



Highcliffe Headlines

Courage Compassion Respect

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Seeds of Change—Growing Learning and Flourishing Together

The field has dried out, and the fun in the sun has truly begun here at school! Children have been making the most of the brighter weather, enjoying athletics lessons in PE and taking their learning beyond the classroom into our wonderful school grounds—three cheers for the sunshine!

As part of our ongoing commitment to school improvement, we recently welcomed senior leaders from two local schools to review the teaching and learning of writing. Over the course of a full day, we observed lessons, spoke with children, and looked closely at their work. It was a pleasure to receive such positive feedback, recognising both the high standards we set for our pupils and our engaging, ambitious curriculum. We also gained some valuable ideas, which Mr Howard-Vale, our writing lead, and the wider leadership team are keen to develop further. I share this with you because it is something we can all feel proud of—the quality of our children’s work and the enthusiasm they bring to their learning. It was a real privilege to showcase this to fellow leaders.

We hope our Year 3 parents enjoyed their glimpse into the wonderful trip to Cranbourne during Friday’s celebration assembly as much as the children and staff enjoyed sharing it with you!

Y3 Trip to Cranbourne

The year 3 classes each enjoyed a fantastic trip to Cranbourne last week:

Amara- I enjoyed learning to weave, which would have been eventually used for a belt in the Stone Age, Selene- I loved using the Stone Age axe to cut the pieces of wood, Max- I enjoyed when they told us how they lived in the Stone Age and I got to put on a costume from the Iron age. It was very heavy, Joe—We watched Jen create a fire with a bow drill, Poppy—We learnt how to do weaving. "Wood to wood. Slide. Tap, tap, tap! Pull it through and change"! Tommy—I enjoyed making the bracelets from straw and watching the fire. The children all had a lot to say about their experiences.

Rugby

It was a fantastic day in the sunshine with all children showing our core values in droves! They played with smiles on their faces and played with unbelievable talent and determination. So many of the people running the event even said they were on fire, we were very proud of them! It was unfortunate that we went out in the knockouts but they could not have done any more and shone as bright as the sun! Well done to Dean, Martha, Toby, Benny, Reuben, Quinn, Mollie, Archie, William, Joseph, JJ, Kaspian, Arthur, Margot, Charlie, Monty, Robbie, Anthony, Addi, Effie, Thomas, Milo, and Oscar.

Inset Day—Friday 1st May

Just a reminder that school will be closed on Friday 1st May for an inset day.

Camper Vans

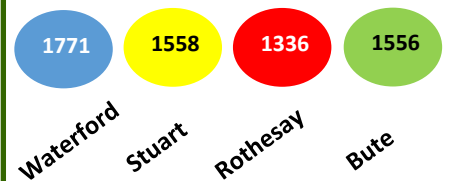
We are aware of the camper vans parked on Chewton Common Road and are liaising with Councillor Andy Martin and BCP council about this. If you have a specific concern, please get in touch with [BCP](#) or C’lIr Martin.

Parent Rep Meeting

We had another useful discussion in our Parent Rep meeting this week. These are valuable insights for the Leaders in School into parent perspective. Unfortunately, we only had 5 parents attending. If you would like to get involved please get in touch.

House Point Totals

Well done everyone! Waterford are still in the lead this week!



Thank you!

Mr Withey has been overwhelmed by the donations of football boots and trainer received and would like to say a huge thank you. They will make a real difference.

New Climbing Frame

We are delighted to share that our new climbing area will be installed soon. Work has already started with the old cricket nets being removed and the area cleared. Work begins on 19th May and should be complete within a week. This has been possible due to the amazing fundraising efforts of our Friends Team and the generous donations they receive from parents and our local community. Thank you!

Punctuality Matters

Arriving on time each morning is essential for your child’s learning and wellbeing. This week alone we have recorded 37 late marks across the school, and 70 in just two weeks—this quickly adds up and disrupts learning. Children who arrive late often miss the most important part of the day, when teachers explain the learning and set expectations. Please remember that any child arriving after 9:25am will be marked as having an unauthorised absence for the morning. Children arriving after 9:00am must be signed in by a parent or carer at the school office. Persistent lateness will be followed up by the school, and we are always here to offer support if needed.



More Headlines & Dates

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Dates	Event	Times	Location	Parents	Notes
24 Apr	Foundation & Y1 Disco		KS1 Hall		
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
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				