13th November 2026

HIGH ERCALL NEWSLETTER

Be Kind Be Safe Be Ready

Respectful Resourceful Resilient
Reflective Responsible

Headteacher Welcome

What a fantastic week we have had at High Ercall! There has been so much to celebrate, but I would particularly like to shine the spotlight on our wonderful Year 6 children, who have been away on their residential adventure at the Pioneer Centre this week.

I cannot begin to tell you how proud we are of them all! They have had an absolutely fantastic time, embraced every opportunity and challenge, and, most importantly, demonstrated our school's 5Rs throughout their time away. Their behaviour, attitudes and the way they have represented High Ercall have been outstanding. They have been a real credit to themselves, their families and our school, and we could not be prouder of them!

Residential visits provide children with such valuable opportunities to develop independence, confidence, resilience and friendships, and I am sure our Year 6 children will return with some wonderful memories and plenty of stories to share!

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a very special thank you to Mrs Preston, Ms Gater, Mrs Hoggarth and Mrs Hadley who have accompanied the children on their residential. Taking children away from home is an enormous responsibility and requires a huge commitment of time, energy and care, often well beyond the normal school day. A particularly big thank you must go to Mrs Preston, who has taken the lead in organising and running the trip whilst expecting her own little arrival! Your dedication to ensuring the children have such a memorable experience has been incredible.

Back at school, we have also had plenty to be proud of.

Remembrance Day
On Wednesday, the children remaining in school marked Remembrance Day with a two-minute silence. I was incredibly impressed by the respect, maturity and thoughtfulness shown by everyone. The children approached this important moment with such sensitivity and understanding, and it was lovely to see them reflecting on the significance of remembrance. A huge well done to them all.

Fire Drill – A Fantastic Response!
On Monday, we carried out a practice fire drill. These are an essential part of keeping everyone safe in school, and it is so important that children understand what to do and how to respond calmly in an emergency. This was our first practice fire drill of the school year, and I have to say the children were absolutely brilliant! They listened carefully, followed instructions and evacuated the building calmly and sensibly. We were all extremely impressed with how well they managed this important routine. Well done, everyone!

Children in Need – Seeing Spots!
Finally, we have rounded off the week by supporting BBC Children in Need with our spotty celebrations! 🐻 It has been lovely to see so many children joining in by adding a splash of spots to their school uniforms. Thank you to all our families for supporting this important cause and helping us remind the children of the difference we can make by showing kindness and generosity towards others.

As we reach the end of another busy week, I want to say a huge well done to every single child at High Ercall. Whether you've been tackling new adventures at Pioneer, showing respect during Remembrance Day, practising important safety routines or supporting Children in Need, you have all given us so many reasons to be proud.

Have a wonderful weekend, everyone, and I hope our Year 6 children and residential staff manage to catch up on some much-needed rest!

Mrs Lingham
Acting Headteacher

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUTUMN TERM 2026

📅 Coming Up Next Week – Important Reminders!

We have another busy week ahead at High Ercall! Please take a moment to check the following dates and make sure you have everything you need.



Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day!

On Monday 16th November, we will be celebrating the start of Anti-Bullying Week by inviting children to wear odd socks with their usual school uniform! There's no need to buy anything new – just find two odd socks at home!

This year's theme is 'Break the Silence', encouraging children to speak up, share their worries and support one another. Throughout the week, children will take part in activities exploring kindness, respect, celebrating differences and the importance of speaking to a trusted adult if something is worrying them.

Let's fill High Ercall with odd socks and kindness!

Parent Conversations – Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th November

Our Parent Conversations are taking place next week:

- **Tuesday 17th November: Classes 2 and 5**
- **Wednesday 18th November: Classes 1, 3 and 4**

Please make sure you make a note of your appointment time and arrive promptly. Our teachers have very full schedules, and unfortunately, if an appointment is missed, it may not always be possible to rearrange it.

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school to celebrate the children's achievements and discuss their progress.

Class 3 Trip – Thursday 19th November

Our Class 3 children will be heading off to Wood Lane Nature Reserve for an exciting educational visit!

During the trip, the children will take part in a Rocks and Fossils workshop, providing a fantastic opportunity to bring their science learning to life through hands-on activities and exploration.

A reminder to Class 3 parents to please ensure that:

- Children are dressed appropriately for the weather, with suitable footwear and a warm, waterproof coat with hats, gloves and scarf.
- Every child brings a packed lunch for the day.

We hope the children have a wonderful time exploring and learning!

Thank you, as always, for your support in helping us make these experiences run smoothly.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
16th November	Wear odd socks for Anti-bullying week
17th November	C2 / C5 Parent conversations
18th November	C1 / C3 / C4 Parent conversations
19th November	C3 School Trip - Wood Lane Nature Reserve
10am - Sunday 22nd November	3 Peaks Challenge - Grinshill
10am - Saturday 28th November - Change of date	3 Peaks Challenge - Wrekin
1st December	YR parent lunch
3rd December	C3 Fire Safety workshop
2pm - 8th December	KS1 Nativity performance
9th December	Young Voices choir perform at Ridgeway
15th December	Christmas Party
16th December	Christmas dinner
2pm - 17th December	School pantomime - Cinderella
Friday 18th December	Christmas enrichment day/Last day of term
Friday 8th January	Young Voices concert—Birmingham



CELEBRATIONS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Our 5R Stars this week are:

C1 - Eliana for being respectful and responsible
C2 - Evie for being responsible and resilient
C3 - Mollie for being responsible and respectful
C4 - Baylee for being responsible and respectful
C5 - All Y6 for being all-round 5R stars!

Attendance:

C1 - 91.8%
C2 - 98.89%
C3 - 98.85%
C4 - 93.03%
C5 - 100% - Winners

Tuesday Lunchtime Football – Key Stage 2

Our fantastic Year 6 Playground Leaders have been organising lunchtime football games for our Key Stage 2 children every Tuesday on the school playing field. It's a lovely opportunity for children to have fun, get active and enjoy playing together!

As the weather is getting wetter and the field is becoming muddier, children who would like to join in are welcome to wear their PE kits to school on Tuesdays.

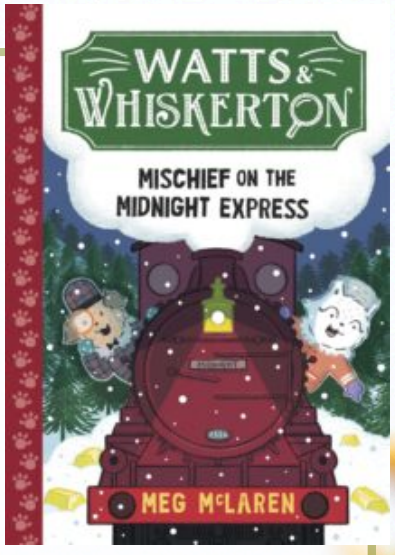
Please note that football boots and shin pads are not permitted for these games. We want football to be a fun, inclusive activity where everyone can take part on an equal footing, without needing specialist equipment.
A big thank you to our Year 6 Playground Leaders for organising these games and helping to make lunchtimes enjoyable for everyone!

Book of the Week - Mischief on the Midnight Express

Join the clever cat-and-dog detective duo as they board the Midnight Express to guard a fortune in stolen gold. But when the gold mysteriously disappears from the vault, it's up to our furry detectives to crack the case!

Packed with mystery, mischief and plenty of humour, this is a fantastic early chapter book that will keep young readers guessing. The colourful, characterful illustrations and mix of traditional storytelling with graphic novel-style pictures make it especially engaging and accessible.

A wonderful choice for children beginning to enjoy chapter books, whether reading independently or snuggling up to share a story together. Best of all, you don't need to have read the previous books to enjoy this adventure!



OTHER NEWS

Menu wb 16.11.26

Monday

Meatballs served in a Rich Tomato Sauce or a Tasty Gravy *Farm Assured Meatballs*

Mac 'n' Cheese *Macaroni Pasta and Quorn in a Chef's Creamy Cheese Sauce* V

Pasta Twists, Seasonal Vegetable Selection, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread

Swirl Mousse

Early Years options: Natural Yogurt with Fruit or Fresh Fruit Salad or Cheese and Crackers

Tuesday

Minced Beef lightly Spiced Tacos *Farm Assured Minced Beef in a Chef's Mild Spiced Sauce*

Cheese and Tomato Pizza V

Pasta Twist, Boiled Rice, Seasonal Vegetable Selection, Seasonal Salad Selection, Wholemeal Bread

Cake and Custard

Early Years options: Natural Yogurt with Fruit or Fresh Fruit Salad or Cheese and Crackers

Wednesday

Traditional Roast of the Day *Farm Assured Sliced Meat served with a Rich and Tasty Gravy*

Vegetarian Enchiladas V

Roast Potatoes, Creamed Potato, Broccoli, Carrots, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread

Fruit Jelly or Golden Shortbread

Early Years options: Natural Yogurt with Fruit or Fresh Fruit Salad or Cheese and Crackers

Thursday

High Ercall Wrap Day – Ham, Tuna, Cheese

Vegetarian Sausage V

Potato Wedges, Big Seasonal Salad Selection, Seasonal Salad Selection, Wholemeal Bread

Chocolate Brownie

Early Years options: Natural Yogurt with Fruit or Fresh Fruit Salad or Cheese and Crackers

Friday

Jumbo Fish Finger *White fillet of Fish coated in Breadcrumbs* **or** Battered Fish *White fillet of Fish coated in a Light Batter* **or** Salmon Fishcake Star

Cheese Pastie *Creamed Potato and Mixed beans, Grated Cheese encased in Puff Pastry* V

Chips, Garden Peas, Baked Beans, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread

Iced Muffins

Early Years options: Natural Yogurt with Fruit or Fresh Fruit Salad or Cheese and Crackers

FUN FOOD FACT

Broccoli contains more protein per calorie than steak, [illegible] would have

High Ercall 3 Peaks Challenge – Grinshill Walk! ⛰️💛

Our next organised walk is next Sunday, 22nd November, and we would love as many families as possible to join us!

📍 **Meeting point: Corbett Wood Car Park, Grinshill**

🕙 **Time: 10:00am**

We will be taking the shorter route up to the trig point, making this a lovely opportunity for families with younger children to join in too! Once we reach the top, families can make their own way back to the car park. There is also a longer route back for anyone who fancies a little extra walking!

A gentle reminder that this is a community walk, not a school-supervised event. Although school staff will be joining us, parents and carers remain responsible for their own children throughout the walk.

We are really looking forward to another lovely morning of fresh air, family time and community spirit!

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to Mrs Lingham.

We hope to see lots of you there!





School Holiday dates



21st Dec 2026 - 1st Jan 2027 - Christmas holidays
Monday 4th Jan 2027 - PD day (staff only)
15th - 19th February 2027 - Half term
26th March - 9th April 2027 - Easter holidays
3rd May 2027 - Bank Holiday
31st May - 4th June 2027 - Half term
Monday 7th June 2027 - PD day (staff only)
22nd July - 3rd September - Summer Holidays



Y6 Pioneer









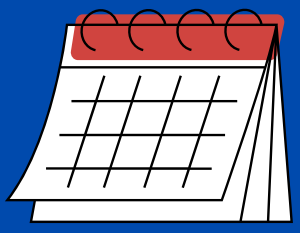




A High Ercall Primary School
Stay and Play Session

STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2027?

COME ALONG TO OUR STAY & PLAY SESSION!



Wednesday 25th November

1:30-2:30PM

(ARRIVE AT 1:20PM TO SIGN IN)
SPEND SOME TIME PLAYING IN CLASS 1 WITH OUR FRIENDLY STAFF AND EXPLORE OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL TOGETHER!
WE CAN'T WAIT TO WELCOME YOU AND YOUR CHILD!

High Ercall PRIMARY SCHOOL

SPONSORED 3 PEAKS CHALLENGE

We are very excited to launch our High Ercall 3 Peaks Sponsored Walk Challenge! Before Christmas, we are challenging every child to conquer three of our fantastic local peaks – Haughmond Hill, Grinshill and The Wrekin – and to raise as much sponsorship money as they can along the way!

The money raised will be used for two fantastic causes: helping our school to purchase new play equipment for children to enjoy at break and lunchtimes, as well as supporting our chosen charity, Bereavement UK, who have been a huge support within our school community in recent months.

Families can choose to complete the three walks independently in their own time, or come along and join school staff on one, two or all three of our organised walks. It's a brilliant opportunity to get outdoors, spend time together and take on a challenge while raising money for two very worthwhile causes.

Everyone can take part!

GRINSHILL - SUN 22ND NOV 10AM
WREKIN - SAT 28TH NOV 10AM - CHANGE OF DATE



Details of meeting place will be communicated nearer to each event!

Sponsorship money to be submitted to either school or through online payment by Friday 18th December 2026