

Highcliffe Headlines

Courage Compassion Respect

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From Drizzles to Dino Delights

It's certainly been a week of dodging rain showers, but the children have taken it all in their stride. They've embraced our 'Hokey Cokey' approach to outdoor play with enthusiasm, making the most of every dry moment—we're all hoping for a little sunshine soon!

Year 3 and Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their visit from the Science Dome this week. The highlight, unsurprisingly, was the moment they revealed a piece of *actual fossilised dinosaur poo*—a fact that has caused great excitement around school!

We know some parents have had questions about lunchtimes, and we've included further information in a letter sent home with Headlines today. We hope this clarifies the situation. Thank you for your patience as we make necessary adjustments; please be assured that every decision is made with the children's and the school's best interests at heart.

Parking

We have noticed that parking around the school site has been particularly problematic recently. BCP have the [following guidance](#) on reporting unsafe parking and we would encourage parents to do so in order to keep the roads safe around school for our whole community.

Young Artists Summer Show

Do you have a budding artist who would like to show off their creative talent? The *Young Artists' Summer Show* is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 4–18 years studying in the UK. The project is generously supported by Robin Hambro, a passionate advocate for the importance of access to art, and the benefits of encouraging the arts, for children and young people. Please see the website below for more info on how your child could submit an entry for the *Young Artists Show*.

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/get-involved>

Please also see some guidance around the artwork that can be submitted: <https://yass.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/2026/YASS->

FACE Family Workshops

Please see our website for the January timetable of [FACE family workshops](#), which can be accessed free of charge with our school membership code **HSM260925**

Need a coat?

If your child is in need of a winter coat and you are struggling to provide one, we can apply for help through the charity Coats4kids. Please ask on the playground or email the office if this is something you need.

Local Activities and events

We [update our website](#) regularly and have this week added information about the Highcliffe School Production of *Sister Act*, which our Year 5 are looking forward to attending a matinee performance of, as well as Seagulls swimming club who are looking for new members.

Library Legends Quest

2026 is a National Year of Reading and in celebration, BCP Libraries have created a Library Legends quest. It is free to join and children will be rewarded with stars, collectors cards and even a medal for completing all 5 quests. Please see more [information on our website](#) on how to sign up or pop into your local library for more information.

PINS Events

Parents are invited to two forthcoming PINS events.

5th Feb at 4.00pm there is a relaxed virtual session

11th Feb 9.15am face-to-face or virtual, whichever is your preference.

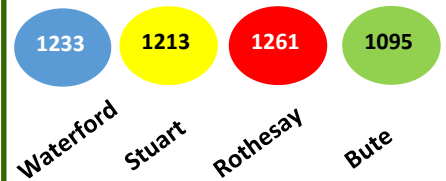
This will cover various topics, including the 8 senses and the importance of a sensory diet. Please email the office to book a space.

New Clubs Coming Soon

We are pleased to announce a number of new after school clubs coming soon including beading, Pokemon, sewing and games clubs. More information coming soon.

House Point Totals

All houses are off to an amazing start! Well done to Rothesay this week.

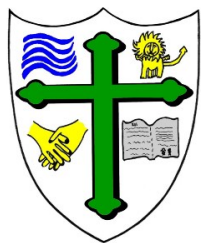


Is my child too ill for school?

A reminder that whilst we value the importance of school attendance, children who are ill should be kept at home. However, we appreciate sometimes a situation is not clear and the [NHS have some guidance](#) which might be helpful if you are unsure.

Free Courses

Linwood are running free courses to parents of children with diagnosed autism. There are three courses which cover different age groups. Please see our [website for more information](#) and details on how to book a place. Places are very limited.



More Headlines & Dates

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Dates	Event	Times	Location	Parents	Notes
20 Jan	Y1 Crazy Creatures Visit		Year 1		
28 Jan	Y3 Heroes Event	2.20	KS2 Hall	Y	
28 Jan	Parent Rep Meeting	5.30-6.30		Y	Email the office to confirm attendance
04 Feb	Y5 Heroes Event	2.20	KS2 Hall	Y	
05 Feb	Nurse drop-in	9.00-10.00		Y	Email to book a slot
05 Feb	PINs Virtual Session	4.00-5.00	Online	Y	Link to be shared closer to the date
06 Feb	Foundation Heroes Event	2.20	KS1 Hall	Y	
11 Feb	PINS Face to Face or virtual session	9.00-10.30		Y	Email the office to confirm attendance
11 Feb	Y2 Problem Solving Day		Year 2		During school day
13 Feb	Foundation Winter Discovery Day				See letter for more information
13 Feb	Y6 Heroes Event	2.20	KS2 Hall	Y	
10—12 Mar	Y5 visits to Athelhampton House				
16—20 Feb	Half term				Holiday Club running 16-18 Feb
26 Feb & 03 Mar	Foundation—Y6 Parent Consultations	3.30-6.30	KS1 & KS2 Halls	Y	
10 Mar	Y2 Heroes Event	2.20	KS1 Hall	Y	
13 Mar	Y4 Heroes Event	2.20	KS2 Hall	Y	
17 Mar	Y1 Heroes Event	2.20	KS1 Hall	Y	
18 Mar	Fledglings Open Evening	4.30-5.30	Fledglings	Y	Please email the office to book in
19 Mar	Y1, 3 & 5 Easter Service	10.20	Church	Y	Volunteers needed, email the office
20 Mar	Ready Steady School	10.00		Y	School readiness workshop, email to book
25 Mar	Fledglings Showcase & Parent Appointments	From 9.30	KS1 Hall	Y	
30 Mar—10 Apr	Easter Holidays				Holiday Club running 30 Mar—01 April and 07-08 Apr
15—17 Apr	Y3 visits to Ancient Technology Centre				
27—30 Apr	Y4 Level 1 Bikeability				See parent letter
01 May	Inset Day				
15 May	Ready Steady School	2.00		Y	School readiness workshop, email to book
19 May	Y2 visit to Winchester Science Museum				
25—29 May	Half Term				Holiday Club running 26-27 May
01 Jun	Inset Day				
03 Jun	Foundation Longdown Farm Visit				
16 Jun	4B visit to Winchester City Museum				
18 Jun	1S Blashford Lakes				
19 Jun	1G & 1W Blashford Lakes				
23 Jun	4J visit to Winchester City Museum				
25 Jun	4K visit to Winchester City Museum				
23 Jul—	Summer Holidays				