HIGHAMPTON & BT
NEWSLETTER 15.05.2026

Mr Bridge's update

SATs

Well Done to our Year 6s for their amazing effort this week! Whatever the results they may achieve, the concentration and focus was absolutely phenomenal! We are proud of each and every one of you.

Parent Survey!

Final reminder on the below parent survey. Thank You for all of the responses so far! https://forms.office.com/e/MCkbcbd4he

PTFAs

Apparently the Rydon Inn does not open on Monday's so I will discuss with PTFAs a suitable time to meet to discuss next year.

Grandparents afternoon

We look forward to welcoming a range of different relatives on Friday afternoon from 1.30pm. Please do remember a maximum of two relatives per child.

Year 6 residential

A final letter has been sent out for the Year 6 residential on the 2nd of June. Please ensure you have received and read this if your child is going!

Reminders

Grandparents day: Reminder for your diaries - 22nd May at 1.30pm wider family members are invited in!

Year 6 residentials - final payments are due!

Clubs

- Gardening Club - Monday
- Miss Kirby Club - Tuesday
- SATS/ Homework club - Thursday
- Sports Club - Friday

Websites

We would love to hear your feedback on the Websites and how easy they are to use. Please do send feedback to gbridge@dmatschools.org.uk if you have any suggestions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Class Blogs can be found at:
http://www.highampton-primary.devon.sch.uk/
and
https://www.blacktorrington.devon.sch.uk/

GRANDPARENTS DAY
MAY 22

HALF TERM
MAY 25

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL
JUNE 02

EYFS VISIT
9AM
JUNE 05

Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust
...everyone in our Trust.

WELCOME TO THE RUBY HUB

EYFS 2026-27

Everything you need to know for the Year ahead. at Highampton..

Welcome to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) at Ruby Hub Schools.
We are delighted that your child will be joining our community. Across all of our schools, we work together to provide a nurturing, engaging, and inspiring start to your child's educational journey.
We hope you find the following information useful as your child begins their school journey

Early Years focus

The Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum is organised into seven areas of learning.
Prime Areas:

- Communication and Language – listening, understanding, and speaking
- Physical Development – coordination, movement, and self-care
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development – relationships, confidence, and managing feelings

Specific Areas
These build on the prime areas:

- Literacy – reading and writing
- Mathematics – numbers, shape, space, and problem-solving
- Understanding the World – people, communities, and environments
- Expressive Arts and Design – creativity and imagination

Our goal throughout their first year will be to equip your child with a well rounded education focused upon these key areas. This will prepare them for life in Year 1 and beyond!

Useful information

School Day:
Start time: 8.40
Lunch time: 12.15 - 13.15
Home time: 15:25

To buy uniform please visit:
https://schoolwearmadeeasy.com/collections/highampton-primary

School Lunches

All Reception children receive Universal Infant Free School Meals.

Ordering Meals

- Book via your school's online system: School Gateway.
- Order by 9.30am each morning.
- Menus are shared each term

Children may also bring a healthy packed lunch.

School Uniform

Daily Uniform

- School logo jumper or cardigan
- White shirt or polo shirt
- Grey/black trousers, skirt, or pinafore
- Black school shoes

PE Kit:

On days where we do PE children are allowed to wear their PE kit into school on these days and remain in it throughout the day.

- White or School logo_t-shirt
- Shorts or joggers
- Trainers

School Contacts:

Gareth Bridge: Executive Headteacher gbridge@dmatschools.org.uk
Emma Winter: Assistant SENCO: ewinter@dmatschools.org.uk
Jo Hamilton-Cox: Head of School and EYFS lead. Jhamilton-cox@dmatschools.org.uk
To contact the office please email admin@highamptonprimary.org.uk or call 01409231339

Gareth Bridge

Emma Winter

Jo Hamilton-Cox

How to get your child school ready...

Independence: Can they?

Dress themselves (coat, shoes, jumper)

Use the toilet independently

Wash hands properly

Sit and listen for short periods

Communication: Can they...

Talk in simple sentences

Listen to instructions

Ask for help when needed

Social Skills

Take turns and share

Play cooperatively

Follow simple routines

If you are worried your child is consistently struggling to achieve in these areas please do speak to Emma Winter (Assistant SENCO)

How can you help when they arrive at school...

Support with reading

We recommend:

- Sharing a book every day (10 minutes or more)
- Talking about the pictures and story
- Asking simple questions
- Revisiting favourite books

Supporting school

- Sharing important information
- Attending meetings and events
- Speaking to staff if you have concerns