



5th October 2026

Highcliffe Headlines

Headteacher's message

Welcome to our new look school newsletter. We hope you like our new way of sharing what's been happening in school and what we are looking forward to. Over the coming weeks, you will see a growing number of contributors to your weekly Highcliffe St Mark round up!

As we said farewell to September and welcomed a new month this week, we can take some time to reflect on all that we have achieved so far in school. Our children have been giving their all in their lessons and are now really settled with the routines of their new classes. House Points have been awarded to many children for showing our core values and we have been super impressed with positive attitudes and determination to succeed.

October marks the end of summer and the beginning of the change of the season and we celebrated this with a fabulous Harvest Service at church this week. Well done to all of the children who did a reading for us and thank you to the adults who walked with us and to those who contributed to our fantastic haul for Christchurch foodbank.

Dates for your diary

9th October

Rocket Day - be at the launch site for 3.30pm

12th - 14th October

Y6 Residential PGL

13th October

Y4 Celebration Assembly

15th October

School Nurse Drop-in

For more dates please see the calendar on our website.

Attendance Matters

Weekly Winner

Year 3 have last week's top attendance with **98.1%**

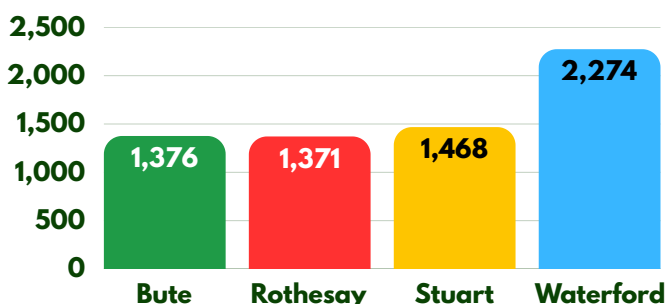
Whole School attendance so far this year is  **96.3%**

Our target attendance is 97%

House Points

Following on from our Harvest celebration where we explored being grateful and compassionate, next week we are awarding House Points for showing your gratitude to others - let's remember to say thank you!

Totals so far: Autumn 1





Half Term Activities

As you are aware, we are unable to run our holiday club this half term. We have been asked to share various other options which may be of interest:

Supercamps at Talbot Heath School

Forest Schools in Christchurch

New Forest Football Academy in Highcliffe

Soundstorm Creative Ensemble

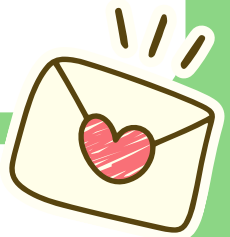
Soundstorm's Creative Ensemble is returning on 10th October, for all musicians age 10-17, any ability or instrument - including voice. See their website for more information.

Active Travel

This year we are taking part in a drive to increase active travel to and from school. Teachers are taking a survey each day of how our children get to school and our eco team will be collating the data throughout the year. We will be finding ways to encourage parents and children to leave the car at home or a little further away from school, in an effort to improve our air quality and our wellbeing!

A Lovely Message

As Headteacher, I am often blessed with visitors to my office, keen to share something they are proud of but also sometimes, like Eva last year, to challenge my thinking on things that happen at school. We encourage our children to find their voice and they always do so with great respect. This week, Phoebe from year 5 visited with this wonderful handwritten message: "**Why I Love School.** I love school because my friends make me feel special and like I belong. You make all of us feel safe and like school can be a favourite place to come and learn and be respectful." Wow Phoebe, thank you for your beautiful thoughts, I am very glad to hear how special your time in school is to you.



Class Rep Meeting

Next week we will have our first Class Rep meeting of the year. If you have something you would like as an agenda item at one of these meetings please let your Class Rep know or contact the school office. Next week, we will be discussing our Houses and House points systems. It's not too late to get involved as many classes still need a Rep. If you want to come to a meeting before committing, you would be welcome to come along to our first meeting on Wednesday 7th October 5.30-6.30pm. Please email the office to let us know to expect you.



National Space Week

We will be celebrating National Space week in style at HSMP next week with our exciting Rocket Day plans culminating in an actual launch of a rocket at the end of the day! We hope lots of parents are able to join us as we zoom into the weekend next week! There are further details in the letter emailed to parents on Thursday.



Clubs News

A few of our staff team have kindly offered to run an after school club again this year. We will be sharing more information about what is available very soon so keep an eye on your emails.



Pupil Voice

Over the last few years, we have been working to increase the variety and number of ways our children can share their ideas and thoughts about their school. This important life skill builds children's understanding of democracy and shows them that they can make a difference. There are many ways that children can get involved including:

Children's Champions
Eco Captains and Reps
Reading Ambassadors
Play Leaders and Bronze Ambassadors
Digital Leaders
Anti-Bullying Champions
Arts Council
House Captains (Y6)

This year our maths leaders are also introducing maths ambassadors. From helping us to design our next phase of the climbing area to supporting active travel and designing artwork for our school and local area, our children really are flying the HSMP flag well!

