



Summer Weekly Bulletin 11

Friday 3rd July 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 incredibly busy and productive week with lots to celebrate. Today marks a special milestone for our youngest learners as our Reception pupils proudly brought home their first written annual reports. It is always a joy to see the progress they have made on their learning journey so far. Next Friday, 10th July, children in Years 1–5 will also bring home their reports, following the completion of all statutory assessment outcomes. Year 6 will receive their reports on Friday 17th July. The reason for the later release is because schools were notified by the Secretary of State yesterday that End of KS2 Outcomes/SATs results are not going to be published until Thursday 16th July. We will therefore send these statutory outcomes home along with the annual reports on Friday 17th July.

As we move through this period of warm weather, I would like to take the opportunity to highlight the importance of water safety. With our close proximity to rivers and the coast, it is vital that all children understand how to stay safe around water. Nationally, there is often an increase in water-related accidents during hot weather, and education is key to prevention.

In school, we have already been proactive in supporting children's understanding. Pupils have taken part in water safety assemblies this year, and we are very much looking forward to our upcoming first aid sessions delivered by the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. During these sessions, children will learn essential life-saving skills, including CPR. Our Year 6 pupils have also been attending weekly swimming lessons at Purbeck Leisure Centre, where they have been developing confidence in the water as well as learning basic life-saving floats and techniques that could help them in an emergency.

If you are planning trips to the beach or spending time near water, the RNLI and other safety organisations recommend the following key tips:

- Always swim at a lifeguarded beach and between the red and yellow flags
- Never swim alone – stay with friends or family and keep each other in sight
- Read and follow local safety signage and flags carefully
- Enter the water slowly to get used to the temperature
- If you get into difficulty, remember: Float to Live – tilt your head back, relax, and try to control your breathing
- Do not use inflatables in offshore winds or near deep water
- Supervise children closely at all times, even if they are confident swimmers
- Avoid jumping into unknown water – hidden hazards can be dangerous
- In an emergency, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard

By reinforcing these simple but vital messages, we can all play a part in keeping children safe while still enjoying everything our beautiful local environment has to offer.

Looking ahead to next week, we are excited to be holding our transition sessions on Monday 7th July. All Year 6 pupils will spend the day at their new secondary schools, gaining a valuable insight into life in Year 7. Meanwhile, children across the school will spend part of the day with their new classes and teachers, helping to build confidence and excitement for the year ahead. We are also delighted to be welcoming our new Reception cohort, who will be visiting their new classrooms for the first time.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Griffiths



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: 95.5%

Year 1: 96.4%

Year 2: 97%

Year 3: 96.9%

Year 4: 91.3%

Year 5: 95.5 %

Year 6: 97.4 %

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.



Diary Dates

Monday 6th July – Wrens Class Trip

Tuesday 7th July – Purbeck Transition Day

Friday 10th July – end of year Disco – info to follow.

Friday 10th July – Reports out to Parents (year 1 to 6)

Tuesday 14th July – Year 6 Leavers Service at Swanage.

Tuesday 14th July – Skylark Class Trip.

Thursday 16th July – Year 6 Leavers' Party – straight after School to 4.15pm.

Monday 20th July – Year 6 Leavers Service at The Church of the Holy Rood 14:00 - all welcome

Tuesday 21st July – Last day of term – 13:15 finish time (Not pre-school)

Wednesday 22nd July – INSET Day – School closed to pupils

Thursday 23rd July – Monday 31st August Summer Holidays

Tuesday 1st September – INSET Day - School closed to pupils

Wednesday 2nd September – INSET Day - School closed to pupils

Thursday 3rd September – Return to school

Monday 7th September Welcome to class – Kingfishers – 2.15pm

Tuesday 9th September Welcome to class – Wrens, Skylarks & Owls – 2.15pm.



Have Your Say – The Big Future Survey

The Children's Commissioner for England wants to hear from children and young people about what life is like today and how it can be improved.

 Complete the survey here:
www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture

 Takes around 5 minutes to complete.