking forward to an exciting year, including a wide range of enrichment opportunities across many areas of learning.

Teachers have been busy planning some exciting trips and visits, both in the local area and further afield. We believe that these are an important part of your child's journey through school. Whether we are welcoming experts and visitors into school or taking children offsite, these events are often the things that create unique learning opportunities, inspirational experiences and lasting memories of our children's school days.

Please note that we do try our best to keep the cost of trips down to a minimum, but please be aware that the school does not receive dedicated budget to finance these, apart from a small amount of Pupil Premium funding for those who are eligible. Therefore, trips can only go ahead if sufficient voluntary contributions are received. The full charging policy can be found on the school website.

Clubs

At High Lane, we are fortunate that many members of our staff team are willing to volunteer their time to offer additional clubs to our children. The table below shows the clubs that we are expecting to offer over the year, although these could be subject to change if staffing changes or if further opportunities come our way. Further information will come out from the school office this week.

2024 - 2025	Club	When	Year Group/s	Staff member
Autumn	Choir Cross Country Gym	Tuesday lunchtime Friday 3:15pm - 4.00pm Wednesday 3:15pm - 4:00pm	Years 1-6 Years 3-6 Years 1-2	Miss Roper Mr Williams Mrs Humphries
Spring	Cross Country Drama Art Gardening Zumba SATs Support	Friday 3:15pm - 4.00pm Thursday 3:15pm - 4.15pm Thursday 3:15pm - 4.00pm Tuesday 3:15pm - 4.00pm Thursday lunchtime Wednesday 3:15pm - 4.00pm	Year 3-6 Year 3-6 Year 1-2 Year R-6 Year R-6 Year 6	Mr Williams Miss Roper/Mrs Humphries Miss Johnstone/Miss Hallam Mr Spreckley/Miss Booth Miss Roper Miss Lloyd
Summer	Choir Athletics Gardening Mad Science SATs Support	Tuesday lunchtime Friday 3.15pm - 4.00pm Tuesday 3:15pm - 4.00pm Tuesday 3:15pm - 4:15pm Wednesday 3:15pm - 4.00pm	Year R-6 Year 3-6 Year R-6 Year R-6 Y6	Miss Roper Mr Williams Mr Spreckley/Miss Booth Mad Science staff Miss Lloyd

Class Assemblies

The dates set for our Class Assemblies this year are:

Nursery Assembly and Graduation: Wednesday 23rd July

Reception Assembly: Wednesday 19th March

Year 1 Assembly: Thursday 3rd April

Year 2 Assembly: Wednesday 12th February

Year 3/4 Assembly: Wednesday 5th February

Year 5 Assembly: Friday 22nd November

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly: Thursday 24th July

There will also be many other opportunities for the children to showcase their talent, including music concerts, competitions and tournaments and drama productions.

Rules and Routines

Our rules and routines ensure that our school can run safely and efficiently and we appreciate your support in adhering to them. Please ensure you read the most recent Notes and Reminders document for parents which sets out many of the day-to-day procedures in school (see this week's ClassDojo).

We would kindly request that parents and carers pay particular attention to the following:

- Please avoid booking holidays in term time if at all possible - as holidays will not be authorised and unauthorised absence may result in a significant Local Authority fine.
- Please ensure you order all school lunches in advance. This applies to all meals, including universal infant and free school meals as well as paid meals.
- For parents who pay for school lunches, please ensure there are sufficient funds in your Parentpay account to cover the cost of the meal at the time of ordering. The order will not register if there are not sufficient funds to cover it.
- Please ensure correct PE kit is worn on PE days (see Notes and Reminders for uniform list)
- If children have recently pierced ears, these MUST be removed for swimming lessons in line with school swimming regulations. For other PE activities, please ensure they bring tape or plasters from home to cover them for the first six weeks, then learn to take them out for PE.
- Long hair must be tied back in school and novelty headbands should not be worn. This is for health and safety reasons and to avoid the spread of headlice.
- As we move into the Winter Season, it's essential that we try to keep the school community as healthy as possible. Please support us in this by encouraging good hygiene habits (blowing nose, flushing toilet, washing hands).
- If your child is sick or has a tummy upset, please keep them at home for 48 hours after the sickness or diarrhoea has stopped, in line with NHS advice.

Meet the Teacher

An important early date for your diary:

On Thursday 19th September, from 5.30pm - 6.15pm, we look forward to welcoming you in school for an early opportunity to check-in with your child/ren's class teachers ahead of parents' evening later in the term. Teachers will be leading a presentation about the class routines, this year's curriculum and offering further advice on any settling in concerns you may have. We hope to see as many of you as possible next Thursday.