

HIGHFIELD NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2026



Welcome

A warm welcome to new and returning children at Highfield Nursery School from Headteacher Ruth Coleman. We look forward to a fantastic year together and we encourage parents/carers to approach a member of the team with any questions or queries.



Our website has a wealth of information – please visit the link at the bottom of this newsletter.



Contact Info

Highfield Nursery School

Main Office – 01473 742534 Ext1

Children's Centre – 01473 742534 Ext2 or 01473 263360.

We have two further pre-schools as part of our Highfield family:

Early Years @ Highfield, based on site at Chesterfield Drive – 01473 742534 Ext3.

Early Years @ Highfield - Whitehouse, based on Waterford Road – 01473 748483.

Whole Centre News

Governing Body

The Governing Body of volunteers, including parents, staff, community members and Local Authority appointees, are led by Chair Natalie Sadler. Please contact the main office on admin@highfield.suffolk.sch.uk for more information or to reach a governor.

Safety & Security

Please be vigilant when parking near the Centre. Use the shared car park with Castle Hill Community Centre on Highfield Road or nearby side roads. Remember to shut the gate when entering and leaving the Centre to ensure everyone's safety.

Famly App

All Nursery School parents/carers should have received a link to set up the Famly app, which facilitates communication, invoices and online learning journeys by sharing photos, videos and observations. For assistance with setup or usage, contact the main office.

Clothes

Please label all your child's clothing to prevent items getting lost. Remember to pack spare clothes, including underwear and socks. As it gets colder, send a coat, hat and gloves for outdoor play.

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Dragonflies & Bumblebees



Dragonflies and Bumblebees nursery classes will welcome children and families, focusing on personal, social, and emotional development. This term's curriculum includes traditional stories like "Monkey Puzzle" and "The Three Little Pigs."

A tooth-brushing program will promote healthy habits, encouraging parents to sing the "Toothpaste song" with their children for enjoyable brushing at home.

Toothpaste Song

(Tune 'sing a song of sixpence')
Sing a song of toothpaste,
Squeeze it on our brush,
Clean them in the morning,
There's no need to rush,
Clean them in the evening,
Makes them shining bright,
Round and round, up and down,
What a smiling sight!

Children's Centre

At the Children's Centre we provide support, advice and mostly FREE activities for you and your child (between the ages of 0 to 5).

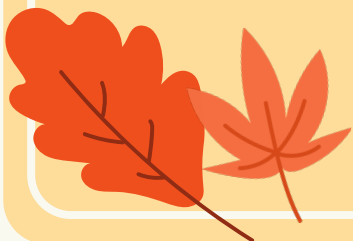
Like our Facebook page to get updates about what we are currently up to. Our Facebook page can be found by typing into the search bar, '[Highfield Children's Centre Service Outreach](#)', or clicking this link.

Please look out for our brand new programme which has been sent to you all on Famly. This will include groups such as Infant Massage, Stay & Play and Sensory. We are so looking forward to seeing you at some of our groups/services!

Butterflies

The Butterflies nursery class for 2-year-olds offers funded and paid sessions, adhering to the Early Years Foundation Stage. This term, they will read traditional stories like "Owl Babies" and focus on welcoming children and families. Some Butterflies have moved to the Dragonflies and Bumblebees classes and they wish them luck.

Toilet training can be stressful, but the Children's Centre team provides parent workshops with helpful tips. Watch out for upcoming dates for those workshops and do speak to your child's key person for additional advice.



If you would like a paper copy of this newsletter with clearer text please ask the office staff.

Friends of Highfield

The Friends of Highfield (FoH) fundraising committee is looking forward to our 2026/2027 events to support children's activities. They are seeking new fundraising ideas and members to enhance experiences. Previous contributions include puppet shows, garden bikes, and waterproof playsuits. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to join by reaching out via the main office or their Facebook page [@ipswichfriendsofhighfield](#).

