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High Firs Primary School



NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

A really busy term full of great progress comes to an end today.



The run up to Christmas was packed with children eager to share their performances in all year groups. We have been royally entertained by Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in Bethlehem Bake-off, by Year 3 and Year 4 in their Carol Concert and by Year 5 and Year 6 with their performance of Bah Humbug!

Today we gave out attendance certificates in assembly and there were more than twice as many children getting the 100% certificate compared with this time last year – a fantastic achievement – along with those receiving 98% and 99% certificates.

On Park and Stride, please can parents park with consideration for residents at Winton Court – the parking for those flats is all private and not to be used by school drop offs – we must park on the road, not in anyone's allocated parking bays. Thank you for working with us to help maintain cordial relations with our neighbours.

Well done to everyone on a fantastic term in school – have a fabulous break over the holidays – enjoy some relaxing time and some get-together time – and we look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 6th January 2026!



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Father Christmas visit

We had a lovely surprise visitor in school on Monday morning. Each of our seven classes paid a visit to Father Christmas and he gave out a sack of presents for all the children to enjoy. Thank you to FHF who arranged this.



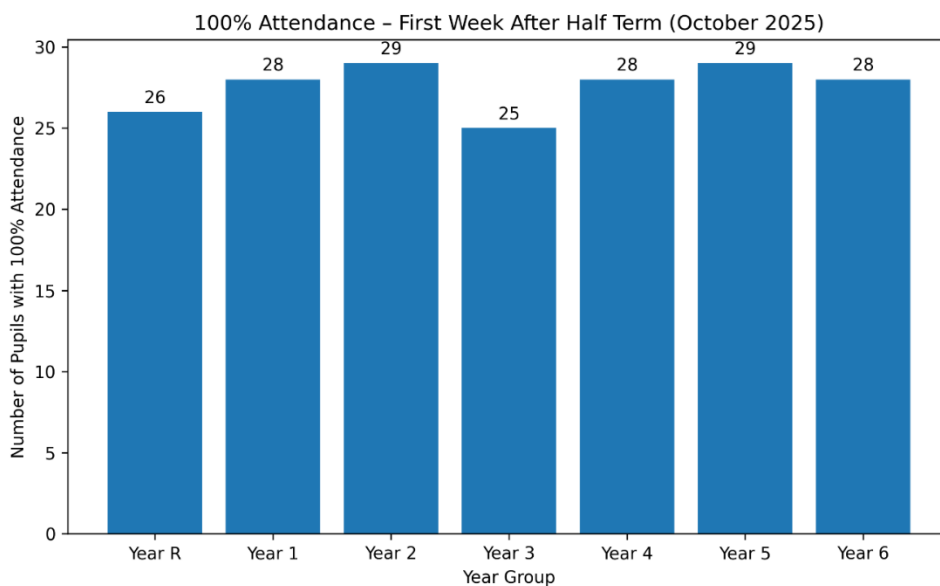
Avery Care Home visit

A group of Year 3 and Year 4 children travelled to Avery Care Home at Froggnal House on Thursday to sing Christmas Carols to the elderly residents.



Attendance

This graph shows that 193 children across school came to school for each day in the first week back after half term. Let's see if we can beat that number in the first week back after the Christmas holidays and set a new record! All children who complete the whole week will receive a token coin and the top class(es) will earn some extra playtime as a reward. As you can see, top classes last time were Y2 and Y5. Reception and Y3 really need to pick up their total to help us beat 193! With two weeks rest behind us, I really hope we can get up towards 200 - even in the middle of winter.



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Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education
Registered Charity No. 1137633

THANK YOU to everyone who has supported the Friends' fundraising in 2025.

We hope the Children enjoyed the last two events that the FHF arranged this week which was the visit from Father Christmas and our annual secrets room. Our elves spent many weeks picking and wrapping the gifts and we are thankful for everyone who donated time to help make secrets possible. This year we raised £600 on the day which will be a great start to our fundraising efforts for next year.



**CONGRATULATIONS ASH!
HOUSE POINT CHAMPIONS
AUTUMN TERM 2025**

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	99	1382	Lola F; Ziggy G; Emily S
CHESTNUT	77	1617	Billy D; Esme-Jayne W; Isabella T; Henry F; Roman T
OAK	119	1827	Theo C; Isla W; Chloe P
ASH	93	1867	Francis H; Stanley W

Girls Football

Our Y5/6 girls football team were soggy but still smiling after a valiant effort in a 5-2 defeat to Bean Primary School on Thursday. The girls really enjoyed getting wet and muddy over the course of the match. Having gone 1-0 down, we soon got it back to 1-1 with a goal from Poppy. Then we found ourselves 3-1 behind before Emelia scores from outside the penalty area! We just ran out of steam in the final part of the match as 3-2 was stretched to 5-2, but our girls really made a game of it and did us very proud indeed.



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PE stars of the term

Congratulations to the following children who have been identified by our PE specialist teacher, Mrs Verge, as our PE stars of the term:

Y1 - Theo and Lady
Y2 - Frankie and Meadow
Y3 - George S and Hannah
Y4 - Joshua and Louisa C



New dropping off procedure from January 2026

We want to alter the dropping off procedure in the morning to ensure that children are only moving one way - **IN** -through the gate. In recent times, with younger children bringing scooters and bags, forest school kit and water bottles, some children have parked their scooters and then gone back outside the gate to collect their other items from their parents/carers. This has made it harder to monitor safeguarding in the morning with children passing two ways through the gate.

From January 6th, we would like the following to happen in situations where the child cannot manage all their items in one single trip:

- Outside the school gate, parents/carers take responsibility for the bike/scooter - children carry all other belongings.
- Parents/carers come in through the gate to park the bike/scooter.
- Children come in through the gate and head straight round to class/cloakroom.
- Parents leave back through the main gate.

In all other circumstances, please continue to drop your children at the school gate, as usual.

One day bookings available at FOSC After School Club from January!

We are pleased to let you know that following discussions with FOSC, our After-School Club provider, from January 2026 places can be booked for just one day a week rather than the current minimum of two days. FOSC have asked us to pass on the following information:

In the first instance, this booking should be for the same day each week. However, we do understand that some parents/carers work unusual hours or shift patterns and may require flexible booking. We are happy to review each case based on its needs and will do our best to accommodate these requirements so please contact us to discuss. All bookings need to be made by the end of Thursday of the preceding week.

Please note that while the After School Club needs to be booked in advance, we are also aware that unforeseen circumstances can arise. In case of a genuine emergency, we will always try to assist with cover. (We will need to have a completed registration form.)

More information about FOSC – including how to register for first-timers and contact details – is available on our website <https://www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/bcasc> and the FOSC website at <https://www.footscrayoutofschool.com/>



In our classes this week

Reception – have been painting using forks.
Year 1 – learned about Eid and New Year's resolutions.
Year 2 – learned all about London landmarks.
Year 3 – made moving cards using their Design & Technology skills.
Year 4 – wrote newspaper reports on tea-stained paper.
Year 5 – learned about the rotation of the Earth.
Year 6 – made moving toys with a cam mechanism.



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Special Mentions

Well done to all of our children who received a Special Mention and certificate from their teacher in assembly yesterday in recognition of their efforts this term –



- Finley B – showing a strong interest in his learning & being enthusiastic to learn about the world we live in.
- Idris K – his amazing progress in his learning & continuing to build his confidence.
- Tevin A – his brilliant attitude to learning & being a kind & caring member of the class
- Daisy F – trying extra hard with her phonics & writing & showing real progress & growing confidence each day
- Ted H – showing increased confidence & independence in his learning. We are very proud of you!
- Mikayla I – her happy & positive attitude to school. She consistently tries her best.
- Frankie M – showing greater resilience & enthusiasm for learning and always showing kindness to others.
- Rose S – always being her best, listening attentively, engaging in class discussion & completing all tasks to a good standard.
- Stanley W – an incredible term in Year 4! He has worked so so hard & made so much progress, especially with his hand writing.
- Abhyank R – always working hard & trying his best in all lessons.
- Tiana D – working hard & trying to produce her best work in all lessons. A brilliant first term in Year 5.
- Daisy B -working hard & challenging herself in every lesson in every day. She is a fantastic role model to others.
- Isaiah D – being his best by putting his full effort into all areas of the curriculum & always showing a kind & thoughtful demeanor.
- Sadiya M – being her best by trying her hardest in all areas of the curriculum & becoming more confident in her abilities.

Register Rabbit

Congratulations to this term's Key Stage winners of Register Rabbit for their excellent attendance:

YEAR 2
YEAR 4

Both classes will celebrate with a reward day next term.

Our class totals were:

Year 2 98.4%
Year 4 97.4%
Year 6 97.2%
Year 5 97.1%
Year 3 96.1%
Year 1 96.0%
Year R 94.5%



Our certificate winners enjoying their Golden Tea!



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Coming up after the holidays...

Monday 5th January

Inset day – no children in school

INSET DAYS

5/1/2026

22/5/2026



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North East London
NHS Foundation Trust

Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in

Primary school



Understanding your Child's Behaviour

19/01/2026 10:30 -12:30pm

[Understanding Your Child's Behaviour | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)



Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears

02/02/2026 10:30 -12:30pm

[Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)



Autism and Sleep

09/03/2026 12:30 – 13:30pm

[Autism and Sleep | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)



Understanding Neurodiversity

24/03/2026 10:30 -12:30pm

[Understanding Neurodiversity | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)



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ALL DAY BREAKFAST

THURSDAY
15TH JANUARY 2026

BREAKFAST ITEMS

Chipolata Sausage - Meat
or Veggie
Omelette
Mini Hash Browns
Baked Beans
Slice of Homemade Bread

DESSERT BREAKFAST

Chocolate & Banana Oaty
Square
or
Yoghurt
Or
Fresh Fruit



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