



# Highcliffe Headlines

Courage Compassion Respect

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## Busy Bees and Boogie Nights

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school after what I hope was a lovely and restful four-day Bank Holiday weekend with family and friends. The children have returned full of energy and enthusiasm, and it has been another busy and exciting week across the school. Our Year 3 pupils thoroughly enjoyed taking part in some free Acro taster sessions, where they demonstrated fantastic confidence and teamwork. In Foundation, the children had a brilliant time celebrating Mini-Beast Day and looked amazing in their creative costumes and outfits. Earlier this week, Year 5 delivered a truly wonderful Celebration of Learning Assembly, proudly sharing all of their hard work and achievements with families. We are also pleased that staff have now completed lifesaving training in preparation for the upcoming swimming sessions, and a letter with further information will be sent to parents very soon. There is great excitement building for the second of our school discos taking place on Friday evening, a fantastic event for the children to enjoy together. Thank you to Friends for organising these and to the parent volunteers keeping everyone safe and happy on the night.

## Uniform Sale

Friends will be holding a uniform sale, weather permitting, after school on the 18th May.

## Half Term at Hurst Castle

Hurst Castle are celebrating half term with a Code Breaker Trail as well as arts and crafts activities for all ages, all included in the admission price.

## Reading Challenge Update

Following the launch of our reading challenge to celebrate National Year of Reading 2026, we are delighted to announce that our school is already 65% of the way to our target of 1000 hours of reading, and nearly £330 has been raised for our school to spend on books. What a fantastic total so far!

Please find attached a poster with more information and a reminder of how to get involved.

## Competition time!

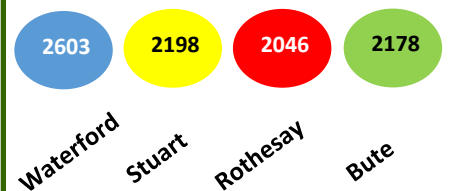
The Daily Echo are holding a competition for schools. If you collect tokens in the Bournemouth Daily Echo from next Monday 11th May to Friday 3rd July, and drop them in to our school office, we will have a chance of winning equipment and vouchers.

## Attendance

I am sure we all agree that regular school attendance is important for our children's futures. In response to parent feedback, we have developed a simple flow chart which explains what our next steps will be at school if we notice a child's attendance falls below the target of 97% and above. You can see this on our [website](#).

## House Point Totals

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



## Knife Crime Awareness Webinar

Please see the attached letter from Dorset Police with details of a webinar being held on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7pm addressing knife crime awareness and prevention. This is primarily for parents/carers of children aged 10-18, however those who have younger children are also welcome to join.

## 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.

## Community Wellbeing Event

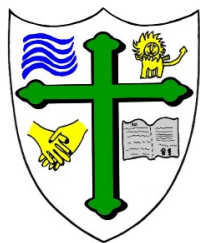
Christchurch Social Prescribing Team, in collaboration with BCP Leisure are holding a Community Wellbeing Event on Thursday 14th May 11am to 2pm at 2 Riversmeet Leisure Centre. Please see more information [online](#).

## Foundation Mini Beasts Day

Foundation were buzzing with excitement as they slid into the weekend dressed as mini beasts on Friday. The children (and staff) looked amazing and had a fantastic day exploring the miniature world of bugs. The children shared some wonderful thoughts about their day - "My friends look so different as minibeasts. It was amazing!", "There are lots of butterflies, but we all look different!", "I loved hunting for minibeasts in the nature area. We designed a minibeast and we're going to make them next week out of clay!"

## Coronation Cup Success!

We hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Coronation Cup on Tuesday this week and are delighted to announce that our teams came in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places, our best ever result in this tournament! Thank you to Mr Morgan for organising the event and congratulations to Jonah, Layla-Rose, Noah, Henry, George, Ewan, Regan, Joshua, Dexter, Harry, Ezra, Leo, Effie and Charlie. A brilliant team effort!



# More Headlines & Dates

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| Dates       | Event                                 | Times       | Location   | Parents | Notes                                  |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|------------|---------|--|
| 18 May      | School Nurse Drop-in                  | 2.00-3.00   |            |         | Please email the school office to book |
| 18 May      | Friends Uniform Sale                  | 3.00        | Playground | Y       |  |
| 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       |  |
| 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             |
| 17 Jul      | Y5 Fiver Challenge Sale               | 2.00—3.00   | KS2 Hall   | Y       |  |
| 21 Jul      | Fledglings “Fully Fledged” Event      |             |            | Y       | Details to follow                      |
| 23 Jul—     | Summer Holidays                       |             |            |         |  |
| 12-14 Oct   | Y6 Residential to PGL                 |             |            |         |  |