



Spring Term 1
Edition

14th February 2025

The High View Update

Feb/March 2025

Mon 17th to Fri 21st Feb - Half Term
Mon 24th Feb— Doves Library Trip
Mon 24th Feb - Y3 RE Day
Tues 25th Feb—Moles trip Mellows Pk
Thurs 27th Feb—Y2 Trip to Synagogue
Thurs 6th Mar—Book Swap Day
Fri 7th Mar—Book Week Dress Up Day
10th –14th Mar—Science Week
Mon 10th Mar—Badgers Library Trip
Thurs 13th Mar - Foxes Library Trip
Fri 14th Mar—Y3 British Museum (P)

March/April 2025

Mon 17th Mar—Kestrels Library Trip
Fri 21st Mar—Red Nose Day Mufti Day
24th–28th Mar—Book Fair
Mon 24th Mar—Falcons Library Trip
Tues 25th Mar—Y4 Easter Experience
Thurs 27th Mar—Woodpeckers Library Trip
Fri 28th Mar—Y2 Sea life London Trip (P)
Mon 31st Mar—Kingfishers Library Trip
Tues 1st Apr—Parents Evening 3.40pm to 6pm

April 2025

Thurs 3rd Apr—Parents Evening 4pm to 7pm
Thurs 3rd Apr—Last Day for Nursery
Fri 4th Apr—Last Day of Term for Reception to Year 6 1.30pm finish.
Easter Holidays—7th to 21st Apr
INSET Day—Tues 22nd April
Summer Term Starts—Wednesday 23rd April. All children return to school.

High View Primary – Our Name, Spelled Right at Last!

Exciting news – High View Primary finally has signage that proudly and correctly displays our school name! For years, many have mistakenly believed that "High View" was spelt as one word, but we have always known the truth – our name is two words.

It must have come as quite a shock to past school leaders when they realised that the old signage didn't reflect our correct name. While this little mistake may have gone unnoticed by most, we are delighted to have finally set the record straight. Now, as you approach our school, you'll see High View displayed just as it should be – a small but meaningful change that reinforces our strong identity. Here's to celebrating the details that make our school special!



We Celebrated Children's Mental Health Week in Style!

Last week, our pupils at High View Primary embraced Children's Mental Health Week by expressing themselves through a special mufti day! The theme of the day encouraged children to wear outfits that represented who they are or something important to them, highlighting the importance of belonging—one of our core *High View Powers*.

It was fantastic to see such a variety of outfits, from Scouts uniforms and martial arts gear to football kits and even self-designed creations! Each child took pride in sharing what their outfit meant to them, sparking conversations about identity, community, and well-being.

At High View, we know that feeling a sense of belonging is key to positive mental health, and this special day was a wonderful reminder of the diverse and unique individuals that make up our school family. Well done to all our pupils for taking part and celebrating in such a meaningful way!



High View's Got Talent 2025 – A Show to Remember!

What an amazing display of talent we witnessed at this year's High View's Got Talent! From Year 1 to Year 6, our incredible performers took to the stage, showcasing their skills in singing, dancing, gymnastics, joke-telling, and even a Rubik's Cube challenge!

Our Head and Deputy Head Boys and Girls had the tough job of judging each act and selecting the winners across four categories: Key Stage 1, Lower KS2, Upper KS2, and the Mixed-Age category. A huge congratulations to our talented winners, who have now earned automatic entry into the High View Variety Show in March at the Cryer Arts Theatre in Carshalton!

🎤 And the winners are... 🎤

- ☐ **KS1 Winners:** Primrose, Daniella, and Isabella Year 2
- ☑ **Lower KS2 Winner:** Harry Year 3
- ☑ **Upper KS2 Winner:** Manfred Year 6
- ☑ **Mixed-Age Category Winners:** Siblings Lucas and Kyle Year 3 and Year 6

A massive well done to everyone who took part—you all made this year's show a truly spectacular event! We can't wait to see our winners shine again on the big stage in March! 🌟🎉





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EYFS Traditional Tales Dress-up Day

On Monday 3rd February, children in EYFS came to school dressed as their favourite traditional tales character to support our topic learning this half term. We paraded around the EYFS playground to show our costumes to our friends and read lots of stories relating to our characters. In our adventure time, children made stick puppets and used masks to act out stories, used our fantasy dressing up and made wands and crowns to accessorise, read and listened to their favourite stories in our reading hut and book corners, made playdough gingerbread, used construction materials to make bridges for the Billy Goats Gruff, and fed Goldilocks and the Bears their breakfast porridge! Thank you to all the parents and carers who created the lovely costumes - the children looked amazing and really enjoyed their day. **Miss Hill - EYFS Phase Leader**



Year 2 Great Fire of London Topic

On Wednesday 15th January Year 2 were treated to a Freshwater Theatre Workshop all about the Great Fire of London. With the help of Mary Porter, the children travelled back in time to find out what it would have been like to live in London in 1666. Together they experienced London in 1666 and recreated life in Pudding Lane. Using ribbons and mime, the children learnt about how and why the fire spread, met the famous diarist Samuel Pepys, and helped rebuild the city.

Then after weeks of preparation and anticipation, on Thursday 30th January, it was finally time for the Year 2s to set their houses alight as part of their work on the 'Great Fire of London' topic. Just as was the case way back on 2nd September 1666, the strong wind blew the fire from the bakery onto other houses, wreaking devastation on the famous London street (and the children's precious houses!). All the children were engaged watching the houses ablaze and sang 'London's Burning' in unison. Well done year 2 and thank you to Mr Kirby for facilitating the occasion. **Miss Slack—Moles Teacher**



Class Dojo Postcard Competition

The relaunch of our class dojo postcard competition was a great success. Children in all year groups participated to show off their creative skills. All children who entered received a creative Dojo. The school council then chose their top 10 entries, which have all received 5 creative dojos.

The top 10 entries were then handed to Mr Claxton to choose the overall winners which will be made into High View postcards. Children from Reception to Year 6 work very hard at school to receive dojos for showing our school values and when they receive 100 dojos, they will receive a small prize and take home our newly designed class dojo postcards.

The top 10 designs chosen by our school council were from:

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| Suhana- Year 6 | Evie - Year 4 |
| Agara -Year 1 | Emily - Year 3 |
| Dylan - Reception | Saffron - Reception |
| Margot - Year 3 | Sofia - Year 2 |



The overall winners who will have their designs created are: **Miss Archer—Assistant Head**

Evie (Yr2)

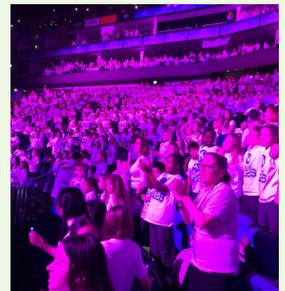
and

Kyle (Yr6)

Young Voices Concert—O2 Arena



At the end of January, a group of year 5 children had the amazing opportunity to sing at the O2 in London, as part of the Young Voices choir. Children had been learning the songs and actions since September and there was a great mix of old and new music to sing along to. On the day, there were approximately 8000 children from a variety of schools across London, all joining in and singing together. This was alongside a live band, professional singers, dancers and a world famous conductor. As the time to begin drew closer, excitement was bubbling! The show was a huge success and all of the children thoroughly enjoyed singing along to each and every song. It was a truly mesmerizing experience and we are already looking forward to next year. **Miss Dowling and Mrs Kelly.**



The Young Leaders Award

Year 6 have been taking part in the Archbishop's Young Leaders Award project since the autumn term. The project has enabled them to use communication, collaboration, responsibility and leadership skills to put together a community action project. Some groups provided challenges for younger year groups in school whereas other groups decided to make and bake items to sell to the school community with all proceeds being donated to their chosen charity. The Year 6's have really enjoyed the challenges and community projects and all have been extremely successful.

Mrs Linehan—Woodpeckers Teacher Y6

SPORTS

A big congratulations to all our sports teams, including the girls' and boys' football teams and our netball players!

They have shown great teamwork and dedication, playing both winning and challenging matches with pride.

We have also had the opportunity to take part in various competitions and workshops, such as squash, indoor athletics, Panathlon, and football workshops.

Well done to all the children who participated and represented the school so wonderfully! Keep up the fantastic work!

Also thank you to the parents who have been available to transport the children to numerous events.

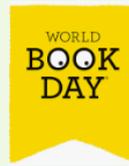
Miss Clancy—Sports Lead



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World Book Week—3rd to 7th March

We have planned a range of engaging activities to inspire a love of reading among our children.



Some important dates to remember

Thursday 6th March—Book Swap

Bring in a book that you'd like to swap with someone else.

Friday 7th March—Dress Up Day

Staff and students are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book characters and if possible bring the book along with you.

Please remember as with all mufti days, ensure outfits are still suitable for a day at school and the weather on the day. If your child has PE on this day, this will be adjusted to take into account children will be in book day costumes.

Comic Relief—Red Nose Day—Friday 21st March

We will be supporting Comic Relief Red Nose Day on Friday 21st March.



Children and staff are welcome to come to school in mufti clothes, as long as they wear something red.

We will not be collecting money on the day, but ask parents to make their donations directly to Comic Relief, either via purchasing official merchandise of directly via the Comic Relief website.

<https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/>

The usual mufti days rules apply, outfits should be suitable for a day at school and the weather on the day. No exposed tummies, shoulders, short skirts/dresses/shorts and closed toes shoes please.

Some School Office Reminders

School Dinners

When we return after half term, school dinners will be starting on the week 1 school dinner menu. Copies of the menu with the dates for each week, are available to view on our school website.

Contacting the school office

We just wanted to remind parents to not use school gateway to contact the school, as we do not use or monitor the messaging aspect of school gateway. If you need to contact the school office please use the office email—office@highview.school as this is monitored.

Year 1 request for dolls and doll accessories

Our Year 1 classes are asking for donations of any unwanted dolls and doll accessories, for example:

- Large Dollies
- Clothes to fit Barbie sized dolls and larger dolls.
- Doll accessories such as high chairs, baby carriers, beds, baskets etc.

If you have any items that you think may be suitable please drop them off to the school office.

Many thanks - Year 1 team.

