



Autumn Weekly Bulletin 05

Friday 2nd October 2026

Rooted in the community to grow and flourish

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

Dear Families,

As we reach the midpoint of the first half term, it is wonderful to reflect on how positively the year has begun. The children have settled quickly into their classes, are working hard to embrace new learning opportunities with enthusiasm. Thank you for working with us to prioritise your child's attendance and for trying to ensure he/she is in school as much as possible. Regular attendance makes a significant difference to children's academic progress, confidence and wellbeing both in school and at pre-school. It is always a pleasure to welcome families at the gate each morning, and hearing so many cheerful "good mornings" is a lovely way to start the day! These small interactions help to reinforce the strong sense of community that makes our school such a special place. Thank you.

With this in mind, I would like to focus this week on some of the ways we would love you to get involved in your child's learning and the life of the School over the next few weeks. Our Parent Teacher Consultation meetings are being held before the October half term break. Appointments can be booked through the Arbor app and, if you have not already done so, I would encourage you to reserve a slot as soon as possible. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to celebrate successes, discuss progress and consider your child's next steps in learning.

For children on the SEND register, consultation meetings will take place on a separate day. These appointments are slightly longer to allow sufficient time to discuss individual support plans and provision in greater detail. Both the class teacher and Miss Hardy, our SENDCo, will be present to ensure families have the opportunity to ask questions and contribute to discussions about their child's support plan and provision.

We are also looking forward to welcoming parents into school for our Essential Letters and Sounds (ELS) phonics information sessions which are coming up for parents/carers. We hope that this will provide a useful insight into how phonics is taught in school as well as offering practical ideas that can be used at home to support early reading. You will also note there is a Kinetic Letters session after half term so do put the date in your diary.

Children absolutely love knowing that their parents and carers are coming into school, meeting with teachers and finding out about their learning. It sends a powerful message that their efforts are valued and celebrated both at home and at school. We know that when schools and families work together, children thrive and we are truly grateful to you for your commitment to working alongside us on your child's learning journey.

If you would like to find out more about what your child is learning in different subjects, please do take a look at our school website. It contains a wealth of information about our curriculum, learning journeys and wider school experiences.

The diary dates at the end of this bulletin also capture a variety of ways in which you can engage with school and I am sure you will agree there is a lot planned out! Thank you as always for your support in adhering to the Code of Conduct, which you can read [here](#). We greatly value the positive working relationships we enjoy with our parents and carers and appreciate the respect, kindness and collaboration that underpin them. Together, we share the same goal: helping every child to flourish and achieve their very best.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Griffiths



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.



Attendance

Attendance figures for this week are:

Reception: 97.7%

Year 1: 95.1 %

Year 2: 97.3 %

Year 3: 100%

Year 4: 96.7%

Year 5: 95.6%

Year 6: 97.6%

Whole School Attendance: 97.1%

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.



Diary Dates

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

Friday 9th October – Wear Yellow Day for mental health

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 - 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

Thursday 22nd October - Parent/carer/teacher meetings – 15:30 – 17:30

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

Monday 30th November – Kinetic Letters Parent Info Meeting 14.30 to 15.00

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