



Highcliffe News



10th July 2026
Summer Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,
As we come to the end of a very successful academic year, I would like to thank each member of our school community.

The children continue to be at the heart of all we do here at Highcliffe, and we are so proud of the progress that each of them have made this year. Our pupils in reception have settled well into school life and it has been great to have them be a part of our weekly celebration assemblies and end of year traditions.

As our year 6 pupils leave us today to move on to their next stage of education, I want to congratulate them all for being such wonderful role models. They have demonstrated our 6R's each and every day and have made us and all of the teachers that they have met along the way very proud.

Due to delays with SATS results we are unable to share them with you now but will do early next academic year.

This week we hosted Highcliffe's got Talent – it was great to see so many children displaying such fantastic talent- We are so proud of our pupils who were brave enough to take centre stage and perform to the whole school. Well done to Malachi Sibindi who after a tough decision process was crowned the winner !!!!

Over the holidays we will continue to make improvements to our school site with important electrical upgrades and redecoration taking place in the Elmfield building. We are also planning the installation for a new library space in the Greengate building which we are very excited about.

I would also like to say thank you to our many volunteers who have supported with school trips and reading sessions. To our PTA- thank you for all you do to support the school across the year!

This term has been filled with so much fun! I hope you enjoy reading about what each class has been getting up to! Wishing you all a wonderful summer holiday.

Mrs Stewart
Head of School

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Goodbyes!

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As we come to the end of another successful school year, we would like to say a heartfelt goodbye to several valued members of our staff who will be leaving Highcliffe to pursue new opportunities and further their careers.

We would like to thank Miss Clayton, Mrs Sheikh and Miss Manivannan for their dedication, hard work and commitment to our children and school community. They have each made a positive contribution to Highcliffe, and we are grateful for everything they have done during their time with us.

We would also like to pay special tribute to Miss Burton, who has led our Lionheart Character Award. Through her passion and commitment, she has helped to promote the values of kindness, resilience and respect that are at the heart of our school.

While we are sad to see them leave, we wish Miss Clayton, Mrs Sheikh, Miss Manivannan and Miss Burton every success and happiness in the future. We thank them for their contributions to Highcliffe and know that they will continue to make a positive difference wherever their careers take them.

Good luck and best wishes from everyone at Highcliffe!

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you 
ALL THE BEST

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Welcome to our New Staff!

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As we look ahead to an exciting new academic year, we are delighted to welcome several new teachers to our Highcliffe Academy family.

We are incredibly proud of the caring, dedicated and talented staff team we have in school, and we are confident that our new colleagues will be a wonderful addition to our community.

Joining us in August are:

Year 2- Miss Hamid
Year 3 -Miss Juneja
Year 4-Mr Alkhlaif
Year 6- Miss Barton



Each of our new teachers brings a wealth of enthusiasm, experience and a passion for helping children achieve their very best. They are looking forward to getting to know the children and families in their classes and becoming part of our vibrant school community.

Starting at a new school is always an exciting time, and we know that our pupils, staff and families will give our new colleagues a very warm Highcliffe welcome.

We wish them every success and look forward to all they will contribute to our school community.

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Sports Day

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It was delightful to see the children compete and showcase the many skills they have practised in PE this year. We are proud of all the children for their resilience and their respect towards each other. Well done, Highcliffe!



The EYFS and KS1 children were great spectators and cheered on the older children.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for sports day to celebrate the children.

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Congratulations!

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Governor Award

Each term, the Governor Award is given to a pupil who demonstrates the 6Rs on a consistent basis, particularly excelling in one or more of the values. Teachers nominate pupils and these anonymous nominations are sent to our governing body, who vote for the winner of the award for that term. The recipient is celebrated in an assembly where a governor attends to present the award, and their name is engraved on the shield. The award has been running since Spring 2022. We are very pleased to announce that the winner for the Summer term is Krishna Mistry in Year 6, who is rewarded for always showing a kind and respectful attitude and being resilient in her learning. Well done, Krishna!



6R Champion Awards

The 6R Champion trophy is awarded to two Year 6 pupils for being a role-model of the 6Rs for their peers. This award is in its third year and pupils are celebrated in the Leavers' assembly, with their names being added to a list of winners in the main reception. We are delighted to announce that the winners this year are Saskia Lingham and Pihu Shah, who are both recognised for their outstanding resilience and resourcefulness in learning and their exemplary attitudes towards school and their peers. What an achievement for both pupils!

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EYFS

It has been an amazing year in EYFS! We are incredibly proud of every child and all that they have achieved since joining us in August. From their very first days settling into school, to becoming confident, curious and independent learners, the progress has been wonderful to see.

The children have made vast progress in all areas of the Early Years curriculum and have had lots of fun doing so.

We have explored many topics such as animals, plants and different types of transports. Along the way we have read many stories and have continued to revisit our favourite stories.

EYFS have celebrated their individual achievements, their class achievements and have taken part in celebrating the many wonderful cultures and festivals that are a part of the Highcliffe community.

Some of our highlights this year have included special events such as our trip to the pantomime and our visit to Stonehurst farm. Alongside these memorable experiences, many of our biggest highlights have come from the children's own achievements. We have loved seeing children master new skills, such as learning to blend in phonics, using the A-frame with confidence and developing a genuine love of learning. Every success, big or small, has been wonderful to see.

As they move onto Year 1, we know that they will continue to thrive and take on new challenges with enthusiasm and resilience. Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support throughout they year. It truly makes a difference. We wish you all a happy, safe and relaxing summer break.

EYFS team



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1KM

What a fantastic year we have had 1KM! It has been a pleasure you to be your teacher this year. We have had so much fun, laughter and good times together.

What an exciting learning journey Year 1 has been! We began the year stepping back in time to explore toys from the past, discovering how toys have changed over time.

From there, we embarked on an exciting journey around the United Kingdom, exploring its countries and capital cities. Along the way, we learned some catchy songs that helped us remember all the fascinating facts discovered.

Our adventure then continues as we delved into the world of Explorers and Journeys – uncovering stories of brave individuals who set out to discover new lands.

It has been a joy reading all the fantastic writing the children have produced – especially this past term, where they've brought together everything, they've learnt in Year 1. From imaginative stories to thoughtful diary entries, their creativity and progress has truly shone. I've been so impressed by their resilience and thoughtful choice they now make as confident, independent learners.

A huge thank you to all of the parents and carers for all your support throughout the year. We couldn't do it without you!

1KM you have been a memorable class. Thank you for being so amazing and always making me smile! Don't forget our class moto from Harry Styles ☺

Miss Mac



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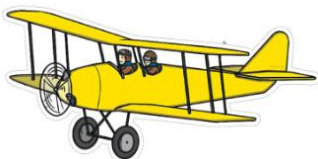
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1SP

1SP you have been amazing! I can't thank you enough for your hard work over the year. We have had so much fun with every single one of you! We have shared many wonderful moments together.

The learning journey in Year 1 has taken us from looking at Toys from the Past to topics on Explorers. We looked at how toys have changed over time and were grateful to have toy experts share their knowledge on how children played in the past. We certainly enjoyed all of our D & T projects from making fruit salads to vegetable soup. We were so brave to push ourselves in trying ingredients that we may not have had on a normal day.

We are now experts in knowing about some of the explorers we learnt as part of our history topic. 1SP are super resourceful and resilient and they are adamant that they are unstoppable just like Amelia Earhart!



I thoroughly enjoyed reading all of the super writing you produced especially this last term where you applied all your writing skills learnt in Year 1. This included diary entries, setting descriptions and much more! I am blown away by how far you have come watching you persevere and to see what wonderful decision makers you have now become.

Lastly, thank you to the parents/carers for working with us. We couldn't have done it without your support! I wish 1SP well as they embark into Year 2; I know they will be amazing.

Mrs Patel ☺



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2AW

2AW – you have been absolute superstars this year! You have never failed to amaze me with your enthusiasm, curiosity and love of learning. You have shown resilience and self motivation each day and have produced some wonderful pieces of work. You have managed to blow me away with the progress you have made with your writing and the creativity that you have shown in your art and design work.

We have also had some memorable highlights. Our trip to Warwick Castle was certainly one of these. Watching you explore the castle and grounds with such interest and delight was a real pleasure to see. We learnt so much but also had great fun, marching around as soldiers and watching the beautiful birds of prey,

I was also extremely impressed with how you approached and performed in our class assembly. I felt like it was a real team effort as everyone participated brilliantly. I think we have some actors, singers and dancers in the making for sure!

As you look back on this year, I hope that you feel proud of yourselves and all that you have achieved. I also hope that it is full of wonderful memories for you as it has been for me and I would like to thank you for that!

As you move into Year 3, an exciting new chapter begins in Key Stage 2. There will be new learning, new challenges, and lots of opportunities to grow in confidence and independence. Remember to "Believe in yourself and you will be unstoppable."

All that is left to say is have a great summer holiday and remember to come back and say " Hello " to me in the new term – I will always be happy to see you!

Mrs. Wilby



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2SK

What a fantastic year it has been in year 2. We are so incredibly proud of how hard everyone has worked this year. You have all grown academically as well as with your own independence. Thank you all so much for the hard work and resilience you have shown this year.

We have had some amazing memories this year, and our class assembly really highlighted some of these. Our class trip to Warwick Castle was one of my favourites, and getting to hold a really sword was very exciting!

We had a great time making our own castles in our D&T lessons too, and making a working drawbridge was certainly a highlight for us.

We also recently made our very own puppets! Can you guess some of the animals that were made?



I hope you have had as much fun this year as we have and I know you will all be just as amazing as you move into year 3.

Remember to keep trying your best, and you will all achieve whatever you set your mind to.

We hope you have a fantastic summer break. Keep yourself safe, listen to your grown ups and make as many memories as possible

Thank you 2SK for a wonderful year. You have made us all very proud teachers.



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3NP

What a fantastic year it has been in 3NP!

It's hard to believe that we have reached the end of another school year. Looking back at everything we have achieved together, I feel incredibly proud of every child. It has been a privilege to watch the children grow in confidence, independence and maturity, while continuing to show enthusiasm, curiosity and a real love of learning every day.

This year has been packed with memorable experiences and exciting learning opportunities.

During the summer term, we were captivated by the powerful world of natural disasters, which inspired some incredible writing, artwork and thoughtful discussions. We also thoroughly enjoyed our journey back in time to Ancient Egypt, where the children explored the lives of pharaohs, deciphered hieroglyphics and even took part in a hands-on mummification activity! Their curiosity and creativity truly brought history to life.

As you look back on this year, I hope you feel as proud of yourselves as I do. It has been a joy to watch you grow, learn and achieve so much. Although I am sad to see you move on, I know you are more than ready for the exciting adventures that await you in Year 4 – your new teachers are in for a real treat!

Thank you for all the laughter, hard work and wonderful memories we've shared. These are moments I will always treasure. Good luck, 3NP – keep believing in yourselves, keep being kind, and keep shining. I am so proud of each and everyone of you!



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3SJ

What an excellent year it has been in 3SJ!

It has been an honour and a privilege to teach each and every one of you this year. You have all grown so much in maturity and knowledge over the course of the year and it has been lovely to be a part of your journey! Each of you has shown a real commitment to your learning and thrown yourself with enthusiasm into all the challenges and opportunities that Year 3 has brought.

During the summer term, we have enjoyed learning all about the natural world; discovering the wonders of plate tectonics and exploring the many forms of natural disasters that show the power of Mother Nature. The children have created beautiful chalk artwork, in the style of Stephanie Peters, broadened their knowledge in Science and written excellent setting descriptions, and non-chronological reports.

More recently, we have delved deep into the fascinating world of ancient Egypt. The children have

learnt about what life was like in ancient Egypt, understood the importance of the River Nile and created beautiful posters of some of the most important deities in the ancient Egyptian pantheon.

As this year draws to a close, you can all be proud of what you have achieved and what I have no doubt you will continue to achieve in the future! Although I am of course sad to see you go, I know you are most certainly ready for the exciting adventures that await you in Year 4 – your new teachers are in for a real treat!

All the best for the future,
Mr Jenkins



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4DS

What an incredible year it has been in 4DS!

I have thoroughly enjoyed every moment of teaching you this year and I have loved teaching you all that much, I just had to follow you on to year 5. You have all achieved so much this year and looking back from the start of the year, you have all grown in confidence and your resilience is commendable. You have been dedicated and motivated throughout your learning! This year has been packed with memorable experiences and exciting learning opportunities.

During the Summer term, we loved learning about India. Through this fascinating topic, we explored a variety of writing styles, created some fantastic Art and DT projects, and discovered more about India's rich history and diverse geography. Your enthusiasm and engagement throughout the topic was wonderful to see, and this was especially evident in our class assembly, where you confidently shared your learning with friends and family.

You have truly made this year a special one for me, and I wish each and every one of you the very best for the year ahead. Thank you for all the laughter, unforgettable moments, and happy memories we have shared together.

I know you will continue to grow, flourish, and achieve great things, both academically and personally, as you move through school.

Always strive to be the very best version of yourselves and never forget to believe in the power of who you are and all that you can achieve.



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4PM

What a wonderful year it has been in 4PM!

It is hard to believe that our journey together is coming to an end. Looking back on everything we have shared this year fills me with so much pride. Teaching 4PM has been such a special experience, and I will always cherish the memories we have made together.

Throughout the year, you have shown dedication, perseverance and a fantastic attitude towards your learning. You have challenged yourselves, supported one another and grown in confidence every step of the way. Watching you learn, develop and achieve so much has been a real pleasure, and you should all be incredibly proud of yourselves.

This year has been filled with so many memorable experiences. Our visit to Mary Arden's Farm brought our Tudor learning to life and helped us gain a deeper understanding of life in Tudor times. In DT, you demonstrated fantastic creativity by cooking a delicious Tudor pottage stew and designing impressive fairground rides. We also shared wonderful moments during Sports Day, where your determination shone through. You worked incredibly hard to deliver a fantastic class assembly! Your enthusiasm, creativity and willingness to always give your best made every experience even more special.



As you move on to Year 5, I know that you will continue to work hard, dream big and achieve amazing things. Believe in yourselves, embrace every opportunity and never underestimate what you are capable of achieving. I have no doubt that each one of you has a bright future ahead. Remember you can achieve anything in this world, with dedication, passion and resilience!

Thank you, 4PM, for being such a special class. As my very first official class, you will always hold a special place in my heart. I will always be proud of everything we've achieved together. Have a wonderful summer break!

Miss Manivannan

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5LG

What an amazing year it has been in 5LG!

We have had a wonderful time getting to know each and every one of you this year. You have made us laugh, challenged yourselves in your learning and been all round wonderful people to spend time with.

In this last summer term, we have worked hard on several themes across the curriculum. In English, you have all created lovely pieces of work, based around *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*, by C.S Lewis. Your setting descriptions and own fantasy narratives all showcased your skill and enthusiasm, as well as serving to illustrate just how far your writing has come this year. Of course, we also got to experience reading parts of the book itself. We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did!

This half-term, we have also enjoyed making bridges in D.T and learning about rivers in Geography.

Last half-term, we focused on the Islamic Golden Age, learning all about the flourishing of culture, Science and wisdom in Baghdad during the early Islamic period in our History lessons, as well as creating our own Islamic inspired artworks.

We know that you will continue to shine very brightly during your last year at Highcliffe!

We wish you all the best for Year 6. You all have so much to be proud of and we hope you all enjoy your well-earned summer break!

Mr Watts and Miss Williamson



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5EC

It has been a brilliant year in 5EC!

It's been fantastic to see all of you grow in confidence, maturity and resilience over the course of the year to achieve all that you have at the end of year 5. Your fantastic attitude towards learning and amazing reflection skills have meant that each and every one of you has grown so much and I am so proud of you all!

During Summer, we have had a brilliant time learning about our class text, 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' and you have all written fantastically creative narratives based on the plot of the story. You have really stretched yourselves to include all of the Year 5 features and have been incredibly imaginative in your stories.

We have also thoroughly enjoyed learning all about rivers and the Water Cycle, including creating some amazing bridges in our end of year DT project.

Before half term, we explored Early Islamic Civilisations and learnt a lot about all of the inventions that date back to this time period. We also used what we learned as inspiration to make our very own artwork based on the designs of Islamic artists.

I know you will all continue to show your amazing talents as you move on to Year 6!

I wish you all the very best as you move on to your last year at Highcliffe. You can all be incredibly proud of what you have achieved this year, and I hope you all enjoy a well-earned summer break.

Ms Clayton



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6RP

This term has been a special one for 6RP, not only because of all their fantastic achievements, but also because it has been my first term working with them. It has been wonderful getting to know their personalities, their strengths and the way they support one another, and I feel very fortunate to have stepped into their Year 6 journey at such an important time.

One of the experiences the children have spoken about with huge enthusiasm has been their residential to the Pioneer Centre. Their stories have been filled with moments of resilience, determination and teamwork as they encouraged one another through a wide range of activities

I was incredibly impressed with the determination and maturity 6RP showed during their SATS. In school, 6RP showed the same determination and maturity as they worked towards their SATs. They demonstrated focus, commitment and a strong work ethic throughout the revision period. Their effort and attitude were a real credit to them and the resilience and self-belief they developed through their SATs will be a strong foundation for the years ahead.

This summer term has been filled with incredible, memorable experiences. From transition days to sports day and end of year show rehearsals, every opportunity has been embraced with maturity and enthusiasm. A particular highlight

was our end-of-year performance. Everyone did such a brilliant job – your combined efforts (using your teamwork, creativity and determination) made the production such a success. Seeing them shining on stage has been such a wonderful way to end the term.

As we reach the end of the year, I want to say how much I have genuinely enjoyed teaching this class. In a short time, they have made a lasting impression on me through their humour, thoughtfulness and the supportive way they treat one another. Your secondary schools are very lucky to be gaining such caring, hard-working and thoughtful young people. Enjoy your summer, relax and most of all, keep shining!

Miss Sullivan ☺



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6EM

What an incredible year it has been! I am so proud of each and every one of you and all that you have achieved. You should feel especially proud of the hard work and determination you showed in the lead-up to SATs. You approached your revision with focus and maturity, supported one another, and showed great resilience when things felt challenging. The progress you have made this year is a true reflection of your dedication and positive attitude to learning, and it has been wonderful to see your confidence grow. You really rose to the occasion and should take great pride in everything you have accomplished.

Thinking back to earlier in the year, our residential trip in the Autumn term was a real highlight. I had great fun sharing that experience with you all, and it was fantastic to see you push yourselves out of your comfort zones and approach every activity with such determination. You showed bravery and embraced new challenges with enthusiasm, creating memories that will stay with us for a long time.

The summer term has been incredibly busy, filled with so many memorable

experiences. From transition days and fundraising events to fun days, rehearsals, and all the excitement of end-of-year activities, you have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm. A particular highlight was our end-of-year performance - what a fantastic job you all did! Every single one of you played an important role, whether acting, singing, or working as part of the tech team, and your combined effort made the production such a success. You showed teamwork, commitment, and creativity, and it truly paid off in an amazing performance!

As you prepare to leave Year 6 and begin the next chapter of your journey, I want you to know how much I have enjoyed teaching every single one of you this year. You really have been a pleasure to teach, and I will miss you all. Your secondary schools are very lucky to be welcoming such thoughtful, hardworking, and kind young people. I wish you all the very best for the future - enjoy your summer, relax, and celebrate everything you have achieved. You truly deserve it!

Miss Miles



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Transitions

Vulnerable children will be feeling deeply frightened by the end and the start of the school year. The change of routine and the inevitable losses and separations bring back old feelings of abandonment and threat. It's a challenging time for everyone – children and adults alike!

Here are some of our favourite transition top tips for parents/carers and for teachers:



- It's useful for adults to emotionally prepare themselves for the 'transition storm' that is about to begin. Put your seatbelt on and hold tight! The child needs you to be grounded.
- Remind yourself that the child's behaviour is a sign of their inside pain, and they need you to see through the behaviour to help them feel safe, secure and loved.
- Digging down past behaviours to the inside pain, can be hard and tiring work. Take good care of yourself and reach out to your support network for extra help.
- Remind yourself that punishments, withdrawal, consequences and shaming will make the transition harder for everyone.

- Help the child to see the storm coming too. Say "the end of the school year can be a tricky, I'm here to help you through it"
- Help the child name the feelings that they have no words for. Try "I wonder if your 'moving up day' feels pretty scary right now?" or "When things are different like this, I wonder if it makes you worry about being left behind?"
- Help make connections between their behaviour and their feelings, try "When you run away like that it makes me wonder if you don't know where to be to feel safe? You are safe right here".



Tell the child the things they need to hear, don't wait for them to ask you because they don't know what they need! **Tell them:**

- How much you care
- That you are not going anywhere
- That they are in your mind even when not in your class/not at home
- That they are safe and protected
- That they will not be taken away
- Tell them what is going to happen that day if the routine is different – use pictures and 'steps' to prepare them.
- Remind them throughout the day what is going to happen and when
- Keep to as much of the usual routine as you can

Children feel fear in their body. Help the child's body to calm by:

- Doing short bursts of physical activity (star jumps, wall push ups, walking, running) frequently
- Playfully ask them to breathe deeply in the mornings and evenings – e.g. blow bubbles, blow away the feelings
- Do body calming activities with them
- Use sensitive touch to let them know you are there. Touch can be a great calmer.



Use 'transitional objects' to let them know that you are connected, even when apart. How about:

- As a parent, draw a little heart on your hand and the same heart on your child's hand as they go off to school.
- Give your child a special stone, or photo to hold on to at school that reminds them of you
- Teachers – give the child a 'transition card' – a piece of paper with a special message that they look after until you see them again.
- Let the child use their special teddies whenever they need to

Remind the child (and yourself) that the Transition Storm will come, and it will go. You will stick it out together, and soon it will be over.





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Don't let your child miss out!

The Pupil Premium – information for parents



Did you know that extra money could be available to help your child's learning and development? It's quick and easy to find out if you can claim for your child.

What is the Pupil Premium (PP)?

The Pupil Premium is extra government money which is paid to schools to support children's learning and development.

Your child's school can support you in finding out if your child could receive the extra money. Your child's school can choose how to best spend the Pupil Premium money and will work with you to make sure your child benefits from the extra funding.

Who could benefit from this money?

Children from the reception year to year 11 may be eligible if they:

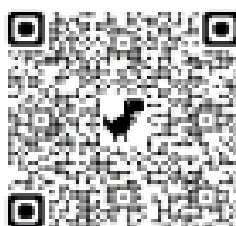
- are registered for Free School Meals (FSM)
- have been registered for FSM at any point in the last 6 years
- are or have been in care
- have parents in the armed forces

*If your child could claim for FSM but takes a packed lunch to school, it's still important you tell their school. This will let them know your child is able to receive the Pupil Premium.

Your child could benefit from:

- ✓ exciting new learning activities and experiences
- ✓ one to one or small group sessions
- ✓ extra tools, materials and equipment to help with learning in school or at home
- ✓ before/after school clubs or activities

Find out more ...



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School Uniform

We look forward to seeing all the children back after the holidays wearing full school uniform. This include school shoes – converse are not acceptable footwear.

Cycling shorts should not be worn as part of school uniform unless it is for PE. All cycling shorts should be of the longer length – Please help us by adhering to this

If you are purchasing school uniform, please use the following link which confirms our uniform items and where to buy garments with our school logo

<https://www.highcliffeacademy.org.uk/about-us/uniform/>

Birstall Library

The public library provides a free, safe environment that isn't home or school which supports children's education and enhances their enjoyment of reading, as well as providing many other activities which they and their families can participate in.

- They have an inspiring range of books, digital resources, including e-books, e-audiobooks and e-magazines for children as well as free computer use and Wi-Fi to help motivate and develop young readers.
- The library is free for children and their families!



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2026/2027

AUTUMN TERM 2026

School based Training Day	Friday 21st August 2026 (school closed to students)
Schools Open	Monday 24th August 2026
Bank Holiday	Monday 31st August 2026
Trust Training Day	Friday 25th September 2026 (school closed to students)
Schools Close	Friday 16th October 2026
Autumn Half Term	Monday 19th October 2026 to Friday 23rd October 2026
Schools Open	Monday 26th October 2026
Inset Day	Monday 30th November 2026 (school closed to students)
Schools Close	Friday 18th December 2026
Christmas & New Year Holiday	Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027

SPRING TERM 2027

School based Training Day	Monday 4th January 2027 (school closed to students)
Schools Open	Tuesday 5th January 2027
Schools Close	Friday 12th February 2027
Spring Half Term	Monday 15th February 2027 to Friday 19th February 2027
Schools Open	Monday 22nd February 2027
Schools Close	Friday 19th March 2027
Easter Holidays	Monday 22nd March 2027 to Friday 2nd April 2027

SUMMER TERM 2027

Schools Open	Monday 5th April 2027
Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May 2027
Schools Close	Friday 28th May 2027
Summer Half Term	Monday 31st May 2027 to Friday 4th June 2027
Schools Open	Monday 7th June 2027
Schools Close	Friday 9th July 2027

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New Dinner Menu

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HIGHCLIFFE PRIMARY MENU				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1 24/8, 14/9, 5/10, 26/10, 16/11, 7/12				
Ham & Pineapple Pizza Served with Potato with Mixed Salad, Broccoli & Apple Slaw	Turkey Chilli Con Carne Served with Rice & Sweetcorn	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes, Cabbage & Carrots	BUILD YOUR OWN WRAP Spiced Chicken with Lettuce & Tortilla Wrap Served with Diced Potatoes & Salad Sticks	Cod Fish Fingers Served with Chips & Baked Beans or Peas
Cheese & Tomato Pizza Served with Mixed Salad, Broccoli & Apple Slaw (V)	Quorn Chilli Con Carne Served with Rice & Sweetcorn (V)	Roasted Vegetable & Lentil Wellington Served with Roast Potatoes, Cabbage & Carrots (V)	BUILD YOUR OWN WRAP Falafel with Lettuce & Tortilla Wrap Served with Diced Potatoes & Salad Sticks (V)	Vegetable Hot Dog Served with Chips & Baked Beans or Peas (V)
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise & Salad	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise & Salad	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise & Salad	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise & Salad	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise & Salad
Strawberry Flapjack	Apple & Cinnamon Swirl	Tropical Fruit Salad	Chocolate Shortbread	Mango Sorbet & Orange Wedge
Baguette Pizza with Pepperoni with Lightly Spiced Diced Potatoes & House Salad	Chicken Korma Served with Savoury Rice & Naan	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Cauliflower	Macaroni Cheese with Ham Served with Garlic Bread, Peas & Sweetcorn Mix	Fish Fillet Served with Chips & Mixed Vegetable
Baguette Pizza with Rainbow Vegetable Topping with Lightly Spiced Diced Potatoes & House Salad (V)	Lentil Dahl Served with Savoury Rice & Naan (V)	Roast Quorn Served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Cauliflower (V)	Macaroni Cheese Served with Garlic Bread, Peas & Sweetcorn Mix (V)	Cheese & Tomato Quiche Served with Chips & Mixed Vegetable (V)
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise & Salad	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise & Salad	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise & Salad	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise & Salad	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise & Salad
Rice Pudding with a Mixed Berry Sauce	Orange & Raspberry Jelly	Water Melon Trees	Oatmeal Fruit Pizza	Cookies & Cream Vanilla Smoothie with a Mini Chocolate Cookie
WEEK 2 31/8, 21/9, 12/10, 2/11, 23/11, 14/12				
BBQ Chicken & Sweetcorn Pizza Served with House Salad & Fruity Slaw	Lamb Hot Pot Served with Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Roast Gammon Served with Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots & Gravy	Brunch Lunch Bacon, Sausage, Hash Brown, Baked Beans & Tomato	Fish Cake Served with Chips & Baked Beans
Cheese & Red Onion Pizza Served with House Salad & Fruity Slaw (V)	Quorn Hot Pot Served with Sweetcorn & Broccoli (V)	Vegan Shepherds Pie Served with Green Beans, Carrots & Gravy (V)	Vegetarian Brunch Lunch Vegetable Sausage, Hash Brown, Baked Beans & Tomato (V)	Vegetable Nuggets Served with Chips & Baked Beans (V)
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise & Salad	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise & Salad	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise & Salad	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise & Salad	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise & Salad
Toffee Apple Cookie	Fresh Fruit Salad	Rhubarb & Ginger Oaty Crumble with Custard	Beetroot & Chocolate Brownie	Strawberry Ice Cream with Strawberry Sauce
Available Daily- Fresh Bread / Fresh Fruit / Yoghurt				
ALLERGEN INFORMATION: MENU DESCRIPTIONS MAY NOT LIST EVERY INDIVIDUAL INGREDIENT. WE ARE AWARE OF THE PRESENCE OF ALLERGENS REQUIRING LABELLING, SO PLEASE ASK A MEMBER OF THE CATERING TEAM SHOULD YOU REQUIRE ANY MORE DETAILS. VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE INDICATED BY THE SYMBOL (V).				

New Autumn menu

Please note school dinners remain at £2.80 per meal for this term.

You can purchase credits for school meals on Beehive.

Payment required from Year's 3 - 6

The menu is also on our website, and printed copies can be collected from the office.

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Breakfast and After School Club

Autumn Term 1 dates are now available to book via Beehive
Childcare and Clubs

Please note new prices from Autumn Term:

Breakfast Club

£5.00 from 7:45am

£4.50 from 8am

After School Club

£6.00 3:20pm to 4:30pm

£6.00 4:20pm to 5:30pm

£10.00 3:20pm to 5:30pm

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Student Wellbeing

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Mind is a great charity to help those who might need additional support with their mental health. Even though 1 in 4 people have mental health problems, most of us don't get the help we need. Things have to change. We're Mind. We're here to fight for mental health. For support, for respect, for you.



It's not always easy to understand our wellbeing, and that's okay.

Mindfulness activities to try this summer

Mindfulness 5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1

Think about:

- 5 things you can see
- 4 things you can touch
- 3 things you can hear
- 2 things you can smell
- 1 thing you can taste

Gratitude Break

Take a moment to think about what you are grateful for in life:

- People you are grateful for
- Places you are grateful for
- Things you are grateful for

Deep Breaths

Lie down and place your hand on your belly. Close your eyes and take 10 deep breaths. Notice your hand moving up and down as you breathe. Do you feel relaxed?

Calming Music

Search for calming music on Youtube. For example, it could be ocean waves. When you've found one you like, get into a comfy position, close your eyes, clear your mind, listen to the sounds and relax.

Apps to support with your wellbeing



Headspace

A meditation app that acts as a personal guide to health and happiness.



Mindshift

A free app designed to help teens and young adults cope with anxiety.



MoodGym

An online cognitive behaviour therapy program for depression and anxiety.



Superbetter

Helps build resilience - the ability to stay strong, motivated and optimistic even in the face of difficult obstacles.



Happify

Turns the latest innovations in the science of happiness into activities and games that help you lead a more fulfilling life.



Smiling Mind

A meditation program developed by psychologists and educators to help bring mindfulness into your life.

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Online Safety

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ONLINE GAMING

Online gaming describes any video game where you can interact with other players online, whether that is on a computer, console, tablet or phone. The amount your child can interact with others varies from game to game. How much information players share and how many people they interact with are the two key factors for parents to be aware of. Online games can offer a lot of fun, teamwork and adventure for children, and they can help children learn and make friends. However, it's important for parents to fully understand online gaming so they can encourage safe and healthy habits in children and technology from a young age.

HOW TO KEEP GAMING HEALTHY

- Get involved by finding out what type of games your child enjoys and making sure they're appropriate for their age
- Play games together with your child and keep the technology in shared family spaces rather than bedrooms
- Talk to them about who they are playing with and what information they are sharing
- Talk about what information is and isn't appropriate to share, particularly personal details that could identify them or their location
- Talk about the financial costs of games and agree how children will spend their money online
- Discuss what they would do if they were bullied online, and what the appropriate steps to take are



SOME THINGS PARENTS SHOULD BE AWARE OF

Stranger danger - some games let children play and chat with anyone in the world. This means they might come across offensive language and bullying

Don't give out personal information - not everyone online is who they say they are. Children shouldn't give out personal details that could identify them or their location

In-game purchases - some games encourage players to buy extra elements during the game - children have been known to run up large bills without realising

Risk of bullying - in extreme cases bullying can be used as a tactic to win games. Children may find themselves either bullying or being bullied



DID YOU KNOW?

You can use the [PEGI app](#) to find game and app rating information.



USEFUL LINKS

Gaming advice sheet for under 13s -

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/13Fip0Dvw4-bhDIV7WeDMjG3aDz0sf0jx/view>

Online gaming guide -

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-gaming-advice/the-basics/>

How to set parental controls on popular devices, apps and platforms -

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/>

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We want to wish you all a wonderful, restful summer break! Enjoy spending time with friends and family and we look forward to welcoming you back in the new academic year!

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