

Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Respectful

The value we are looking at this half term is: Compassion      Our HeartSmart focus is: Let Love in!

Date: 22 November 2024  
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Things to remember:

- Please complete your preference for Nativity tickets by completing the google form sent earlier in the week.
- Our Christmas Fayre is next Friday 29th November please pop along
- Please see the weekly reminder for details of costumes that need to be sent in for the Christmas Nativity.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I sit and write the newsletter on a Thursday afternoon with bright sunshine now beaming down on our playground, you would not believe the snow that we encountered this morning and the disruption it caused to everyone. We had planned to stay open due to the sun coming later in the day, but the gridlock on the roads made it impossible for Dorset Food Links to deliver our lunches and so therefore we had to close. Unfortunately, we just didn't have enough cans of baked beans and bread for the 120 children we serve everyday. Whilst we didn't want to close, we hope you took the opportunity to enjoy some magical moments in the snow.



Despite the hiccup of the snow, the children continue to 'fly high' this week. It is always such a joy to walk through the classrooms and see the children so engaged in their learning. Year 4 showed off their musician skills by explaining what a graphic score is and demonstrating some body percussion. Year 3 showed off their World War 1 museum, where the children confidently told me what they have learnt. Year 2 have been explaining how we can save the planet in preparation for their report writing, whilst Year 1 have been explaining that we can have an = sign at the start of a number sentence. Reception have been getting very technical with their science skills whilst looking at leaves and have learnt a new word, chlorophyll!

Journey to the stable.



Next week all of our children will be walking down to the village to take part in a local event organised by our local churches. The children will begin their journey at Broadmayne Methodist Church and will make their way to St Martins Church. Along the way they will make stops and learn about the Christmas story. Please refer to the weekly reminder for the dates and times for your child's class. If you are able to help support children on the walk, please let your class teacher know. As parents you have a right to withdraw your child from

this event. Please let your class teacher know if you do not wish for your child to attend the visit.

### Our Christmas Nativity

We are busy preparing for our Christmas Nativity and look forward to sharing this with you on Tuesday 10th December at 2pm and Wednesday 11th December at 2pm and 6pm. Spaces are limited due to fire safety regulations, and so we are operating a ticket system:



- Two tickets per family may be requested - this is in total, not per performance

The performance will be filmed and added to our private youtube site. All children will be required to attend the evening performance. As per the letter that was sent out earlier this week, please take your children to their Year group door between 5.30-5.45pm. Children will need to be collected from their year group door between 6.45-7.00pm. Tickets will be sent out to parents on Wednesday 4th December.

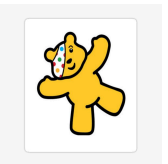
### Cool Kids - Early close Wednesday 11th December 5.15pm



On Wednesday 11th December we have our Nativity Performance which begins at 6.00pm. Cool Kids will finish at 5.15pm. Please collect your children by 5.15pm and take them to their classrooms to change into their costumes or let us know if you would like us to do this for you. Children will be given a hot snack if they attend Cool Kids on this day.

### Children in Need

A huge thank you to everyone who came to school in their own clothes on Friday. We know times are difficult for us all, so it really means something to know our school community is able to donate money to support children everywhere - a lovely link to our school value of Kindness! We raised a whopping **£143.10!**



### Attendance Matters

Our whole school attendance last week was: 94.84%

Attendance Matters



Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
96.43%	95.17%	99.01%	93.20%	91.87%

## Design a Bauble Competition



FABS are holding a competition to design a Christmas bauble. Entries can be as creative as the artist likes, e.g. paint, glitter, feathers, fabric...whatever their creativity suggests!

You can get an entry pack from the school office or the FABS bake sale. For £2, your pack contains two wooden baubles; this can be two entries for one child, or if you have two children at the school then they can enter one each – it is entirely up to you and your little artists! Once completed, your child can bring their bauble in and hang it on the Christmas tree in the office.

For a chance to win the competition (which the lovely Mrs Spratt has agreed to judge for us), please ensure baubles, with name and class written on the back, are on the tree by the end of school on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

## Let's Talk SEND

Dorset Council hold half-termly online events for families of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). The webinars offer a valuable opportunity for parents and carers to connect with the team, learn about relevant updates, and have questions answered directly.



The next event is on 2 December at 1pm, and is a completely open "ask us anything" session. You can find out more at [Let's Talk SEND - Dorset Council](#)



## Dorset School Admission Arrangements for 2026/2027

Dorset Council is running the annual consultation on the School Admission Arrangements for 2026/2027 with effect from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

Details of the consultations will be available to view at [Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools in Dorset Council 2026 to 2027 - Dorset Council - Citizen Space](#)

Responses must be submitted either in writing to School Admissions Team, Dorset Council, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ or by email to [schoolorganisation@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:schoolorganisation@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

Upon the conclusion of the consultation period all responses will be considered carefully and a report will be presented to Dorset Council's Cabinet meeting on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

More information can also be found on our school website.

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## Free school meals

A free healthy meal is available every school day to children whose parents or carers receive qualifying benefits. Please visit the [Dorset Council Free School Meals web page](#) for more information to see if your child is eligible. This contains a quick, easy, and confidential online application form. The financial information you provide will not be seen by your child's school or teachers, and the school will only be notified if your application is approved. If your child qualifies for benefit-related free school meals, they also get access to free activities and nutritious food in the school holidays: [Find out more](#). Even if your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 and already gets universal infant free school meals (UIFSM), please complete a free school meals application form if you think you might be eligible. If approved, you will gain access to free holiday activities and your school will receive extra funding (called pupil premium) to support your child's education and development: [Apply for free school meals - Dorset Council](#).



### Christmas Fayre - Friday 29th November

The FABS team have been busily working behind the scenes to create a wonderful Christmas Fayre. If you are able to help with the setup of the fayre during the day, please let one of the FABS know and they will be happy to direct you to a task. This year the focus of the fayre is on fun and games, so we hope you will join us for some homemade hot food, sweet treats and festive fun. The children have been busy in their classes making Christmas crafts to purchase as well as decorating a Christmas tree which the staff are taking very seriously and have now turned it into a competition for the best decorated tree! In the secret garden the children will be singing at 7pm which we hope you will join in with.

Over the last year we have been really lucky to be able to use the money that has been raised to purchase fantastic things for the school. All money raised will benefit the children so if you are able to support the event by attending, please do. The more the merrier!

And finally,

Thank you to the many families who gave up their time over the last 2 weekends to do jobs around the school. You make a massive difference to our school and we are very grateful for your support. They are also preparing a Christmas Wreath Workshop on the 2nd December. Please check out the posters displayed at the front office to book on.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Warm wishes,  
Mrs Jordan-Gill

Important Events:

Date	Time	Event
Friday 29th	5.00pm	FABS Christmas Fayre Cool Kids will not be available on this afternoon - sorry
<a href="#">DECEMBER</a>		
Friday 6th December	2.40pm	Flashback Friday
Monday 9th		Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 10th	2.00pm	Christmas Performance
Wednesday 11th	2.00pm 6.00pm	Christmas Performance
Friday 13th	1.30pm	Panto - Snow White
Tuesday 17th		Local Food Links serve Christmas Dinner
Friday 20th		Christmas Party Day School finishes at 2pm.
<a href="#">JANUARY 2025</a>		
Monday 6th		Children return to school for Spring term 1