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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential
Headteacher Mrs B Rai

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another busy academic year, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your continued support of our school. Our children have achieved so much this term, both inside and outside the classroom, and I have been consistently impressed by their enthusiasm, resilience and kindness. From performances, trips, workshops and sporting events to leadership opportunities, enrichment activities and everyday learning, there is much to celebrate.

This year, as you know, we are saying goodbye and good luck to Miss Bogush, Mrs Marsh and Mr Edwards. We also wish Mrs Harrison and Mrs Malouh who support within the Inclusion team much joy as they move on to class teaching assistant roles in new schools. Thank you everyone for helping many children achieve their very best.

We are also pleased to share that this year's Key Stage 2 SATs outcomes were generally positive. Mrs Gerrald and Mrs Pascutoi are currently reviewing some pupils' work and considering next steps, particularly in light of the recent issues surrounding the official DfE marking process and associated delays. Further details about our outcomes, including how they compare with national figures, will be shared in due course.



Alongside these results, I have been particularly pleased to see the continued strength of our Phonics and Timetable Screening outcomes. These were shared with the governing body at a meeting on 2nd July. Our commitment to improving reading and mathematical fluency remains strong across the school. We continue to strive to provide the very best opportunities for every child.

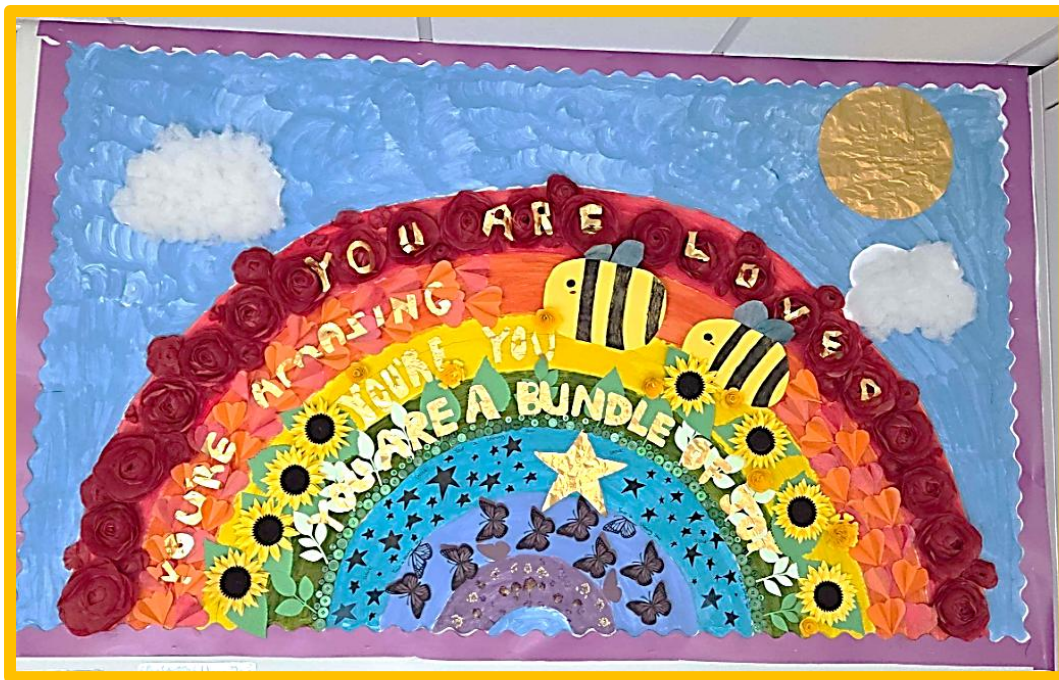
As you reach the end of your journey at Highwood, we want to say how incredibly proud we are of each one of you. Over the years, you have grown into confident, caring, resilient and responsible young people who are ready for the exciting challenges ahead. As you move on to secondary school, remember to believe in yourselves, embrace new opportunities, and never stop being curious and ambitious. We know that you will continue to achieve great things and make us proud. We wish you every success and happiness for the future.

Good luck, Year 6 – your next adventure starts now!

Thank you once again for your continued support throughout the year. We hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday.

Bindu Rai, Headteacher and the Highwood Team





You are Loved,
You're Amazing,
You're You,
You are a Bundle
of Joy

By Artist Alice
Yutani Ward and
Friends

SPORTS DAY

Our inaugural Sports Day was everything we hoped it would be – and so much more. It was a joy to see our school community come together, and it was heartwarming to hear so many parents and carers sharing how much they had enjoyed it.

What made the event truly special was its **spirit of inclusivity**. Watching pupils who would normally be reluctant to take part step forward with confidence, encouraged by their friends and celebrated by everyone around them, perfectly reflected the **Highwood values** we work so hard to instil every day.

The **smiles, determination, resilience and sportsmanship on display** reminded us that **success isn't just about winning**.

Congratulations to our winning House for 2026 - Earth!



Della Allen Awards

Congratulations to all our nominees and winners of the Della Allen Award 2026.

Perseverance and Progress: Adam, Baran and Teodor.

Creative Arts: Timothy and Ella.

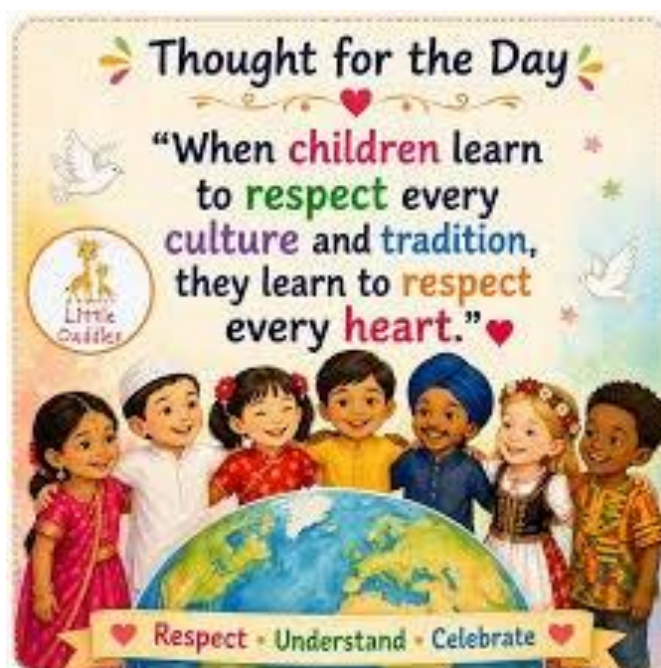
Community Spirit:

Eva, Jackson, Aarani and Arayah.





CULTURAL DAY What a fantastic, uplifting and enriching day! Thank you to everyone for your hard work, enthusiasm and commitment in making our Cultural Day such a wonderful celebration of our diverse school community. Thank you to all our parents and carers who came along to inspire and share their own culture with different classes. We will be collating photographs from the day to create a fabulous display that captures the pride, joy and sense of belonging experienced by our children. A special thank you to Mrs Kamboz for creating a truly memorable day.



Summer Activities to keep your brain buzzing



If you're looking for something simple to share with your school community before the holidays, we'd love to help. This [Summer Activities Taster Pack](#) is completely free, and parents don't need a Twinkl account to download it. It's packed with fun and educational resources for every age to help keep young brains busy throughout the summer.

[Download the Summer Activities Taster Pack](#)



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Hertfordshire Libraries

Remember to sign up to your local library in North Watford, Watford or Bushey. It is free to join and to can enjoy new books, e-books and audiobooks as well as some great reading events.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/libraries-and-archives.aspx>

Remember your SUMMER READING CHALLENGE!