



Spring Weekly Bulletin 03

Friday 23rd January 2026

Rooted in the community to grow and flourish

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

Dear Families,

This week has seen some of year 6 cohort starting to attend weekly after school and lunchtime sessions to help them prepare for SATS. Staff have also engaged in a range of training sessions including working with The Jurassic Maths Hub, Dorset Council Therapeutic Thinking and updates in our HR systems. The Teachers also took part in a very active staff meeting this week led by Dan Moody (Purbeck Sports Partnership).

In addition, I also want to take this opportunity to thank you for all you are doing at home to support your child with their home learning. Teaching staff have seen pupils who are reading daily to an adult at home making some super progress and it is also great to see so many children completing the home learning tasks which have been set. As parents/carers, you play a vital role in your child's educational journey. We are often asked how mathematical learning can be supported at home and I therefore thought I would share a few ways that you can encourage you child and help them thrive in maths at home.

Practising Arithmetic and Number Facts

Incorporating maths into daily routines can be both fun and beneficial. Encourage your child to practise arithmetic by involving them in cooking (e.g. asking them to measure ingredients, doubling or halving recipes), which reinforces addition and multiplication skills. Additionally, you can create simple number facts game. For example, write down different questions on pieces of paper and challenge your child to solve them in a timed setting. Climbing steps whilst calling out multiplication facts or estimating the numbers of claps/jumps you can do in a given period. You might also consider using apps like TT Rockstars, which make practising times tables engaging and interactive. Celebrate your child's successes, no matter how small, to build their confidence.

Maths in the Real World

Real-life applications of maths can significantly enhance understanding. When shopping, involve your child in calculating totals, comparing prices or calculating change. This not only helps with addition and subtraction but also teaches them about budgeting. You can also explore patterns and shapes in your surroundings, such as counting the number of windows in your house or identifying geometric shapes in architecture. These activities help to highlight the relevance of maths in everyday life.

Maths Through Play for Younger Children

For younger children, integrating maths into play is a wonderful way to learn. Use building blocks to explore concepts of counting, addition and subtraction. Encourage them to create structures while discussing the number of blocks used. Board games that involve counting spaces or money management can also be excellent tools for learning. Additionally, apps such as Numberblocks can provide fun and interactive ways for younger children to engage with maths. Remember, the key is to keep the atmosphere light and enjoyable, allowing your child to explore maths without pressure.

By incorporating these strategies into your daily life, you can support your child's mathematical development in a positive and engaging way. Showing children that it doesn't matter if they make a mistake, it doesn't matter and it is all part of the learning process is also important. Your encouragement and involvement in keeping them persevere will make a significant difference in their confidence and mental resilience - thank you.

If you would like to find out more about our maths curriculum, including the calculation strategies children are taught in school, please do look at our school website.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Griffiths



Recruitment Opportunities

At the end of term, we will be saying farewell to Veronica Harvey, one of our Pre-School staff. Veronica has worked at Wool Pre-School for many years, and she will be hugely missed. Thank you for all of your dedication and hard work and we hope you enjoy your retirement.

We therefore have a vacancy within the Pre-School and there are also other local school job opportunities, which can be found [here](#).



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: 95.4.1%

Year 1: 95.3%

Year 2: 99%

Year 3: 98.2%

Year 4: 92.2%

Year 5: 91.6%

Year 6: 100%

Whole School Attendance: 94.5%

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

Thursday 29th January – 8:30 – 9:30– SEND Family Drop In

Monday 2nd February – 13:00 – 16:00 – SEND Parent/Carer/Teacher Consultations

Tuesday 3rd February – 8:30 – 16:30 SEND Parent/Carer/Teacher Consultations

Tuesday 10th February – Parent/Carer/Teacher Consultations – 15:20 – 17:30

Thursday 12th February – Parent/Carer/Teacher Consultations – 15:20 – 17:30

Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February – Half Term

