



Highcliffe Headlines

Courage Compassion Respect

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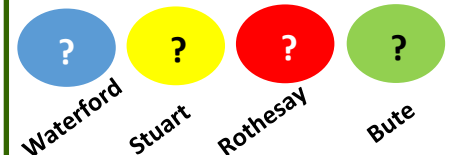
Off to a Great Start!

It has been wonderful to see the children settled in their new classes this week. I have had the pleasure of seeing every class focused, attentive and enjoying their learning this week. Teachers have been so impressed with how much effort the children are showing and also how smart they look in their uniforms.

New this year is a weekly challenge aimed to develop the purpose of House Points and to develop children's sense of pride, belonging and citizenship. This week we asked the children to think about the importance of being respected and of showing respect and we awarded House Points and our Star Award based on this personal challenge. Keep an eye on our House points section for next week's challenge each week.

House Point Totals

Next week—Earn house points by welcoming others, inviting children to join games and showing kindness to new classmates. Totals coming soon!



Parking

Please remember to park and drive safely around school. We are aware it is busy and many of you are in a hurry but please make the safety of our community your top priority. Parking on double yellow lines is particularly dangerous and we would like to encourage all parents to [report unsafe parking to BCP](#).

Super Heroes Party!

St Mark's church is hosting a Super Heroes Party on 9th October 4.30-6.00pm. See poster for more details.

External Club Providers

Now the children are settled back at school, they may wish to explore our after school clubs and activities. These include rugby, football, tennis, basketball, dance and drama, acrobatics, multi-sports, dodgeball, skateboarding and choir. For more information and book your child a space, please [see our website](#).

Social Media Guide

Specialist Officers in Dorset Police have put together a new guide to help parents navigate parental controls for their children when using social media and messaging apps: [Social media user guide | Dorset Police](#)

Young Artists Open Call

Coda are inviting young artists, age 4 to 18 to submit artwork on the theme of play for an exhibition in November. See [website](#) for more information.

Soundstorm Creative Ensemble

We have been asked to share information about Soundstorm's Creative Ensemble. It is open to all musicians and singers age 10-17, of all abilities. [See website](#) for more information.

We Are Smart-Phone Free

We wanted to thank our whole community for embracing the launch of our Smart-Phone Free School initiative. We have seen parents actively thinking about putting their phone away as they enter the gates at drop-off and pick up and our children are respecting the new expectations, too. Together we are making a difference to the lives of our young people. Thank you for your support!

A New Strategic Plan For Our School

We are delighted to share our new [Governors' Strategic Plan](#), which outlines our aspirations for the school's future. Developed collaboratively by governors and school leaders, the plan identifies the key priorities we will focus on over the next three to five years. It provides a clear sense of direction and helps ensure that our school continues to grow and improve, while remaining true to our Christian vision and commitment to helping every child flourish. We look forward to working with our whole school community as we bring this plan to life.

FACE Family Advice

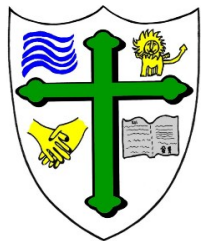
FACE - Offers a wide range of expert-led online workshops and resources to help parents support their child's emotional wellbeing, behaviour, learning, and special educational needs. As a school member, you can access these workshops free of charge, so please contact the school office for your login credentials. Further information is available [on the school website](#).

School Nurse Drop – In

The school nurse will be paying us a visit again on 15th October 9.00-10.00. If you would like an appointment to discuss any concerns you may have about your child, please email the school office.

Flu Immunisation Programme

A reminder to register your child for their flu immunisation by **Thur 24th Sept**. Please see the [letter sent](#) with further details.



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	
15 Oct	School Nurse Drop-in	9.00-10.00			Email the office to book a slot
19 & 20 Oct	Individual & sibling photographs				
21 Oct	Y6 Celebration Assembly	2.20	KS2 Hall	Y	
22 Oct	Foundation Welcome Service	2.00	Church		
23 Oct	INSET Day				
26—30 Oct	Half Term				
3 & 12 Nov	Foundation—Y6 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	
20 Nov	Y1 & 2 Disco	5.00-6.15	KS1 Hall		More information to follow
2 Dec	Fledgling Showcase & Parent Meetings			Y	More information to follow
3 & 7 Dec	Y1 Nativity	2.15	Church	Y	More information to follow
4 Dec	Y2 Nativity	9.30	KS1 Hall	Y	More information to follow
4 Dec	Y3 & 4 Disco	5.30-7.00	KS2 Hall		More information to follow
4 Dec	Y5 & 6 Disco	7.15—8.45	KS2 Hall		More information to follow
8 & 10 Dec	Foundation Nativity	9.30	KS1 Hall	Y	More information to follow
8 Dec	Y2 Nativity	2.00	KS1 Hall	Y	More information to follow—note updated time
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				