



23RD JANUARY 2026

HIGH FIRS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR KILBRIDE

Another busy week passes as the term gathers its unstoppable momentum once more! In assembly we further explored our Be Kind value by categorising kindness into kind words, kind actions and kind choices - the children have a really good understanding of this and are working to support each other.

Early feedback from our new maths interventions that take place daily during the assembly slot is that staff are noticing children attending these groups having more confidence in lessons, which is great to see so soon. In coming weeks, we will collect some feedback from the children about how they are finding the sessions.

Clubs are now underway for the Spring Term - we hope your children enjoy the range of clubs available.

Y2 have made a terrific start to their swimming lessons. The children have been brilliantly organised so far and have really enjoyed getting in the water.

With a good portion of the winter behind us now, we feel very cosy under our lovely new roof in school. Not only is the absence of leaks a joy to experience, but the benefit we feel every day is from the insulation. The building retains its heat so much better than it ever used to - we have been able to run the heating on more half days this winter than we have ever done previously.

And finally, we have World of Work Week next week - several parents have volunteered their time to come into school and talk to the children about what they do - if you would like to make a last minute booking to take part, please click the link and we will try and squeeze you in - www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/worldofwork

BIRDWATCH 2026

This weekend (23rd- 25th January), is the RSPB's annual Big Garden Birdwatch, which is the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers take part, helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring.

If your child would like to take part, they need to survey your garden or the view from your window for one hour, noting down any birds that land in your garden or nearby area. They can use the record sheet in this newsletter to help or note down their sightings on paper. Their results can then be officially logged using the following link:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>

If your child does take part, let us know by sending in their recordings by Wednesday 28th and they will be presented with a certificate in next Friday's assembly.



YOUNG VOICES

Our choir venture up to the O2 Arena today for the Young Voices performance. Children from Y3-6 will perform alongside 9000 other primary school children, in front of 20,000 people! We will bring news of how they got on next week, but watch Facebook later today and tomorrow for a preview!

FRIENDS OF HIGH FIRS PRIMARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

SUPPORTING OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1137633

SILENT DISCO

The friends of High Firs are thrilled to invite your children to a unique and exciting event, our Silent Disco Night! Get ready for an evening of music, dancing and fun - all while experiencing the magic of wireless headphones and multiple music channels to suit every taste!

Event details:

Date: Thursday 12th February 2026

Time for KS1: 5.00PM - 6.00PM

Time for KS2: 6.15PM - 7.15PM

Location: High Firs Primary School Hall

Tickets: £6 per child

A QR code for sign ups and volunteers will be circulated in class groups.



LEARNING LOG TASK FOR WORLD OF WORK WEEK

We are looking forward to our World of Work Week next week when we will be welcoming visitors into school to talk to the children about their jobs and finding out what the children would like to be when they are older – and what they might need to do to achieve this.

There is a bonus World of Work Week Learning Log task for all our children this week which they can do instead of their usual set-tasks if they would like to –

Interview an adult that you know about their job.

You can ask what you like but you might want to find out:

- *What do you have to do for your job?*
- *What skills do you need to be good at it?*
- *What is the best thing about it?*
- *What is hard about it?*
- *Why did you choose to do it?*
- *What qualifications and/or training you need to do it?*

Next FHF Meeting

Monday 26th January

7.30pm

*Everyone is welcome -
please come along!*

NEWS FROM OUR CLASSES

Reception – found balances using scales.

Year 1 – have been doing different rolls in gymnastics.

Year 2 – learned about the importance of healthy eating.

Year 3 – learned about Anglo-Saxon village life.

Year 4 – learned how to do short multiplication.

Year 5 – learned how to insulate ice cubes.

Year 6 – in Computing, learned about programming variables in games.



THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS



HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total
BEECH	194	365
CHESTNUT	193	359
OAK	208	359
ASH	191	359

	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	Jessica B; Emily S
CHESTNUT	Esme B; Elias M
OAK	Ivy G; Oliver M
ASH	Henley S; Lennie J

CLASS ATTENDANCE



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

YEAR 2
YEAR 6

Our class attendance this week was:

Year 6 99.6%
Year 2 99.6%
Year 4 98.1%
Year 1 97.0%
Year R 96.3%
Year 5 91.4%
Year 3 90.7%

Well done to all of our children who received a Special Mention and certificate from their teacher today -



- Isabella T - her growing confidence & trying her best in writing
- Ernie B - his super progress in his phonics sounds. Well done!
- Mia E - her brilliant writing about Tyrannosaurus Drip
- Henley S - his enthusiasm to learn
- Rania C - her fantastic progress in reading & making an excellent effort when completing quizzes
- Eva O - her fantastic progress in reading & making an excellent effort when completing quizzes
- Emma B - her fantastic enthusiasm & effort participating in our maths lesson
- Harrison F - always being a helpful, responsible member of the class
- Sabiha M - working hard in every lesson & always trying your best
- Lenny G - your amazing effort with short multiplication
- Dylan H - fantastic work in Maths on multiplication & division
- Natasha F - demonstrating all of the school values all of the time
- Selena L - a huge improvement in her arithmetic score
- Clark R-W - increased concentration & focus leading to completed work in the time given

UPCOMING EVENTS!

INSET DAY
22nd May 2026

DIARY DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

All week

World of Work Week

Monday 26th January

7.30pm - FHF meeting at school

Wednesday 28th January

Deadline for Birdwatch sheets to be handed in



NHS
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
	Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears 02/02/2026 10:30 -12:30pm
	Autism and Sleep 09/03/2026 12:30 – 13:30pm
	Understanding Neurodiversity 24/03/2026 10:30 -12:30pm



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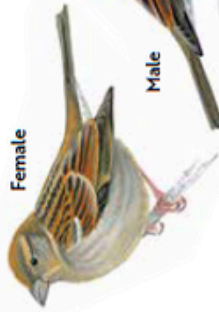
Blackbird

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Blue Tit

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Male

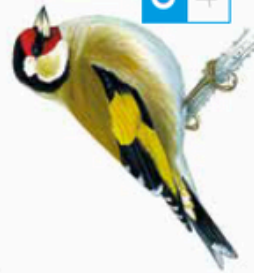
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Dunnock

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Goldfinch

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Magpie

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Female

Male

Chaffinch

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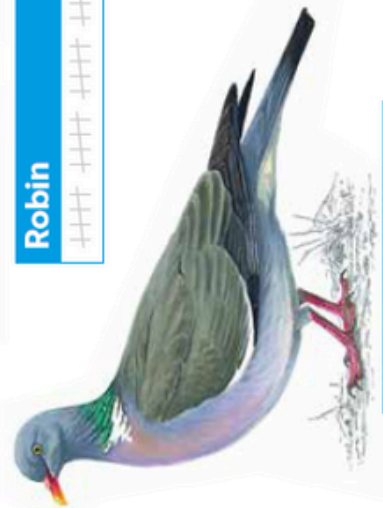
Long-tailed Tit

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Robin

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Woodpigeon

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Coal Tit

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Collared Dove

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Starling

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Great Tit

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Greenfinch

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