



Highcliffe News



12th July 2024
Summer Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,
As we come to the end of another term, I want to thank each of you for your support during my first academic year at Highcliffe.

It has been lovely to get to know the school community with wonderful pupils and parents and carers and a real privilege to lead such a dedicated, hardworking and skilful team.

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.

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.

I am delighted to share with you the Key Stage 2 results achieved by our year 6 pupils overleaf.

Over the holidays we will continue to make improvements to our school site with refurbishment of a toilet block in the Elmfield building and a larger renovation project to transform the bungalow which is also over on the Elmfield entrance into a useful space which further support our school community.

Next term, I look forward to working closely with parents and carers on the things that we might want to do to make our school even better. Please look out for information at the start of next term.

I would also like to say thank you to our many volunteers who have supported with school trips, reading sessions and our gardening project. To our wonderful 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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Highcliffe SATs Results 2023-2024

	GPS		Reading		Maths		Writing		Science	
Passed	54/60	90%	52/60	87%	53/60	88%	49/60	72%	52/60	87%
Greater Depth (110+ scaled score)	24/60	40%	18/60	30%	25/60	42%	5/60	8%	N/A	
National 2024	72% 30%		74% 29%		73% 24%		72% 13%		81% N/A	
RWM Combined	70%									
National 2024	61%									

Recent Assemblies

This half term, pupils across the school have been involved in both water safety and dog safety assemblies and workshops. The children have shown great interest in the sessions and they now know how to keep themselves safe.



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Goodbyes!

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Good luck to our teachers **Miss Bee, Miss Lee and Miss Bonsell!**

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you 
ALL THE BEST

Thank you for being wonderful teachers at our school. We are really going to miss you! ☺

Miss Williamson will commence her maternity leave early in the Autumn term we look forward to hearing her baby news.

Congratulations Miss Mason. Wishing you a wonderful wedding day
We look forward to welcoming you back as Mrs Carpenter next term.

Goodbye to our LSAs Mrs Miskelly

Thank you for all of your hard work at our school. You've been brilliant!

Goodbye to our wellbeing assistant Mrs Bushell

Thank you for supporting all our children this year mentally and holistically they are going to miss you very much!



Enjoy your retirement **Mrs Freeman!** Thank you for more than 30 years at Highcliffe. Our lunch team are going to really miss you! You have touched so many lives with your kind and caring nature,

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Sports Day

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EYFS and KS1 had a great time at sports day on Thursday. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't kind to us, and we had to cancel our KS2 events that were planned for the afternoon.

It was however great to see smiles were spread across everybody's faces and it was amazing to see the children being supportive and encouraging, cheering on their friends. A huge thank you to Mr Clarke for organising such a fantastic day, Mrs Scott who was his wonderful assistant and our sports leaders from years 5&6.



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Congratulations!

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Governor Award

Congratulations to the winner of this very special award. Our governors selected Maria from the many nominations received after hearing about her kindness, her willingness to help others and for the way in which she always looks after our school environment (especially the library). Well done Maria. *What a great achievement!*



6R Champion Awards

We have introduced a new award this year. The *6R Champion* is an award presented to two year 6 pupils who have been outstanding in their contributions to school life and who demonstrate our school values. The first recipients of this award are Hana and Keera. *Congratulations to you both!*



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Congratulations!

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Football League Winners!

Congratulations to our girl's football team who won the Wreake Valley League. We are so proud of your efforts.

A huge thank you to their coach Mr Roe who has supported several of our football teams this year. We are so grateful for your support.



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Year 3 Social Project

A massive thank you to Miss Burton who lead the Year 3 Social Action Project this year. 3EM ran a 'Soak the Teacher' stall and 3AK ran a jumble sale! The Year 3 classes raised an amazing **£185.09** for Action Homeless, a Leicester based charity supporting the homeless community within the local area. They did this in just under an hour and worked hard preparing everything and throughout the fundraiser itself. They should be so proud!



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Harry Potter Lunch Winners

We are delighted to announce that the following pupils are the winners of the Harry Potter Lunch

Brockshill – Zaka
Hallam Fields – George
Riverside – Freddie
Broomleys – Jessica
Highcliffe – Amara

They will all be presented with a Harry Potter Stationery Wand and Stamp Set.

Each Winner has been entered into the Master Draw to win a Family Day out at Harry Potter World in London with Afternoon Tea.

The Winner is ...

Zaka from Brockshill Primary School
We will make contact with you to organise the delivery of your tickets.

Congratulations Zaka!



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A huge thank you for all of your support towards the PTA events this year. It has been another fantastic year of fundraising for Highcliffe.

Here is what we have raised this year...



What we raised in 2023/24

Thank you to the PTA for all of your hard work and dedication over the year.



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Lionheart Speaks

We are extremely proud of our Year 5 pupils that attended the Lionheart Speaks event earlier this month. They stood up in front a huge crowd and spoke so passionately on subjects that were important to them, A huge thank you to Mr Patel for supporting the pupils with this event,



Eco Rally

What a privilege it was to see our wonderful choir perform at our first ever Trust Eco Rally at The Cedar's Academy last week. Thank you also to our Eco Warriors who ran a stall at the event, making bird feeders out of recycled juice cartons. Raya also did an amazing job delivering her environmental speech and was even featured on TV. What super stars you all are! Thank you to Mrs Wilby for supporting the event.



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EYFS

What an amazing year we have had together! Myself and the whole EYFS Team are beyond proud of all of you! We've had such a great time playing and learning with you and it has been a pleasure to watch you grow into confident and independent young learners. We will all miss you next year but we know that you are all ready for your next adventure in Year 1!

There have been so many highlights over the year but some definite stand outs have to be our Christmas Nativity, World Book Day, our trip to Stonehurst Farm and the Teddy Bears' Picnic ... to name a few!

Thank you to you all for such a wonderful year. Keep on being the 6R Stars you all are!

Have a great summer!

Mrs Hammond and Miss Lee



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1EH

It has been a delight to teach 1EH for the Summer Term. Even though I have not been a part of their whole school year, I have been told about how hard and resilient this class has been throughout their ever changing time in Year One.

In the short time that I have been their teacher, 1EH have gone from strength to strength in many areas such as writing, confidence and team work to name a few. I am so proud of all they have achieved! They blew me away in their school performance....not only did everyone shine, they all used their reciprocity to help write the script and lyrics to the songs.

We have made so many happy memories together such as building a bug hotel, making music and having a fantastic amount of fun during our Fun Day treat.

I am so happy to end my time at Highcliffe with such a vivacious class, thank you for making me smile each and every day!

I know you will all continue to succeed and shine all the way through Year Two and your time at Highcliffe.

Well done everyone, you've worked so hard! Have a wonderful Summer holiday, you deserve it!

Miss Bonsell



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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 in my second year of teaching at Highcliffe.

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. 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 they have come watching them persevere and to see what wonderful decision makers they have now become. I wish them well as they embark into Year 2; I know they will be amazing.



Mrs Patel

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2LW

Where do I even begin with what an amazing year we have had in Year 2! I could not be more proud of the children this year and of the progress they have made.

From the start of the year where we learned all about dragons, knights and castles through to our most recent topics where we have been finding out lots of information about how different Kenya is to the UK, the children's enthusiasm and willingness to want to learn new things has been astounding!

There have been some real highlights this year, from our trip to Tamworth Castle, to watching the children be brave and stand in front of an audience to perform their class assembly, to seeing them all try their very best at sports day, they have never failed to amaze me with their never ending talents.

I cannot quite believe that we are already at the end of the year! I have enjoyed so much about this year but the fun and laughter that every single one of you has brought to our classroom has genuinely blown me away.

I hope you walk into Year 3 remembering that you are all amazing! I hope you find something to smile and laugh about every single day and that you continue to shine bright for your new teachers (I definitely know that you will!).

Have the best summer holiday!

Thank you for the most amazing year!

Miss Williamson



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2SM

How is it the end of the school year already?! The year has absolutely flown by and look how much we've learnt in such a short space of time!! I am so proud of each and every one of you and I just know you will be just as amazing in Year 3!

It has been an absolute pleasure to be your class teacher this year! You've given me the best start to Highcliffe and I'll be forever grateful for that!

Please do come and see me next year and let me know how you're getting on and I'll pop in throughout the year and see your incredible work, I'm sure!

We started the year off with a lovely trip to Tamworth Castle as part of our learning on Castles and Knights and what a great trip it was!

We learnt all about Greta Thunberg and how we can contribute to make the world a better place/ We also learnt about some other influential people who have had a real impact on how our lives are now.

Last but not least, my favourite topic, The Great Fire of London! I loved teaching this topic. The highlight for me was our class assembly to parents and carers sharing all our newfound knowledge!

Have the best time in Year 3 and remember all you can do is try your best! It's okay to make mistakes and it's okay to ask for help if you need it!

Enjoy the rest and I hope you all have a lovely summer break!

Mrs Macdonald



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3AK

We can't quite believe that this year has already come to an end – time really does fly when you're having fun and what fun we have had this year! It has been an absolute pleasure to be your class teachers this year and when we think back to all you have achieved this year, we are immensely proud of every single one of you.

You have always shown fantastic enthusiasm towards your learning and that has continued right the way through this summer term where we have been learning all about natural disasters which has inspired some fantastic pieces of writing and art work. We know we have all thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Ancient Egyptians in history too; the highlight of course being where you had a go at mummifying each other!



We hope when you reflect on your individual journeys over the last year, that you are as proud of yourselves as we are of you. We are sad to see you leave us, however we know that you will continue to thrive in Year 4 and will make your new teachers just as proud. Thank you for all of the wonderful memories that we have all created together; memories we will definitely cherish.

Best of luck for the future 3AK; keep working hard, being kind and believing in yourselves!

Miss Peel and Miss Wass ☺



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3EM

I feel like the luckiest teacher in the world to have been your teacher 3EM! You have been an absolutely wonderful class; not only are each and everyone of you so kind, but you also have worked so hard in your learning! You should be **so** proud of yourselves – I know I am.

We have been learning all about natural disasters this term, and we have had a lot of fun! In English, we wrote narratives about two characters having to escape an earthquake and even wrote a setting description about a flood. In Geography, we learnt about how volcanoes are formed. Finally, we created pieces inspired by a range of natural disasters in Art.

We also have covered some really tricky learning this term, such as time in maths, but you remain resilient and determined.

I can't forget to mention our learning in History; we have learnt all about Ancient Egyptians and we even had a go at mummifying each other!



Your progress this year has blow me away and it has been a pleasure to watch you grow and flourish more and more each day.

I am sad to see you all leave, but you are ready for Year 4. I have no doubt that you will continue to wow your next teachers too. Thank you so much for the amazing memories we have made this year. Keep on being superstars, 3EM.

Thank You...



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4KM

Wow 4KM, it has been an absolute privilege to be your teacher this year. Each of you has worked your socks off, showing such dedication and enthusiasm for your learning. Your commitment has truly paid off, and I am immensely proud of each and every one of you.

Beyond all your amazing academic achievements, what has impressed me the most is your kindness, politeness, and the respectful way you treat each other and everyone around you. Your good manners and positive attitudes have created a wonderful classroom environment where everyone feels valued and respected.

It has truly been a joy to watch you develop into such wonderful young people. Your curiosity, creativity, and perseverance have inspired me every day. You have faced challenges head-on, supported one another, and celebrated each other's successes. Your hard work and dedication have been evident in everything you do, and I am so proud of how far you have come.

As you move forward to Year 5, remember all that you have achieved this year and carry with you the lessons you have learned.

I hope you continue to be kind, work hard, and believe in yourselves. I have no doubt that you will all go on to do amazing things!

Thank you for making this year so special. I will always cherish the memories we have made together, and I look forward to hearing about all your future successes. Keep shining, 4KM!



Have a great

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4AW

What a fantastic year we have had together 4AW. From the moment you walked into our classroom way back in August, I knew that it was going to be a very special year with some very special children. Each day, you continue to surprise me with your hard work and enthusiasm, and I am so extremely proud of each one of you.

One of the highlights that we shared together was our trip to Bosworth Battlefield, where our Richard III topic really came alive. Preparing for battle (even on a rainy battlefield) was awesome and lots of fun! You then presented our learning to your family and friends in our class assembly, where you all really shone, confidently delivering your lines and acting out scenes with positivity and humour! I will never forget it!

I have also been very impressed with how kind you have all been this year, both to me and to your friends. This is a great personal quality to have and as you progress in life always remember to show this, as I know you will.

As you move into year 5, keep working hard, but most importantly keep being YOU and the amazing person that you are. Please come back and see me as I will be very happy to hear about what you are getting up and the achievements that you have made.

All that is left to say is that I hope that you all have a lovely summer holiday. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank your parents and carers for their support throughout the year – it is very much appreciated!

Have a lovely break everyone and have lots of fun. See you all soon.

Mrs. Wilby



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5NP

What a fantastic year we have had! I have been incredibly impressed with all the children this year especially their high determination and high motivation towards their learning.

Firstly, I would like to thank all of the children as you have been truly amazing; I knew from the moment that you walked through the door in September that you were going to be a special bunch and you proved me right. I would like to thank all the parents and carers for their continued support throughout the year!

This year, we enjoyed learning about 'The Greeks', 'Space' and 'What a Wonderful World'. Within these exciting topics, we covered a range of different writing styles, Art projects and a range of Science experiments. I am sure the children will take the new skills they learnt into year 6 and make their new teachers proud.



The children really enjoyed their trip to the Space Centre where they had the opportunity to explore the rocket, the planetarium and attend special work shops.

The children have made this year memorable for me and I cannot wait to see you all grow into successful individuals such as, mechanics, models, scientists and footballers, alongside achieving all of the other dreams and ambitions that you have shared with me this year. You can achieve every single dream that you have shared if you work hard, try your best and keep focussed on your goals!

Well done 5NP and I wish you all the best for your future!

Mr Patel



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5EC

What an amazing year! Looking back towards Autumn term, it's incredible to think of how far you've all come. I'm so proud to have been your teacher this year and seen all the incredible effort and hard work you've put into Year 5. You've all shown fantastic resilience, responsibility for learning and maturity in your decision making throughout Year 5.

Over the year we've had lots of amazing experiences: going to see Peter Pan at Loughborough Town Hall, visiting the Space Centre and putting on an amazing class assembly!

We've gone from studying the Ancient Greeks to learning all about the Hidden Figures in space exploration. In our final term we've learnt about how to save our rivers from pollution, as well as creating a clay tile in the style of Ancient Islamic art.

In Maths we've studied everything from fractions to how to measure volume in cubic centimetres, and in English you've blown me away with your fantastic poetry.

As you move on to Year 6 and your last year of primary school, I hope you're all proud of the amazing progress you've made. Your thoughtfulness and responsibility have made you a wonderful year group to teach, and I hope that you continue to grow and learn as you make your way into Year 6.

It has truly been a privilege to teach you this year, and I can't wait to see everything you'll achieve in next year!



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6CG

6CG what a fantastic year we have had! From the minute you all arrived in year 6 to now, you have worked so hard and shown such resilience to your learning. We have thoroughly enjoyed teaching you all and getting to know the wonderful people you are. We are both extremely proud of you all and the tenacity you have shown this year. You have faced the challenges of this year head on and always had a positive attitude when struggles have arisen.

Our year together has been jam packed. We have experienced several trips together including Beaumanor Hall's WW2 day, the residential and enjoyed our class assembly, fundraiser and end of year shows.

We have both been impressed by the respect you have shown and your continued kindness and politeness to us. All of you should be so proud of the young people you have become during your time at Highcliffe.



As you leave primary school and begin your journey in secondary school, we would like to wish you all the luck in the world and to remember to have confidence in the wonderful people you are, treat everyone with kindness and continue to show perseverance and effort with your academic studies.

We will miss you all!

Good Luck

Miss Bee and Mr Watts 😊



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6RP

What an AMAZING year we have had together 6RP! I am so proud to have been your teacher this year and shared some special memories with you in your final year at Highcliffe.

I am tremendously proud of each and every one of you for your sheer dedication and hard work throughout the year. You have all pushed yourselves and I couldn't be more proud! This term, I have seen you all complete your SATs and bring to an end everything you've all worked so hard for.

You all have showcased this year some outstanding skills in performing arts through our Christmas Concert at St James Church and our end of year show-watching you all on stage filled me with immense joy and I am so lucky to have been your teacher this year!

We have created so many memories this year! I have thoroughly enjoyed our trips to Beaumanor Hall for our WW2 experience day, Residential where I saw you all overcome your fears and the Warning Zone.

As you embark on your next journey in education, I would like to wish you all the best and hope the wonderful people you have become in the years at Highcliffe flourish into respectful and hard working young adults.

Thank you for trusting me to teach your children this year and for allowing me the privilege of supporting them in their journey to secondary school. I will miss you all and I hope to see you return and say hello at some point.

Good luck

Mrs Pabla



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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".



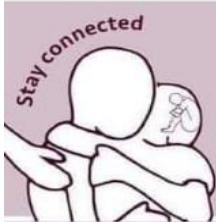
Tell the child the things they need to hear, don't wait for them to ask you because they don't know what they need! **Tell them:**

- 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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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.

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/>

School Dinners

School dinners will increase from £2.45 per day to £2.60 per day

2024/2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Training Day	Friday 23 rd August 2024 (school closed to students)
Bank Holiday	Monday 26 th August 2024
Training Day	Tuesday 27 th August 2024 (school closed to students)
Schools Open	Wednesday 28 th August 2024
Schools Close	Friday 18 th October 2024
Autumn Half Term	Monday 21 st October 2024 to Friday 25 th October 2024
Schools Open	Monday 28 th October 2024
Inset Day	Friday 29 th November 2024 (school closed to students)
Schools Close	Friday 20 th December 2024
Christmas & New Year Holiday	Monday 23 rd December 2024 to Friday 3 rd January 2025

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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!

Highcliffe Team

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