

Higham Lane North Academy

NEWSLETTER



Friday 26th June 2026

Exceptionally warm weather

I would like to begin by thanking you for your support from home throughout this week. We have been faced with exceptionally challenging weather conditions, and throughout this period the safety, wellbeing and comfort of our students and staff have remained our highest priorities. We have monitored the situation carefully throughout the week, often at an hourly basis, and have sought to balance educational provision with the practical realities of the conditions.

On balance, we believe that the decision to finish earlier on Friday, whilst continuing to provide supervision for those who require it until 3pm, is the right one as we bring this exceptionally warm week to a close.

The forecast suggests lower temperatures next week, which we very much welcome. At the time of writing, for Monday we will continue to support either the wearing of PE kit or school uniform without a tie or blazer. We will review uniform arrangements for the remainder of the week considering the conditions and communicate any further updates as necessary. I would also like to take this opportunity to offer my heartfelt praise to all our students. Despite the very challenging conditions, they have demonstrated remarkable maturity, resilience and good humour throughout the week.

Their conduct has been exemplary, and they have responded positively to the various measures put in place to help everyone remain as comfortable as possible. We are incredibly proud of the way they have worked together, supported one another and continued to approach their learning with such a positive attitude.

Thank you once again for your understanding, flexibility and continued support.



Welcome to new colleagues

On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome several new colleagues as part of our New Staff Induction Day.

Throughout the day, our new staff had the opportunity to observe school life in action, including our routines within lessons and the high standards demonstrated as students move around the school. We visited a wide range of lessons, enabling colleagues to gain a clear understanding of our expectations and routines for learning.

Our new staff were extremely impressed by what they saw. They commented on the excellence of students' conduct, the purposeful learning environment across the school, and the high quality of teaching and learning taking place in classrooms. Their feedback was overwhelmingly positive and reflected the strong culture that exists within our school community.

We are grateful to both students and staff for the part they played in showcasing our school so positively.

Joining HLNA from September:

- Mr Rowe – Pastoral Manager for Year 7 and 8
- Mrs Moore – Teacher of English
- Mr Dharji – Teacher of Maths
- Mrs Thompson – Teacher of Science
- Mrs Weizak – Teacher of Art and Design Technology
- Miss Edmunds – Teacher of History and Geography (Humanities)
- Miss Harris – Teacher of Music (welcoming back to HLNA)
- Mr Tregonning – KS3 Teacher

We are very much looking forward to working all new staff as we embark upon our second year at HLNA.

Operation Undertook – assembly by local police

We were delighted to welcome our local police officers to school this morning to talk about the truths and consequences of riding an off – road bike, electric assisted pedal cycle and E-scooter on public roads and foot paths. Students listened to how and why these are illegal alongside the serious dangers and consequences of these vehicles. Students asked sensible and pertinent questions afterwards, once again showing their maturity and living by our mission that we are 'proud because we do what is right.' Well done everyone.

Changes to clubs for next week

Drama club will not be taking place this week.

Due to a school event on Monday Athletics club will move to Tuesday after school.

Can your child join the 1% Attendance Club?

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

As you are aware, every moment matters in school for your child. When your child misses school, it makes it so much harder for them to not only catch up from work missed in five lessons throughout the day; it also means that they have missed out on social time with their friends, potentially attending a club and generally missing out on their personal development and enjoyment of school life.

From Monday we are launching our 1% Attendance Club. Your child's attendance doesn't have to be perfect, it doesn't have to be the highest attendance in school, the challenge is for all students to improve their attendance by just 1%. This means being in school for as much as possible between now and Friday 17th July.

We have lots of prizes in our attendance prize draw for students who join the 1% club! Plus, all students who join the 1% Club or are in the 98% Club or 100% club for the next 5 weeks will earn an additional treat during the last week of school!

Please support your child to aspire to be in either the 1%, 98% or 100% Club for the next 5 weeks – every lesson counts and every session matters.

HIGH LANE NORTH ACADEMY

THE 1% CLUB

SMALL CHANGE. BIG DIFFERENCE.

Can you join the 1% Club?

At High Lane North Academy we're launching the 1% Club. You don't have to be perfect. You don't have to have the highest attendance in school.

Your challenge is to **improve your own attendance by just 1%.** That means being in school for as much as possible between now and Friday 17th July.

Every lesson counts. Every session matters. Every 1% makes a difference.

PRIZE FOR EVERY PUPIL WHO ACHIEVES THE TARGET!

THOSE WITH 100% ATTENDANCE ACROSS THE YEAR WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE DRAW!

THE CHALLENGE

The aim is simple: Improve your attendance by at least 1% by the end of the year.

PUPILS ARE CHALLENGED TO:

- Attend every day you can
- Arrive on time
- Beat your own attendance score

Already a Great Attender?

Pupils with 98+ attendance who keep up their excellent attendance between now and the end of term will also be entered into the prize draw.

ALL PUPILS WHO ACHIEVE A 1% INCREASE OR 100% ATTENDANCE WILL RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL TREAT ON FRIDAY 17TH JULY!

MAIN PRIZES – PRIZE DRAW!

To win the main prizes there will be a prize draw for all pupils who achieve a 1% increase or 100% attendance.

- 1 x £20 voucher
- 2 x Sit Next to a Friend Passes for a Week (redeem in September)
- 3 Skip the Queue Passes for Lunch (redeem in September)
- 4 x £10 voucher

Vouchers will be e-vouchers (Love 2 Shop) sent to pupils.

PRIZE DRAW EXPLAINED:

- The £20 voucher prize will be drawn from all winners across the school.
- All other prizes will have 1 winner from the whole school.
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IT IS BELONG, BELONG, BELONG.

Rewards Day 10th July

Thank you for providing consent and kindly paying monies for your child to participate in this exciting day.

We have aimed to keep costs as low as possible, avoiding coach travel. We hope that everyone will take part as we celebrate a highly successful year for everyone together.

Please ensure that final monies are paid by Monday absolutely latest deadline. If your child does not participate in this event, the usual school curriculum will follow.

REWARDS DAY 10TH JULY

This will be a really exciting and enjoyable day!
Fun for students and teachers!

Problem-solving, team-based challenges where you will work together to share and test ideas out

- Group work!
- Lots of fun!
- Instructors, not teachers, will be leading activities!

“We want all of you to get your CONSENT FORMS in and PAY as we want everyone included and involved, having fun together.”

Think about how much you enjoyed Careers Weeks activities – **this is going to be BIGGER, BETTER, outside and inside activities!**

Finally,

Thank you for your continued support. I hope that you and your families enjoy the weekend

Best wishes,



Kirstie Robinson.
Headteacher
Higham Lane North Academy.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE NEWSLETTER



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DATES and NOTES for your DIARY!

7th July – Sports Day

10th July – Year 7 Rewards Day

14th – 16th July – French Trip

15th July – Wellbeing Rewards Afternoon

17th July – Rewards Assembly and last day of term

School Newsletter: Community Safety Update

Dear Parents and Students,

As part of our ongoing commitment to student safety and community wellbeing, we are sharing an important message from Warwickshire Police. With the school holidays approaching, it is vital to be aware of the risks and consequences associated with illegal and antisocial motorbike use.

Operation Undertook

Warwickshire Police have launched a dedicated policing initiative called Operation Undertook. This operation specifically targets individuals using motorbikes illegally and antisocially during the school holidays. Increased patrols and enforcement actions will be in place to ensure community safety.

What Counts as Antisocial Motorbike Use?

- Riding off-road bikes in parks, fields, or public land without permission
- Causing noise, alarm, or distress to residents
- Riding without a licence, insurance, or safety gear
- Gathering in groups and riding recklessly in neighbourhoods

Legal Consequences

- Section 59 Notices: Police can issue warnings or seize bikes being used antisocially
- Fines and Penalty Points: Riders can face fines, points on their licence, or disqualification
- Criminal Records: Persistent offenders may face court action and a criminal record
- Driving Licence Impact: You can be banned from driving before you're even old enough to hold a licence

Long-Term Financial Impact

- Future insurance premiums for motorbikes, cars, or even home insurance can become extremely expensive or difficult to obtain
- Insurers view riders with a history of illegal or reckless behaviour as high-risk, which can lead to refusals or surcharges

Impact on Housing Tenancy

Parents, please be aware: antisocial behaviour linked to your household can put your housing tenancy at risk. Local councils and housing associations work closely with police to:

- Issue tenancy warnings
- Enforce Acceptable Behaviour Contracts
- In serious cases, initiate eviction proceedings



What Parents Can Do

- Know where your child is and what they're doing
- Talk to them about the dangers and consequences of illegal riding
- Report concerns to Warwickshire Police or your local council



Report It

If you witness illegal or antisocial motorbike use:

- Call 101 or report online at warwickshire.police.uk -

In an emergency, always dial 999



Let's Keep Warwickshire Safe

Together, we can protect our communities, prevent accidents, and ensure young people stay on the right path. Let's stop illegal riding before it stops someone's future.





Higham Lane North Academy SEND Newsletter

WHERE 'EVERYONE IS INCLUDED AND EVERYONE BELONGS!'

At Higham Lane North Academy inclusion is a vital part of everything that we do.

We aim to provide all students including those with Special Educational Need and Disabilities a high-quality and ambitious education and wider school experience. We aim to breakdown barriers and provide opportunities so all students can thrive.

If you have any questions regarding SEND support, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Miss Rounce

We have enjoyed reading what both you and the students believe have been their successes this year. Please continue to send them to us! We will be using them to make a display in the North Bridge in September.

Supporting with transition and change!

This term we are speaking with students about being year 8 ready and what that looks like for them. We are spending the final weeks of term preparing students for the changes that will take place as they transition into year 8.

Students will be shown and will begin using the new queuing system for the dining hall, moving around the building incorporating the new classrooms being used from September. In addition to this, we are supporting and encouraging students to develop their independence as they move into year 8.

We would encourage students to discuss these changes with you at home to support them in managing the transitions as the school welcomes a new year group and students in September.

This week in The North Bridge

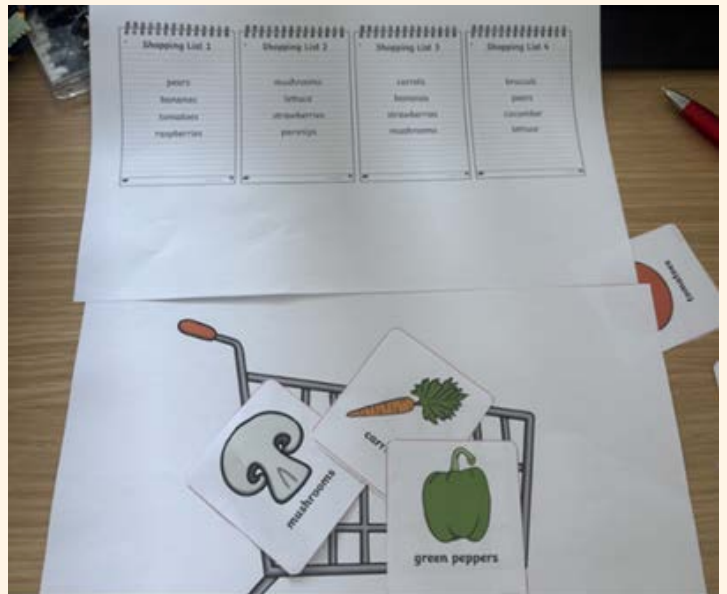
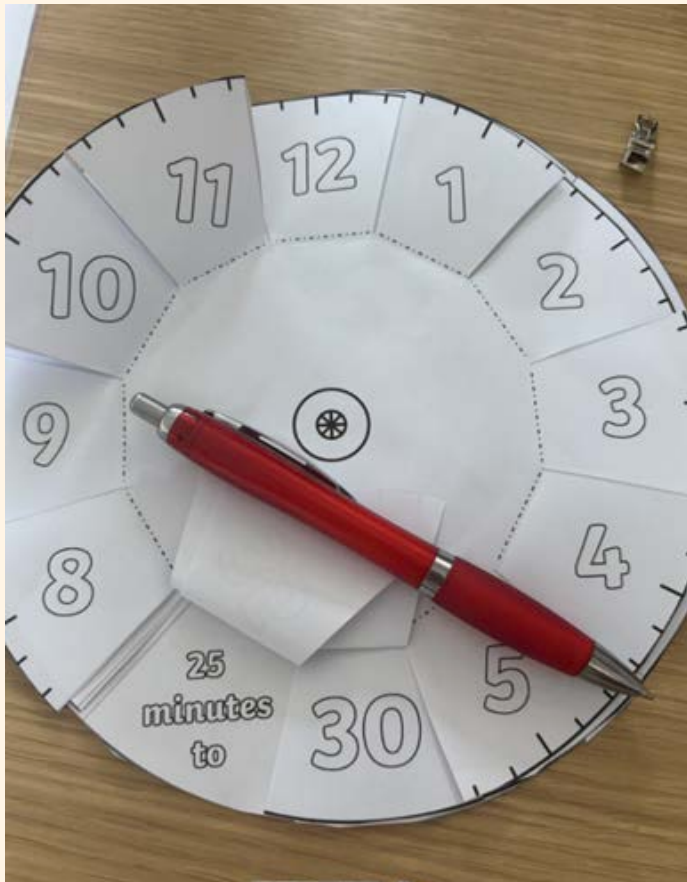
We have been working hard on our life skills to be 'Year 8 Ready'!

This has involved improving students abilities to tell the time using time dominoes and time bingo, which has helped to secure the students' knowledge and boost their confidence.

We have been challenging our memory skills with shopping list tasks by following 2 and 3 step instructions. This helps with being able to follow instructions and complete tasks in lesson, building students confidence.

We have been using inference cards to develop the ability to draw conclusions using visual clues and knowledge of the world rather than explicit statements. This is important to develop active critical thinking.

We have also been playing 'Uno!' in French to help build confidence with speaking in French in lessons!



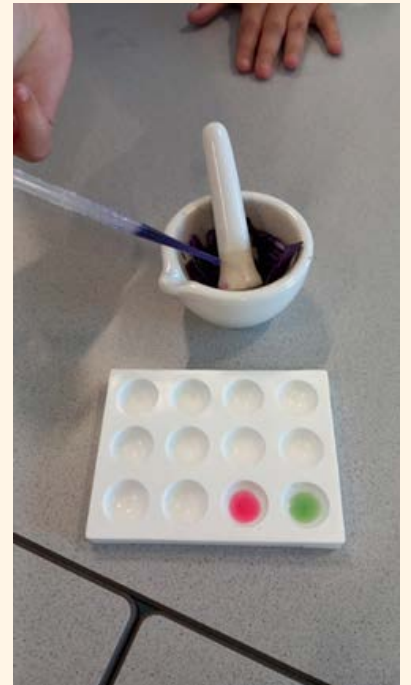
This week in Orion...

**Final seasonal door display of the year is in progress.
To include all our favourite summer memories and activities!**



In science as part of our lesson on Indicators and pH, we made our very own indicator using red cabbage.

Students were impressed to see their purple indicator turn to a vibrant pink when added to an acid and lime green colour when added to an alkali.



Mindfulness -slow down and take your time. Focus on what you are doing in a calm way. Students opted to create an exceptionally large diamond art painting to display in Orion. We may finish in time students reach year 9!

During nurture we have been playing the Game of life. Encouraging turn taking, self-control and discussions about jobs, careers, children, marriage, retirement, and investment!



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Life skills - planning has started to purchase, set up and look after our very own fish in Orion.

Students have been researching all elements of becoming responsible owners to fish and are extremely excited to select their own fish. We will be learning about the five welfare needs of animals kept as pets, how different pets have specific needs and what our responsibilities are to our pets.

We are currently welcoming our new year 7 students in Orion every Friday. They have become part of our special tree and are getting familiar with their surroundings, staff and students in Orion.



Life maths - time and money.

Students are using model clocks, pretend money, and games to reinforce time telling and money counting skills on a weekly basis. Next steps are to apply the knowledge to real life situations such as planning journeys and shopping scenarios.



Top tips for improving attendance!

School attendance is an important aspect of a child's educational journey, but for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), maintaining regular attendance can present challenges. Regular school attendance is essential for all children as it provides stability, continuity, and access to a broad curriculum. It also supports social development, allowing children to form friendships and develop important life skills.

- Working collaboratively- we encourage open communication between home and school, your child and their house champion to ensure we can address any concerns or worries your child might have regarding school.
- Establish a consistent routine – create consistent morning and bedtime routines to ensure your child gets enough sleep and are prepared for the school day
- Encourage positive behaviours- encourage your child to participate in school activities, co-curricular clubs and engage with their peers.

Where can I turn to for help outside of school?

**WARWICKSHIRE
SEND LOCAL
OFFER**

[click for more details](#)

**WARWICKSHIRE
SENDIASS**

[click for more details](#)

**COMMUNITY
AUTISM
SUPPORT
SERVICE
(CASS)**

[click for more details](#)



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Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness



Dimensions tool



Free online personalised self-care information & support for adults and children in Coventry & Warwickshire

Sleep

Our bodies need sleep and rest to help us function every day. When we are sleeping, it gives our brain and body time to repair and regenerate, re-energise and improve our motivation. We also need sleep to be able to process information, problem solve, learn new things and concentrate (you might notice you find it particularly difficult to focus at school after a bad night's sleep!) Sleep also benefits our mental wellbeing, by helping us to regulate our emotions and mood.

It is important to find time for our brain to completely 'switch off' and rest, to take some time out of our busy day to stop, take a break and do something that promotes our wellbeing!

Our tips for improving sleep:

1. **Maintain a regular sleep schedule** – this includes going to bed around the same time every night, as well as waking up at a similar time every morning (even on weekends!) Sleeping in later than normal can disrupt the body's circadian rhythm, which can lead to more tiredness.
2. **Create a calming environment** - dim the lights an hour before bed. Keep the room dark, if possible, try using an eye mask or black out blinds. A cool bedroom and slight drop in body temperature can help us to go to sleep.
3. **Reduce electronics** – using electrical devices before bedtime is one of the main reasons we have sleep difficulties. The light exposure on the screens can trick our brain into thinking it is still daytime, which stops our body from being able to wind down and feel tired! Turn devices on night mode or leave outside your bedroom to limit temptation.
4. **Minimise daytime naps** – napping during the day can make it harder to fall asleep at night, they also break up sleep (which means lower quality sleep and fewer benefits).
5. **Complete homework after school** – getting stuck into homework tasks before bed can delay tiredness, as our brains are busy trying to concentrate! Try to do activities that relax you before bed, to help you switch off from schoolwork.
6. **Spend time relaxing** – you may want to have a shower or run a warm bath, listen to calming music, read a book, journal or keep a diary from the day, stretch, meditate, or spend time with a pet.
7. Scan the QR code for more helpful information and **sleep tips!**



In Coventry and Warwickshire, for any urgent mental health concerns, contact the RISE Crisis Helpline available 24/7, by calling NHS 111. Alternatively, call 999 or visit A&E in an emergency, for example if medical attention is required.

MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays.

Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.