

Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Respectful

The value we are looking at this half term is: Courage Our HeartSmart focus is: Too much selfie isn't healthy!

17th January 2025
Spring Term Newsletter 1

Things to remember:

- The deadline for Reception and Year 5 school admissions has now closed. If you have not completed an application please visit <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/apply-for-a-school-place>
- Doors to classrooms will close at 8.55am each day. If the gates are closed, please come through the office, as your child needs to be signed in.
- Parking - We have had a number of concerns raised regarding parking outside of the school. Please could you leave the school car park entrance clear.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, what a fortnight we have had. It has been so jam packed that Christmas and New Year feels like a lifetime ago. I hope that you had a wonderful time and are ready for 2025! Our children certainly have shown that they are ready for the new year ahead and continue to fly high and show their values of being kind, safe and respectful.



Stampede by the Sea!



Thank you for all of your donations to the cake sale in the Autumn Term. The money that was raised enabled us to support Weldmar Hospice by purchasing an elephant! At the beginning of the term, Miss Felgate showed the children a rather sad looking elephant and explained that it needed to be decorated. All of the children

designed an elephant with the idea that we would be able to choose one idea and use that to paint our elephant. However, the designs were all too good and as usual I found the decision too difficult. We decided that everyone needed to contribute to the elephant and therefore all of their designs needed to be on the elephant. Each child was given a kite to decorate and we made a flying high patchwork elephant. He looks brilliant and I am so pleased that every child is represented on our elephant.

The next challenge was to name it. To show democracy, we asked each class to come up with a selection of names and as a school we all voted. There were some fantastic names such as Solar, Tombola, Lavender and Bumble, but the winning name was Cookie. Cookie will be delivered to the Weldmar Hospice this week to be varnished. In ten weeks time he will be

displayed along the Jurassic Coast for us to visit. There will be a trail of elephants from other schools and organizations and I am really looking forward to showing off our amazing efforts.



Attendance Matters

Our whole school attendance last week was : **95.63%**

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
98.72	96.11	95.69	96.62	92.78



Space Week

We have really enjoyed our Space Week. The children have totally immersed themselves within the topic. Reception have learnt about the planets; Year 1 have learnt about insulation and the materials required for an astronaut's glove; Year 2 have created the planets from paper mache; Year 3 have investigated different soil types and Year 4 have looked at how heavy objects would be on the moon compared to Earth. A lot of super space knowledge has been learnt. The children also loved the trip to the Planetarium and the super science assembly where children got to experience live science experiments. A big thank you to Miss Felgate, Ogden Trust and the Science Lead at the Prince of Wales School for organising such excellent activities to accompany our learning.

Reading Rocks at Broadmayne!

As part of our ongoing work to promote a love of reading in school, all staff will be taking part in E.R.I.C from next week. E.R.I.C (Everybody Reads In Class) will happen after lunch every day and will be an opportunity for children and staff to spend 10 minutes independently reading, or sharing a book with their friends. If you call the office at 1pm and they do not answer, you know it's because it is E.R.I.C time.



End of day routines - A safeguarding request



Please can I politely ask that football is not played after school and children and parents leave the playground before 3.30pm each day. This is to enable staff to check the playground area and lock the gates to enable our children at Cool Kids the opportunity to get some fresh air and play before their snack at 4.15pm. We thank you for your continued support with this.

Outdoor Adventurers - Forest School

We are so excited that we have been able to secure funding for the remainder of the school year to ensure that every child has an opportunity to work with Helen and Anita down at the Woods. It is looking fabulous down there and they have asked if any parents have the following that they would like to donate to our woodland area:



- Gazebos - these will provide more spaces in the woods for shelter
- Tarpaulin - these will be used for den building
- Wood chipping - for pathways

Flexible Support Fund For Families

The Flexible Support Fund provides financial assistance to cover the initial costs of childcare, ensuring that parents can access the support they need without delay. This allows you to start work or training without worrying about immediate expenses. The fund is a grant, meaning the money received does not need to be repaid. Once childcare costs are paid, you can claim up to 85% of these costs back through Universal Credit payments, if you are eligible. To be eligible for the Flexible Support Fund, you must be receiving Universal Credit and require childcare to start or continue working. To apply, contact your nearest Jobcentre Plus or speak with your work coach if you have one.

[For more detailed information, please visit the Universal Credit childcare costs page.](#)

Flashback Friday - Friday 14th February 2.40 - 3.00

We would love for parents to come in and take part in our Flashback Friday with the children. This will be an opportunity for you to find out about what the children have been learning and answer the questions along with the children. If you have more than one child at the school, I would recommend seeing if you are able to get another relative to attend or spend 15 minutes in each class.



And finally.....

Thank you to Miss Felgate and Miss Barnett who have supported the children to create a brilliant elephant. I cannot wait to see it when it is out and about.

Best wishes,
Mrs Jordan-Gill

Date	Time	Event
<u>JANUARY 2025</u>		
Thursday 30th	2.45	Year 4 Class Assembly
<u>FEBRUARY 2025</u>		
Friday 14th	2.40	Flashback Friday
Monday 17th - Fri 21st		HALF TERM
Monday 24th		INSET DAY
Tuesday 25th	8.45	Children return to school
Wednesday 26th	AM	Year R Vision Screening
<u>MARCH 2025</u>		
Thursday 6th		World Book Day - Children to come to school in pyjamas - details to follow
Friday 14th	2.45	Year R Class Assembly
Wednesday 19th		Year 4 Music at Thomas Hardy
Friday 21st		Red Nose Day - details to follow
Tuesday 25th	2.45	Year 2 Class Assembly
Wednesday 26th March - Friday 28th March		Year 4 Hooke Court Trip
<u>APRIL 2025</u>		
Wednesday 2nd	2.30pm	Rocksteady Concert - for parents of children in club only
Friday 4th		END OF TERM. School finishes at 2pm.

Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April		EASTER HOLIDAYS
Tuesday 22nd April	8.45	Children return to school
MAY 2025		
Tuesday 20th	AM	Year 3 visit Poole Arts Theatre to watch the BSO
Wednesday 21st	2.45	Year 3 Class Assembly
Monday 26th		HALF TERM
JUNE 2025		
Monday 2nd		Children return to school
Tuesday 3rd	AM	Class photographs
Monday 9th		Year 4 Multiplication screen takes place this week Year 1 Phonics Screen takes places this week
Monday 16th		SPORTS WEEK Dogs Trust visit
Wednesday 18th June	1.30	SPORTS DAY
JULY 2025		
Tuesday 1st July		Transfer Day
Monday 14th July	2pm	End of Year Show - details to follow
Tuesday 15th July	9.30	End of Year Show - details to follow
Wednesday 16th July	2pm	End of Year Show - details to follow
Thursday 17th July	9.30	End of Year Show - details to follow
Tuesday 22nd July	2.00	END OF TERM. School finishes at 2pm.