



# Alsager Highfields Primary School

*Mighty oaks from small acorns grow*

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Dear Parents & Carers,

The summer term is always one of my favourites. With residential visits, sports days, Key Stage 2 productions, and more time spent outdoors, it truly is a special time of year.

Just yesterday, I had the pleasure of joining our Year 2 pupils on their visit to Llandudno. It was a wonderful reminder of the privilege it is to take children beyond the school gates. I know how precious your children are, and I'm extremely grateful for the trust you place in us to take them on these experiences—especially overnight. Residential visits offer immeasurable benefits. They allow us to see children in a completely different light. For some pupils, the classroom can be a challenging environment, but outside of it, they flourish. It's incredibly rewarding to witness their confidence, resilience, and joy in new settings. As always, the behaviour of our pupils was exemplary. I felt immense pride when members of the public approached staff to compliment our children. These moments are a real testament to the values and community we build together at Highfields.

Over Easter, as well as introducing new play areas, we also started work on the annex building in preparation for modifications for the pre-school. I hope you'll agree that the new windows really have elevated the building as well as improving the visibility and energy efficiency. The remaining white windows will be knocked through to create new entrances to outdoors as well as to an internal corridor to new toilets off the pre-school classroom. More work will be happening over the summer term so watch this space!

Have a great long weekend,

*Rachel Woollam*



## Is Your Child Due to Start School in September 2026?

If so, we encourage you to inquire about a *pre-school place for September 2025*.

Our goal is to ensure that all children intending to join **Highfields Primary School** are part of our pre-school program beforehand. This allows them to become familiar with our staff, routines, and learning environment, helping them settle confidently when they begin school.

By attending our pre-school, your child will benefit from early foundations in **phonics, social, and emotional development**, giving them the best possible start to their educational journey.

Please contact the school office for more information or to express your interest.



## Opal Play

A huge thank you to **Mr Hollins** (dad to Harrison, Amelia and Jake), who gave up his Good Friday to install our new 'tractor' class sized sandpit and tunnels for us as part of our developing play initiative. Not only did Mr Hollins give up his time, he also roped in 3 friends to help as well as providing the picnic tables and benches. Mrs Harry also spent the day looking after our volunteers and making sure they were 'fed and watered.' We are so grateful to all concerned—THANK YOU.

The sandpit couldn't have come at a better time and every day it is full with children from all years groups playing collaboratively.

Mrs Langsdale and the PFA also need a thank you for funding the play sand, the storage boxes and the turf that has been bought to help our tunnels blend in a bit more. Numerous people have helped water the turf so if you see copious amounts of buckets and hose pipes around site, you know what we've been doing! Thank you to all who have made this initiative such a success. I know the children are really enjoying the additional activities at break times.



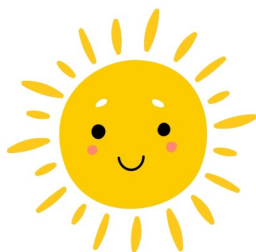


## Staying Safe in the Summer Sun

We really can't moan about the warmer weather as it has been glorious this past couple of weeks, but as the weather warms up, please remember to send your child to school with a **named water bottle** each day to help keep them hydrated.

We also recommend applying **sun cream** before school and, if needed, sending in a **clearly labelled bottle** for top-ups during the day. A **hat** is also a great idea for extra sun protection during outdoor activities.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and comfortable in the sunshine!



## Road Safety

With the recent tragic accident of a school boy cycling home from school in Sandbach, please ensure you talk to your child about road safety.

## Bronze Awards

YR—Sienna K, Rory C, Joseph M, Orla, Zachary C, Piper H, Teddy H, Darcie G, Esme W and Clayton A and Milo W

Y4—Cameron A, Evelyn D, and Reggie D,

## Silver Awards

Huge well done to our silver award winners.

Y2—Emma S,

Y6—Lyla H, Tom G, Sebastian K, Willow D, Mollie C, Thomas B, Isla B, Xander Apps, Lilylee PJ, and George F

## 'Gold Award'

**Another two gold award winners!! Huge congratulations to:**

Y1—Ava R

Y2—Finn M

## Word Millionaire

Millionaires are coming in thick and fast now and we are already up to 15 pupils and 4 staff. Congratulations to our latest millionaires:

**Molly C, Ben M, and Evie J** all from year 6 and all who have achieved word millionaire for the first time.

This is a huge indication of how children are becoming more engaged with their reading and working hard to follow the school policy of reading for a minimum of 4 times a week for at least 20 minutes.

## Dates for the diary

Monday 12th—SATs week

Tuesday 20th May—Sports' Day—Years 3-6 am, 1& 2—pm

Wednesday 21st May—Y3 trip

Thursday 22nd May—Reserve Sports' Day date

Friday 6th June—pm music festival at school

Monday 9th—Wednesday 11th June—Y4 residential

Thursday 19th June—class photos (years 1-5)

Monday 23rd June-Wednesday 25th—London residential Y6

Tuesday 1st July—reception Sports' Day

Wednesday 9th July, Thursday 10th and Friday 11th—Y5/6 production in school hall

Friday 18th—Y6 leavers' assembly



