



Highcliffe Headlines

Courage Compassion Respect

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From Dinosaurs to Detectives—Bringing History to Life at HSMP

Our hall was taken over by some rather enthusiastic *little dinosaurs* this week as our Reception children practise their wonderful dino dance. Meanwhile, Year 2 have been exploring their history topic by moving dramatically like the spreading flames of the Great Fire of London. Year 3 have been putting their detective skills to the test while solving a mysterious missing marmalade case, and Year 5 enjoyed a fascinating trip to Athlehampton House, which enriched their learning beyond the classroom. We have greatly enjoyed welcoming parents into school for our Year 2 and Year 4 *Have a Go Heroes* events. It was lovely to see so many families learning and taking part together. We were also pleased to welcome Lisa Linscott, BCP Director of Education, who told us how much she enjoyed her first visit to our school. All this, and maths and English, too!

Easter Holiday Club

Holiday Club is scheduled to run during the Easter holidays Monday to Wednesday (other than Easter Monday 6th April). There will be lots of fun Easter and spring themed activities to keep your children entertained! Bookings are currently low so please ensure you book if you are interested so that the club is financially viable to run.

Clubs

Rippa Rugby are now taking bookings for the summer term, and Skateboarding Club are taking bookings too! Lots of options on our [website](#), please take a look.

National Year of Reading

2026 is the National Year of Reading and in celebration, BCP libraries have set five different reading quests to be completed. Please [see their website](#) for more information on how to take part.

Year 1 & 2 Science Quiz

Four Year 1 and 2 children took part in a Science Quiz at Mudeford Infants School this week and came **3rd** place! Ayvian loved the electricity, plants and helicopters. Orla really enjoyed the quiz and working as a team. Beatrice really enjoyed the experiments and Jake loved making the badges. Well done to you all—you were amazing!

Mother's Day Sale

We would like to say a BIG thank you to the army of volunteers who supported our Mother's Day Sale today. There were a wonderful array of gifts to choose from and the children loved carefully selecting something for their special person at home. We are looking forward to running something similar for the father figures in our children's lives later this year.

Parent Rep Feedback

Following their tour and opportunity to have lunch with the children we received some lovely feedback from a parent rep; "I was particularly impressed with how well the children are supported to meet their individual needs. The forest school provision was also a highlight, especially as it is accessible to all year groups. Throughout the school there was a calm and positive atmosphere. Pupils seemed engaged in their learning, and the dining hall was well organised and settled, with many happy faces!"

Football Fun for Year 4!

Our Year 4 development football team recently took part in a tournament at Chapel Gate, with a fantastic group of eight children representing the school. The team showed great enthusiasm and determination throughout the event, improving with every game they played. Their teamwork, resilience and positive attitude were evident from start to finish, truly embodying our core values both on and off the pitch. We are incredibly proud of their effort, sportsmanship and the progress they made across the tournament. A big well done to Oliver, Jacob, Elinor, Henry, Ellis, Braden, Clayton and Sierra.

New Menu!

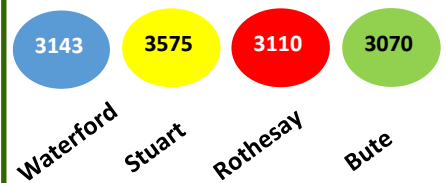
Our Children's Champions have tasted the new menu offers and we are pleased to say that the menu for after Easter has been added to our [website](#) and to Arbor so you can book lunches all the way up to the end of the academic year!

Disco tickets?

Now available to purchase on your Arbor account.

House Point Totals

Brilliant results from all Houses with Stuart House winning this week - well done everyone!

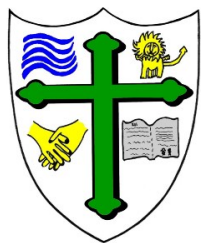


Interested in teaching?

We are hosting a primary teaching experience day on 14th April for anyone considering a career in teaching. Please visit [the IFT website](#) for more information and to sign up.

Best Start in Life

[Best start in life](#) is a government website full of useful answers to parent's questions.



More Headlines & Dates

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Dates	Event	Times	Location	Parents	Notes
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	Comic Relief				Uniform plus a red item—info to follow
20 Mar	Ready Steady School	10.00		Y	School readiness workshop, email to book
25 Mar	Fledglings Showcase	8.30-9.15	Fledglings	Y	Updated with new time and location
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				