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**Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential**  
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Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Welcome back to the summer term and Happy St George's Day.**

We hope this message finds you and your families in good health. We hope you had an enjoyable holiday. The staff have planned various enriching learning opportunities and we look forward to your support and attendance at some of the events.



It's great that all the roofing work has now been completed. It has been a challenge but thank you for your patience and understanding throughout the process. We will start to open the side gate entrance again, so that you can walk around the school with ease.

I wanted to share with you that three valued members of our staff – Miss Cox, Mr Perulero, and Mrs Kenny – will be moving on at the end of this term. While we are, of course, sad to see them go, we are also incredibly proud and excited for them as they take on new and exciting career opportunities.

Each of these colleagues is a dedicated and talented educator, and their next steps are a true reflection of their passion, professionalism, and expertise. We know they will go on to make a positive impact wherever they go, just as they have here at Highwood.

We are already in the process of recruiting new team members and will be appointing a new SENCo to take on Mrs Kenny's role. Please be reassured that, in the meantime, all three staff members remain fully committed to supporting the children with their usual care throughout the remainder of the term.

To ensure a smooth transition, Mrs Kenny will be working closely with specific families over the coming months. We're also pleased to share that she will continue to stay connected with some of our Highwood families in her new role and will be working alongside staff to further strengthen our inclusion provision. Please join me in thanking Miss Cox, Mr Perulero, and Mrs Kenny for all they have done for our school community, and in wishing them every success for the future.

Best wishes,  
Bindu Rai  
Headteacher



**Diary Dates for the summer term dates. Please note that some dates are to be confirmed.**

21/04/25	Easter Monday – School closed
22/04/25	Start of summer term
22/04/25	INSET Day – school closed to pupils. Staff training day
23/04/25	Pupils return. St George’s Day
25/04/25	Watford Schools Trust Easter lesson for Reception
29/04/25	Safer Travel Team Online Lessons for Reception, Year 1 and Year 3
30/04/25	Safer Travel Team Online Lesson for Year 6
02/05/25	Year 1 local walking trip to Fishers Field – volunteers needed
05/05/25	Bank Holiday Monday
08/05/25	Year 2 trip to Florence Nightingale Museum
09/05/25	Forest School instead of Bank Holiday Monday
12/05/25	KS2 Year 6 SATs start
16/05/25	Beech 2 class assembly 2.45pm
20/05/25	Safer Travel Team Road Safety Lesson for Year 4 – volunteers needed
21/05/25	Safer Travel Team Road Safety Lesson for Year 4 – volunteers needed
21/05/25	Positive Minds begins for Year 6
22/05/25	Safer Travel Team Lessons for Year 5
22/05/25	Class Photograph Day with Van Cols Photography Company
	
22/05/25	Summer Disco is returning! On Thursday 22nd May children from Reception up to Year 6 are invited to boogie the night away!  <b>KS1 disco will run 5pm-6pm    KS2 disco will run 6.15pm-7.30pm</b>
	
23/05/25	Break up for half term – Normal finish time
26/05/25- 30/05/25	Half Term Holiday
02/06/25	INSET Day – school closed to pupils. Staff training day
03/06/25	INSET Day – school closed to pupils. Staff training day
04/06/25	Pupils return
From 09/06/25	Year 4 Multiplication Times table Check and Year 1 Phonics screening will take place during June
09/06/25	Year 4 visit Verulamium St Albans
10/06/25	Year 3 visit Knebworth House
13/06/25	Friends of Highwood Dad’s and Other Lad’s Day Pop up Shop
	

12/06/25 – 16/06/25	Healthy Eating Week -Theme: Find your healthier you	
18/06/25	New to Nursery meeting 6:00pm for prospective parents 6.00pm	
19/06/25	Travelling Book Fair – details to follow	 
21/06/25	Friends of Highwood Summer Fair - please come along to help before or during the event. Thank you	
25/06/25	KS1 and KS2 Sports Day – to be confirmed Option one	
25/06/25	New to Reception meeting 6:00pm for prospective parents 6.00pm	
26/06/25	Nursery and Reception Sports Day – to be confirmed Option one	
26/06/25	Year 1 History of the Page - Toy Day	
27/06/25	Chris Tawiah visits, a British player who has won multiple championships in Basketball	
30/06/25	Nursery and Reception Sports Day – to be confirmed Option two	
01/07/25	Year 5 Trip to St Albans Cathedral	
02/07/25	Year 6 Puppet Production recording/ rehearsal	
02/07/25	Safer Travel Team Scooter Safety sessions for Year 2	
03/07/25	Year 6 Puppet Production recording/ rehearsal	
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08/07/25	Year 6 Puppet Production to parent/ carers	
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10/07/25	Year 7 Induction Day at High School	
10/07/25	Meet new class teachers and new Reception children visit 9:15-10:30am	
15/07/25	Annual Pupil Reports go home	
15/07/25	Year 6 Leavers assembly to Parent and carers – details to follow	
16/07/25	KS1 and KS2 Sports Day – to be confirmed Option Two	
16/07/25	Reception Trip to Aldenham Country Park – TBC	
17/07/25 or 18/07/25	Year 6 to Ninja Warrior - TBC	
22/07/25	Last day of academic year. School closes at 2.00pm	

<p><b>Ready For School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We arrive at school on time.</li> <li>• We come to school with the correct equipment.</li> <li>• We make sure that we are wearing the correct clothing -uniform, P.E or Forest School.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Safety Rule</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We follow the 1-2-3 safe transition rule</li> <li>• We listen to the adults and helpers.</li> <li>• We stay in school until home time.</li> <li>• We use all equipment sensibly.</li> <li>• We are always gentle with our bodies and the bodies of others.</li> </ul>
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<p><b><u>Caring Rule</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are polite and well-mannered to everyone.</li> <li>• We care for each other as well as ourselves.</li> <li>• We care for our school and its property.</li> <li>• We care for nature.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Learning Rule</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We settle down quietly to do our work.</li> <li>• We try our best at everything.</li> <li>• We help each other and are friendly to all our classmates.</li> <li>• We tidy up and put away all equipment.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Movement Rule</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We always walk quietly around the school so that we do not disturb other children.</li> <li>• We stay outside unless we are sent in by an adult or we need the toilet.</li> <li>• We line up and use the <b>H.A.L.L</b> approach: <b>H</b>ands by our side, <b>A</b>ll eyes forward, <b>L</b>ips closed, <b>L</b>ow speed.</li> <li>• We stop playing and line up when the whistle blows.</li> <li>• We do not leave the classroom without permission.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Lunchtimes and Wet Play</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We eat all our lunch slowly.</li> <li>• We use our inside voices.</li> <li>• We clear and clean up our food tray after we have eaten.</li> <li>• We ask the adults for help.</li> <li>• We play fairly and share the equipment.</li> <li>• We sit and play wet- play games in the classroom.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Expected Behaviour for Assembly</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We line up when told to do so.</li> <li>• We walk quietly to the Hall.</li> <li>• We listen and think during assembly time.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Highwood Expected Behaviours</b></p> <p><b>Please talk through the expectations with your child</b></p>