

# HIGHFIELD NEWSLETTER

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## 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 concerns 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

### Staff Changes

We would like to welcome Rebecca Roberts to the Highfield team! She will be working in the Nursery School as a teacher in Bumblebees class and we look forward to getting to know her more. We have said goodbye to Nicky Draycott, one of our cooks. We wish her all the best with her future and will be welcoming Tessa Bond to the team soon.

### Governing Body

The Governing Body of volunteers, including parents, staff, community members, and Local Authority appointees, led by Chair Tilly Sadler, supports the school. Contact [governors@highfield.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:governors@highfield.suffolk.sch.uk) for more information or to reach a governor.

### Safety & Security

Please remember to be extra vigilant when parking near the Centre. Use our shared car park with Castle Hill Community Centre on Highfield Road or park on nearby side roads instead of directly in front of the Centre. Please also remember upon entering and leaving the Centre to shut the gate behind you. This ensures everyone's safety at all times.

### Famly App

All Nursery School parents/carers should now have received a link to set up Famly. This app is for communication and sending information including invoices, as well as the online learning journeys, sharing photos, videos, and observations. Contact the main office if you need help or have any questions regarding set up or use of the app.

### 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.

[www.highfield.suffolk.sch.uk](http://www.highfield.suffolk.sch.uk)

## Dragonflies & Bumblebees

Dragonflies and Bumblebees nursery classes will focus on welcoming and settling children and families, emphasising personal, social, and emotional development. The curriculum this term includes traditional stories like Monkey Puzzle and the Three Little Pigs.

A tooth-brushing program will be introduced to promote healthy habits. Parents/carers are encouraged to sing the "Toothpaste song" with their children for fun tooth brushing when 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!

## Butterflies

Butterflies nursery class for 2-year-olds offers both funded and paid sessions, following the Early Years Foundation Stage. This term they will be reading traditional stories including "Owl Babies". There will also be a focus on welcoming and settling children and families.

Several of the Butterflies have moved onto Dragonflies and Bumblebees class this term and we would like to wish them luck in their new classes.

Toilet training can sometimes feel stressful and you may not be sure where to start. Our wonderful team in the Children's Centre run parent workshops on how to get started with toilet training and have lots of helpful tips to help your child be successful. Please keep a look out for upcoming dates for our drop-in sessions and speak to your child's key person for any additional advice they might have.

## Friends of Highfield

The Friends of Highfield (FoH) fundraising committee is excited for fundraising opportunities in 2025/2026, organising events to raise funds for activities and resources.

They seek new fundraising ideas and members to continue supporting children's experiences.

They have previously funded puppet shows, new bikes for the garden, sensory toys and so much more! They are always looking to recruit new Friends so they can continue funding resources and experiences for the children.

Parents/carers are encouraged to get involved by contacting the main office or the Facebook page [@ipswichfriendsofhighfield](#).

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