16th October 2026

Highcliffe Headlines

Headteacher's message

Our School has felt a little strange this week, especially at the beginning and end of the week. The top end of the corridor was super quiet as Year 6 left school on their PGL adventure. We were incredibly proud of them all as they embraced the challenges which being away from home, some for the very first time, brings as well as pushing their limits with physical and mental challenges throughout their time at Osmington Bay. Well done to Year 6 and a big Thank You to the staff team who accompanied the children and made the trip such a success.
As PGL ended another exciting day began at the other end of the school as our Year 1 children and staff transformed into Superheroes for the day on Friday. Actually, I think Year 1 are superheroes without a costume and cape anyway - they really are amazing little people who try hard and do their best every day. Well done Year 1.
As we approach the end of our first half term, I think we can all look back with pride at all that has been achieved at HSMP since we returned in September We look forward to sharing more with parents at our consultations after the break.

Dates for your diary

19th - 20th October
Individual & sibling photographs
21st October
Y6 Celebration Assembly
22nd October
Reception Welcome Church Service
Shoebox Appeal deadline
23rd October
INSET day - school closed for staff training

New Dates

No new dates

For more please see the calendar on our website.

Attendance Matters

Weekly Winner

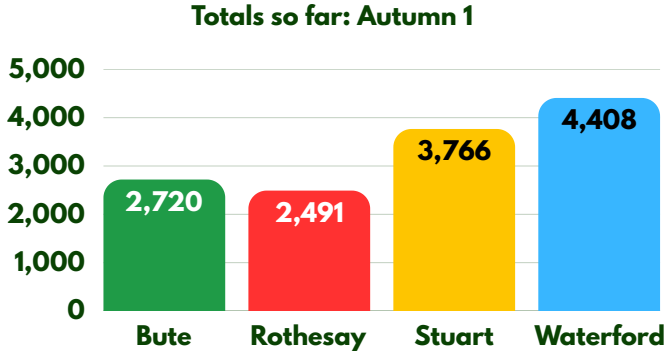
Year 3 have last week's top attendance with **97.6%**

Whole School attendance so far this year is **96.2%**

Our target attendance is 97%

House Points

This week we are focusing on courage and justice, with the story of the David and Goliath. We will be rewarding acts of bravery and courage with house points.



Inset Day Reminder

Next Friday 23rd October is an inset day and school will be closed to the children.
School will close for half term at the usual time on Thursday 22nd October.
Wishing you all a fun half term week.

Extra Curricular Activities

We would like to draw your attention to the fantastic array of enrichment opportunities available at our school.
We have just sent out a letter with our offer of teacher-led clubs for this academic year. There are still some spaces available so please have a look to see if any of those tickle your fancy.
Meanwhile, external providers offer a range of other activities; rugby, choir, football, skateboarding, dodgeball, acrobatics, dance and drama, basketball and multi-sports.
If your child is eligible for Targeted Free School meals and interested in taking part in a club, please email to check whether we can fund a space.

British Values Challenge

This half term, our children have been learning about the British Values, and we would love to encourage them to continue discussing and sharing their understanding at home with their families.
Over the next 4 weeks, we'll be sharing a simple task or question each week, linked to one of the four British Values. These activities can be completed at home and then shared back at school, helping us to celebrate the children's ideas, thoughts and learning together. 🏡🏫
Our four values are:
🗳️ Democracy
⚖️ The Rule of Law
🌟 Individual Liberty
🤝 Mutual Respect and Tolerance
We'd love our families to get involved, share their ideas and help us bring these important values to life in our school community.

This week's challenge: Democracy!
If your family could vote for ONE new activity to have at school, what would you choose and why?
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Tell us your choice by jotting your ideas on a post-it note or piece of paper and handing them in to Mrs Fuller or Mr Withey's office before next Thursday. Remember, everyone gets a voice, and every vote counts. 💬

Fledglings Exploring and Learning

We have been having a very busy and exciting time here at Fledglings Pre-School! Our little Fledglings have settled in wonderfully, and it is hard to believe that we are already approaching half term.
Over the past few weeks, we have been busy exploring our pre-school environment, discovering all the wonders of our beautiful woodland area, and enjoying lots of exciting adventures over at the big school. Every day brings new opportunities for learning, exploration, and fun!
We have also been learning all about how to become 'Ready Robins', 'Respectful Rabbits', and 'Safe Squirrels'. The children have been working hard to demonstrate these important values through their kindness, independence, and positive choices, and we are incredibly proud of how well they are doing.
We look forward to continuing our adventures at Fledglings as we learn all about what Autumn-time brings!

Super Learning in Year 1

Year 1 have had a **super** week! We have been thinking about what it means to be a **super** friend, showing kindness, helping others and working together. We have also been exploring what makes us **super** learners, thinking about perseverance, curiosity and having a positive attitude towards our learning. To finish our fantastic week, the year 1 children transformed into superheroes. “I really liked making my **super v**egetable”- Amelia in Wrens. “The superhero party was my favourite” -River in Wrens. “I loved doing the superhero dance in the hall” Hector in Greenfinches. “Showing everyone my costume and dancing was the best” Poppy in Greenfinches. "I liked drawing my own superhero"- Bella in Swifts. "I enjoyed designing my own super hero cape"- Lydia in Swifts.

Year 5 Computing Day

Last week, Year 5 enjoyed an exciting Computing Day where they combined their computing skills with their learning about Apollo 13.
The children spent the day designing and creating their own websites, using Canva to customise their pages and make them engaging for visitors.
One pupil explained, "On our computing day we made a website about Apollo 13." Another added, "It was really fun because we were using Canva and we made lots of customisations."
As well as creating websites, the children learned about the importance of staying safe online. One child said, "We played Interland to teach us about being kind online and to be safe online."
The pupils also developed their web design skills by adding extra features to their sites: 'we also added links and pictures to the website."
The day was filled with creativity and digital learning, helping the children become more confident users of technology.
Summing up the day, the children said, "We really enjoyed our computing day!"



Year 5 & 6 Girls Football Tournament

Miss Atkinson had the pleasure of taking some of the YR5 and YR6 girls to a football tournament at Chapel Gate on Tuesday. All the girls and Miss Atkinson can agree that we had a great time and were all proud to represent Highcliffe whilst playing against four other local schools. Sadly, the girls did not win the tournament, however it has not knocked their confidence for future games! Daisy perfectly said, " Even though it was most of our first time playing, I think we did really well!" A huge well done Edie, Milli, Daisy, Hazel, Evelyn, Elinor, Ella, Ruslana and Charlotte.

Vocal Gem Singing Lessons coming to Highcliffe!

We had a performance today by Jo Stevens in assembly, Jo is a professional musician whose songs have been featured on hit American TV shows, one of which she performed today. Jo has been working with vocal groups in our school culminating in performances by “Six Degrees” at Summerfest and a performance in front of the whole school. Due to popular demand she is opening an after school class “Vocal Gem”, a small group singing lesson using microphones for ages 9+. There are only 8 spaces per class, so if you are interested, please email jo@vocalgem.co.uk” or visit the bookings site https://vocalgem.pembee.app/. Lessons will take place at HSMP on a Monday between 3.15 & 4.15 starting after half term.



BCP Information on Food Support for Families

BCP have asked us to share this with you. Following changes to government funding, supermarket vouchers for school holidays will no longer be issued from October half term 2026 onwards. Families can continue to access a range of food and financial support, including Let's Talk Money programme, crisis payments, community food support, Free School Meals, Holiday Activities and Food (HAF), Healthy Start Scheme, Crisis Payments, energy support and money advice.

We've created a new Food Support for Families page on the Family Information Directory (FID), bringing together information about food, money and practical support available to families across Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole.

The page also links to the Access to Food Map, where families can find local food banks, community fridges, food pantries, social supermarkets and community meals close to where they live.

Whether you're facing financial difficulties or need a little extra help, there are organisations across Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole ready to support you.

👉 Food Support for Families

Worry Monster Workshop

We have been asked to share information about this event running over half term with our community.

