

Higham Lane North Academy

NEWSLETTER



Friday 25th September 2026

I would firstly like to thank you for the wonderful support you provide to your child at home. Our partnership between school and home really does make a difference to your child's happiness, wellbeing and success, and we are incredibly grateful for the positive way in which we work together towards the same goal.

We have very much enjoyed meeting so many of you over the past two weeks at our information evenings. It has been a pleasure to have the opportunity to connect with you, share information and discuss how we can best support your children throughout the year.

We also appreciate that many of you have busy work and family commitments and are not always able to attend these evenings. For those who were unable to join us, you will have received the presentation slides so that you can look through them at a time that is convenient for you. Please also take a moment to look through the key dates for the year. We have several further 'Coffee and Chat' drop-in sessions planned throughout the year, providing an informal opportunity for you to come in, talk to us about any questions or concerns, or simply enjoy a coffee and a biscuit with members of the school team.

We look forward to continuing this strong partnership with you throughout the year and thank you once again for your continued support.

Cette semaine, nous avons célébré la diversité des langues!

This week, we have celebrated European Day of Languages, giving our students the opportunity to explore the richness and diversity of languages and cultures across Europe.

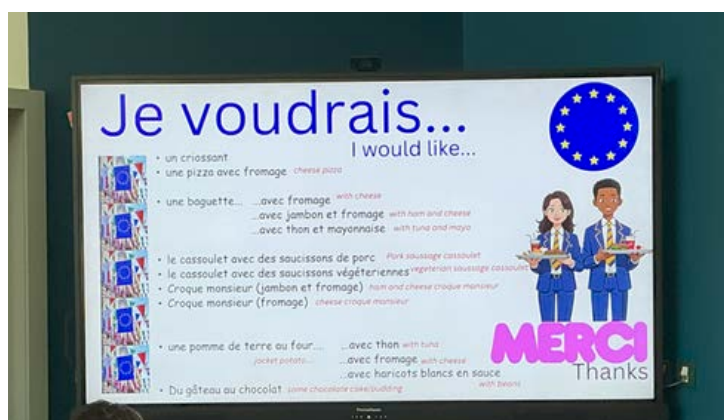
In lessons with Miss Hampton, students have been learning languages beyond French and in House time, students have enjoyed putting their knowledge from the week to the test with some fun and challenging language quizzes. Our celebrations also extended to the dining hall, where students had the chance to sample a variety of culinary delights from different European countries.



Learning a language is about so much more than simply learning words and grammar. It helps students to develop confidence, communication skills, curiosity, resilience and cultural awareness, while encouraging them to see the world from different perspectives. It can also help students become more open-minded, adaptable and willing to embrace new experiences and challenges.

We hope our European Day of Languages celebrations have inspired students to appreciate the many languages spoken around us and to recognise the opportunities that come from being able to communicate with people from different cultures and backgrounds.

A huge thank you to Miss Hampton, Curriculum Leader for Languages, for sharing her passion and commitment with the students this week.



Spanish Café Basics

10 min

RAPID RECALL: Translate the text below,
L'Espagne est un pays en Europe, connu pour ses belles plages, sa musique, les fêtes et la cuisine délicieuse. La capitale est Madrid et la langue principale est l'espagnol. Aujourd'hui nous allons découvrir la nourriture espagnole et avoir des conversations dans un café en Espagne! Vamos!

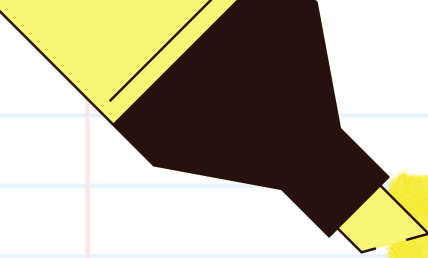
MAIN TASK:
Watch this video about how to order food in Spanish. Let's try to say some things together.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1v0SSyDQ>

ORDERING FOOD

Now let's learn some food and drink

Has your child achieved excellence outside of school?

As you can see, it is wonderful to share news of where our students are achieving so well with their passions outside of school. Please send us any photos and information if you would like us to consider sharing this with our community in our Newsletter.



Year 7 Highlights

Maths highlights – Year 7

- A positive start to secondary school, with students settling well into new routines in maths!
- Great use of Homework Club to support learning and develop good study habits!
- Strong enthusiasm for learning and using new mathematical vocabulary – well done Year 7s, we are looking forward to what the year brings in maths this year!

Remember to use Dr Frost for your homework and to supplement any areas of maths that you want to practise!

History highlights – Year 7

Year 7s have made a great start to learning the History curriculum using their historical thinking skills and working with evidence. So far, we have begun learning about:

- Early humans in Britain, including the Australopithecus (Lucy who can be found in the natural history museum in London)
- Reasons for migration and settlement
- Early invaders of Britain building on their learning in key stage two

Year 8 Highlights



Maths Highlights - Year 8

- You have started the year very well as we look to secure the curriculum and move towards excelling, we are impressed with how you are tackling increasingly complex algebra with confidence and resilience.
- We have also observed your willingness to persevere with challenging problems, and you are impressing us with how well you are developing increasingly precise mathematical vocabulary and explanations.

Remember to use Dr Frost for your homework and to supplement any areas of maths that you want to practise!

History Highlights - Year 8

In Year 8, students are continuing to use their historical thinking application whilst developing both their verbal and written communication and argument skills. We have also combined historical and geographical knowledge and skills as part of their transition work to focus on the following:

- The industrial revolution
- The effects of human waste on the River Thames
- How poo affected human water consumption
- Joseph Bazalgette's sewage system (writing a letter to parliament arguing on behalf of Joseph Bazalgette to implement his ideas)
- John Snow using a beer pump as proof that contaminated water leads to cholera
- The governments laissez faire attitude until the great stink of 1858

Open Evening – Wednesday 7th October 2026

As a new school, one of our key challenges is to grow and develop our community as we work towards being full by 2030. Working together sits at the heart of ensuring the very best for your child, and we want to thank you for the calm, constructive way you approach us whenever you have a question or concern.

Our staff are among the most dedicated and committed professionals I have ever worked with. Every day, they come to school with the intention of delivering a world-class, ambitious education for your child, and we are incredibly proud of the offer we provide.

Our Open Evening is a significant moment in our calendar, giving us the chance to meet prospective families and showcase what makes our school a special place to be. Your positive messages within the community make a real difference – they strengthen the reputation of the school your child attends, support them in securing their next steps when they leave us, and help us attract excellent new staff in the year ahead. In turn, this strengthens the quality of education and opportunities we can offer your child.

Thank you for continuing to share such positive experiences of our school. Your support genuinely matters, and we appreciate it very much.



OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 7th October 2026
4.30pm - 7.30pm

Upper Farm Drive, Nuneaton
CV11 6YN



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The book fair is back!

At Higham Lane North Academy reading is central to everything we do. Every year we host a pop-up book fair and this year, it takes place next week – Monday 28th September – Wednesday 30th September. Students have the chance to browse new titles and see the latest offerings by some amazing authors. If you wish to purchase any of the books for your child, payment is made through the online link which can be accessed by scanning the QR code attached – please note that no cash will be taken in school. Students can subsequently collect the book the following day from Miss Riley. Should any titles run out, these will be ordered and passed to students as they are delivered to school. There is no expectation that pupils must buy books, but it is a great way to promote the latest on offer or even get some gift ideas for later in the year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Riley
Subject leader for English

Finally,

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Best wishes,



Kirstie Robinson.
Headteacher
Higham Lane North Academy.



DATES and NOTES for your DIARY!

- Wednesday 7th October Open Evening 4.30pm – 7.30pm for prospective Year 7 families (2027 Year 7)
- Thursday 15th October SLT Coffee & Chat 3.45pm
- Thursday 22nd October – KS3 Halloween Disco
- Friday 23rd October – INSET day, students do not attend school
- Monday 26th – Friday 30th October – Half-term



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