



Autumn Weekly Bulletin 07

Friday 16th October 2026

Rooted in the community to grow and flourish

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

Dear Families,

This week we have started our parent teacher consultations for pupils on the SEND register and are looking forward to continuing into next week with meetings taking place on 20th and 22nd October. We are hoping to have met with every child's family by the half term holiday and that all families will feel informed about what their child is learning, their current targets and how they can be supported at home.

I would also like to take the opportunity today to thank the many volunteers who give their time, talents and energy to support our children. Their contributions make a tremendous difference to the experiences we are able to offer and enrich school life in countless ways.

We are incredibly grateful to members of our community who visit us regularly to listen to children read aloud; helping to foster confidence, fluency and a lifelong love of reading. Reading is such a vital skill, and the encouragement and support these volunteers provide is invaluable.

In addition, we are fortunate to benefit from regular Open the Book performances during Collective Worship sessions. The team of volunteers bring Bible stories to life in an engaging and memorable way and are a favourite amongst all our year groups. We also appreciate regular visits from members of the West Purbeck Benefice and Rev Lydia, Rev Richard and Rev Lisselle help nurture moments of reflection and discussions as part of our assemblies.

A special thank you must also go to our PTFA, who work tirelessly and creatively throughout the year to organise fundraising events and community activities. Their efforts not only bring families together but also provide wonderful and enjoyable opportunities for our pupils. The team have not long held their first AGM of the year and met this week to plan upcoming fundraising events. If you would be interested in becoming involved with the PTFA, please contact the school office and we will happily put you in touch with the friendly team.

We are soon going to be holding our first Parent Council meeting of the year, too. The Parent Council are a group who meet with me approximately once a term and join in discussions to help shape different aspects of school life. In the past, for example, the team have helped plan how our sports day is organised and have also provided feedback to help staff when reviewing the home learning policy. The next meeting is on 16th Nov so if you would like to join the Parent Council this year please do email the office to confirm your attendance.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the members of our Local Governing Body. Our governors generously give their time to attend meetings, provide challenge, ask thoughtful questions and work alongside myself and other school leaders to support continual school improvement. Their commitment to the school and dedication to our children and community are greatly appreciated.

To every volunteer, governor and supporter who contributes to our school in ways both large and small - THANK YOU! Your kindness, commitment and generosity help make our school the vibrant and caring community that it is, and we are incredibly grateful for all that you do.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Griffiths



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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

Attendance figures for this week are:

Reception: 96%

Year 1: 97%

Year 2: 100%

Year 3: 96.6%

Year 4: 98%

Year 5: 96.6%

Year 6: 100%

Whole School Attendance: 97.8%

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

Tuesday 20th October - Parent/carers/teacher meetings – 15:30 – 17:30

Thursday 22nd October - Parent/carers/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 2nd November – Healthy Living Poster deadline

Monday 9th November to Friday 20th November – Pre-school Parent/carers meetings – please speak to a member of pre-school staff to book your meeting.

Wednesday 11th November – Remembrance Day

Monday 23rd November – Individual and family photographs

Monday 23rd November – Owl Class Brenscombe parent/carers 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 (all year 6 children to be in school)

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

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



Remembrance Day **November 11th**

On this day, children from service families are welcome to wear an item that reflects their connection to the Armed Forces.

Children who are members of a scouting or guiding organisation may wear their **Cubs**, **Scouts**, **Beavers**, **Brownies**, **Rainbows** or **Guides** uniform.

Alternatively, children are welcome to wear **red** or **purple** (poppy colours).

During the day, we will observe the two-minute silence together.