



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 11TH APRIL 2025

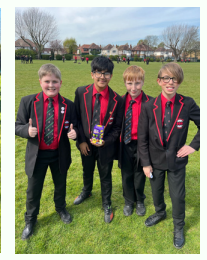


Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the Spring term, I want to reflect on what has been an amazing week at Higham Lane School and share some highlights and important updates with you.

End of term Celebrations and Events

To celebrate the end of term, students have been taking part in Easter Egg Hunts, a House Dodgeball competition and a Quiz, as well as every year group having the opportunity to celebrate students' successes this term in Awards Assemblies.



Sporting Success

A huge congratulations to our football teams that were successful in the district cup with years 8, 9, 10 and 11 boys and the year 8 girls teams winning their cup finals.



School fundraising raffle

Thank you to all of the families that have bought raffle tickets for our school fundraising raffle and to the local businesses that donated prizes. We have raised over £2,000 to improve our playground, a huge congratulations to all our raffle prize winners.



Year 11 Easter revision classes

Thank you to everyone in Year 11 who has signed up to the Easter Revision classes; we are absolutely delighted to say that every revision class has been filled! We know the students will find them incredibly useful. Thank you also to our wonderful staff who are giving up part of their holidays to provide additional sessions to our fantastic students to give them that extra boost. A reminder that students attending an session can only enter reception via the Shanklin Drive entrance and should sign in at Chine Hall by 9.30 am at the latest for morning sessions and 12.30 pm for the afternoon session. Students do not need to wear uniform, and should bring their lunch with them as there will be no facilities open to buy food on site.

Staff Goodbyes

We are sadly saying goodbye to three wonderful colleagues this half term.

Firstly, two of our fantastic learning support assistants, Mrs Bliss and Mrs Blythe who will be greatly missed. We also say a fond farewell to Mrs Findlay, who after over 25 years of commitment and dedication to the English Department will also be leaving Higham Lane School. We wish them all the best of luck in the next chapter of their lives.

Staff Welcome

We are excited to have Ms Gallivan returning to us as teacher of PE after the Easter break. We know that she will make a huge contribution to our school's extra curricular provision.

Easter Holidays and Return Date

Next week marks the start of the Easter holidays, the first day back after the Easter break (Monday 28th April) will be a teacher training day, students will return on Tuesday 29th April. Please be aware that on the first day back students will only be able to access school via the Higham Lane Gate entrance and all of our Leadership Team will be there from 8:15 am to welcome students back to school.

Wishing you all a joyful Easter season filled with laughter, family time and chocolate eggs!

Michael Gannon
Headteacher - Higham Lane School



We are delighted to announce the arrival of this year's brood of ducklings! 🐣🦆

As with previous years, we will help mama duck with extra duckling feed and fresh water (including a new pool!). As soon as they are big enough, we will safely release them

Year 7 Student Progress Evening – Thursday 1st May 2025. 3pm – 7pm.

These will be online video appointments. Please see details on how to book appointments in the letter emailed home on Tuesday 1st April.

Bookings opened: Wednesday 9th April at 6pm.

Bookings close: Tuesday 29th April at 12pm

School will close at 2.15pm on this day.

Dates for your diary

14th – 25th April – Easter Holidays

28th April 2025 – Inset Day

1st May 2025 – Year 7 Student Progress Evening

5th May 2025 – Bank Holiday – School Closed



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