



Autumn Weekly Bulletin 15

Friday 19th December 2025

Rooted in the community to grow and flourish

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

Dear Families,

Today marks the end of the autumn term and the children are eagerly awaiting the start of their Christmas holiday! Looking back since September, we have been extremely busy and I thought I would end 2025 with a little poem reflecting and celebrating all we have achieved together:



Autumn has been snow (or rain!) might fall,
At Wool Primary, we've had a ball.
With Puffins and Robins, so bright and keen,
In our Pre-School, they've been a great team.

In Kingfishers class, they love some role play,
While Wrens in KS1 shine every day.
Skylarks in Years 3 and 4 soar high,
And Owls in Years 5 and 6 reach for the sky.

Rooted in community, we grow and thrive,
With values of love, faith, respect, we strive.
Perseverance and aspiration guide our way,
Celebrating achievements in every display.

In assemblies each week, we have gathered with cheer,
Certificates have been awarded, clapping for all to hear!
Sports events at Purbeck, our teams did their best,
A variety of after-school clubs - we have been truly blessed.

Science and multi-sports, fun to explore,
Forest school sessions - the outdoors we adore!
Through rain or shine, we learn and play,
A dedicated staff team show children the way.

To parents and carers - your support we treasure,
At workshops and meetings, you bring us great pleasure.
To our volunteers - your help is a gift,
Our PTFA have also given us a lift!

As we look back on 2025, with pride in our hearts,
We'll cherish the memories, as a new term soon starts.
See you all again in the year that is new,
At Wool Primary and Pre-School, we're grateful for you!



I hope you enjoy a wonderful Christmas break with your families and look forward to seeing all the children again on Tuesday 6th January 2026!

Mrs Griffiths

CLP Engagement

Over the last month, CLP has proactively sought feedback from stakeholders by circulating a survey to both parents/carers and also to all employees. All findings will be considered by school leaders including governors and will help inform the school's next steps moving forward.

In addition, some staff members have continued to engage in network meetings: Mrs Robinson has met with colleagues to discuss HR and Premises issues, Mrs Griffiths has attended Headteacher Engagement Days and Mrs Collins has taken part in some Year 6 teacher CPD alongside members of the senior leadership team. Miss Snooks and Miss Swales have also enjoyed working with EYFS staff from various CLP schools and pre-schools as we work on refining our curriculum for the pre-school and reception pupils.



Safeguarding

As we approach the Christmas holidays, safeguarding remains our highest priority. If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing during the break, please do not hesitate to seek help.

Key Contacts:

- **Local Authority Family Support and Advice Line:** 01305 228558
- **NSPCC Helpline:** 0808 800 5000
- **Police (Emergency):** 999

You can also find useful advice and support on the **NSPCC website:** www.nspcc.org.uk.

Online Safety Tips for Children

- **Talk openly** with your child about what they do online and who they interact with.
- **Set clear rules** for screen time and which apps or games are allowed.
- **Use parental controls** on devices and apps to help keep children safe.
- **Remind children never to share personal information** such as their full name, address, or school online.
- **Encourage them to tell you** if they see something upsetting or if someone makes them feel uncomfortable online.
- **Check privacy settings** on any new devices or games they may receive as gifts.
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Mental Health and Wellbeing Tips

- **Keep routines where possible** – regular bedtimes and mealtimes help children feel secure.
- **Plan some downtime** – the holidays can be busy, so allow time for rest and relaxation.
- **Stay connected** – encourage children to talk about their feelings and share any worries.
- **Balance screen time with outdoor activities** – fresh air and exercise are great for mental wellbeing.
- **Model calm and positivity** – children often mirror adult emotions, so try to keep stress levels low.
- **Know where to get help** – if you're concerned about your child's mental health, you can contact:
 - **Young Minds Parent Helpline:** 0808 802 5544
 - **Childline:** 0800 1111



PE and Forest School Timetable

The PE timetable for next half term will be as follows:

Kingfisher class – Wednesday and Thursday

Wren Class – Monday and Thursday

Skylark class- Tuesday and Friday

Owl class – Thursday and Friday



Forest school days next term as follows:

Kingfisher class – Thursday

Wren class – Thursday

Skylark class – Thursday

Owl class – After February half term



Pupil Voice

Wellbeing Ambassadors

The Wellbeing Ambassadors would like to wish everyone a Very MERRY Christmas!

Miss Hardy and the ambassadors would like to share a festive technique that can help when Christmas busy-ness and unpredictability can find you feeling overwhelmed and seeking 'calm'. [The Little Stressed Elf](#)

Worship Committee

The children have continued to engage in a range of collective worship sessions both as a whole school in the hall or church and as a cohort in classrooms. Pupil feedback is that Open the Book sessions continue to be a favourite and children can recall the various Bible Stories they have been taught through the acting of our wonderful West Purbeck Benefice volunteers. Picture News has also continued to spark lots of debate. If you would like to have a look at the various topics we have discussed this term, do have a look on the relevant page of the school website.

Sports Ambassadors

Ten new sports ambassadors were chosen and were accompanied on a days training at Purbeck School with children from nine other schools. The ambassadors were praised by instructors as being the most "creative and efficient" present !

Back in school we organised a rota with two or more ambassadors working with a different year group each day of the week.

This has taken off well as activities to encourage physical activity with children from Year 1 up, differentiated ofr age and ability.

I will give two weeks off school as reward for the spors ambassadors starting this Saturday!

School Council

The School Council trialed a book swap with a class recently and the success of that event means we will roll this out to everyone in the new term. On a Friday after school there will be two tables (KS1 and KS2) run by School Councillors. It will be a free book swap unless a book is in fantastic condition and we will ask for a small donation for school funds.

So look out for the first of our regular book swaps in January.

Might be a useful opportunity to replace books post Christmas ?!

Also in January, we will be welcoming two new school councillors from Reception.



Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher

Congratulations to these children who have been awarded a hot chocolate with Mrs Griffiths.

The children were chosen for consistently demonstrating our school values throughout this half term.



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

Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January – Christmas Break

Monday 5th December – INSET Day – School closed to pupils

Tuesday 6th January – Return to school

Tuesday 6th January – Wren Class Trip

Wednesday 14th January – Safer Schools Team information session for parents/carers regarding online safety

Tuesday 20th January – 15:30 – 17:00 – SEND Family Drop In

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

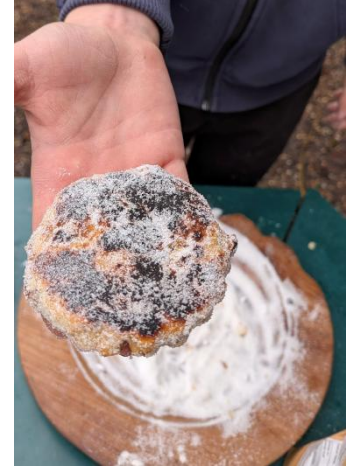


Forest School News

This half term Owl class have been using their knowledge of knots to make paracord keyrings. They were also very successful in preparing, lighting and sustaining a fire to cook Welsh cakes.

Kingfishers and Wrens have been enjoying autumn leaves. We have been learning about different trees and leaves on our school site and using them in crafts.

Scan the QR code to book onto our forest school after school club on Thursdays. Dens, bug hunting, crafts, tools, fire, cooking and more!



Attendance

Attendance figures for this week are:

Reception: 95.7%

Year 1: 100%

Year 2: 98.9%

Year 3: 99.3%

Year 4: 90%

Year 5: 90%

Year 6: 93.9%

Whole School Attendance: 95.7%

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.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

School Uniform and PE Kit Expectations

As we enter a school holiday you may be purchasing new school uniform and/or PE kit for child so we thought it would be useful to remind you of the expectations:

Main Uniform

- Grey skirt, pinafore dress, shorts/trousers
- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo *
- Royal blue polo T-shirt with school logo*
- Plain white, black or grey socks
- Plain grey tights
- Plain black, flat, school shoes **that can be polished** (not trainers or boots)

School Uniform

P.E. Kit

- **Navy/black** shorts; leggings/joggers
- Royal blue crew neck T-Shirt with school logo*
- Trainers
- **Plain** blue/black sports jumper/hoody if you would like (not essential as children may wear their school sweatshirt)

[We are pleased to inform you that you are now able to purchase Wool Primary hoodies from AF Joy. These can be worn on PE days as an alternative to a sweatshirt or cardigan.](#)



Please see our [uniform policy](#) for full details.



Forest school clothing In Key Stage 2 in particular, some children are wearing forest school clothing for the duration of the day rather than come in wearing their PE kit and bringing warmer/waterproof items separately as requested.

Please ensure your child is wearing their PE kit on forest school day.

Hair Styles

When getting pupil haircuts please be mindful that, in school, the use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children **should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.**