



Highcliffe Headlines

Courage Compassion Respect

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Is The Spring Beginning To Be Sprung?

I spied with my little eye something very yellow this week—sadly, it wasn't the sunshine but some beautiful yellow daffodils. The first of this spring's blooms are beginning to appear which reminds us that warmer, and hopefully drier, days are coming. Here at HSMP we can't wait to get started on more outdoor learning in our wonderful school grounds.

Foundation enjoyed their spring discovery day today despite the rain and it was also fantastic to celebrate with Rothesay, this half term's winning House. Year 6 became mathematical heroes and year 2 were puzzling it all out on Wednesday. All of the children have demonstrated a passion for learning and a positive attitude throughout the half term—it's been such a joyful half term, despite all the rain.

We wish all of our families a peaceful and fun half term break!

Chocolate Box Recycling Total!

Our school community must have eaten a lot of chocolate over the Christmas period, we have collected [over 250 plastic chocolate](#) tubs to be recycled. The project is run in collaboration with Green King Pubs who donate all proceeds to their national charity partner, Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you to everyone who brought in their chocolate tubs.

Art Competition

Please see information [on our website](#) about an art competition to decorate the new Children's unit at the Royal Bournemouth Hospital—time to get creative—best of luck!

Clubs Updates

New Forest Football allow Foundation children to join their after school sessions after half term. Please book [using the link](#) on our website.

Rippa Rugby are running a weekend club for under 5s including a free taster session—[see website](#) for more details.

Acro are also offering a free taster session for KS2 children. Details [on the website](#).

Year 2—Friends WOW Puzzle Day

Year 2 really enjoyed their Puzzle day. Jessica – I enjoyed it when we had to make a circle with the guttering pieces and make the golf ball go all the way around the circle, without falling on the floor. This made me laugh. Livvy – I liked it when we had to flip the sheet and no one could step off.

Year 3 / 4 Rugby Festival

Thomas, Rory, Isaac, Joe, Lois, Connor, Albert, Henry, William, Sebastian, Teddy, Gabriel and Angus took part in the Rugby festival yesterday and did so well with a few wins! They demonstrated all the school's core values consistently throughout the day and showed great humility and sportsmanship (even with some interesting referee decisions!) Fantastic effort and a big 'Well done!'

World Book Day Date Clarification

We have been alerted to an incorrect date for donations of books for the book fair on World Book Day—we will happily take donations from Monday 23rd February. The amended letter is [on our website](#).

Internet Matters — Setting up parental controls

Internet Matters has simple step-by-step guides for setting parental controls on devices, apps, and broadband providers. These tools help adults manage content, control screen access, and protect children from online risks in an age-appropriate way. [Step-by-step guides to set parental controls on devices, apps and broadband – Internet Matters](#)

Lunch Orders

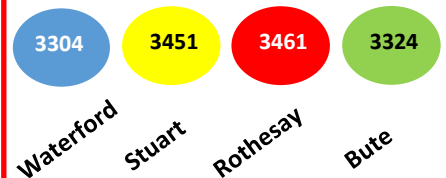
Following our plea in last week's headlines, we are continuing to have children arrive at school with a packed lunch when they have a hot lunch ordered. Please could we ask parents to carefully consider when ordering lunches? We will no longer be able to refund for the hot lunch, and for all those whose lunches are free please consider the waste of food, money and resources involved. Many thanks.

Parent Reps

We had a very productive meeting with our parent reps recently, and covered lots of topics. The minutes from our meeting are now [on our website](#).

House Point Totals

Incredibly close in the end, but the winner is Rothesay! We hope you enjoy the party.



Half Term Activities

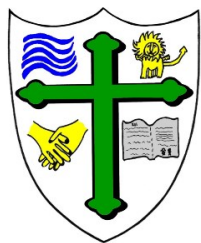
BCP Libraries are running lots of free half term activities and crafts. See our [website](#) for more details.

Exciting Website News

We have a new updated website launching on the 23rd February! However, this does mean that our current website will be offline from the 20th February for approximately 48 hours.

Year 4 Reporting on Bees

We are very proud of Y4's bee reports which will "bee" on display at Stewarts Garden Centre this half term.



More Headlines & Dates

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Dates	Event	Times	Location	Parents	Notes
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
12 Mar	School Nurse Drop in	9.00—10.00			Email the office the book a 10 min slot
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				
1 Jul	6G to Shore Sports				
2 Jul	6A to Shore Sports				
3 Jul	6C to Shore Sports				
23 Jul—	Summer Holidays				
12-14 Oct	Y6 Residential to PGL				