HIGHAMPTON & BT
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Mr Bridge's update

Welcome Back!
Welcome back to the final half term of the school year! We are anticipating a very busy one with Residentials, Sports day and potential visits from Ofsted to some of our schools!

Sports Day
Just to confirm that Sports day will happen on Friday 3rd of July at Bradford Primary School. Children will be transported there for a 12.30 start.

Grandparents afternoon
We hope that Grandparents and other relatives enjoyed the experience of coming into school on May 22nd. Any feedback for next year is welcome.

Year 6 residential
A huge good luck to our Year 6s heading off on residential on Tuesday.

Clubs
Clubs are now available to book for Summer Term on School Gateway.

Reminders

EYFS visit dates for new pupils:
5th June - 9am until 10.30am
12th June - 9am until 10.30am
July 3rd 9am - 11am
July 10th 9am until 1.15pm

Clubs

- Cooking club - Monday 8th June onwards
- Miss Kirby Club - Tuesday
- Gardening 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/

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL
JUNE 02

EYFS VISIT 9AM
JUNE 05

WILD TRIBE WEEKLY SESSIONS BEGIN
JUNE 03

EYFS VISIT
9AM
JUNE 12

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:

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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