



Autumn Weekly Bulletin 04

Friday 25th September 2026

Rooted in the community to grow and flourish

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

Dear Families,

It has been another busy and exciting week at Wool! Our Year 3/4 pupils joined children from a neighbouring school for their first rehearsal as part of the Purbeck Singing Project. Later in the academic year, they will have the wonderful opportunity to perform alongside other local schools at the Lighthouse in Poole, so it was fantastic to begin rehearsing together and experience being part of such a large choir. Across the school, children have continued to immerse themselves in their new topics and are engaging enthusiastically in learning across the curriculum. It has been fantastic to see pupils demonstrating curiosity, resilience and a positive attitude to learning in every classroom.

Just as we encourage our children to live out our value of aspiration and always strive to be the best they can be, we are committed to continually striving to strengthen and improve our school. This year, our staff team will be focusing on several key priorities that will help us provide the very best education and experiences for every child.

One area of focus is ensuring that teaching responds quickly and effectively to children's learning needs. You may remember that we ended last academic year gaining the Inclusion Quality Mark accreditation and we want to continue to value every child and help them to thrive. This means teachers are checking what children know and understand, then adapting lessons or learning tasks so that everyone receives the right level of support and challenge. Children will be gaining verbal feedback throughout the lesson, and we are looking forward to providing opportunities for you to come into school and find out more about what your child is learning and how you can help at home. The upcoming parent teacher consultations will also be a useful time to discuss each child's targets.

We will also be placing a strong emphasis on helping children develop the essential building blocks for learning. This includes skills such as letter formation, handwriting, spelling and mental arithmetic. By helping children become more fluent and confident in these areas, they will be able to devote more of their thinking to applying their knowledge and tackling new challenges. You will note that some home learning tasks are aimed at providing further practice opportunities for children in these areas and we thank you in advance for your support with this.

Another important priority is continuing to strengthen our Early Years provision both in reception and across our pre-school. We want our youngest learners to have the very best start to their school journey by offering engaging learning experiences, having high-quality teaching and nurturing early language skills.

Finally, following the review of our school vision and values last academic year, we will be working together to embed these further into everyday school life. Already the children are familiar with the parable of the mustard seed and we want our new values (aspiration, resilience and kindness) to become lived experiences for our children, staff and wider community each day.

Throughout the year, staff will participate in a range of professional development opportunities linked to these priorities. We will also share more information with parents through newsletters and information sessions so that you can see how the improvements we are making will support your child's progress and development. As part of the Coastal Learning Partnership, we benefit from working closely with colleagues across our family of schools and

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this collaboration helps us to regularly network with colleagues from different settings. Only this week, Mrs Johnson and Miss Norris were both involved in sharing good practice at a maths training session.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to help every child flourish and achieve their full potential.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Griffiths



Attendance

Attendance figures for this week are:

Reception: 90.6 %

Year 1: 97.1%

Year 2: 100 %

Year 3: 96.6%

Year 4: 98.6 %

Year 5: 94.4%

Year 6: 95.8%

Whole School Attendance: 96.2 %

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.



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.



PTFA

The Parents, Teachers, & Friends Association (PTFA) will be holding their AGM on Friday October 2nd at 3.05pm at the school.

We'd love to invite anyone who is interested to come along. We have several vacancies on the team this year including the chair, secretary and general team member positions.

The team is a friendly group of parents who enjoy meeting up and fundraising for the school. It's a great way to get involved with school life, so come along and meet us on the 2nd!

This year the PTFA will be focusing on getting some new play equipment fitted in the school field for all the children to enjoy!



Harvest Service and Food Bank Donations

A reminder that our Harvest Service will be taking place soon on Wednesday 7th October at the Church. As part of our celebrations and to support those in our local community, we will be collecting donations of non-perishable food items to be given to the local Food Bank. If you can, please send your child in with a donation on the day. Thank you for your kindness and generosity in helping us make a difference to local families in need.



Diary Dates

Tuesday 29th September – Monday 5th October – Scholastic Book Fair (in the school hall)

Thursday 1st October – Flu Immunisation Team in school – Please see Arbor communication or speak to the school office for further information

Thursday 1st October – Skylark Class Leeson House parent/carer information meeting – 14:30

Friday 2nd October – PTFA AGM – 15:05 in the school hall

Wednesday 7th October – Harvest Festival Service at the Church - 14.15 -15.00 – parents welcome to attend

Thursday 8th October – Open morning for prospective families - 9.15am to 11.30am

Tuesday 13th October- SEND Parent/carer/teacher meetings for 08:30 – 16:30 – further information to follow

Tuesday 13th October – ELS Meeting for parents/carers of children in YR, YR 1 & Y2 – 14:00 – 14:30 in the school hall – at 14:30 you will be able to visit your child's classroom to see ELS in action.

Tuesday 20th October - Parent/carer/teacher meetings – 15:30 – 17:30 – further information to follow

Thursday 22nd October - Parent/carer/teacher meetings – 15:30 – 17:30 – further information to follow

Sunday 25th October – Bovington Together Harvest Festival 2pm – 4pm @ Bovington Memorial Hall

Friday 23rd October – INSET Day – School closed to pupils

Monday 26th October- Friday 30th October – Half Term

Monday 2nd November- Return to school

Monday 23rd November – Individual and family photographs

Monday 23rd November – Owl Class Brenscombe parent/carer information meeting – 14:30

Tuesday 8th December – Pre-school - Christmas Songs -10.00-12.00

Tuesday 15th December – KS1 – Nativity Performance -TBC

Wednesday 16th December -KS2 Christmas Service -14.15 (parents/carers welcome)

Friday 18th December – Last day of term – 13:15 finish time

Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January – Christmas Break

Monday 4th January - INSET Day – School closed to pupils

Thursday 4th March – Yr 3/4 – singing project – Skylarks will be joining other primary schools in putting together a concert @ Lighthouse Poole

Monday 10th May – Friday 14th May – Year 6 SATS Week

Wednesday 26th May – Friday 28th May – Skylark class Leeson House residential trip

Wednesday 30th June – Friday 2nd July – Owl class Brenscombe residential trip

