

Higham Lane North Academy

NEWSLETTER



Friday 19th September 2025

I would like to begin by sincerely thanking you for your continued support during what has been a hugely exciting and busy start to life at Higham North.

As we opened a brand-new school and began to navigate the first few weeks, your patience, positivity, and understanding have been greatly appreciated by all of us on the staff team.

We're delighted to share that the students have settled in superbly. Miss Charles and I have spent time in many lessons, and it's been a pleasure to see calm, focused classrooms with purposeful learning taking place. Social times have also been very positive – it's lovely to see pupils relaxed and enjoying their breaks, whether that's playing ball games on the MUGA, spending time in the library with books, games or puzzles, or simply catching up with friends. As you also know, at Higham North, everyone is included and everyone belongs and our co-curricular programme has got off to a fantastic start. Drama club was a real hit this week, and we're pleased to be adding more options: Badminton on Wednesdays (Week A, after school) and Pickleball and Badminton on Fridays (Week A, lunchtime).

Naturally, as with any new school, there have been a few teething issues – particularly with some of our IT systems. While we planned carefully and well ahead of opening, the setup has taken longer than expected. We fully understand that this has caused some frustration, and we are incredibly grateful for your continued patience and support – particularly regarding the issues between the catering company and ParentPay, which are now being resolved.

Class Charts – Important update

We're also very pleased to let you know that from Monday, we will begin using Class Charts. You should have received your login information today. This platform will allow you to track the merits your child earns, as well as view any demerits or same-day reflections (detentions), should they occur. Please bear with us over the next few days as the system embeds itself and we begin to add merits that your child has earned so far.

We're proud to share that behaviour and attitudes of our North Stars have been exceptional so far and we expect Class Charts to be a celebration of the many merits your children will be earning, but also a helpful way for us to work in partnership with you should any concerns arise. Please be assured that we always take a balanced, fair, and consistent approach to behaviour – rooted in the high expectations we all share for the students at Higham North.

We are sure that the students will be excited to hear about our Rewards Shop where they can trade in accumulated merits for products and privileges! This afternoon your child was issued with their unique code and instructions to log on. Please complete logging on over the weekend so that they can see their merits from Monday.

Continued spotlight on Attendance: 1 day of absence = 5 lessons missed.

Thank you once again for your support with ensuring that your child attends school every day. We are looking forward to launching our 98% club and 100% attendance membership clubs over the next couple of weeks with students. Please remember that if your child is feeling under the weather, you can write a note in their planner, send them in with medication such as throat sweets and pain relief, pack extra tissues, and also be assured that we will contact you if we feel that they are too unwell to continue being in school. Attendance really does matter, one day lost of learning is 5 lessons at HLNA which means it can become difficult to catch up on work missed. Thank you very much for your continued support with attendance.

DATES and NOTES for your DIARY!

Tuesday 23rd September – Family Information Evening 5pm in the Hall. Please come along to learn how we can work together to ensure a successful Year 7 for your child. Complimentary refreshments will be provided by our Catering company!

Thursday 2nd October – Family Review Evening – further details on Monday

Thursday 9th October – Open Evening. Please share with family and friends and see our social media posts advertising this crucial event for the school. We look forward to your children supporting with the evening if they have volunteered to help!

Tuesday 16th December – Aladdin Panto! Have you expressed interest?

On a personal note,

Thank you once again for being such a key part of our school community. I look forward to welcoming you all on Tuesday 23rd September to our Family Information Evening.

Best wishes,



Kirstie Robinson.

Headteacher
Higham Lane North Academy.



Scholastic Book Fair is here! 📖📖📖

From Tuesday 23rd - Thursday 25th September at Break time

★ Students will be able to browse the book fair at breaktimes and write down a 'wish list' of books.

★ Parents can log on to the website or use the QR code on the wish list to purchase any of the books from the list and complete and return the form with the student with which books they have paid for.

★ Students will then receive these books the next day.