November 2026

HIGHFIELD NEWSLETTER

SEVERE WEATHER GUIDANCE

In the event of severe weather can we please ask parents to check for information on school closures through: BBC Radio Suffolk Or School Closures - Suffolk and/or listen to BBC Radio Suffolk. Please note there will be no information on the Highfield phone line.

FRIENDS OF HIGHFIELD

Masterpieces Made of Treasure!

Your children have been busy creating beautiful drawings and paintings, and we're thrilled to share that their artwork will soon be transformed into festive products by a professional company. These include Christmas cards and labels and for families who don't celebrate Christmas, there are plenty of other wonderful options—tea towels, teddies, cushions, coasters and more. There's truly something for everyone! You'll soon receive an order form with access to an online shop, where you can purchase items featuring your child's unique artwork. It's a lovely way to celebrate their creativity and make meaningful keepsakes or gifts.

Christmas Bazaar - Save the Date and Spread the Word
Saturday 5th December 10:30am-1:30pm

Come along to our Christmas Bazaar for a fun-filled day of festive games, tasty treats, and a special visit from Father Christmas! Whether you're feeling lucky at the games or just fancy a bit of seasonal cheer, there's something for everyone to enjoy.
In a bid to make your lives easier as parents, we have decided to use a Prepaid Voucher system to use at the Christmas Bazaar. Vouchers will be available to buy online or on the door on the day. Each stall will have a stamp value. These vouchers will be used for all stalls, including food, drinks and games. Father Christmas tickets will be available separately online prior to the event. Raffle tickets will also be available online prior to the event, as well as on the day.
Bring your friends, family, and Christmas jumpers—we'd love to see you there!
You will be able to buy Father Christmas tickets, Raffle tickets and our Prepaid Vouchers from our PTA website from Monday 16th November- PTA Events - Friends of Highfield

UPCOMING DATES

- **Children in Need** - Friday 13th November. Children are invited to wear colourful or spotty clothing, but please don't buy new items. A suggested donation of £1 is welcome, but any amount helps. Donations can be made at the main office on the day.
- **Christmas Bazaar** - Saturday 5th December 10:30am-1:30pm.
- **Nativities** - Wednesday 9th December - Times, location and further details to follow on Famly.
- **Christmas Lunch** - Thursday 10th December - Children who usually have lunch on this day will enjoy a delicious, traditional Christmas dinner.
- **Class Christmas Parties** - Dragonflies: Wednesday 16th December. Bumblebees: Thursday 17th December. Butterflies will be celebrating throughout the last week of term - Times and further details to follow on Famly.
- **Last Day of Term** - Friday 18th December 2026
- **PD Day** - Monday 4th January 2027
- **All children return** - Tuesday 5th January 2027
- **Half Term** - 15th February - 19th February 2027

DRAGONFLIES & BUMBLEBEES

Curriculum

The first half term in nursery school has been wonderful, with children focusing on physical, social, and communication development. The nursery garden has fostered exploration and friendships. They have engaged with 'The Three Little Pigs' and we encourage families to share home experiences on Famly.
The November theme is 'Space,' covering the dark, planets and rockets, followed by nativity preparations where children can select roles and receive costumes.

Applying for a School place

Parents of children born between 1st September 2022, and 31st August 2023, must apply for a primary or infant school reception place by 15th January 2027. Applications can be made online at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions.
Schools' often have open days, so look out for information we will send out for various local schools. Parents can apply to three schools, providing backup options if the first choice is unavailable. For assistance with applications, contact the main office for support from family support practitioners at Highfield Children's Centre.

REMINDERS

Please be vigilant when parking at the Centre; use the car park off Highfield Road. As it gets colder also ensure children have coats, hats, and gloves for outdoor activities, and label all items. Remember to keep your contact, medical, and authorised pick-up information updated, especially your phone number, for effective communication while your child is at nursery.

BUTTERFLIES

This past half term Butterflies have been reading the stories 'Dear Zoo' and 'The Monkey Puzzle'. We also focused on welcoming all the children to the room following the summer break.

This half term we will be reading 'Whatever Next' and 'The Gingerbread Man ', whilst also enjoying all the celebrations and activities around Christmas.

CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Christmas Party

The Children's Centre Christmas party this year will be on Monday 14th December 10:30am-12pm. Why not dress in your festive jumpers and get ready to sing, dance and enjoy some games? Spaces are limited so keep an eye on our Facebook page for more information.

Consultation

Regarding the future of the Children's Centre, Suffolk County Council are now considering using Highfield Nursery School as a Best Start Network Point in the consultation linked below.
https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/t/BSFHConsultation/

Please go to the network points list to see Highfield and share your comments in the text box at the bottom of the page. Please remember to mention Highfield by name to enable your voice to be heard.