



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a truly fantastic week it has been here at Higham Lane School! Despite the very hot weather, our students have coped brilliantly, showing incredible resilience and good humour. We sincerely hope that the relaxed school uniform policy on Wednesday, with no requirement to wear or bring a blazer or tie, and the option to wear PE kits on Thursday and Friday helped keep everyone cooler and more comfortable during these warm days. Thank you for your support in ensuring that students have worn the official HLS PE kit and not wearing cycling shorts or football tops which are not permitted. Please ensure that your child is also wearing the official HLS PE kit on Monday for Sports Day.

## This Week's Highlights:

### Monday:

We were delighted to welcome our new staff members who will be joining us in September. They took part in learning walks, providing them with an excellent opportunity to witness first-hand the exceptional standard of learning and teaching here at Higham Lane School, as well as the fantastic behaviour and positive attitudes of our students.

I also had the privilege of meeting Zak, one of our talented students who successfully landed a part in a play at the Royal Shakespeare Company. He has done brilliantly in his performances, and we are incredibly proud of his achievement!



### Earlier This Week:

It was also my privilege to meet Ava, Seb and Drew, who recently won an art competition. Their work was so outstanding that we are now proudly using it in our school promotional material! A huge congratulations to them for their creativity and talent.



I also had the pleasure of meeting a group of our young swimmers from a variety of different year groups. All are swimming competitively in a range of different clubs, with some even competing at county level. They all received a well-deserved treat to celebrate their dedication and success.



### Tuesday:

Tuesday was another day filled with inspiring student achievements! I met Noah, who has won the league with his basketball team – a fantastic sporting accomplishment! I also had the privilege of meeting Beau, who has represented his country in Muay Thai (martial art) at the European championships. What an incredible feat! And finally, I met Darcie, who has made it to the national finals in dance. Wow! These achievements truly highlight the diverse talents and immense dedication of our students.

On both Tuesday and Thursday this week, I visited some of our local primary schools to speak to the Year 6 students who will be joining us next year. I delivered an assembly in each school, and it was wonderful to see how excited they are to become part of the Higham Lane family. I also spoke to Year 5 students in some of our local feeder schools, sharing insights into what secondary school life is like, and specifically what it's like here at Higham Lane School. Again, they were very enthusiastic about potentially joining us in the future. When I visited Milby Primary School on Thursday, they were particularly excited to be joining Higham Lane School, having recently seen HLS's fantastic production of Matilda when they came into our school last week. There were many very talented performing arts students and musicians at Milby who simply cannot wait to start here next year!

#### Wednesday Evening:

On Wednesday evening, we held our Year 6 Transition Evening. We were delighted to welcome the parents and carers of all our new Year 6 students and discuss how they can help their child not just survive, but truly thrive here at Higham Lane School, continuing our excellent tradition of our students reaching for the stars and our students achieving outstanding outcomes to set them up for the future. We are immensely proud to be the only Ofsted Outstanding secondary school in Nuneaton and Bedworth and to have the highest GCSE and the highest A Level results in any school in Nuneaton and Bedworth. An article came out this week that described HLS as one of the top-performing state secondary schools in Warwickshire:

<https://www.warwickshireworld.com/education/16-top-performing-secondary-schools-warwickshire-pupils-prepare-new-school-year-5213837?page=2>

#### Thursday:

Our Year 7 and 8 students had a wonderful time at their disco after school on Thursday – a fantastic way to celebrate a busy week! Thank you to the staff who gave their own time to run this event to help students to have some fun and get to know other students.

Also on Thursday, I had the privilege of attending Oak Wood Primary School's Year 6 leaving assembly. It was a humbling and touching experience to see staff say goodbye to their Year 6 students who, being in a special school, face so many unique challenges in their lives. I was incredibly proud as one of the Headteachers in our Multi-Academy Trust to see these wonderful young people make such significant progress, and we wish them all the very best for their futures.

#### Important Reminders:

**Parking:** Please continue to park considerately in the local community, especially during pick-up and drop-off times if you drive your child to school. Your cooperation helps ensure the safety and smooth flow of traffic for everyone. Please also do not park on zig-zag lines as this is not permitted in the Highway Code; the zigzag lines are outside of schools to ensure that students can see the cars coming and drivers can see potential dangers of students in the road if they are trying to cross.

**Bicycles** – if your child wishes to cycle to school, they must complete a bicycle form (available from Student Services) and they **MUST** wear a helmet, thank you for your cooperation. If a student continues to not wear a helmet after warnings, we reserve the right to issue sanctions as they are breaking a school rule.

#### Looking Ahead to Next Week:

**Sports Day:** We are very much looking forward to Sports Day on Monday! Students should come in their PE kit again for this event, please ensure that only the official HLS PE kit is worn. Thank you for your support.

Uniform Update: Cooler weather is forecast for Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July, so students will be back in full school uniform from Tuesday onwards. If the forecast changes, we will amend our plan but currently the forecast says highs of 19 degrees Celsius and rain.

Charity Wakeathon: Good luck to our Sixth Form students and staff who are involved in the Charity Wakeathon next week! They will be staying up all night to raise money for worthwhile causes – a truly commendable effort.

Modern Languages Trip to France: Bon voyage to the students and staff who are embarking on the Modern Languages trip to France next week! As a linguist myself, and having run French trips to the same area on multiple occasions, I can say first-hand what a wonderful and enriching experience this will be for the students.

Rewards Day: We also hope all students will have a fantastic day on Thursday next week, which is our highly anticipated Rewards Day – a big day in!

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July – the Nuneaton Sports and Activities Festival is taking place at the Pingles Stadium from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. It is a free event and you can try different sports and activities.

End of Term Information:

Summer Break: A reminder to all parents and carers that school breaks up for the summer on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July, and we will be finishing at 12:30 pm, at which point students will be dismissed to go home.

#### **Return to School Dates:**

**Years 7, 11, 12 and 13 students return to school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025.**

**All students return to school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025.**

Have a wonderful weekend!

Best wishes,



Michael Gannon  
Headteacher  
Higham Lane School

## **Dates for your diary**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – Sports Day

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Reward Day “Big Day In” –

Year 7 and Year 8

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Reward Day “Big Day In” –

Year 9 and Year 10

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – End of Term –

School Finishes at 12.30pm

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025 – Inset Day



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