



Spring Term  
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# The High View Update

March/April 24	Fri 29th Mar to Fri 12 Apr — <b>Easter Holidays</b>	May 24	Wed 1st May —Y1 Gatton Park Trip	May / June 24	Mon 20th May — Fri 24th May—Year 6 Residential Trip
	Mon 15th Apr—INSET DAY School Closed		Thurs 2nd May — Mayor Elections, cabin in use, but school fully open		Tues 21st May—Y2 Mosque Trip
	Tues 16th Apr—Summer Term starts all children return to school.		Mon 6th May—MAY BANK HOLIDAY School Closed		Fri 24th May—Last day of half term, normal finish time.
	Mon 22nd Apr—Y1 & Y2 Animal Workshop.		Thurs 7th May—Y3 trips to Ecology Centre		Mon 27th to Fri 31st May—Half Term
Tues 23rd Apr — Scooter Training Rec to Y2	Mon 13th– Thurs 16th May—Y6 SATS Week.	Mon 3rd June—All children return to school.	Tues 4th June - Year 2 visit from Bumble's of Honeywood.	Fri 7th June—Class / Teams Photo Day	
Wed 24th Apr— Skateboard Training Y3-Y5	Fri 17th May— PTFA Mufti Day				

### School's out for Easter!

The spring term always marks an essential time in the school calendar! We are now over half way through the academic year and already we are thinking ahead into the next academic year! We look forward to ensuring our year 6s are ready for secondary school as well supporting each class into the new year ahead. As well as planning for the changes to come for pupils, we are also planning ahead for the changes set to take place for our premises! Already we have seen our Performing Arts Studio enter another phase of its development. The PTFA have helped us purchase and install ballet barres and wall mirrors. The next phase will see drapes and bespoke storage installed in the coming months. We are so pleased that all children have already had a session of ballet taught by an expert!



### Additional Premises Funding Awarded to High View

The local authority have awarded High View additional funding after we made a successful bid to build an extension to our main building. The additional building will support the social, emotional and mental health needs of our children. This means we will have additional room and office space to help provide nurture and emotional literacy support throughout the school day. Currently our sessions are awarded limited time mainly due to spaces being shared throughout the school. We are hoping to begin building work this year! More to come!

### High View Variety Show 2024



The Cryer Arts Theatre, in Carshalton, hosted this year's 2nd annual High View Variety Show! What a show! With performances from High View children within KS1 and 2, it was surely a night to go down in High View history as one of the most memorable! Those who took part will no doubt remember the night for the rest of their lives, and so too will the audience. Performers sang, danced, acted and played instruments, each a testament to the amazing talent that is nurtured and discovered at High View. The night was an excellent display of our school values; perseverance, responsibility, creativity and self belief! We were especially pleased to have had performances from Presto and Victoria's Voices. There were even appearances and speeches from ex High View pupils—an excellent example of how children progress while at High View and beyond! Parents will be advised of how to purchase a recording of the evening after the Easter holidays.

### Staffing News — Farewell Miss Ambroziewicz

This term we are saying goodbye to Miss Ambroziewicz. It is no surprise to hear that we are all sad to hear this news. Miss Ambroziewicz started High View 8 years ago, teaching in the Early Years and more recently in year 1 - a skill set that is unique and not easy to acquire to the standard that Miss Ambroziewicz achieved. Passionate about young learners and with such amazing outcomes, we can see how Miss Ambroziewicz has changed the practice in year one at High View for years to come - a fantastic legacy to leave behind. We wish Miss Ambroziewicz good luck in her new chapter! Ms Lazarski will be teaching in Hedgehogs class starting from the beginning of the summer term.



### Farewell Mr Fray

Mr Fray will be leaving High View this term. We are grateful for Mr Fray's sporting input and highly skilled and knowledgeable approach to sport and sporting psychology at High View. The children have benefitted from Mr Fray's passion and enthusiasm. Staff and children have progressed in many ways because of Mr Fray's direct intervention. We wish Mr Fray all the best of luck!

Mr Q, better known as Coach Q from Nxt Level coaches, will be High View's new sports instructor. Coach Q has already started working with children and staff this term, receiving a thorough handover and transition into High View. Coach Q is already teaching after school clubs and looks forward to running the Easter sports club provision at High View.



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## Year 3 Horniman Museum Trip

On Friday 8th March 2024, Year 3 went on a visit to the Horniman Museum.

We had a workshop that allowed them to handle Ancient Egyptian artefacts. We were amazed how many artefacts have survived over 3000 years. The artefacts were very delicate so we had to wear gloves to protect them from any germs that were on our hands. We also discussed whether these artefacts should be allowed to leave Egypt or whether they should stay so they can be preserved in their original setting. **Mrs Channing—Badgers**



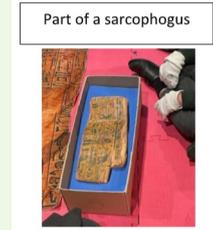
An Egyptian death mask



Hieroglyphics



Scarabs



Part of a sarcophogus

## Year 4 Hever Castle

On Tuesday 7th March, Year 4 visited Hever Castle as part of their history learning on the British Monarchy. The children were shown around the castle by a tour guide and learnt a lot of interesting facts about the childhood home of Anne Boleyn. Inside the castle, we were able to see the very rooms that Anne Boleyn would have spent time in as well as historical tapestries, paintings and furniture. We then loved watching a bird of prey display which featured beautiful owls and eagles. In the afternoon, the children enjoyed getting lost in the 100 year old maze! We all had a memorable and enjoyable experience. **Miss Beresford-Ward Doves**



## Year 4 Easter Experience

Year 4 went to Carshalton Methodist Church as part of their Religious Education learning to go through the stages of Easter as believed by Christians. They were able to get involved and dress up as a variety of characters, such as soldiers, disciples of Jesus and citizens in the town, to help immerse themselves and understand the story. All of the children waved palms to welcome Jesus into the city; saw Jesus chase the money changers from the Temple; they witnessed his capture and trial before Pontius Pilate and the Roman Governor. After this they we took part in a vote to choose between Jesus and Barabbas; before finally experiencing his death on the cross (no one actually died), and the empty garden tomb after Jesus' death. **Miss Payne—Nightingales**



## Year 5 Trips

### Trip to the Imperial War Museum

We enjoyed a trip to The Imperial War Museum on Wednesday 13th March to further explore their learning around WWII. They had the opportunity to investigate the many artefacts and displays around the museum with the shelters and tanks really bringing our learning to life! Once again we were thrilled with the curiosity and respect shown by our children during the 'We Were There' workshop led by 95 year old Bernard who showed the children pictures of himself as an evacuee and enthusiastically told the children many stories. They also had the opportunity to hear from an ex army officer called Martin about the challenges of conflict during the Cold War.

### Trip to Carshalton Mosque

Year 5 were warmly welcomed to the mosque in Carshalton on Tuesday 20th February to enhance their RE learning around Islamic Approaches to Life. All of the children enjoyed a team quiz and having the opportunity to explore a variety of hands on activities. We were pleased with the curiosity and respect shown by all of our children.



**Mrs Watson—Falcons**

## Netball

Throughout the Autumn and Spring term, children from years 5 and 6 have been training hard and playing matches against other schools in netball. The children have all come on a long way (some from not playing netball before) and now play as a fantastic team. We would like to say well done to all the children who are on the netball team and we are looking forward to the year 6 VS teachers' netball match at the end of the year!

**Miss Clancy and Miss Beresford-Ward**

## Year 2 Synagogue Trip

As part of year 2's studies about Judaism, on Wednesday 21st February, we visited Sutton and District United Synagogue. The staff at the synagogue were very complimentary about our Year 2's knowledge, questions and the way they represented our school on this visit. Well done year 2!

**Miss Slack—Moles**





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## Early Years Super Hero Day

Early Years have spent the last few weeks learning all about superheroes. To end our topic we had a Superhero Dress Up Day! The children loved dressing up as their favourite hero and enjoyed playing games that involve rescuing others from the baddies! Throughout this topic, we have been reminded that we are all superheroes and we all possess the super powers of belonging, self-belief, creativity, curiosity, perseverance, respect and responsibility. We have learned about fictional superheroes as well as real life heroes that help us every day; including a visit from some real-life police officers who explained how they keep us safe. We are sad that the topic has come to an end but we know that our super powers are for life! **Miss Hill—EYFS Lead**



## Bumbles of Honeywood Programme



Year 2 are taking part in the Bumbles of Honeywood Programme over the course of this year. High View has been sponsored by Gambit Partners who fund the programme, which gives us free resources about money making and aims to develop our children's financial literacy skills for the future.

Recently year 2 had a fantastic workshop which focused on networking. Ollie in Moles said, "We were learning about how to be strong, brave and confident when meeting new people for the first time."



For more information about this initiative please visit their website— <https://www.2benterprising.co.uk/>

## Dojo Point Winners—Spring Term



Each term, pupils in KS1 and KS2 work really hard to show their High View Values and are rewarded Class Dojos for doing so. Every pupil that reaches 100 dojos within a term is awarded a special prize by Miss Archer. We awarded 151 pupils in KS1 and KS2 this term and one pupil even scored over 200 dojos, so was rewarded twice - Well done Sharini in Foxes.

In addition to rewarding the pupils who received 100 dojos, the top dojo scorers for each class have a special lunch with Mr Claxton. This term's top scorers are:

Hedgehogs - Daniela  
Squirrels - Alice  
Rabbits - Lucas L  
Moles - Victoria  
Badgers - Gracie  
Foxes - Sharini  
Nightingales - Harrison  
Doves - Rosalie  
Kestrels - Connor  
Falcons - Joyce  
Woodpeckers - Hayyan  
Kingfishers - Sienna

**Well done to all—Miss Archer—Assistant Head**

## Arrival of Spring—Some Reminders Clothes labelling, hay fever, water bottles & sun hats.



**Label all clothes/items**—Please ensure all items of children's clothing/water bottles/lunchboxes etc. are clearly labelled.

In particular, please ensure the PE zip up tops, jumpers/ cardigans, and coats are clearly labelled. With the warmer weather now appearing, we find children remove layers of clothes such their coats, jumpers, PE tops at break and lunchtimes. It can be an impossible task for staff, when faced with a pile of identical clothing items in the same sizes, to ensure all children are reunited with the correct items if they are not named. All items which are unnamed and unclaimed will be placed on the lost property rail located outside the school foyer.

**Sun hats/water bottles/sun cream**—All children should bring a water bottle to school each day, but for the Summer term please ensure they also have a sun hat to wear during sunny break and lunchtimes and sun cream applied before school.

## Polling Station – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

The London Mayoral Elections will be taking place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Our porta cabin will be used as a polling station on this day. The school will remain open but we will not have access to the cabin for the duration of the day. Orchard Childcare will be relocating to the main school building on this day and they will provide further details to their parents regarding drop off and pick up arrangements.

The polling station will be managed by the presiding officer. Members of the public coming to vote will only be able to access the port cabin via the cabin gate, they will not be able to gain access any other parts of the school site.

**POLLING STATION**



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## News from the PTFA

Thank you to everyone for your support with the Valentine's Disco, and a special thank you to all of our lovely volunteers! Because of you, we raised more than **£1,050**, which will go directly to the school for ongoing improvements to the performing arts room.

## Upcoming events - a focus on the Summer Fair:

We are already planning the fun for this year's Summer Fair on **Saturday 15th June!** Please save the date in your diaries as we'd love to see you all there.

- Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help us advertise with a sign outside their house. Your efforts have already raised £300 for the school!
- We will have a toy stall at the Summer Fair, which will sell new and used toys. If you are having a spring clear-out and would like to donate your toys to a good cause, please drop these off in the box inside reception.
- If you can volunteer at the Summer Fair (15th June any time from 9:00am-4:00pm), please get in touch on your year WhatsApp group or email: [committee@highviewptfa.org.uk](mailto:committee@highviewptfa.org.uk)

## PTFA MUFTI DAYS

**Friday 17th May:** Please bring a donation for the Summer Fair raffle for this Mufti Day. Each class will be provided with a theme, details to follow.

**Friday 14th June:** Please bring a bottle to donate for the tombola. This can be any bottle!

## Funding update:

This term, the PTFA has committed funds to:

- New basketball hoops for the playground
- Yearly contribution for Black History Month enrichment activities
- Yearly contributions to support continuous provision into year 1
- Online Safety speaker for next year

**Our next PTFA meeting is 23 April at the school from 5:00pm-6:30pm. All are welcome.** If you would like more information on what the PTFA is doing, please email [committee@highviewptfa.org.uk](mailto:committee@highviewptfa.org.uk) or reach out to a committee member on your Year WhatsApp group.

**As always, thank you for your support! - PTFA Team**

**Respectful Parking** — We are again receiving complaints from the residents about parents parking in Amberwood Close. This is a private road and is for residents only, we are asking parents to respect this and help us maintain our positive relationship with our neighbours.



## London Borough of Sutton—SEND survey, Therapeutic resources available to support parents, Autism Awareness Week

The London Borough of Sutton have asked us to share the following information.

### SEND Survey

The London Borough of Sutton is in the process of developing a new SEND and Alternative Provision (AP) strategy for the borough and is really keen to hear the views of children and young people with SEND/additional needs in the Borough. Barnardos are helping with this work. If you are a young person with SEND or additional needs, or a parent/carer of a child with SEND, please do contribute to this review by completing the survey by following the steps below:

1. [Read about the survey here](#), what is being asked and how your privacy will be protected
2. [Complete a short consent form here](#) (upon completion you will be emailed a copy of the survey using the email address you provide)
3. Complete the survey that is emailed to you prior to the **12 April 2024**

What children and young people tell us will influence the SEND/AP review and will inform decision makers about what children and young people's lived experiences are in Sutton and how we can improve them.

### Therapies advice for all Poster

Please use the QR code to in this poster to access the Cognus Advice and resources webpage.

### Autism Awareness Week

Cognus is also celebrating **World Autism Acceptance Week 2024** with an array of [FREE workshops and activities](#) for young people, parents, and professionals.

Visit Eventbrite for details and how to book <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/cognus-limited-61747627793>

[Autism Support](#) is available from Cognus all year round. Use our interactive [Autism Support Map](#), attend [Cognus Events](#), access [pre-recorded workshops](#) and [Autism Leads CPD](#) or follow us on [Facebook](#) and [X](#).

**COGNUS THERAPIES ADVICE FOR ALL**

Listening and understanding

Using language, vocabulary and speech

Building conversation and social skills

Building independence

Supporting self-regulation

Success in the classroom

Participation in PE and play



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We have been asked to share the following information with parents, regarding Easter events, library access, sports coaching and music sessions. For further details please contact the providers directly.

## Sutton Library Access

We are sharing exciting news from Libraries which may impact your school community. [Self Access](#) is the extended opening times where members can use the library building and services at times outside of the regular staffed hours.

From 2 April 2024, Self Access will be available across our library network. Following our successful pilot in Wallington Library during April - July 2023 where over 1,000 self access visits were made, we anticipate equally smooth pilots in the other libraries.

Library members are able to gain access to Sutton Libraries from 8am - 9pm, Monday - Saturday, and 8am - 6pm on Sundays across all 8 of our libraries.

We have sought advice and guidance from Children's Services and we are pleased to announce that 16-17 year olds will be able to upgrade their membership to Self Access if they have [parental permission and sign a disclaimer](#).

[The new opening hours will be visible on our website](#). If you have any queries, feel free to view our [FAQ](#) page for more information and/or reply to this email. **Thank you Sutton Council**

## Girls Only Coaching Course for 5 - 8 year olds at Sutton Tennis & Squash Club

**Sutton Tennis & Squash Club** are delighted to tell you of a new **tennis coaching course** they're running which is for **girls only** with the aim to bring and keep more girls involved in tennis, and is supported by **Amazon Prime!**

It's called Prime Video LTA Youth Girls. It's a six week coaching programme where the girls receive six weeks of quality lessons run by an LTA accredited coach, a brand new tennis racket and ball set, a t-shirt and a brilliant follow on offer to keep them playing.

All of this is for just **£35!**

Their first course is for girls aged 5 - 8 years old, starting Wednesday 17 April from 5pm - 6pm.

Find out more and book at [www.stscsport.co.uk/primevideo](http://www.stscsport.co.uk/primevideo)

JOIN OUR BANDS, ORCHESTRAS, OR CHOIRS

## Count me in!

Do you play an instrument? Do you love to sing? Want to make new friends and develop your musical skills?

Sign up now for a **free** trial rehearsal in the summer term!

Scan the QR code for more information on each group and to apply. Use the code **COUNTMEIN** to guarantee your place!

**ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND** #MakeMusicWithUs

## Girls Football Training

Starting April 6th, unleash your inner football star with our exclusive, girls-only football training!

If you're currently in school years 1 & 2, join us every Saturday from 10:00-10:45 AM at Wallington FC for some epic football fun - absolutely **FREE!**

But wait, there's more! Come September, we're on the look out for fierce, young talent to form a brand-new U8 girls' team for school years 2 & 3. Don't miss your chance to be part of something amazing.

Register in advance or on the day via <https://linktr.ee/wallingtonfc>

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