



Summer Term

Edition 2

22nd July 2025

The High View Update

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| July/Aug/Sep 2025 | Mon 21st July - Last day of term Nursery Tues 22nd July — Last day of term for Year 1 to Year 6—school will finish at 1.30pm. Wednesday 23rd July to Friday 29th August. SUMMER HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED Mon 1st Sep —INSET School Closed Tues 2nd Sep —INSET school Closed | Sept/Oct 2025 | Wed 3rd Sep —First day of term for children in Year 1 to Year 6. Children joining Nursery and Reception have been provided with individual start dates later in the month. Fri 26th Sep —European Day of Languages 1st to 31st Oct —Black History Month Thur 2nd Oct —School Photo Day, individual and sibling photos. Thurs 2nd Oct —PTFA AGM Fri 17th Oct —PTFA Disco | OCT/Nov 2025 | Fri 24th Oct —INSET DAY School Closed Mon 27th –31st Oct — Half Term School Closed. Mon 3rd Nov —All children return to school. |
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High View Primary School Newsletter: Term Wrap-Up & New Beginnings!

What a wonderful and enriching term it has been at High View Primary! As we approach the summer break, we reflect on a period filled with learning, growth, and memorable experiences for all our pupils.

Important Staffing Updates

As is common at this time of year, we are experiencing some staff movement, and this year is no exception. We have both fond farewells and warm welcomes to share with our community.

Farewells to Our Valued Teachers: We are saying goodbye to four incredible teachers who will be greatly missed. We are incredibly grateful for their dedication and wish them every success in their future endeavours:

- Mrs Channing is leaving High View after joining our school in 2012, making a remarkable contribution to school life for 13 years. Mrs Channing has worked across both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, supporting children with a "firm, fair, and fun approach" that consistently met their academic and emotional needs. Mrs Channing is known for her wisdom, support, and positivity to staff, and her vibrant character has shaped the spirit and ethos of High View. An experienced OFSTED inspector described a lesson taught by Mrs Channing as "the best lesson" he had ever seen, calling her a "truly outstanding professional". Mrs Channing will be leaving teaching.
- Mrs Bache, our Year 6 teacher, is leaving High View after an incredible 14 years of dedicated service, having joined in 2011. She has spent most of her time teaching in Key Stage 2, particularly in Year 6, where her commitment to pupils' academic progress and well-being has been outstanding. She also taught in Early Years and held several leadership responsibilities, currently leading on Pupil Voice and Science, and previously PE. Mrs Bache's creativity brought to life many unforgettable drama club productions and show-stopping Year 6 performances. She is embarking on a new adventure outside of teaching.
- Mrs Kelly has been a much-valued member of the High View team for the past 10 years. She has shown a deep passion for Early Years education, supporting Nursery and Reception children, and later embraced a new challenge in Key Stage 1, particularly Year 1. Beyond the classroom, Mrs Kelly led on music, introducing school violin concerts, coordinating performances at Fairfield Halls, and organising annual involvement in the Young Voices concert at the O2. She also led on RE and supported new teachers as an ECT mentor. Mrs Kelly will be moving to a new teaching appointment.
- Miss Beresford-Ward will be leaving High View at the end of this term after over a decade of dedicated service, having joined in 2011. She spent many years teaching in Years 5 and 6, where her creativity and commitment to high standards were evident. As Art subject leader, she raised the visual profile of the school and led projects across the Sutton Education Trust. Later, she became a Phase Leader for Years 3 and 4, and Maths Subject Leader. Her work in Maths had a lasting impact, especially in preparing Year 4 pupils for the national Multiplication Tables Check, and she introduced the "much-loved 144 Club". Miss Beresford-Ward has recently started a new chapter as a parent and is launching her own private tutoring business and teaching part time in a new school.

Welcome to Our New Teachers! We are thrilled to welcome new faces to our High View family, many of whom are already familiar with our school pathways:

- A huge congratulations to Mrs Brajesh, who achieved Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) this year. She will be teaching in Year 6, an exciting progression from her role as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) at High View, bringing a wealth of unique knowledge and skills.
- We are also excited to welcome Miss Roberts, who was a trainee teacher in our early years setting and also a teaching assistant at High View. She will now join us as a fully qualified teacher in Reception.
- Miss Cant will be joining us as a new teacher. We had the opportunity to get to know Miss Cant when she was a short-term supply teacher in upper Key Stage 2 this academic year, and we are delighted she has chosen to continue her teaching journey with us.

Wishing You All the Best!

As the academic year draws to a close, we would like to wish all our High View families a wonderful and restful summer holiday! We hope you enjoy this special time together.

To our incredible Year 6 pupils, we wish you all the very best as you prepare to move on to Year 7. We are incredibly proud of your achievements and know you will thrive in your next adventure!

Mr Claxton



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Cultural Diversity Week 2025 – A Huge Success!

This year's Cultural Diversity Week was a tremendous success! The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about different cultures and discovering more about the rich diversity within our school community.

The fantastic week kicked off with a bang on **Spanish Day**. On Monday, the children took part in special Spanish lessons, researched various Spanish-speaking countries, and were fortunate to have amazing volunteers from our High View community deliver engaging workshops.

Spanish Day was followed by **Art Around the World** on Tuesday. Children explored artists from diverse cultural backgrounds and created stunning artwork inspired by their chosen artist.

The week continued with a range of **engaging, informative, and fun workshops**. We were thrilled to host a **Morris Dancing workshop**, a **Story of the Caribbean session**, and **Stories from Asia**, which captivated and educated the children.

On **Thursday**, the school came alive with colour and pride as children arrived dressed in their **cultural attire** and brought in **foods from their heritage**. The day was spent celebrating each other's cultures, sharing delicious food, and enjoying fantastic music together.

To top off an incredible week, **Friday** saw High View host its **first-ever sponsored Colour Run!** The event was bursting with energy, joy, and community spirit. A big thank you to the **PTFA** for organising this memorable event — a true display of community cohesion, with countless smiles lighting up the field. We're proud to share that we raised an impressive amount, which will go towards **our new playground nets**.

Cultural Diversity Week 2025 was not only fun-filled but deeply meaningful, a celebration of who we are as a school community. **Miss Chowdhury**

Year 3 Violin Trip to Fairfield Halls

Our Year 3 children had a wonderful time on their recent violin trip to Fairfield Halls. The children performed beautifully, showcasing all their hard work and progress this academic year. We also enjoyed watching performances from other schools, which was a fantastic opportunity for the children to be inspired by their peers. A highlight of the day was the spine-tingling collaborative performance of a song, where all the schools came together to create a truly memorable musical moment. We are so proud of the children's enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the event. **Miss Warren**

Y4 show Phoenix Centre

The year 4 children had a great time watching a show at the Phoenix centre and loved being involved as characters within the show. It was fantastic to see the story of 'The Secret Garden' brought to life. The children were also set a challenge by Sutton Council to participate in 6 of their summer events. If you want to find out more look at the Sutton council website to find lots of free engaging activities for you and your children over the summer holidays. **Miss Payne**

Year 5 Trip to British Museum

Year 5 were fortunate to visit The British Museum to consolidate their learning about the Ancient Greeks and answer the question, '*What did the Ancient Greeks do for us?*' We explored fascinating galleries and discovered incredible artefacts - from pottery to sculptures - that brought history to life! The visit gave pupils the perfect inspiration for their disciplinary writing. **Miss Bernard**



What a day! – First Aid Training

Pupils across all year groups threw themselves into hands on activities—practising emergency calls, recovery positions, CPR, and choking responses. They were attentive, enthusiastic, and impressively confident, thanks to the trainers' interactive teaching style.

Miss Channing

Money and savings book donations

All year 5 and year 6 children will receive a book about money and budgeting. These books have been donated by one of our parents and we hope you and your child will find them useful.

To any parent who is interested in ways to develop financial understanding in their children, here are some useful articles for the summer holidays! **Mrs Parker—Money Matters Lead**

<https://genistar.co.uk/articles/summer-sun-and-financial-fun>

https://schoolio.com/blog/10-ways-to-teach-financial-literacy-to-your-kids-this-summer/?srsltid=AfmBOoqAvS1A7GA03u9quTiupjXyBnt87U3_2VLOPOnsHIVMO4_8SI0a



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Key Stage 1 Sports Day – A Fantastic Success!

Our Key Stage 1 Sports Day was a wonderful success! The field was filled with smiling faces, laughter, and the sound of children cheering each other on. It was heart warming to see such great sportsmanship throughout the day. A big thank you to all the families who came along to support – your encouragement helped make the day truly memorable!

Miss Slack

KS2 Sports Day Success!

We had a fantastic KS2 Sports Day filled with sunshine, smiles, and lots of sporting spirit! The children took part in a range of events including sprints, hurdles, vortex, long jump, shot put, and the challenging 400m long-distance race, where we saw some amazing perseverance.

There was plenty of fun too – from bouncing along on space hoppers to the three-legged race and an entertaining tug of war! A clear favourite was the ever-popular parents' race and the competitive teachers' race, which had everyone cheering! Well done to everyone who took part! **Miss Clancy**

Sports Highlights

This term has been full of sporting achievements and we are so proud of our sporty High View hero's! Our pupils represented the school brilliantly in several cricket events, showed great teamwork and skill to *win* a local basketball competition, and put in a fantastic effort at the borough athletics, year 5 and 6 team finishing 3rd overall in the Sutton borough. A huge thank you to all the parents who supported us with lifts and cheering from the sidelines – and well done to all the children who took part with such enthusiasm and determination! Thank you to all the parents who were able to transport children to the various venues—**Miss Clancy**

Reception Trip to Chessington World of Adventures

Reception had an unforgettable day out at Chessington World of Adventures to round off their topic on safari animals – and what a wild time they had!

The children were thrilled to spot many of the animals they've been learning about. On the safari truck, there were gasps of excitement as a giraffe walked right past us! We also saw rhinos, zebras and curious meerkats popping up to say hello. The experience brought their classroom learning to life in the most magical way.

After the safari, we explored other areas of the park. The children were fascinated by the sea lions gliding through the water and quietly observed the sleeping lions and gorillas. To finish off the day, we visited the aquarium, where colourful fish and sea creatures captured everyone's attention.

It was a fantastic day full of discovery, excitement and smiles. The children behaved brilliantly and represented the school so well. A big thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers and staff who made the trip possible!

Mrs Coulter—Sparrows Class.

Year 6 Residential

The Year 6 residential trip to the Isle of Wight was a memorable adventure filled with fun and excitement. Before the half-term break, the children embarked on a fun-packed week that included visits to Carisbrooke Castle, Tapnell Farm, the iconic Needles and Alum Bay, Wildheart Animal Sanctuary, Sandown Beach and Blackgang Chine.

Evenings were just as eventful with mini golf, a lively theatre performance and a disco on the final night. It was an unforgettable experience—full of fun, laughter and lasting memories. A fantastic (if slightly exhausting!) time was had by all. **Mrs Linehan—Woodpeckers**

Help Us Create our New Nurture & ELSA Room Donations Welcome!

We are excited to be setting up a brand-new Nurture Group and ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) Room to support the emotional wellbeing and development of our children here at school.

This special space will be a calm, welcoming area where children can talk, play, and learn valuable social and emotional skills in a safe and supportive environment.

As many families have a sort-out over the summer holidays, we would be so grateful if you would consider donating any gently used items that could help us create a warm and engaging space for the children.

We are especially looking for:

- Wooden play kitchen sets and accessories
- Cars and garage, wooden train set
- Dolls houses and dolls
- Dressing up outfits
- Barbie dolls and accessories
- Babies and buggy
- Construction toys (e.g., LEGO, wooden blocks)
- Toy animals/dinosaurs
- Books, puzzles, and soft toys in good condition

If you do come across any of these items while having a clear-out, please keep us in mind!



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Congratulations to our Summer Term Dojo Champions

Robins – Ellie & Veer
Sparrows – Benjamin D
Squirrels – Freddie H
Hedgehogs – Agara
Moles – Amario
Rabbits – Lizzie
Badgers – Faith
Foxes – Aariya
Doves – Anjali & Suki
Nightingales – Lyra
Kestrels – Lexie
Falcons – Daisy
Woodpeckers – Siri
Kingfishers – Gilad

These children will take part in a sandwich making activity with Olive dining today.

PTFA

The PTFA has had a great year filled with many fun filled events for children and adults. We have raised a grand total of **£16.110.17**, which is amazing.

See our poster for a break down of events.

Thank you so much to the Highview community for all your support. We look forward to getting to know you all better next year. If you would love to help in anyway big or small please do drop us a message

committee@highviewptfa.org.uk

PE Dates—Autumn Term

Below are the PE dates for classes from September 25 for the Autumn Term

Hedgehogs— Monday and Tuesday

Squirrels—Monday and Thursday

Moles – Tuesday and Friday

Rabbits – Tuesday and Friday

Badgers – Tuesday and Wednesday

Foxes – Tuesday and Wednesday

Doves – Wednesday and Thursday

Nightingales – Wednesday and Thursday

Falcons – Tuesday and Thursday

Kestrels – Thursday and Friday

Kingfishers – Monday and Tuesday

Woodpeckers – Tuesday and Wednesday

Presto and Forest School Sessions

Year 1 and Year 6 will also have Presto and Forest school sessions during the week, for which they will need to wear PE kits.

Year 1— Tuesday

Year 6 - Thursday

They will also need to have a pair of wellies or old trainers at school to change into when they are over in our forest school area.

Registering your child as pupil premium means the school gets extra funding

The government gives funding to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called 'Pupil Premium'. If you are registered for Free School Meals you would also get help with the costs of clubs, uniform and residential trips in Years 4 and 6. Your child does not have to have a school dinner - they can still have a packed lunch.

You can apply if your child is in Reception - Year 6. (All children in Reception, Year 1 or 2 are currently entitled to a free school meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme, and children in years 3-6 receive free school meals through the Mayor of London. however, you can still apply for Free School Meals and will receive the extra help if eligible, and the school also receives additional funding.)

It is very important, if your child is entitled, that you still register. For every child registered the school receives additional funding of £1,515.

There are 2 ways to register either by phoning 020 8770 6953 (Option 2) or online at https://www.sutton.gov.uk/info/200521/benefits/1288/free_school_meals_and_pupil_premium.

Nobody will know you have registered and it will not affect any benefits you are claiming.