



Next week—W/C Monday 8th September 2025

Monday:	
Tuesday:	Class Three PE
Wednesday:	Class One Outdoor Learning (Please remember appropriate footwear)
Thursday:	Class Two PE
Friday:	Class Four SS Great Britain Trip 3.00 Celebration Collective Worship

Newsletter—Friday 5th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

I hope that you have all had a wonderful six weeks with your children - they have all come back full of stories of what they have been up to. Although the first day back can be quite a struggle, everyone has settled back really well, quickly getting back into school routines.

Welcome to school!

It has been especially great to be able to welcome our new Reception starters this week. Obviously they are pretty much old hands at working in Class One anyway, but now they are formally in school (and looking magnificent in their uniforms). So a big welcome to Marnie, Rowan, Harry, Finn, Rory, Jack and Henry. We hope you have an amazing time!

Autumn Term work

No doubt your children will be able to tell you what they are doing in class as we head into the term, but in the next week or so, you will also receive an overview of the work that they will be undertaking in each subject. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask. Staff are often around at the end of the school day for a conversation, or can be contacted via the office email (admin@high-bickington-primary.devon.sch.uk) if this is easier. We will be holding parent meetings before half term and will get the dates for these out to you in next week's first full newsletter.

Dates for the year

As last year, we will endeavour to give you as many dates as possible in the newsletter (starting next week), so that you are able to plan ahead. Just bear in mind that some may need to alter and some will be added as we go along. The diary is already filling up with early trips and visitors!

Pick up and drop off

With KS1 children now in the mobile classroom, parents should wait at the top of the playground for their children to be dismissed from the 'hole in the wall' at 3:30pm. Dropping off in the morning, please send your child in through the main gate near the arch. A member of staff will be on duty there to see them in safely. KS2 children should also come in through this gate and under the arch in the morning. They will be dismissed from here in the afternoon by a member of staff. Please, please take extra care in the road as not everyone who comes around the corner is expecting to see people there.

Clubs

Clubs will start the week after next and details will be in next Friday's letter.

Sweatshirts and Cardigans

Please make sure that your child has a purple sweatshirt or cardigan with the school badge on, and that it has your child's name clearly written or sewn into it.

Have a lovely weekend,

Rob Norton
Head of School.

Notices

PE Days

Class One will have PE as part of their daily routine, and do not need a PE kit. Outdoor learning takes place on a Wednesday afternoon - please bring in appropriate outdoor footwear/wellies. We have waterproof suits.

Class Two - PE will be on Thursday mornings.

Class Three - PE will be on Tuesday afternoons.

Class Four - PE will be on Friday afternoons.

Class Four Trip

A letter was e-mailed yesterday about the trip on Friday 12th to SS Great Britain. Please complete the permission on Arbor by Tuesday 9th. Thank you.

Newsletter Recipients

We are aware that we don't have e-mail addresses for all parents/carers for all children - if you know someone who should be getting the newsletter and isn't, please let Mrs Goss know!

Class Two Parents/Carers

To start off the school year, your child has been given an appropriate Read, Write, Inc (RWI) reading book to take home in their book bags.

Please take time to read, share and enjoy books together at home and log any reading in your child's reading record.

Year Two are going to be moving onto the Accelerated Reader library system. This is supported by an online scored system, which assesses your child's individual reading and comprehension ability. Each Year Two child must complete the initial Accelerated Reader quiz, with their teacher, so that they can be given their reading book number. Please bear with, the initial quizzes are quite lengthy and take a bit of time to complete. We will aim to have these completed asap and you will be updated in your child's reading record when your child's is complete and they have chosen their first book.

Thank you.

Best wishes, Mrs Laurence

Next Week's Menu—W/C Monday 8th September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese and tomato pasta bake Seasonal Veg Apple Cake	Minced Beef Cottage Pie V – Quorn cottage pie Sweetcorn Fruit Jelly	Roast of the Day Chicken V – Quorn roast Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Veg Fruit salad	Hidden Veg Chicken Curry V - Hidden Veg Quorn Curry Rice, mixed veg Lemon drizzle cake	Oven Baked Fish V – Quorn Nuggets Golden Fries and Seasonal Veg Homemade Cookie (various flavours)

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