



Highcliffe Headlines

Courage Compassion Respect

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Spring Has Finally Put a Spring In Our Step!

How wonderful has it been to see the sun shining across the school grounds, bringing out the spring flowers and plenty of smiles? We have been making the most of the warmer, brighter days with some "coats off" playtimes and outdoor PE. Let's hope for more! Our Easter Service this week nearly raised the rafters of St Mark's Church. Our new Vicar, Reverend Ian said he was really impressed with our readers and our singing and enjoyed the Service very much. It was clear the children did, too. A big THANK YOU to the many volunteers who helped us to walk to the Church safely. Your time was very much appreciated.

Our year 1 children and parents were Super Hero Learners this week and we hope those who came enjoyed their time in school. It's hard to believe that we are already approaching the end of the spring term—it seems to have flown by.

Foodbank Collection!

We will be collecting for Christchurch Foodbank over the last week of term, there will be collection points around the playground.

They are currently especially in need of UHT milk, beans and tinned veg but all donations welcome!

Boxes will be on the gates each morning, or just pop your donation into the office.

Jewelry In School

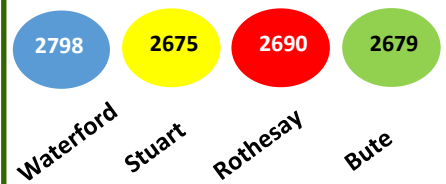
We have noticed a number of children wearing jewelry in school including rings, bracelets, necklaces and hoop earrings. We would like to remind parents that our policy is in place for the safety of the children and ask for your support to ensure that simple stud earrings are the ONLY item of jewelry worn by children in school. We will ask children to remove jewelry if they are wearing it in school.

HAF Programme

The Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) is a DfE initiative to provide fully funded holiday club places, with a hot meal, for children eligible for Free School Meals. BCP's full list of Easter HAF providers can be found on the [Family Information Directory](#).

House Point Totals

Close competition this week! A big well done to Waterford House!



Clubs

Please see [clubs page of our website](#) for details of external club providers, including DNA girls football on a Friday.

Meningitis

Following the outbreak in Kent, we have been reassured by the UKHSA that there is no increased risk in our area.

However, we have been asked to remind parents to ensure [routine vaccinations](#) are up to date and follow the same guidance to keep your child at home if they are not well enough to be in school.

We will continue to maintain hygiene standards in school to prevent the spread of all viruses.

Local Easter Activities

[Highcliffe Castle](#) are running outdoor and indoor Easter events for children. [CODA Music](#) are running a singer songwriter workshop.

School Nurse Drop-in

The school nurse will be paying us a visit again on 18th May, 2-3.00pm. If you would like an appointment to discuss any concerns you may have about your child, please email the school office.

Attendance Matters!

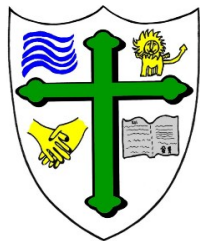
Our current school attendance is 94.4% and we would like to thank you for your support in making sure your children attend school regularly.

However, this still means that around 34 children are absent each day, equating to roughly 170 lessons missed daily.

Every lesson counts. If you need support with attendance, please get in touch, we're here to help.

Early Easter Finish

Reminder that we will finish an hour early next Friday 27th March for the Easter holidays.



More Headlines & Dates

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Dates	Event	Times	Location	Parents	Notes
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				
01 May	Friends Legoland Visit			Y	Tickets can be purchased here
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
18 May	School Nurse Drop-in	2.00-3.00			Please email the school office 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				