



Summer Weekly Bulletin 12

Friday 10th July 2026

Rooted in the community to grow and flourish

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

Dear Families,

As we move towards the final few weeks of term, our transition sessions this week have been incredibly positive. Year 6 pupils have returned full of stories about the routines and expectations they have been introduced to at secondary school, which has been lovely to hear. Across the school, children have also felt reassured by meeting their new teachers and spending time in their new classrooms. Over the coming weeks, staff will continue to work closely with pupils to support them ahead of September, including providing additional pastoral support where this is most beneficial.

With the end of the academic year approaching, I am sure we are all looking forward to a well-earned summer break. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to relax, recharge, and enjoy time with family and friends. At the same time, there are many simple and enjoyable ways to continue building on the excellent learning they have achieved this year, without it feeling like “homework.” Establishing regular reading routines remains one of the most powerful ways to support progress. Sharing books together, talking about stories, and modelling a love of reading can make a significant difference. A visit to the local library can be a great outing, giving children the chance to choose their own books and take part in the Dorset Summer Reading Challenge, which is particularly motivating for more reluctant readers.

You might also encourage children to practise key skills in everyday ways—such as writing shopping lists, keeping a holiday diary to share with their new teacher on their return, helping to follow recipes (supporting maths and reading), playing board games that involve counting or strategy, or exploring the outdoors and discussing what they see. These small, practical activities help to keep foundational skills ticking over while still feeling fun and meaningful.

We would also like to inform parents that, following a review of our provision, we have decided that from September the school will provide all stationery required by children. This means that pupils should not bring pencil cases into school next year. We felt it was important to share this now so that families do not feel the need to purchase “back to school” items such as pens, pencils, or crayons when they begin to appear in shops. We hope this will reduce financial pressures for parents/carers, support children to stay focused on their learning, and help them to engage positively with organisational routines in school.

Finally, written annual reports for children in Years 1–5 have been sent home today. We hope you enjoy reading and celebrating your child’s achievements this year. As you know, Year 6 Reports will be sent home on Friday 17th once SATS results have been received. If you have any questions, please do come and speak to teachers at the start or end of the day next week, or contact the school office to arrange a convenient time for a phone call.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Griffiths



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School Meal Price Update

From September 2026, the cost of a hot school meal will increase slightly from £2.75 to £2.80. This small increase reflects the rising costs of ingredients and utilities, which continue to impact catering services. We have worked hard to keep any increase to an absolute minimum and are pleased to be able to continue offering high-quality, nutritious meals that represent excellent value for money.

We would also like to remind families that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals and can enjoy a free hot meal each day if they are registered with our provider, Chartwells.

In addition, children who are eligible for Pupil Premium (benefit-related free school meals) can continue to receive free hot school meals too.

To ensure that all pupils who are entitled to additional support continue to receive it, we ask **ALL families** to check their eligibility, even if you have applied previously.

Please take a few minutes to complete the eligibility check by clicking the link below:

👉 <https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/pp-coastalpartnership>

If you would like to find out more about Pupil Premium eligibility or how to sign up for meals with Chartwells, please contact the school office, who will be happy to help.



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.



☀️ Exciting News – We're Moving to ELS! ☀️

📚 ✨ A new phonics adventure begins this September! ✨ 📚

We are delighted to share that from September we will be moving from our current phonics approach and be introducing **Essential Letters and Sounds (ELS)**, a high-quality phonics programme that will support our children in becoming confident, fluent readers and writers.

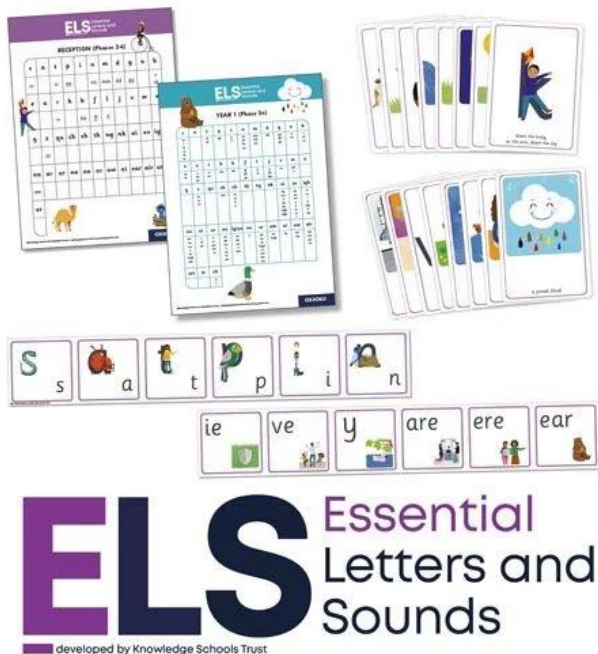
🚚 Time for a Book Round-Up! 🚚

To help us get everything ready for our exciting new phonics journey, we need to collect **all current phonics reading scheme books next week** before the summer holiday.

What happens next?

When we return in the autumn term, we'll share more information about ELS and how it works. We will also invite families to **parent workshops during the first half term**, where you'll be able to discover the new programme, see it in action, and learn how to support your child's reading at home.

🌈 Watch this space!



Attendance

Reception: 98.4%

Year 1: 96.3%

Year 2: 90.7%

Year 3: 100%

Year 4: 98.7%

Year 5: 96.7%

Year 6: 98.2%

Whole School Attendance: 97%

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 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 – Open Classroom for parents/carers Kingfishers – 2.15pm

Tuesday 8th September Welcome to class – Open Classroom for parents/carers - Wrens, Skylarks & Owls – from 2.15pm.