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Letters sent home & e-School messages this week: Y1 Trip to Didcot Railway Centre, Y2 Visit to WISE Mosque, Times Tables Rock Stars (Y3-Y6), Change of Date – Sports Day, Reminder: Parent/Carer Consultations,

Dear all

We've had a couple of special events this week in school, filled with community spirit, celebration, and a love of reading. Thank you, as always, for your continued support—it makes such a positive difference to the experiences we are able to offer our children.

This week's highlight was our wonderful Iftar event. A big thank you to everyone who helped organise, run, donate to, and attend the celebration. Events like this remind us how lucky we are to be part of such a caring and generous school community.

A very special thank you goes to Mrs Jawed, whose hard work, dedication, and thoughtful planning once again ensured the event was joyful, welcoming, and inclusive for all. We are deeply grateful for the considerable time and effort she gives each year to make Iftar such a memorable part of our school calendar.

We were also delighted to mark World Book Day with a whole-school assembly celebrating stories, reading, and imagination. Children had the chance to see all the lovely new books recently purchased for our library thanks to generous donations from our PTA, *Highworth Friends*.

These new books will soon take pride of place in our school library, but today every single one was shared into classrooms so children across the school could explore and enjoy them straight away.

We are so grateful to everyone involved for helping us continue to offer an inspiring reading environment for our pupils.

The Year 5/6 girls delivered an outstanding performance at their football tournament today, showing teamwork, determination, and fantastic skill throughout the day. Winning 3 of their 4 matches, the team worked brilliantly together, supporting one another and playing with great confidence and sportsmanship. Their effort and positive attitude paid off with an impressive **2nd place finish**, a result they should be incredibly proud of. Well done to all the players for representing the school so brilliantly and for making it such an exciting and successful tournament!

My best wishes for the happy weekend.

Clare Pankhania

ATTENDANCE

To report your child's absence please telephone and leave a message or send an email to:

reception@highworthcombined.co.uk

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET IS **96%**

BEST ATTENDANCE: **98.4%**

(CLASS 1K)

WELL DONE

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

95.2%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

NO CLUBS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 10th March

4.30pm to 7pm: Parent/Carer Consultation Evening

Thursday 12th March

3.40pm to 6.10pm: Parent/Carer Consultation Evening

Friday 13th March

6pm to 8pm: PTA Family Quiz Night

PARENT ZONE



FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

Friday, March 13th 2026

Highworth Combined School

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Adults £8 | Children [under 18] £4

[Under 3s free]

Teams can be up to 8 people.

HOT DRINKS, SOFT DRINKS, TREATS AND TUCK SHOP

Bring a picnic dinner if you'd like!

[Please make sure no nuts in your picnic]



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RECEPTION



EARLY READING

Simple, practical activities to boost your child's early reading skills with story sacks



Mon 23rd Feb - Mon 23rd Mar

Tue 24th Feb - Tue 24th Mar

Thurs 26th Feb - Thurs 26th Mar

← Choose from 1
of these 3 dates



9:30am - 11:30am

Course code:
FMER021

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YEARS 1 & 2



WELLBEING

Support your child's wellbeing and learn ways to help children deal with setbacks and build their resilience, both at school and home



Tue 24th Feb - Tue 24th Mar



12:30pm - 2:30pm

Course code:
FMWB008

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YEARS 1 & 2



READING & COMPREHENSION

Simple, practical activities to support your child with Reading and Comprehension



Mon 23rd Feb - Mon 23rd Mar



7pm - 9pm



Wed 25th Feb - Wed 25th Mar



9:30am - 11:30am

← Choose from 1
of these 2 dates

Course code:
FMRC067

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YEARS 1 & 2



PHONICS & READING

Simple, practical activities to support your child with Phonics and Reading



Tue 24th Feb - Tue 24th Mar



9:30am - 11:30am

Course code:
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YEARS 3 & 4

WRITING

Learn how you can make writing fun with your child



Mon 23rd Feb - Mon 23rd Mar



9:30am - 11:30am

Course code:
FMWG031

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YEARS 3 & 4

READING & COMPREHENSION

Simple, practical activities to support your child with Reading and Comprehension



Wed 25th Feb - Wed 25th Mar



6:30pm - 8:30pm

Course code:
EMRC059

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YEARS 3 - 6

WELLBEING

Support your child's wellbeing and learn ways to help children deal with setbacks and build their resilience, both at school and home



Wed 25th Feb - Wed 25th Mar



7pm - 9pm

Course code:
FMWB020

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YEARS 5 & 6

FUN WAYS TO BOOST YOUR CHILD'S GRAMMAR, VOCABULARY & PUNCTUATION

Build confidence in key grammar, punctuation, and vocabulary - to boost success at the end of KS2



Thurs 5th Mar
Thurs 12th Mar

← Choose from 1 of these 2 dates



6:30pm - 8:30pm

Course code:
EMWG033

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YEARS 4, 5 & 6

EXPLORING READING AND WRITING TOGETHER- Practical Tips for Parents

Discover simple, fun ways to make reading and writing fun at home while boosting your child's confidence, creativity, and love of stories



Thursday 19th March
Thursday 26th March

← Choose from 1 of these 2 dates



6:30pm - 8:30pm

Course code:
EMRC060

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