



# Highcliffe Headlines

Courage Compassion Respect

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## Curtains up on our Christmas celebrations!

The stage is up, the props and costumes are being organised, and rehearsals are now well underway across the school as we prepare for our upcoming nativities and carol concert. This week has seen a return of the colder weather, so please ensure all children are bringing in a warm coat. Please make sure to read the [Christmas Headlines](#) sent out last week for more details about the exciting three weeks ahead. We look forward to seeing as many families as possible at our mini school fayre next Friday!

## ECO Update

At our school, we've been working hard to educate children about the challenges of recycling single-use plastics. For several years, we've collected soft plastics from lunchboxes and recycled them at a local supermarket. Now, we'd like to take the next step! We're encouraging every child to become a "Lunchbox Superhero" by reducing the amount of soft plastic used in their lunch preparation. Many lunch items, such as sandwiches, fruit, and vegetables, stay fresh in airtight containers and don't need to be wrapped in plastic. Reusable alternatives, like beeswax wraps or silicone covers, are much more environmentally friendly. By making small changes together, we can make a big difference!

## Leg it to Lapland Challenge—Active Travel

We are teaming up with sustainable transport charity Walk Wheel Cycle Trust (formally Sustrans) to help reduce traffic and pollution by encouraging our pupils to walk, cycle, or scoot to school. We're taking part in the 'Leg it to Lapland' challenge from December 1st–5th, competing with other local schools to reach 2,116 virtual miles. Every active journey (on foot or wheels) adds to our total! The school with the highest average of active journeys per pupil wins an assembly and skateboarding demonstration by Team Rubicon and skateboarding sessions for 180 pupils. Daily prizes include a 'Rudolph's nose ticket' for one lucky active traveller, and a chance to win one of three scooters for pupils who go the extra mile. Help us win! Walk, cycle, or scoot to school. If you must drive, park 5-10 minutes away and walk the rest, or team up with a walking friend.

## Fledglings Update

We can't believe that Fledglings Pre-School has been open for nearly a whole term! The staff and children have been busy building friendships, learning through play, and exploring the amazing forest area. On the 9th of December, we are holding an open evening from 4.30–5.30pm in Fledglings, please come along to meet some of the adults and have a look around the provision if you are interested in the pre-school. You can also follow their Facebook page for updates and information.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1Gh5tjYw1G/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

## Local Festive Events

Highcliffe Castle are holding a Christmas Tree Festival and Family trail and have given us a special [discount code](#) to share with you. The RNLI in Lymington are holding a [fundraiser on December 6th](#), with Santa arriving by boat! Please see our [local events page](#) for more information about these and others.

## Train to teach!

If you are interested in training to become a teacher, of primary or secondary, contact Train to Teach with Inspiring Future Teachers at the Dorset Hub in Highcliffe School. Contact information available on [our website](#).

## Winter mini-challenge

Following the success of the Summer Reading Challenge, BCP Libraries have organized a Winter Mini Challenge. Please see more information on how to sign up [on our website](#).

We look forward to seeing the children's certificates, happy reading!

## Y6 Indoor Athletics

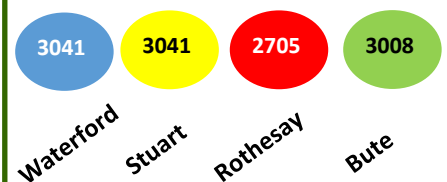
On Tuesday 16 of our year 6 took part in an athletics event with 3 other schools at The Grange. The children took part in mixture of running, throwing and jumping events. They did us proud, supporting each other and showing resilience and eventually coming a very close 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Throughout the whole event they represented the school fantastically.

## Catch up school photo sessions

If your child missed their school photo this year, Fraser Portrait have arranged two extra shoots after school next week in Broadstone and Kinson. See more information [on our website](#) if you would like to book a slot.

## House Point Totals

Neck and neck at the top of the table! Great points totals!





# More Headlines & Dates

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Dates	Event	Times	Location	Parents	Notes
01 Dec	School Nurse Drop in	9.00		Y	Email the office to book
01 Dec	PINS Coffee Morning	11.30	Kitchen	Y	Email the office to confirm attendance
04 Dec	Y1 Nativity	2.15	Church	Y	
05 Dec	Y2 Nativity	9.30	KS1 Hall	Y	
05 Dec	Xmas Jumper Day for Xmas donations				More information to follow
05 Dec	Friends mini Xmas Fayre	3.30-5.00	KS2 Hall	Y	
08 Dec	Y1 Nativity	9.30	KS1 Hall	Y	
08 Dec	Y2 Nativity	2.00	KS1 Hall	Y	
09 & 11 Dec	Foundation Nativity	9.30	KS1 Hall	Y	
09 Dec	Fledglings Open Evening	4.30-5.30	Fledglings	Y	Please email the office to book in
09 Dec	Carols by Torchlight	5.00-6.30	KS2 Playground	Y	
11 Dec	Xmas Jumper Day for Amelia's Rainbow				
19 Dec	End of term				Finish 1 hour early
5 Jan	Inset Day				
15 Jan	Y3 & 5 Science Dome Visit				During school day
20 Jan	Y1 Crazy Creatures Visit		Year 1		
11 Feb	Y2 Problem Solving Day		Year 2		During school day
16–20 Feb	Half term				
18 Mar	Fledglings Open Evening	4.30-5.30	Fledglings	Y	Please email the office to book in
20 Mar	Ready Steady School	10.00		Y	School readiness workshop, email to book
30 Mar–10 Apr	Easter Holidays				
15 Apr	3R visit to Ancient Technology Centre				
16 Apr	3F visit to Ancient Technology Centre				
17 Apr	3O visit to Ancient Technology Centre				
01 May	Inset Day				
15 May	Ready Steady School	2.00		Y	School readiness workshop, email to book
19 May	Y2 visit to Winchester Science Museum				
25–29 May	Half Term				
01 Jun	Inset Day				
03 Jun	Foundation Longdown Farm Visit				
18 Jun	1S Blashford Lakes				
19 Jun	1G & 1W Blashford Lakes				
23 Jul–	Summer Holidays				



Please see Christmas Headlines for lots more festive dates!