



Highcliffe Headlines

Courage Compassion Respect

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Highcliffe St Mark is Having All The Fun!

This week has been packed with exciting events and wonderful opportunities for our children to shine. On Tuesday afternoon, we were delighted to hold our first Sports Day of 2026 for Years 4, 5 and 6. The afternoon featured a mixture of competitive and non-competitive activities designed to showcase sporting skills, agility and speed. We were incredibly proud of all the children for their enthusiasm, determination and sportsmanship throughout the event. We hope that parents, carers and other visitors enjoyed the afternoon as much as we did.

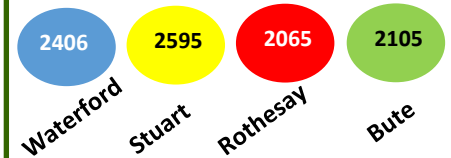
We also held a Mufti Day in support of the Friends' Summer Fayre, *Party in St Mark's*, which will take place next Friday after school. Thank you for the many generous donations received for the stalls – your support is greatly appreciated and will help make the event a great success.

On Wednesday evening, we were pleased to welcome our new Foundation Stage starters and their families. The children enjoyed hunting for our missing teddy bears, which proved to be a fantastic way to explore their new school environment and begin making happy memories at St Mark's.

We rounded off the week with a fabulous Celebration Assembly led by Year 4. The children reminded us just how close we are to the summer holidays with their enthusiastic rendition of Cliff Richard's *Summer Holiday*. It certainly brought plenty of smiles and helped capture the excitement of the season ahead.

House Point Totals

Well done to all! Some very close competition with Stuart in the lead.



End of Year Reminder

A reminder that we finish an hour before normal pick up time on 22nd July.

Transition

The time of year which is either loved or loathed by children and adults alike. We are in this together and we will be doing our very best to support the children to have a positive end to the year. If you are worried about your child, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

BCP SEND Local Offer Event

We are hosting a session about the BCP SEND local offer on 15th July at 4pm here at school. Please see attached poster for more information and click on the google forms link to book a place.

Thank you from Amelia's Rainbow

We had a lovely thank you this week from the Amelia's Rainbow Charity for raising £448.31 on our Christmas Jumper Day. Our donation will help them support children in the Dorset area with serious illness or complex disabilities. Thank you everybody!

Support Christchurch Harbour

BCP Environment and Place Committee will be debating the future of the protection of the Christchurch Harbour on July 15th at 6pm at the Civic Offices in Bournemouth. See the Christchurch Harbour and Marine Society website www.chams.info for more details on how to support their campaign to improve the waters of Christchurch.

Shore Sports Trip

Year 6 classes each had a fantastic day at Mudeford Quay for our Shore Sports trip. The weather has been lovely, making the perfect day to be out on the water. In the mornings, they took part in paddleboarding and kayaking, before working in teams to build rafts in the afternoon. They then tested their rafts to see if they would float with everyone on board – some did, but nobody minded ending up splashing about in the water! The days were wonderful, and everyone showed excellent teamwork, resilience and enthusiasm.

Oscar W said, "The paddleboarding was fun. I enjoyed playing "wobbleboard" and trying to get my partner to fall off!"

Ivey W said, "Raft building was really good. It was hard work but so funny - I enjoyed working together with my friends".

James said, "I liked paddle boarding because we did lots of falling in the water".

Shauna said, "I loved kayaking because you got to flip the kayak over and stand on top of it".

Domino Challenge

We had a fantastic 262 boxes of cereal donated for our domino challenge on Friday. Christchurch foodbank visited as we toppled the spiral that the children's champions created and we all came out to watch and cheer! It might be too late for the domino challenge but not too late to send in your cereal box as we will be taking them along to the foodbank at the end of next week. The foodbank are also asking for the usual tins, packets, long life milk. We would be happy to take these to the foodbank for you. Thank you for all your donations and a special mention to Grace in year 3 who donated 6 boxes of cereal bought with her own pocket money – compassion in action!



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Dates	Event	Times	Location	Parents	Notes
07 Jul	Fledglings Sports Day	11.00-12.00	Field	Y	
07 Jul	F & Y1 Sports Day	1.30-3.00	Field	Y	
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		
10 Jul	Summer Fayre	3.20	Field	Y	
13 Jul	Reports to parents				
13 Jul	Y2 & 3 Sports Day	1.30—3.00	Field	Y	
15 Jul	Y1 Book look	3.30—4.00	Classrooms	Y	A chance to look at your child's learning
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	9.00-10.30	Fledglings	Y	See letter for more information.
21 Jul	4K visit to Winchester City Museum	All day			
23 Jul—	Summer Holidays				
12-14 Oct	Y6 Residential to PGL				