



# Highampton

## Community

## Primary School

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I have felt very proud of the pupils at Highampton in the last two weeks. They have continued to show fantastic learning behaviours, persevering and working hard in all their lessons, especially when I have covered in class, which I have really enjoyed.

Some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils represented the Ruby Hub at the High 5 Netball tournament– it was great fun to take part alongside teammates from Bradford and Black Torrington. Our players showed great teamwork, sportsmanship and skill.



### Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week

Across the week starting Monday 6th February, we will be looking at this year's theme of Let's Connect through our PSHE sessions and our whole school assemblies.

On **Friday 10th February**, there will be a **Non-School Uniform day**. Children are encouraged to wear something that expresses who they are. We are suggesting a **voluntary contribution (payable on school gateway only)** for participation of **£1** with the monies raised going to Place2Be Charity projects.

This year, Red Nose Day is on Friday 17th March.

The children will be deciding how they would like to raise money this year in our next school council meeting. We are aiming to raise as much as we can and will be setting up a just giving page.



# Class News

EYFS have been having great fun in their outdoor learning— they have been reading the story ‘What the ladybird heard’ and using it to inspire maths, mini beast hunting and making!

Did you know Tarka Class have their own rocket? It’s called the ‘Rocket of Zoom’ and they have been practising counting down to zero before blasting off to the moon and stars.



After half term it would be fantastic if Tarka Class could have a pair of wellies in school. We do have a few spare pairs so please shout if you need some! Many thanks for your continuing support.  
Mrs Rees

Ruby Class have been getting quite passionate about their learning, especially in history, discussing the Benin Kingdom, slavery and the Benin Bronzes. This will now form part of our English learning where the children will be attempting to persuade one another of their view. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this topic and have taken a lot from it which is shown through their work and impassioned debate.  
Mr Pearson



## Stars of the week:

27/1/23 Moss and Lexie, for fantastic blending in phonics.

3/2/23 Maisy, for excellent maths work rounding decimals. Scarlett for super phonic speed sounds.

## Ruby Hearts:

27/1/23 Ollie H- for helping and supporting younger children and being a good friend.

3/2/23 Riley— for supporting other children in their learning.

## Learner of the week:

27/1/23 Evie-Mae

3/2/23 Archie for super focus and concentration in writing and maths.



# Notices

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Tag Ruby Club will finish next week (Tuesday 7th February) and will not continue after half term.

Gardening Club for KS1 & KS2 will start again on Thursdays after half term starting 23rd February.

KS1 Multi –Skills Club will start again after half term on Monday 20th February.

Year 6 after school club will continue after half term on Monday 20th February.



At Highampton we encourage the children to stand up for what they believe in. Ruben felt so strongly that he took part in a mass protest on Dartmoor in order to maintain the right to wild camp, even missing a football match for it. Land owners on Dartmoor recently won a court case preventing walkers from staying overnight in their small tents on the open moor. Ruben was one of 3000 people out making their point known along with a large Crocken.

## Parent Voice

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent questionnaire and who attended the parent forum this week. It is great to get to know some of you a bit better and to hear your ideas about how we can continue to work together to support our children. You asked for communication to be sent out via email where possible, and for changes to weekly plans to be signposted clearly in advance. You were happy to explore opportunities for working closely with the other Ruby schools including clubs, events and lessons. You suggested a working party to tidy and sort the pond area.

The survey showed that 100% of you agreed or strongly agreed that children at Highampton were happy and safe, that they are well taught and well behaved and that the school is well led and managed.

As always, I am happy to chat to parents at any time, just make an appointment with Mrs Ford.

Attendance This Last Week

**96.5%**

A real improvement, Highampton, well done. Every session in school counts— great attendance is essential for making the most of the learning opportunities at school.

**PTFA News**

## February Family Feast

Food and Disco Extravaganza!

5.30pm—8pm in Highampton Village Hall

Adults £5, Children £3.50, under 2s FREE.

Tickets from Davina  
or the school office.



Thank you from the children for the fab new wheelbarrow and gardening equipment.



### Diary Dates

10.02.23 Dress To Express Day: Students can come in their choice of clothes- contribution of £1 via Schoolcomms

13.02.23– 17.02.23 Half Term Break

27.02.23 and 28.02.23 Y6 Outdoor Challenge Days

02.03.23 World Book Day

28.03.23 Holsworthy Y6 Transition Visit to Highampton School

3rd April – 14th April— Easter Break