



Highcliffe Headlines

Courage Compassion Respect

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Thankful For Our Little Heroes

This week in Worship, we have been thinking about our sense of belonging. We have been reminding ourselves of the importance of making everyone in our school feel welcome because this is good for other people but also good for us. We talked about being grateful for what we have and who we are. Robyn in year 2 wrote a wonderful prayer which reminded me to be grateful for the little things and the big things. She wrote "Dear God, thank you for our fruit and veg, protein, friends and our homes. Amen" Sometimes, in the business of life, we forget to stop and be thankful for all the little things but our little people are very good at reminding us. Thank you Robyn for a lovely prayer. We have enjoyed welcoming years 5 and Foundation this week for their heroes events. It was great to see the enthusiasm with which the adults embraced the activities alongside their little Hero Learners. We are looking forward to year 6 next week, too.

Highcliffe Castle Hearts

Our children have been busy creating some beautiful heart art work for the Highcliffe Castle valentines trail, and in return they have given us a code to share with you for [50% off entry](#) over half term.

ADHD Parent Support Group

[ADHD Uk](#) are advertising a monthly space for parents and carers to ask questions, gain perspective and feel supported in navigating ADHD.

Term Dates 2027

In case you are planning ahead, we have added the 2027/8 term dates with inset days [to our website](#).

Holiday Club Update

We are pleased to advise that our February Half Term Holiday Club **WILL** be going ahead as planned. A few spaces are still available so please book now and join us for some Holiday fun.

Official Safer Internet Day—Tue 10th Feb

Our school will be taking part in **Safer Internet Day**, focusing on **E-Safety** and this year's theme of **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**. Pupils will explore this in an age-appropriate way, looking at how to stay safe online, including keeping information private, spotting misinformation, acting responsibly, and knowing when to ask for help.

We encourage families to discuss safe internet use at home. Helpful guidance can be found here:

- UK Safer Internet Centre: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>
- Safer Internet Day 2026 Tips: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>
- NSPCC on AI & Online Safety: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-to-children-about-ai/>
- Parentkind Toolkit: <https://www.parentkind.org.uk/online-safety-toolkit>

A Lovely Comment About Music In Our School

Mr Bannister, music lead at Highcliffe school, emailed me this week and said, "it has been a pleasure to work with such an enthusiastic team at Highcliffe St Mark—both the children and the dedicated staff who foster their creativity. Your school's commitment to music and to a smooth transition for pupils makes a real difference, and I have thoroughly enjoyed our collaboration." We are proud to be recognised in such a lovely way!

Lunch Update

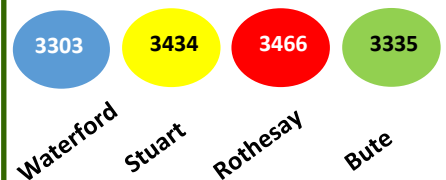
We have noticed that quite a few children with pre-ordered lunches are bringing in packed lunches and then requesting that their lunch order is cancelled and refunded. Whilst we have accommodated these requests, we hope you understand that we cannot continue to do so regularly due to the costs involved.

Please check whether you have a lunch ordered before sending in a packed lunch.

Thank you for your support with our new lunch processes, and your patience while we iron out the system.

House Point Totals

The competition is very close this week. Well done to Rothesay!

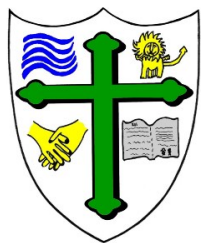


Junior Bake-off?

Channel 4 are looking for budding young bakers, aged 9-15, to take part in their next series. Please [see flyer](#) for info on how to apply and make sure you keep us informed!

Authorfy

Authorfy is a fantastic resource which we use across the school in our 'Love of Reading' lessons. As part of the national year of reading it is [now free to all](#). It has an amazing selection of videos and activities from the best children's authors...well worth a look!



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Dates	Event	Times	Location	Parents	Notes
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	
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	
27 Feb	Mufti Day (Fledglings & all year groups)				£1 donation towards Mothers Day Sale
5 Mar	World Book Day				See separate letter for more information
9—13 Mar	Fledglings Mother's Day Sale				Opportunity to buy a gift all week
10 Mar	Y2 Heroes Event	2.20	KS1 Hall	Y	
10—12 Mar	Y5 visits to Athelhampton House				
11 Mar	Parent Rep Meeting	5.30-6.30		Y	Email the office to confirm attendance
13 Mar	Mother's Day Sale (Year R—6)				Further details to follow
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				
24 Apr	Foundation & Y1 Disco		KS1 Hall		More information to follow
27—30 Apr	Y4 Level 1 Bikeability				See parent letter
01 May	Inset Day				
8 May	Y2, 3, 4 & 5 Discos		KS2 Hall		More information to follow
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				
05 Jun	Bag2school Collection				
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				