

# Highworth Combined School & Nursery

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**Letters sent home & e-School messages this week:** Change of PE Day (Y3), All After School Clubs Cancelled, PTA Mufti Day, Topic: Space (Rec), Echoes Concert (Choir)

Dear all

One of the things that makes Highworth distinctly different is that we do not ask children to complete formal homework. This decision is rooted in evidence, which shows that traditional homework has limited impact on attainment. However, we are very clear with all parents and carers that support at home remains essential—particularly in developing children's fluency in reading and maths through daily reading and regular use of Times Tables Rockstars.

Our data shows that only around half of our pupils are regularly accessing Times Tables Rockstars. To be absolutely clear: not supporting your child to engage with this for just 10 minutes on five evenings each week has a negative impact on their ability to make progress in Maths lessons. Please help us to help your children by ensuring this important practice happens at home.

A reminder that next Tuesday is *mufti-day*. Your contributions will help us progress towards our £7000 target for new books and air conditioning. We understand that, for some families, finding extra money can be difficult. However, it may surprise you that over 150 children did not contribute on the last comparable mufti-day. Please be assured that every donation—no matter the size—goes directly towards supporting the school and your children. We are grateful for any contribution you are able to make.

Our annual Valentine's Disco will take place on **Thursday 12th February**. Highworth Friends, our PTA, will soon be sending out a request for volunteers. If you are able to spare a little time, we would be incredibly grateful for your support.

One of our Sports Coaches, Mr Leslie, will be undergoing some long-awaited and essential surgery this week. As a result, all sports clubs—including those run by Mr Horlock—will be cancelled for the remainder of this half term and the start of the next. We will share further information about clubs restarting once Mr Leslie has returned and is back to full fitness.

Earlier this week, we sent information about a parent and carer workshop taking place on **4th February**. If you have not yet booked your place, we encourage you to take a look at the details in the flyer attached to this newsletter.

Finally, we are delighted to share some very happy news: Mr Horlock and his wife, Caz, welcomed their daughter into the world last Thursday. We cannot wait to welcome Mr Horlock back from paternity leave and hear all about their beautiful new arrival. Our warmest congratulations to the whole family.

Wishing you all a very 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](mailto:reception@highworthcombined.co.uk).

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 96%**

**BEST ATTENDANCE: 99%  
(CLASS 5S)  
WELL DONE**

**WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:  
93.5**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### NO CLUBS THIS WEEK

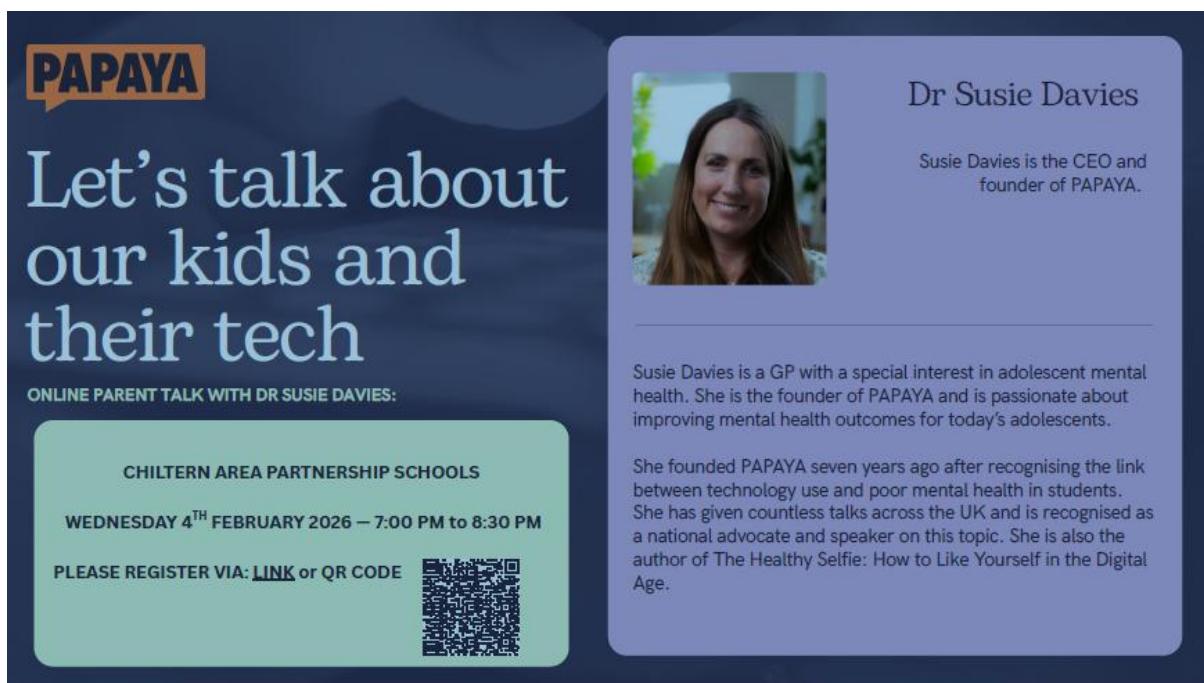
#### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026

9:00am First Aid Training for Parents/Carers

#### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January

PTA Mufti Day - £1 donation.

## PARENT ZONE



**PAPAYA**

# Let's talk about our kids and their tech

ONLINE PARENT TALK WITH DR SUSIE DAVIES:

CHILTERN AREA PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS

WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026 – 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

PLEASE REGISTER VIA: [LINK](#) or QR CODE



**Dr Susie Davies**

Susie Davies is the CEO and founder of PAPAYA.

Susie Davies is a GP with a special interest in adolescent mental health. She is the founder of PAPAYA and is passionate about improving mental health outcomes for today's adolescents.

She founded PAPAYA seven years ago after recognising the link between technology use and poor mental health in students. She has given countless talks across the UK and is recognised as a national advocate and speaker on this topic. She is also the author of *The Healthy Selfie: How to Like Yourself in the Digital Age*.



Buckinghamshire  
Family Learning



# Everyday First Aid

Led by a qualified first aider

For parents and carers of children at  
Highworth Combined School

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
9.00am-11:30am



SCAN ME



To book your FREE place, click on the date above or  
scan the QR code

Any problems call enrolments on 01296 383582



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

# Mind Morning: Theme - Managing Anxiety



CREATING A **FREE** SPACE FOR ALL **PARENTS/CARERS**  
TO MEET, MINGLE AND NETWORK WITH OTHERS  
WHO CAN RELATE, WHILST ENGAGING WITH VARIED  
TOPICS, TO HELP LEARN NEW WAYS TO SUPPORT  
AND BETTER UNDERSTAND THEIR CHILDREN.

TO BOOK ON SCAN QR CODE BELOW  
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

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Monday  
19th  
Jan 2026

9:15 am -  
11 am

Beaconsfield  
Family Centre  
Beacon Close  
HP9 1RJ

Friday  
30th  
Jan 2026

9:15 am -  
11 am

The Gateway  
Gateway Road  
Aylesbury  
HP19 8FF



# HIGH WYCOMBE

## RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB

### KINGSMEAD ROAD HP11 1JB



TEAMWORK – RESPECT – ENJOYMENT – DISCIPLINE - SPORTSMANSHIP

## Come And Enjoy Your Free 1 Month Membership

Sign up using the QR Code, Registration Link or just send an Email



**MINI RUGBY FOR  
BOYS & GIRLS  
AGED 5-12**



**JUNIOR RUGBY FOR  
BOYS & GIRLS  
AGED 13-18**

**YOUTH RUGBY EVERY SUNDAY  
FROM SEPTEMBER TO MAY FROM 10AM**

*With DBS and RFU-Approved Coaches*

**join@hwrufc.com**

<https://hwrufc.com/childrens-registration-form>

High Wycombe Rugby Club are offering a 4-week FREE trial under the guidance of our RFU qualified coaches.

Sessions take place every Sunday morning from 10am, and run through to May.

If any families are interested, they should register at <https://youth.hwrufc.com/child-registration-form-page> or simply just show up.

We are also running a 2-day Half Term camp on the Tuesday and Wednesday of Half Term, in conjunction with Women's Premiership and Men's Championship club Ealing Trailfinders this can be booked at <https://ealingtrailfinders.org.uk/camps/>.

EALING TRAILFINDERS COMMUNITY PRESENTS

**RUGBY CAMP**

TUE 17TH FEB  
WED 18TH FEB  
10.00 - 15.00

**U7-U12 MIXED RUGBY**  
**U12-U16 BOYS MASTERCLASS**  
**U12-U16 GIRLS MASTERCLASS**

**HIGH WYCOMBE RFC - 2 DAYS CAMP JUST FOR £65!**