



Spring Weekly Bulletin 08

Friday 6th March 2026

Rooted in the community to grow and flourish

The Parable of the Mustard Seed, Matthew 13: 31-32

Dear Families,

The school was a flurry of colour and costumes this week when our school community embraced the celebrations of [World Book Day](#)! Staff and children engaged in a range of different activities from decorating potatoes to going on book trails. This day gave us the opportunity to continue to promote the importance of reading and it was great to hear the children share the authors and texts they are enjoying at the moment. A love of reading really does help to extend vocabulary and open up routes to learning in other areas and we hope each child has brought their Book Token safely home so that they can use it to make a purchase from a bookshop nearby.

We have faced a lot of rainy days recently and, unfortunately, a lot of wet school drop offs and pick ups! Sometimes the rain can lead us to try and race undercover quickly and I therefore want to take this opportunity to ask for your help in ensuring safety is our joint key priority for the start and the end of the school day. Keeping our children safe on their journey to and from school is everyone's responsibility. Whether walking, scooting, cycling or arriving by car, we all need to take extra care.

As you know, Lollipop Liz will be stopping her role at the end of this month and we will no longer be able to rely on having the support of a lollipop lady or flashing pedestrian lights. Please therefore start talking to your children about this so they can practise things like not running ahead to the end of the road and crossing the road alongside an adult.

For Drivers

- Please **park safely and considerately**.
- Do not park on pavements, zigzags or across driveways.
- Avoid stopping where it blocks children's view of the road.
- Drive slowly and carefully near the school site.

A few extra minutes of care can make a big difference to everyone's safety.

For Children Walking

- Always walk on the **pavement**, well away from the road.
- Stop, look **both ways**, and listen before crossing.
- Use a safe crossing place where possible.
- Never run across the road.

For Children Scooting or Cycling

- Follow the **Highway Code** rules.
- Stop at the kerb and check carefully before crossing.
- Ride sensibly and be aware of people around you.
- Walk your scooter or bike across once you reach the entrance to the school site

A Reminder for Families

Only children who have **permission from school** are allowed to travel to and from the school site without an adult. If you are unsure, please contact the school office.

How Parents Can Help at Home

Here are some simple ways to reinforce road safety messages:

- Practise "**Stop, Look, Listen, Think**" together.
- Ask your child: "*Where is the safest place to cross?*"
- Role-play different road situations.
- Remind children to remove headphones and not look at phones when walking to and from school. Underline the importance of staying alert near roads.
- Talk about why parking safely protects all children, not just your own.

Working together, we can make sure every child arrives at school and home safely each day. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community safe.



Best Seat in the House

The Best Seat in the House is awarded to pupils who have gone above and beyond to earn Track It Lights points throughout the week.



Attendance

Reception: 91%

Year 1: 99.2%

Year 2: 100%

Year 3: 96.3%

Year 4: 90.2%

Year 5: 99.2%

Year 6: 100%

Whole School Attendance: 96.4%

Notification of a child's absence must be reported to the school office on each day of absence.

A phone call or email must be received by the school office prior to 09:00 giving the reason for absence.

Attendance monitoring takes place regularly in school and a termly inspection is carried out by Dorset Council. If your child's absence drops below 90%, you will receive a letter expressing concern.



Diary Dates

Monday 9th March 14.45 -15.00 – Year 4 Multiplication Tables check Information Meeting for parents and carers.

Monday 9th – Friday 20th March – Pre-School Parent/Carer/Key Person Meetings – Please book a slot directly with your child's Key Person.

Monday 16th March – Year 6 Parents/Carers SATs Information Meeting – 14:30 – 15:00

Friday 20th March – Comic Relief Red Nose Day – Non-school uniform day 80's theme.

Monday 23rd March – Year 1 Parents/Carers Phonics Information Meeting – 14:30 – 15:00

Wednesday 25th March – Class Photographs – **all children in school uniform on this day please**

Friday 27th March – Last day of term – normal finish time

Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April – Easter Holidays

Monday 13th April – INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

Tuesday 14th April – Return to school

Sports Day – 22nd May = KS2 Morning & KS1 afternoon – details to follow.

