



# Highcliffe Headlines

Courage Compassion Respect

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## First Days Done—What Will This Year Have in Store?

It was so wonderful to welcome you all back to school on Thursday. I'm not a fan of the quiet August weeks in school. It's not how schools should be! The happy smiling faces of both parents and children were a joy to see and our school is once again filled with the sight and sound of happy children learning and having fun together.

A very warm welcome to our new parents in Fledglings, Starlings, Nightingales and in other year groups across the school. It has been a really settled start for most children and we really look forward to getting to know you and your children.

This year, we hope to introduce some new initiatives which we aim to make our school even more inclusive and to ensure that every child in our school feels they belong, are thriving and enjoying their time in school. Keep an eye on your comms for more information throughout the year.

An exciting year lies ahead for us all and we are so happy to be heading into the academic year 2026-2027 with you all.

## Summer Reading Challenge

BCP's [Summer Reading Challenge](#) is still running until the 19th September so there is still time to finish your books and collect medals and certificates from the library.

## Clubs

We have a number of external providers running clubs after school. Please see our website for further information.

## Annual Shoebox Appeal

It might *only* be September (we know, you're still finding sand in your beach bag!), but it's already time to think about Christmas! Our Christmas Shoebox Appeal, run in partnership with the Rotary Club, is officially underway.

Shoeboxes can be collected outside the school from today, so grab one early and start filling it with thoughtful gifts.

The deadline to hand them into the office is 23rd October. See the leaflet attached for full information.

## Riding and Scooting to School

Please remember that children riding or scooting to school **MUST** wear a cycle helmet. Watch out for a variety of incentive schemes throughout the year and we encourage active travel to school!

## Nut and Sesame Free School

Please remember that we do have children and staff in school with severe allergies to nut and sesame. We ask all parents to be vigilant with the ingredients in packed lunches and snacks which come into school. Sesame in particular, can be hidden in products so it is important to check labels carefully. Thank you for your support in keeping all of our children and staff safe.

## PE days

We are continuing with the expectation that children come to school in their PE kit on their PE days this year. PE days for each year group are below:

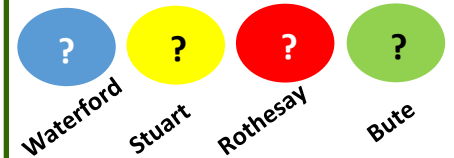
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| Monday    | Year 1     | Year 6 |
| Tuesday   | Year 2     | Year 3 |
| Wednesday | Year 5     |        |
| Thursday  | Year 4     |        |
| Friday    | Foundation |        |

Fledglings will come to the KS1 hall for movement activities on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Foundation parents**—you do not need to send your child in PE kit until after October half term. The children will still enjoy physical activity this half term in the hall, though.

## House Point Totals

We will begin collecting House Points soon—watch this space!



## Harvest Service

We are really looking forward to our Harvest Service in St Mark's Church this year which will take place on 1st October at 10.30am. We will be taking years 2, 4 and 6 and will need lots of parent helpers to walk to church with us. You would need to be available between 10.10am and 11.45am. If you can help, please get in touch. Please note the Service is only open to those who help walk to church as we fill the pews with children!

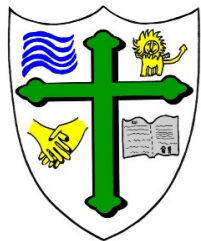
We will be collecting donations for Christchurch Foodbank in the week leading up to our Harvest Service.

## INSET Information

Ever wondered what happens in school on our INSET days? This September, our agendas were packed with training, meetings and we squeezed in a little classroom preparation, too!

Staff worked on:

- Data analysis—looking at how well the children performed last year in all curriculum areas
- Planning interventions for those who need a little extra support
- Developing confident and competent writers
- Supporting all children, at all ages with fundamental skills needed for good handwriting
- Benedict's Law—whole school allergy training
- Evaluating our successes and next steps as a school.



# More Headlines & Dates

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| Dates          | Event                                                   | Times     | Location | Parents | Notes                                        |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|---------|----------------------------------------------|
| 16 Sep         | Y6 Parent Information Evening                           | 3.30—4.15 | KS1 Hall | Y       | PGL                                          |
| 22 Sep         | Y5 Celebration Assembly                                 | 2.20      | KS2 Hall | Y       |                                              |
| 24 & 29 Sep    | Flu Immunisations                                       |           |          |         | Sign up through link in NHS letter           |
| 28 Sep & 2 Oct | Open Day—for those interested in joining our school     |           |          |         | Email the office to book a tour              |
| 30 Sep         | Open Evening—for those interested in joining our school | 5.30-6.30 | KS1 Hall |         | Email the office to book                     |
| 1 Oct          | Y2, 4 & 6 Harvest Festival                              | 10.30     | Church   | Y       | Parent helpers required, email the office    |
| 12—14 Oct      | Y6 PGL Residential                                      |           |          |         |                                              |
| 13 Oct         | Y4 Celebration Assembly                                 | 2.20      | KS2 Hall | Y       |                                              |
| 19 & 20 Oct    | Individual & sibling photographs                        |           |          |         |                                              |
| 21 Oct         | Y6 Celebration Assembly                                 | 2.20      | KS2 Hall | Y       |                                              |
| 23 Oct         | INSET Day                                               |           |          |         |                                              |
| 26—30 Oct      | Half Term                                               |           |          |         |                                              |
| 3 & 12 Nov     | Parent Consultations                                    | 3.30-6.30 | KS1 Hall | Y       | More information to follow                   |
| 11—18 Nov      | PSHE Life-Ed Tent                                       |           |          |         |                                              |
| 20 Nov         | Y3 Celebration Assembly                                 | 2.20      | KS2 Hall | Y       |                                              |
| 2 Dec          | Fledgling Showcase & Parent Meetings                    |           |          | Y       | More information to follow                   |
| 3 & 7 Dec      | Y1 Nativity                                             | 2.15      | Church   | Y       | <b>Dates TBC</b> —More information to follow |
| 4 & 8 Dec      | Y2 Nativity                                             | 9.30      | KS1 Hall | Y       | More information to follow                   |
| 8 & 10 Dec     | Foundation Nativity                                     | 9.30      | KS1 Hall | Y       | More information to follow                   |
| 10 Dec         | Christmas Jumper Day                                    |           |          |         |                                              |
| 14-18 Dec      | Christmas Party Week                                    |           |          |         | More Information to follow                   |
| 18 Dec         | Last day of term—finish 1 hour early                    |           |          |         |                                              |