TERMLY HIGHLIGHTS.

17TH JULY 2026

Highwood Highlights

Welcome to our final letter of this academic year. It has been a busy and challenging year, so thank you for your continued support and understanding.

HIGHLIGHTS

We have enjoyed a busy and exciting term, beginning with our Key Stage 2 trip to the Natural History Museum. Year 5 and 6 pupils also took part in an adventure day at Skreens Park, followed by a school sleepover, creating many lasting memories.Swimming lessons began for all pupils this term, with excellent progress made thanks to the encouragement of Mr Blunkell. We were also fortunate to hold our Sports Days during cooler weather, allowing everyone to fully enjoy the events. Our Infant pupils had a wonderful trip to Call of the Wild and coped brilliantly with the warm conditions. A huge thank you to the PTA for funding the coach travel to the Natural History Museum and funding the infant trip to the Call of the Wild. Your support is greatly appreciated.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Attendance at our school is currently below national expectations and remains a key area of concern. Regular attendance is vital to ensure children make the most of their learning opportunities and maintain positive routines. Please take a moment to familiarise yourself with our Attendance Policy, which is available on the school website. highwood.essex.sch.uk

Our school gates are open from **8:30am to 8:50am**. We encourage all families to arrive within this time so that children can settle into the school day calmly and be ready to learn. Arriving late can be disruptive to your child, their classmates and the start of lessons. Please note that the gates will be closed promptly at **8:50am**. Thank you for your support in helping us give every child the best possible start to their day.

STAFFING UPDATE

As we come to the end of the school year, we would like to share some staffing updates. Miss Shanahan will not be returning following her maternity leave, and we are pleased that **Mrs Lockley**, will continue with us in September. We will also be saying goodbye to **Mr Dyson**, who is leaving the school at the end of this term. We are delighted to welcome **Mrs Cassidy** to the team as his replacement.We thank Miss Shanahan and Mr Dyson for their contributions to the school and wish them both every happiness and success in the future.

PE/Forest School/ Music arrangements from September

PE for Years 4, 5 & 6	Wednesday afternoons
PE for Reception & Year 1	Thursday afternoons
PE for Years 2 & 3	Thursday afternoons
Music whole school	Tuesday afternoons
After school club	Wednesday only
Forest School Rec 7 Year 1	Wednesday afternoons
Forest School Years 2 to 6	Friday afternoons
Wednesday 2nd September	First day back at school (new reception children completing a half day)

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