

Higham Lane North Academy NEWSLETTER



Friday 7th November 2025

This week students returned focused for the week ahead after a Welcome Back assembly led by Miss Charles. We acknowledged that it can be difficult after a break to re-establish routines for learning but that reminding ourselves of what our school values are and the excellent habits we established last half-term will help us to have a positive journey up to the end of the year.

Remembrance

Alongside our learning we have also taken time to think about the commemoration of Remembrance at this time of year. Within lessons, a different range of activities have taken place so that students can understand more about why Remembrance is so important to us in Britain and across the world. As a snapshot, students have performed World War poetry in English; they have created blackout poetry displays in Art; listened to and considered the effects of the music of Dame Vera Lynn and George Formby within music lessons; in Science they have studied how Penicillin made a difference to soldiers' lives and in History they have been learning about the fate of local Nuneaton soldiers. It has been a fascinating period of learning across the school linked to war and Remembrance and we will be bringing all activities together within school next week as part of our Remembrance service on Tuesday. We look forward to this being an informative and poignant service for the students, staff and visitors and will share memories from the day with you next week. Some of our students will also be representing our school and laying a wreath on behalf of us all to remember the fallen at Nuneaton's service of Remembrance held by the Town Hall on Sunday. If your child is also taking part in a Remembrance service, and you are happy to share, please send us a photo and we will share on our social media next week as part of our commemorations.



Odd Socks Day

We'll be wearing our
odd socks this Odd
Socks Day, will you?

Monday 10th November 2025

Anti-bullying week

As you are aware, one of our values is that 'we are compassionate' and this means that in addition to kindness, we also have empathy and understanding about other people's feelings. Next week we will be shining a spotlight on Anti-Bullying week through several initiatives such as 'Odd Socks Day' and 'Positive Noticing Day.' We will also be holding an assembly to remind students to be kind and compassionate to one another.

Non -School Uniform Day- Nuneaton in Need

We are looking forward to holding our first non-school uniform day next Friday in aid of charity! We will be raising money for a local charity: the neo-natal unit of George Eliot Hospital where babies and their families will directly benefit from any fundraising that we do. Please see separate letter with more information. Please remember to pay a minimum of £1 donation via ParentPay for your child to wear non-school uniform on Friday. We would also gladly welcome cakes (homemade with ingredients listed/bought) for our competitive House Bake Sale! And please save any loose change for our 'money-run' which again will be competitive between the Houses! If you are able to support, we will be very grateful for any donations.



Celebrating Attendance

Last half term, we celebrated every pupil who was part of our 98% Club for excellent attendance. We were so proud to see so many of our North Stars make it into this club! We know that strong attendance is closely linked to better future outcomes – from higher earnings to improved social and emotional wellbeing. Each week, the house with the highest attendance earns a star. The first house to collect five stars will be invited to a special rewards celebration of their choice – will it be pizza, donuts, cookies, a sporting activity, or a trip to our school cinema?

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school every day – every day really does count!

Mobile Phones

As part of our commitment to ensuring pupils are conscientious, confident and compassionate we are committed to helping our North Stars use technology responsibly. Through our Computer Science lessons, Care and Support sessions, and assemblies, we provide clear guidance on online safety, digital wellbeing, and respectful communication. We kindly ask that you help reinforce these important messages at home by regularly checking your child's phone to ensure they are not receiving unkind messages or accessing content that is inappropriate for their age. Working together, we can help our students build positive and responsible online habits. We are very proud to be a school where mobile phones are never seen or heard during the school day. On the rare occasion that a student does not follow this rule, their phone will be confiscated and handed into the office for five school days. Should this happen again, we would ask you to come into school to collect the device in person. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe, respectful, and focused learning environment for all our students.



Spotlight on SEND

On Wednesday we enjoyed exploring our provision for SEND. Using expertise from within the Trust, several lessons were visited and pupils shared their experiences of being at HLNA so far. It was very pleasing to see pupils thriving and being confident in the classroom with subject teachers using reasonable adjustments to support each pupil's individual needs. It was also wonderful to observe both curriculum and therapeutic based interventions taking place within the North Bridge with pupils demonstrating some of the key skills they are learning during these interventions. We would like to continue now to work on upscaling our expertise and resources as the school grows over time.

Dates for the diary

Monday 10th November – Anti bullying week

Tuesday 11th November – Remembrance ceremony

Friday 14th November – Nuneaton in Need Day

Monday 17th – Thursday 27th November – Assessment Period

Thursday 20th November – SEND coffee morning for families

Tuesday 25th November – Flu Immunisation

Friday 28th November – Wellbeing Day for students. Students do not attend school (Staff INSET day)

Friday 5th December – Christmas Fayre

Monday 8th December 3.45pm SLT coffee and chat

Tuesday 16th December – Pantomime at Bedworth Civic Hall

On a personal note

Thank you for your continued support as we continue to prepare students for their first Assessment period. Reiterating messages at home for a careful balance of revision and wellbeing is essential to their success. Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to a busy and exciting week ahead!