



Highcliffe News



Welcome to the last newsletter of 2025!

It has been another very busy half-term at Highcliffe with many of our Christmas celebrations taking place.

Our EYFS children, supported by our wonderful EYFS team, gave two fantastic performances to the parents and carers. It has been great to see the youngest members of our school community grow in confidence over the autumn term.

Years 1 to 6 spread a little Christmas joy by singing carols in performances throughout the last fortnight at both school and at St James the Great church.

Today, we've had a visit from Santa who came bearing gifts for pupils. We also had a very exciting trip to De Montfort Hall to see the pantomime Dick Whittington on Wednesday and Thursday. Thank you to the PTA for your contribution towards the trip!

Autumn 2
December 2025



We recently enjoyed welcoming you into school for decorations afternoon and look forward to many more events over the course of 2026. I hope you enjoyed your time in the classrooms.

We wish to say a special thank you and goodbye to Ms Williams who leaves her role as Executive Principal at Highcliffe today. Thank you for all you have done to support pupils and staff at Highcliffe.

On behalf of all of the staff at Highcliffe I would like to thank parents and carers for your continued support and wish you all a very happy Christmas and a wonderful 2026.

See you all after a restful break on Tuesday 6th January.

Mrs Stewart

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Governor Award

Xavier in 3NP won the prestigious Governor Award for the Autumn term for showing great resilience and an excellent approach to his learning. Well done!

House Winners

Congratulations to Abbey house for winning the house trophy for the Autumn Term!
A super joint effort!



Rice Bowl Competition

Congratulations to the Highcliffe football team who are now in Round 3 of the prestigious Rice Bowl Competition. We wish you the best of luck for your next match.

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Food Bank Donations



We were blown away by the generosity of our school community! ❤️

A huge thank you to our amazing families for their incredible donations to the Soar Valley Food Bank ❤️

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NSPCC Mental Health Day



On NSPCC Mental Health Day, our children brightened the school by wearing yellow to symbolise kindness and positivity. Throughout the day, they took part in a range of activities focused on understanding and supporting mental health, from mindfulness exercises to creative tasks that encouraged self-expression and empathy. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn how small acts of kindness and healthy habits can make a big difference to our well-being.



Year 2 Trip to Warwick Castle



Year 2 had a fun filled day at Warwick Castle in November. We had a tour around the impressive grounds and interiors by a knight that kept us all in order! We learnt about the defensive features of a castle and were also treated to an amazing “ Winter Birds of Prey” show. We enjoyed exploring “ The Horrible Histories Maze” and even got to play on “ The Zog Playground.” What a super day we had!



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Year 4 DT Day - Fairground rides



Year 4 had an amazing day completing their DT project which was to create a fairground ride using a pulley system. They stuck to their design briefs and worked hard as teams to decorate and create their rides. They used many household objects creatively to bring their themed visions to life.

Well done Year 4! 😊



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EYFS Nativity

The children performed 'Our first Nativity' to the school and to our wonderful community of parents and carers.

The children truly impressed us with their resilient attitude and their dedication to every element of performing.

We hope you enjoyed the show!



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Year 1 and 2 Concert

Everyone was so proud of Year 1 and 2 as they brought some festive cheer to parents and carers in their Christmas Concert. Their singing was amazing, and Year 2 did a super job of reciting the poem "T'was the Night before Christmas." Our Year 1s also put a smile on everyone's face with their rendition of "Five Little Elves."

We hope you enjoyed it and that it put you in the Christmas spirit.



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Year 3 and 4 concert



Year 3 and 4 blew everyone's socks off as they kicked off the Christmas celebrations at Highcliffe with their Christmas concert. They sang classics from Jingle Bells to Merry Christmas Everyone.

The children shared their favourite things about Christmas, reminding their audience of the importance of being grateful and seeing everyone around them happy and safe.

Year 3 also surprised the parents with their amazing acapella performance of Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer.



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Year 5 and 6 concert



Year 5 and 6 were incredible in their Carol Concert performance at St James the Great church, bringing festive cheer to all of the family and friends that were in attendance!



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Christmas Lunch



Thank you to our wonderful kitchen staff and to Ms Mills and her team of lunchtime supervisors for a great Christmas lunch.



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY BINGO

Complete 5 activities either vertically, horizontally or diagonally.

Complete as many rows as you can throughout the holidays.

A blank space is an activity of your choosing - simply nominate the activity and write it in the space

Write a poem or design a picture book	Sing or dance to your favourite songs for 30 minutes	Make a bookmark to give to someone	Write or draw what you appreciate most about your school	
Cook a healthy meal with a vegetable you have never used		Go for a walk with someone for 30 minutes	Perform a random act of kindness	Make something with things you find around the home
Read a book	Write a poem or design a picture book	Play a board game		Bake a cake, biscuits or a yummy treat
Play at the park or in the backyard for 30 minutes		Eat a piece of fruit	Go a full day without any screen time	Play an electronic device for 20 minutes
Clean your bedroom	Learn to count to 10 in another language		Spend 20 minutes in the garden planting or weeding	Make a card for someone special and post it

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Parentmail Reminders

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Dates for your diary

SPRING TERM 2026

Training Day	Monday 5th January 2026 (school closed to students)
Schools Open	Tuesday 6th January 2026
Schools Close	Friday 13th February 2026
Spring Half Term	Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026
Schools Open	Monday 23rd February 2026
Schools Close	Friday 27th March 2026
Easter Holidays	Monday 30th March 2026 to Friday 10th April 2026

SUMMER TERM 2026

Schools Open	Monday 13th April 2026
Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May 2026
Schools Close	Friday 22nd May 2026
Summer Half Term	Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026
Schools Open	Monday 1st June 2026
Schools Close	Friday 10th July 2026

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Staying well this winter

With the colder, winter months leading to more of us suffering from coughs, colds, flu and other illnesses, it's important to know when and where to get the right treatment for any member of your family.

Here you can find a wide range of resources to help you and your family stay well this winter and over the festive period.

Need help fast?

Need help fast
and it isn't life threatening?
Get the right NHS care
in two simple steps



The NHS in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland has issued new advice to help you get the right NHS care when you need it quickly and recommends just two simple steps for situations when it isn't life threatening—including at Christmas and New Year.

Step 1: Try to manage the problem yourself or get help from a local pharmacy, NHS 111 online, or the NHS App.

Step 2: If that doesn't work or the problem is more serious, contact your GP practice or NHS 111 (when your GP practice is closed). They will help arrange the right appointment.

[Click here to access the 'Need help fast?' information, as well as details of what's open and when during the festive holidays](#)



Health for Kids! Winter wellness hub

To help support you and your family stay well this winter, on Health for Kids: Grownups you can access an [online winter hub](#) with advice around flu, local vaccination clinics, fevers, stomach bugs as well as general winter health and safety advice.

The hub contains information for all the family, with CBBC's Operation Ouch team on hand with videos on head injuries and fevers for children to enjoy, while grownups can discover how to look after a member of the family with norovirus.

[Click here to access the winter hub](#)



DID YOU KNOW....

Children's 'super bodies' are designed to fight off many common illnesses, without the need for antibiotics?

Most children will recover in the same amount of time with or without antibiotics.

Get the latest winter updates



For the latest advice, support and information throughout winter, we recommend following these local accounts on Instagram:

- [Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Integrated Care Board \(@nhslr\)](#)
- [Leicester's Hospitals \(@leicestershospitals\)](#)
- [Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust \(@lptnhs\)](#)
- [East Midlands Ambulance \(@emasnhstrust\)](#)

Discover how some simple home-based self-care could save you from hours in a busy hospital waiting room or GP surgery.

[Click here to access University Hospitals of Leicester's 'Stay home, stay well' guide](#)



Vaccinations are the best way to protect yourself from serious illness.

Make sure you and your family are up-to-date with all the vaccines you are eligible for to stay well through the winter months and beyond.



111

NHS 111



111.nhs.uk

NHS 111 can help if you have an urgent medical problem and you're not sure what to do. They offer help 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and can:

Tell you where to get help for your symptoms

Direct you to appropriate local services for your medical condition and help arrange an appointment

Direct you to where to get emergency medical prescriptions

Provide general health information and advice

For life-threatening illnesses or injuries, you should always dial 999.

Flu is already effecting our communities with high numbers of people already needing hospital treatment.

Protect your child, family and any vulnerable people around you this winter by ensuring your child has their nasal flu vaccine either at school or children aged 2-3 can have the vaccine at their GP practice or selected pharmacies.

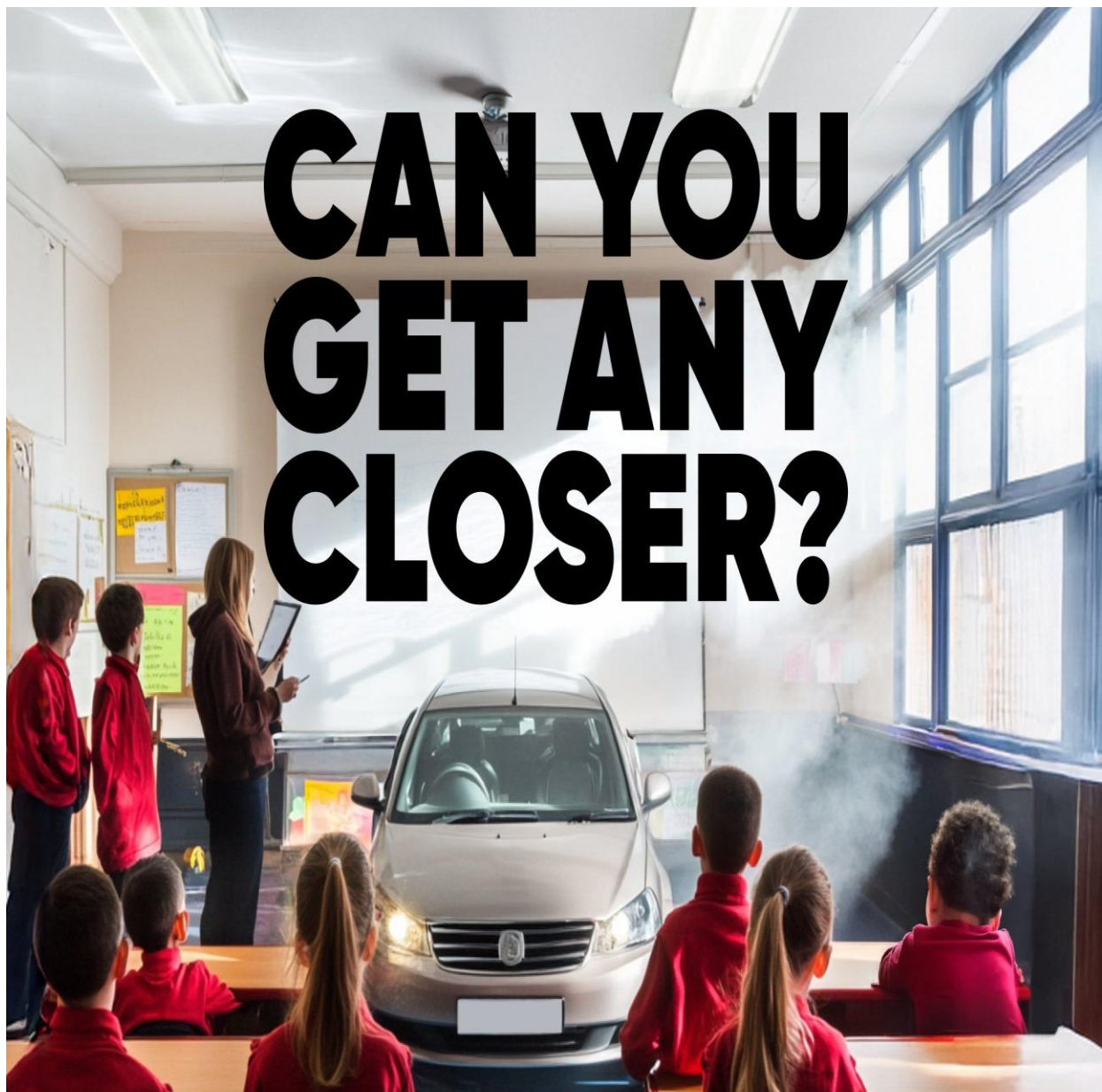
Click for
vaccination
information:

For pre-school

For school-age

DID YOU KNOW....

CAN YOU GET ANY CLOSER?



The closer you park, the more you risk.

No parking near school gates. No excuses.

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