13th November 2026

Highcliffe Headlines

Headteacher's message

As we move further into November, the crisp mornings and colder temperatures are certainly reminding us that winter is on its way. Our children definitely need their coats in school now!

I was fortunate to attend a Headteachers' Conference this week, where former football manager Harry Redknapp spoke about leadership. One point in particular stayed with me. He said that the most important part of leadership is the relationships you build, taking the time to notice people, get to know them and understand that you never know what someone may be going through or what support they might need.

As I reflected on this afterwards, I realised that this is one of the things that makes our school such a special place. Whether it is a member of staff taking the time to encourage a child, children showing kindness to one another, or colleagues supporting each other through busy days, we work hard to ensure that everyone feels seen, valued and cared for. While our school is full of wonderful opportunities and achievements, it is these relationships that sit at the heart of everything we do.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our recent parent consultation meetings. I hope you found these conversations helpful and informative as we continue to work together to support your children's learning and development.

Finally, thank you to everyone who supported our recent pop-up bookshop. Every purchase helps us move closer to our goal of refreshing and enhancing our school libraries this year with exciting new books that will inspire a lifelong love of reading in our children.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Dates for your diary

11th to 18th November

PSHE Life Ed Tent

16th November

Odd Socks Day

18th & 20th November

FRIENDS Christmas Wreath Making

20th November

Y3 Celebration Assembly

Y1 & 2 Disco

New Dates

No new dates this week

For more please see the calendar on our website.

Attendance Matters

Weekly Winner

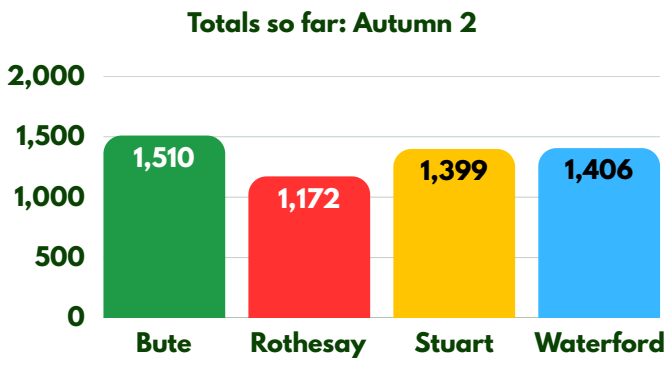
Year 6 have last week's top attendance with **96.0%**

Whole School attendance so far this year is **95.9%**

Our target attendance is 97%+

House Points

Gift Sharing Challenge: Next week points will be awarded to house members for using a talent to help someone else learn, improve or succeed.



Year 4

During the next few weeks, children in Year 4 are visiting Fledglings in small groups to read to them. Our children always enjoy the opportunity to spend time with the younger children in school, so we have arranged with the Fledglings team to make this possible. We hope it will provide the children with a really lovely reading experience, as well as the opportunity to be role models and supportive towards our youngest children in school.

Reception's First Discovery Day All about Autumn

What a wonderful (but chilly!) day we've had exploring all on offer in our school grounds. We had so much fun in our forest area, making dens, looking for bugs and hunting for the most crunchiest, orange and red leaves as possible. We warmed up with delicious vegetable soup - thank you to our Kitchen Team. Using our senses we have made observations of seasonal changes happening in our environment. Here's to our Winter Discovery Day coming soon!

Clubs

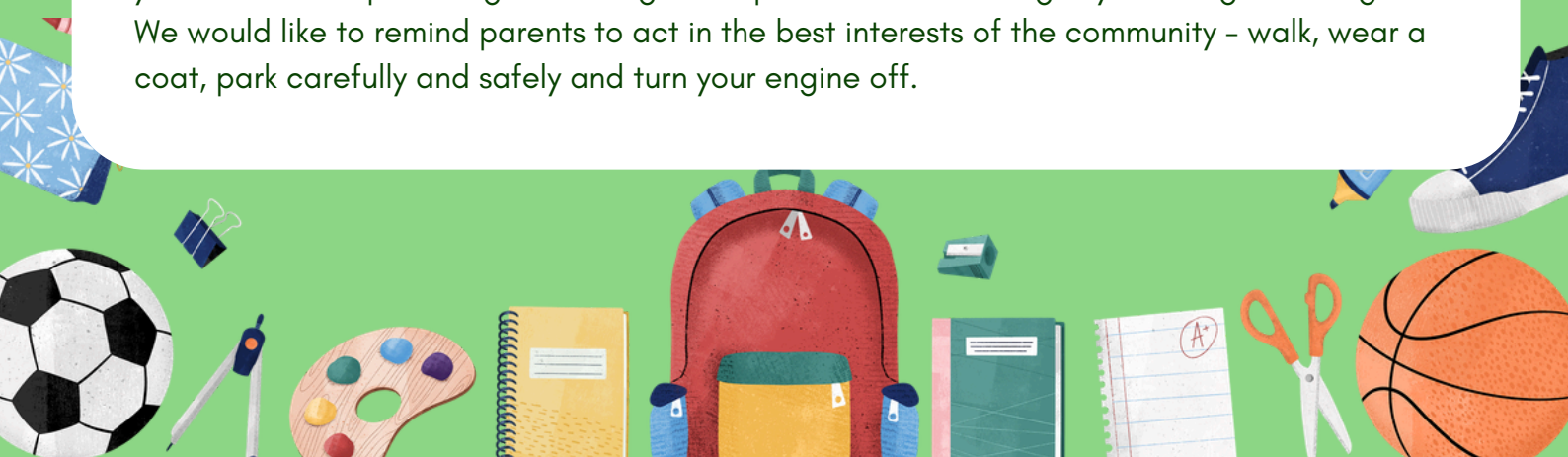
We have a whole array of after school clubs, run by external providers, on our school site. They are all on our website, under Information, Beyond the school day - clubs, external providers.

Parent Governor Nominations

This week we have sent out a letter with information about a parent governor vacancy, and emails with a link to an online nomination platform. We are currently asking for nominees to put themselves forward for election. If you would like more information or have any queries please get in touch.

Road Safety

As the weather gets colder, we know that the temptation to drive to school, park as close as you can and keep the engine running to keep warm while waiting in your car gets stronger! We would like to remind parents to act in the best interests of the community - walk, wear a coat, park carefully and safely and turn your engine off.



Could Your Child Be Eligible for Free School Meals?

Recent Government changes mean that more families may now qualify for Free School Meals. This includes some families who have an immigration status known as 'No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF)', which means they cannot access certain benefits.
If your family has NRPF status, you may still be able to receive Free School Meals if your household income is below:

Number of Children	Household income
1 child	Up to £29,400 per year
2 or more children	Up to £37,300 per year

It is also worth checking whether you are eligible for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium even if you do not have NRPF status.
Pupil Premium is additional Government funding provided to schools to help support eligible children with their learning and wider school experience. Families may qualify if they receive certain benefits, including Universal Credit.
If you think your child may be eligible, or if you are unsure, please contact the school office in confidence. We will be happy to help you check eligibility and guide you through the application process. All enquiries will be treated sensitively and confidentially.
Even if your child receives Universal Infant Free School Meals in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, it is still important to apply if you think you may be eligible, as this could allow the school to receive additional funding to support your child's education.

Odd Socks Day Reminder

Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-bullying week. To show our support, children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks on **Monday 16th November**. We are excited to see all the different, colourful and creative odd sock combinations on display! You can find further information about Odd Socks Day here.

BCP Libraries Reading Bingo!

BCP libraries are inviting you to take part in their Book Bingo challenge!
Pick up a Reading Bingo card from any BCP library
Complete 1 row of challenges in any direction, or 5 challenges of your choice
Return your completed card by 31st December for a chance to win a £50 book token!



AIM Together

Wellbeing Cafes

Listening • Connecting • Shared Meals • Support • Family

A free & welcoming space for families to drop in & unwind...



- Join us for home cooked meals & hot drink refreshments
- Get invovled in fun, creative opportunities, physical activities & play for the whole family
- Chat through life with informal Weekly Wellbeing Topics and our quiet 1:1 drop in space.

AIM CREEKMOOR
TUESDAYS | 5.00 - 6.30PM TERM TIME
Creekmoor Youth Centre, Northmead Drive, Poole, BH17 9X3

AIM KINSON TERM TIME
THURSDAYS | 4.00 - 5.30PM
East Howe Youth Centre, Kinson Road, Bournemouth, BH10 5HD

NOVEMBER

FREE

TUE 03	VEGGIE CHILLIE & RICE HOT TOPIC: SAFE COMMUNITTIES FOOTBALL IN THE HALL
THU 05	VEGGIE CHILLIE & RICE HOT TOPIC: SAFE COMMUNITTIES PAPER HOUSES & GAMES IN THE HALL
TUE 10	JACKET POTATOES HOT TOPIC: LET'S TALK MONEY FAMILY QUIZ
THU 12	COOKING WORKSHOP: SAVOURY PANCAKES HOT TOPIC: LET'S TALK MONEY INFORMATION STAION WITH MARTIN FROM CAN
TUE 17	COOKING WORKSHOP: SAVOURY PANCAKES HOT TOPIC: RELATIONSHIPS PUZZLE RACE
THU 19	LOADED NACHOS HOT TOPIC: RELATIONSHIPS FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS & FAMILY QUIZ
TUE 24	SPAGHETTI ARRABBIATA & GARLIC BREAD HOT TOPIC: LET'S TALK ANXIETY FAMILY BINGO & QUIZ
THU 26	SPAGHETTI ARRABBIATA & GARLIC BREAD CANCER AWARNESS TALK FROM CAN IN THE CAFE SPORT CIRCUITS & GAMES IN THE HALL

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