



Highcliffe Headlines

Courage Compassion Respect

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From Small Seeds Summer Success Will Grow

Welcome back to the first week of the summer term, it has been wonderful to see everyone returning with such enthusiasm, especially with the sunshine brightening our days. In worship this week, we reflected on the parable of the mustard seed, reminding us that even the smallest acts of courage, compassion, and respect can grow into something truly significant. This message has been a lovely way to begin the term, encouraging us all to nurture these values in our daily lives.

Year 3 enjoyed an exciting and enriching trip to Cranbourne Ancient Technology Centre to support their history learning, bringing the past to life in a hands-on way. We would like to extend a sincere thank you to the parents who generously gave their time to support this visit. Back at school, work has begun on our new climbing area, with the grounds currently being cleared ready for installation in May. The swimming pool has been spruced up and filled, looking fantastic and ready for use in the coming weeks. The field has had its first cut of the season, providing a perfect space for playtimes and athletics as we make the most of the warmer weather.

We are so excited about the term ahead and can't wait to welcome parents in to share our events.

External Club Providers

[On our website](#) we have a list of fantastic clubs that are run at our school by external providers, and many still with places available such as

New Forest Football—now open to children in Foundation, 1 & 2,

Wellbeing and Mindfulness for Y2 & 3,

Dance and Drama for Foundation, Y1 & 2,

Girls Football for Y 3 to 6, and

Acrobatic Arts Club for Y 3 to 6, and

Tennis for Y3 to 6

Please enquire and book directly with providers.

Incredible years programme

NHS Dorset and Action for Children are offering the Incredible Years Programme to parents and carers, free of charge. Running from Thursday 23 April for 12 weeks at the Somerford Hub

Times: - 10am arrival for a 10.15 start – finish at 12.30pm

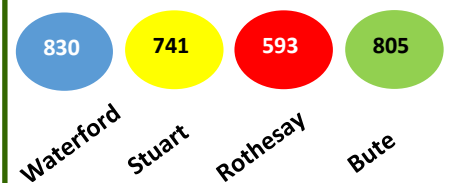
This is a fantastic opportunity for parents and carers. Please [use this link](#) to see more information and to complete a self-referral to request a place.

Any questions?

Our next class rep meeting is taking place next week. We will be discussing how we communicate with parents about children's progress, attainment and personal development through parents evenings, end of year reports and book looks. If you have any questions you would like answered, or have any suggestions for us to consider, please email the school office or message your class rep.

House Point Totals

What a fantastic start to the term with Waterford in the lead. Well done!



Acrobatic Arts Workshop

Over the next few weeks, children in Year 2 and 3 will be taking part in an Acrobatic Arts workshop during the school day. This is a club for children in Years 3 to 6, on Fridays 3:15-4:30pm. If your child enjoys this and would also like a free trial class before September, send an email to:

carouseldanceanddrama@gmail.com.

Free trials are open to any child in Years 2-6.

Attendance Matters

This week our whole school attendance increased to 96.9% which is fantastic but it still means that an average child is missing 6 days of learning in a school year. That's more than a week per average child. An improving picture means that more of our children are attending school regularly, unlocking their potential and building their confidence in learning.

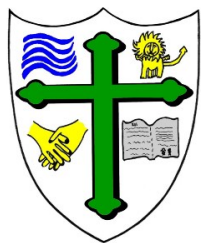
An Introduction to Autism & Neurodiversity

Linwood are running "An introduction to Autism and Neurodiversity for parents" course on May 19th at 9.30 here in school (as well as other dates in other locations). The session is free and there is no need for a diagnosis to attend. Please see more [information on our website](#) and details of how to book your place.

Girls Cricket

Bashley (Rydal) Cricket Club are running a Dynamos programme starting in May for girls aged 8 to 11.

See [website](#) for more information.



More Headlines & Dates

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Dates	Event	Times	Location	Parents	Notes
24 Apr	Y3 Celebration Assembly	2.20	KS2 Hall	Y	
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
05 May	Y5 Celebration Assembly	2.20	KS2 Hall	Y	
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				
21 May	Y2 Celebration Assembly	2.20	KS1 Hall	Y	
25—29 May	Half Term				Holiday Club running 26-27 May
01 Jun	Inset Day				
03 Jun	Foundation Longdown Farm Visit				
03 Jun	Fledglings Open Evening	5.00-6.00	Fledglings	Y	More information to follow
05 Jun	Bag2school Collection				
05 Jun	Foundation Celebration Assembly	2.20	KS1 Hall	Y	
10 Jun	New Parents Evening	5.30-6.30	KS1 Hall	Y	More information to follow
11 Jun	New Parent Open day & evening				More information to follow
16 Jun	4B visit to Winchester City Museum				
18 Jun	Y2 & 3 Sports Day	1.30—3.00	Field	Y	More information to follow
18 & 19 Jun	Y1 Visit to Blashford Lakes				
23 Jun	4J visit to Winchester City Museum				
25 Jun	4K visit to Winchester City Museum				
25 Jun	Fledglings Sports Day	11.00-12.00	Field	Y	More information to follow
25 Jun	F & Y1 Sports Day	1.30-3.00	Field	Y	More information to follow
26 Jun	Y1 Celebration Assembly	2.20	KS1 Hall		
30 Jun	Y4, 5 & 6 Sports Day	1.30-3.00	Field	Y	More information to follow
01 Jul	Y4 Celebration Assembly	2.20	KS2 Hall	Y	
01 Jul	New Foundation Bear Hunt	4.00-5.00		Y	More information to follow
01-03 Jul	Y6 to Shore Sports				
08 Jul	Meet the new teacher	3.30	Classrooms	Y	More information to follow
07 & 09 Jul	New Foundation Stay & Play	4.00-5.00	Foundation		More information to follow
10 Jul	Summer Fayre	3.20	Field	Y	
13 Jul	Reports to parents				
16 Jul	Y6 Leavers Disco				More information to follow
21 Jul	Fledglings "Fully Fledged" Event			Y	Details to follow
23 Jul—	Summer Holidays				
12-14 Oct	Y6 Residential to PGL				