

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

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 26th January 2026

9:00am First Aid Training for
Parents/Carers

Tuesday 27th January

PTA Mufti Day - £1 donation.

PARENT ZONE



Let's talk about our kids and their tech

ONLINE PARENT TALK WITH DR SUSIE DAVIES:

CHILTERN AREA PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS

WEDNESDAY 4TH 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 26th January 2026
9.00am-11:30am



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

SCAN HERE ↙



**Monday
19th
Jan 2026**

**9:15am -
11am**

**Beaconsfield
Family Centre
Beacon Close
HP9 1RJ**

**Friday
30th
Jan 2026**

**9:15am -
11am**

**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/>.

A green poster for a rugby camp. At the top left is the High Wycombe Rugby Club crest, and at the top right is the Ealing Trailfinders logo. Between them is the text 'EALING TRAILFINDERS COMMUNITY PRESENTS'. The main title 'RUGBY CAMP' is in large white letters. To the right, in orange, are the dates 'TUE 17TH FEB' and 'WED 18TH FEB' and the time '10.00 - 15.00'. Below the title, two young players are shown: a girl in a black and maroon kit on the left and a boy in a white and green kit on the right, both holding rugby balls. At the bottom left, in orange, are the categories: 'U7-U12 MIXED RUGBY', 'U12-U16 BOYS MASTERCLASS', and 'U12-U16 GIRLS MASTERCLASS'. At the bottom center, in white, is the text 'HIGH WYCOMBE RFC - 2 DAYS CAMP JUST FOR £65!'.