

Higham Lane North Academy

NEWSLETTER



Friday 3rd July 2026

This week, students have remained focused in lessons as they continue to complete the Year 7 curriculum and prepare for the transition to Year 8. To ensure students are ready for the next stage of their learning, teachers have been revisiting key concepts and addressing areas where students have found topics more challenging.

Please take some time to look through your child's exercise books with them, paying particular attention to the green feedback sheets and the use of green pen. These highlight where students have responded to feedback by correcting misconceptions or improving their answers, helping them to make even greater progress.

A Historic Sports Day!

Today, we held HLNA's inaugural Sports Day—a fantastic occasion that will be remembered for years to come! School records have now been established across both track and field events, creating exciting benchmarks for future students to challenge.

A particular highlight of the day was the ever-popular staff versus student race, which generated plenty of excitement and enthusiastic support from the sidelines. From the 100m and 800m races to javelin, discus, dodgeball, the egg and spoon race and the sack race, the day provided something for everyone. It was wonderful to see the whole school community come together to celebrate being active, demonstrating teamwork, determination and, of course, a healthy sense of competition!

The celebrations will continue next week as we mark National Sports Week, with a range of activities taking place across the school, including our whole-school Morning Mile, encouraging everyone to get active and start the day positively.

We would like to thank Miss Rounce in particular for all the planning and organisation for our Sports Day – all staff and students are very grateful to her commitment to make being active such a central part of our offer for everyone.



England Football – two options for arrival to school on Monday

We understand that some students may watch the England match during the early hours of Monday. In recognition of this being a national event, and one that only happens once every four years, we are giving students two registration options on Monday. We would like all students to **arrive as usual for 8.40.** We will be showing the match from 8am in the dining hall if students wish to watch it. Lessons will be taking place as normal during periods 1 and 2.

However, students **may also arrive at 11am** for a later registration if they are staying up to watch the football match.

Reminder – morning arrival to school on all days

Please be reminded that your child is welcome to arrive at school at 8:00am. Students arriving at this time should go directly to the Library, where they can read or play board games under staff supervision. For general admission, the school gate opens again at 8:20am. From this time, the gate and all areas of the school are supervised by staff before the school day begins at 8:35am.

We hope you appreciate the opportunity we are able to offer students through the supervised 8:00am provision. However, it is important that we also ensure our school entrance and site always remain safe. We therefore ask that students arriving at 8am make use of the supervised Library provision as intended. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Warm temperatures and PE Kit

Students may continue to wear their PE kit all next week if this makes them feel more comfortable. Please continue to ensure that your child has a water bottle, sun hat/cap and applies sunscreen. We will continue to monitor our daily risk assessment in light of any increasingly warm temperatures.

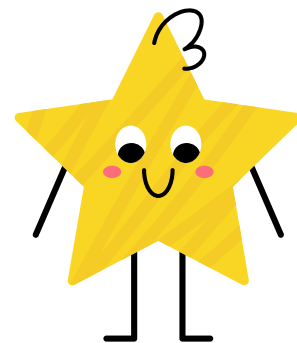


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Welcoming Our New North Stars

Next week, we are delighted to welcome our new Year 7 students to HLNA as part of our transition programme. A range of activities has been planned to help them feel welcomed, confident and excited about joining our school community.



We have been incredibly impressed by the number of our current students who applied to support the transition process as buddies and classroom mentors. Their enthusiasm, kindness and commitment to helping others are a wonderful reflection of our school values, and we know they will play an important role in ensuring our new students have a positive and memorable first experience of life at HLNA.

SEND sports day for CEAT

This week it was a real pleasure to host all schools in our Trust at our SEND Sports Day. Thank you to Miss Rounce for creating this opportunity for our Trust. It was wonderful to see them all positively engaging with all activities, from curling and bowling to football and an assault course. Our sports leaders once again, did themselves proud by supporting all the children with their activities. All children were absolutely delighted with their participants medals and we look forward to making this an annual event!

Rewards Day

We are looking forward to our Outdoor Pioneers Rewards Day on Friday! It is brilliant that all students will be participating in the event and we know that this will be a key day for students' character development whilst also having a lot of fun!



Can your child join the 1% Attendance Club?

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.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
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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.
- Keep your own attendance record.

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)
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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.
- Keeping 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.

BE IT, BELONG, BELIEVE.

Finally,

Thank you for your continued support on what has been another busy and exciting week at HLNA. I hope that you and your families enjoy the weekend.

Best wishes,

Kirstie Robinson.
Headteacher
Higham Lane North Academy.



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DATES and NOTES for your DIARY!

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 will close at 1.30pm. There are no after school clubs/activities on this day.

Thursday 3rd July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

As you will likely be aware, England are due to play Mexico at 1.00am on Monday morning in what is a significant occasion for our country and football supporters across the nation.

Events such as this are rare, and opportunities to see England compete on the world stage come around only once every four years and can create lasting memories for children and families who choose to watch together. As a Trust, we recognise the value of these shared experiences and the sense of community, national pride and togetherness that they can foster.

For this reason, Central England Academy Trust has agreed that **all Trust schools may offer a later registration and start time for pupils on Monday morning where families wish to stay up to watch the match together.**

- Attendance expectations remain unchanged; the adjustment simply provides flexibility for those who choose to participate in the event and will have stayed up late into the night.
- It is important that pupils arrive at school either at the usual time or at the designated later arrival time. Pupils should not be arriving at school at other times in between or after.

Please note: for any children who receive Warwickshire special transport to their school, timings cannot be changed. Parents/carers will either need to notify transport and bring their own child to school later, or ensure their child is ready for their transport at the usual time.

We understand that circumstances will differ from family to family. Therefore:

- Schools will remain open at their normal times for any pupils attending as usual.
- Families who do not intend to watch the match, or who require their child to attend at the normal start time due to childcare or work commitments, should continue to do so.
- Schools will communicate any specific arrangements regarding late registration directly with their communities.
- Pupils attending later in the morning will not be disadvantaged and appropriate arrangements will be made to support their start to the day.

While education remains our priority, we also believe schools play an important role in recognising moments that bring communities together. Watching a major international sporting event can provide opportunities for family connection, discussion about teamwork, resilience and national identity, and participation in a shared cultural moment that many children will remember long after the result is forgotten.

By showing flexibility on this occasion, we hope to support families in enjoying what may be a memorable national event together.

Thank you as always for your continued support of our schools.

Yours faithfully



Andrew Dickinson
CEO

Chief Executive Officer: Andrew Dickinson

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ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER



Can You Believe It? Our North Stars Have Nearly Completed Their First Year!

As we come close to the end of another successful school year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and carers for the vital role you have played in supporting your child's attendance.

Excellent attendance is achieved through a strong partnership between home and school, and we are extremely grateful for your commitment, encouragement and cooperation throughout the year. By ensuring that children attend school regularly, arrive on time and are ready to learn each day, you have helped them make the most of every learning opportunity and contribute positively to our school community.

We know that maintaining good attendance is not always easy, and we appreciate the efforts many families make to overcome challenges and prioritise education. Your support has helped our pupils develop positive habits, build strong relationships and achieve their full potential.

As we reflect on the year so far, we celebrate the excellent attendance achievements of so many of our pupils and thank you for continuing to work in partnership with us. Together, we have reinforced the important message that every day matters.

Miss R Charles



Celebrating Excellent Attendance

Over the final two weeks of term, we have a range of exciting events planned to celebrate not only excellent attendance, but also improved attendance.

Improved Attendance Raffle

Any student who has improved their attendance by 1% or more since 15th June will be entered into a prize raffle, with fantastic prizes including Love2shop vouchers.

100% Attendance

Students who have achieved 100% attendance during this period will receive a special surprise in school, along with a certificate to recognise their fantastic commitment.

98% Club

Students who are members of our 98% Club are also in for a well-deserved treat!

If your son or daughter is one of these students, please join us in congratulating them on their excellent commitment to school. We look forward to celebrating their achievements together!

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Attendance Procedures for next academic year

97% Attendance – Pre-Stage 1

- A Pre-Stage 1 attendance letter is sent home.

Although 97% attendance seems high, it equates to around six days of learning missed over an academic year. Even small reductions in attendance can begin to impact achievement, wellbeing and engagement. The purpose of this letter is to make families aware that attendance is beginning to decline, identify any barriers and offer support before concerns escalate.

We recognise that every family's circumstances are different. Exceptional circumstances, such as bereavement or a complex medical condition, are considered, and attendance is reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Our approach combines high expectations with compassion and appropriate support.

Below 96% Attendance – Stage 1

- **A Stage 1 attendance letter is sent home.**
- **Parents/carers are requested to meet with their child's Progress Leader Mr Rowe.**

This supportive meeting provides an opportunity to discuss any barriers to attendance and agree any additional support or reasonable adjustments. A personalised attendance target is set, tailored to the student's individual circumstances, with a shared focus on improving attendance.

92% Attendance – Stage 2

- **A Stage 2 attendance meeting is arranged.**
- **The school completes the ATTEND Framework.**

The ATTEND Framework is a structured tool used by schools to gain a comprehensive understanding of the reasons behind a student's attendance difficulties. Rather than focusing solely on attendance figures, it explores a range of factors that may be influencing attendance, including health, emotional wellbeing, friendships, learning, family circumstances and any barriers within school.

The framework helps ensure that the right support is identified and that any interventions are proportionate, personalised and focused on addressing the underlying causes of absence rather than simply the symptoms.

Below 90% Attendance – Persistent Absence

The Department for Education classifies any student whose attendance falls below 90% as Persistently Absent (PA). This is a nationally recognised threshold because students at this level are at significantly greater risk of underachievement and reduced educational outcomes.

- A meeting is arranged with Miss R. Charles, Deputy Headteacher (Attendance).
- School and home work together to review the support already in place and identify any further actions required.
- The Warwickshire Attendance Service may become involved to provide additional advice, guidance and support to both school and family in improving attendance.

Below 80% Attendance

- Attendance below 80% means a student is missing at least one day of school every week, placing them at significant risk of falling behind academically, socially and emotionally.
- What happens?
- School, home and the Warwickshire Attendance Service work together closely.
- A coordinated support plan is developed based on the student's individual circumstances and identified barriers to attendance.
- Regular reviews take place to monitor progress and adapt support where needed.