



Higham Lane North Academy

NEWSLETTER



Friday 19th December 2025

We find ourselves reaching the end of such a joyous inaugural term at Higham North. Whilst students and staff are understandably tired now and ready for a well-earned break, we have also been reflecting and celebrating everything that makes Higham North such a wonderful school community to be a part of. I would like to sincerely thank you all for your fantastic support of the school. Already, working together between home and school, our partnership is reaping the benefits for your children, and we look forward to continuing to develop this in the new year and beyond. I personally can't quite believe how quickly the term has flown by since our first day in September, it has been a genuine privilege to lead the school with your wonderful children and our highly committed staff.



A Christmas Spectacular!

This week we have continued to make 'joy' a theme of December, reminding everyone that at this time of year in particular, the Christmas spirit is to ensure that our actions and behaviours spread joy and peace to each other. As usual, our students have responded with absolute commitment and confidence! Every child participated in Wednesday's Christmas Spectacular with every House recording a Christmas song. These were very much enjoyed by the audience and students loved watching these in our Rewards assembly too! We are so proud of our amazing students who performed on Wednesday evening. Students have been working hard in Music, Drama and Dance, learning lines and songs, dances, acting improvisations and working hard behind the scenes with staging and lighting, to bring together a wonderful performance for our school community. To see their confidence on stage was truly heartwarming and I know that they certainly spread joy to all families in the audience. It was also wonderful to see the students' artwork on display as well. We look forward to our next performance in the new year! Please remember to encourage your child to participate in the Arts if this is something that they are interested in. There are many roles to choose from, and we never know, this could be the start of something for them! At the very least, being part of something, and performing, whether as a soloist, or part of a group, is excellent for confidence, self-esteem, and therefore overall happiness and wellbeing.





Rewards afternoon – the Panto is behind us now! Oh Yes It Is!

Another moment of joy this week for students (and staff..!) was a trip to the Panto to see Aladdin! All students enjoyed a break to their school routine, going on our first rewards trip – they certainly deserved it after all their hard work and commitment this term. Some students chose to stay in school, taking part in sports, crafts, games and watching the film, Aladdin. It is important that we take time out to come together as Team North to celebrate working hard, and we will continue to build in rewards opportunities for students.



We are resilient! Attendance matters!

You've got to be in, to win! Over the last two weeks our 12 Days Attendance Challenge has been a huge hit! It has been a real delight to see which students would win the daily raffle and be rewarded with different prizes! Whilst this has been a light-hearted approach to encouraging attendance towards the end of term, where statistically attendance often falls in schools, we will continue to be relentless in encouraging strong attendance as the alternative can mean lost opportunities for your children. The Department for Education's research evidence on attendance is certainly compelling: At secondary school, pupils with near-perfect attendance have almost double the odds of achieving grade 5 in English and Maths GCSE compared to similar pupils attending 90–95% of the time. In other words, missing just 10 extra days is associated with half the odds of achieving these grades.

Missing school doesn't just affect exam results and a child's time in education – it can impact future earnings too. Persistently absent pupils in secondary school could earn £10,000 less at age 28 compared to pupils with near-perfect attendance. For each additional day of absence between Years 7 to 11, the typical pupil could miss out on an average of £750 in future lifetime earnings.

Thank you for your continued support with strong attendance to help your child be the best that they can be.





End of term rewards!

At the end of each term, we celebrate students' efforts and achievements across the school. Students are nominated for rewards in subjects, celebrated for representing the school, and Houses also compete against each other for most merits and highest attendance, best punctuality, and so on! It is a delight to see everyone so supportive of each other as their efforts are recognised! We look forward to continuing this tradition and to our end-of-year rewards which will become a highlight of our year!



THANK YOU, FAMILIES!

All staff would like to say a huge thank you for the many different sweet treats that you have been sending in over the last couple of weeks! These have been greatly appreciated and have helped to get us through to the end of term! Thank you very much – we really do appreciate these; it's very kind of you!

On a personal note,

Thank you for your excellent support of the school. We hope that your child has enjoyed their first term at secondary school and we look forward to a new and exciting year ahead!

Have a very joyful and peaceful Christmas, and we wish you all a very Happy New Year!

Best wishes,



Kirstie Robinson.

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**We look forward to
welcoming all students
back to school on
Monday 5th January 2026!**