



Summer Weekly Bulletin 13

Monday 20th July 2026

Rooted in the community to grow and flourish

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

Dear Families,

As we come to our final couple of days of this academic year, it has been another busy and rewarding time in school. Last Monday, some of our pupils proudly represented the school at the CLP Festival of Sport, showing great teamwork and determination, and trips have continued to take place across the week, providing memorable experiences that enrich learning beyond the classroom. Skylarks loved their visit to Marwell Zoo! Today we held our Year 6 leavers' service, which was a special opportunity for us all to reflect together, celebrate achievements, and mark this important moment in their journey.

As this is the final newsletter of the year, I would like to take a moment to thank our wonderful staff team. Throughout the year, they have approached their roles with care, commitment and professionalism. Every day, they have come in focused on the children and making thoughtful decisions that place pupils at the centre. They have been reflective, compassionate, open-minded and supportive of one another—true team players. Small schools are very special places, but they require great dedication, as the same number of responsibilities must be managed by a smaller team. I am incredibly grateful to all staff for consistently going above and beyond.

I would also like to extend my thanks to our parents/carers and families. We know that schools share a great deal of information each week and that there is much to keep on top of—uniform preparation, packed lunches, attending events, signing forms, supporting with homework, and hearing your child read, to name just a few. We are so appreciative of the positive way in which you engage with the school, your openness in conversations with staff, and your shared focus on what is best for your child. Your support, encouragement and kind words truly make a difference and are greatly valued.

Finally, to our children— a huge well done. There is so much to look back on with pride. Each of you has faced your own challenges this year and shown courage in overcoming things that at times felt difficult. You have demonstrated our school values of aspiration, resilience and kindness in so many ways. As we move through these final days of term, we encourage you to focus on the positives, celebrate all that you have achieved, and look forward with excitement to what lies ahead.

Our Year 6 cohort will be leaving us tomorrow and I want to thank them for the way they've engaged with our school community throughout their time with us. Together we have created memories, practised new maths strategies, written stories, conducted science experiments, performed to audiences and taken on leadership roles. We wish you all the very best for Year 7 and hope you make the most of every opportunity offered to you in secondary school.

Have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to welcoming children back to school on Thursday 3rd September.

Mrs E Griffiths



Pupil Voice

Wellbeing Ambassadors

A huge thank you to our Wellbeing Ambassadors for their unwavering commitment to supporting all children with equity, care and compassion throughout this year. They have truly embodied our school value of **Kindness**, demonstrating it every day through their actions, leadership and support for others. They have been exceptional role models and have played an important part in helping to create a positive and inclusive environment for everyone in our school community.

As we look ahead to next year, Miss Hardy is excited to develop this role further by launching our new **Inclusion Ambassadors** team. While wellbeing will remain a key focus, this expanded role will provide a wider pupil voice and ensure representation from different groups across the school. The Inclusion Ambassadors will help us continue to strengthen our inclusive culture and ensure that every child feels valued, respected and heard.

Thank you again to our Wellbeing Ambassadors for their dedication and hard work this year. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved. 🌟

Worship Committee

This year, our Collective Worship Committee has played a valuable role in shaping the spiritual life of our school. Throughout the year, members have met regularly to share their ideas, evaluate our acts of collective worship and help guide future developments. Their thoughtful contributions have helped us plan the focus of our collective worship sessions for the Autumn Term, ensuring that our worship continues to be meaningful, engaging and relevant for all members of our school community.

The committee has also contributed to the selection of praise songs and reflected carefully on how collective worship is experienced by pupils across the school. Most importantly, they have been exceptional role models, demonstrating respectful listening, active participation and thoughtful reflection during daily collective worship.

Sports Ambassadors

A first for sports ambassadors: unusually high temperatures stop play! To avoid children over heating, we stopped their work at lunchtimes to stop children chasing after balls or other equipment. Instead, if the children were on the field they sat in the shade under the trees and chatted.

Being sports ambassadors, some still wanted to play football; one ambassador suggesting that if England can play at altitude and in heat in America, then surely, he should be allowed to play football at Wool.

Our thanks go to all the Sports ambassadors who many have recognised as the best sports ambassadors the school has had in recent years.

School Council

This year's elected and volunteer school council members have been a success. They have had a range of bright, fresh ideas. They creatively brought their ideas to improve everyday school life, from improving the lunch times and play times to raising money for equipment. By volunteering this role, the children have experienced a different form of leadership.

Thank you to all of you.



CLP Engagement

This term has provided many valuable opportunities for staff to collaborate with colleagues across the Coastal Learning Partnership, helping us strengthen practice and prepare for future developments. Ahead of the implementation of our new phonics and handwriting schemes, Mrs Johnson and Miss Snooks have visited other partnership schools, including Old Town Infant School and St Luke's Primary School, to observe lessons in action and gather ideas that will support a successful introduction at Wool.

Mrs Robinson has also benefited from partnership-wide collaboration, attending training for our new Health and Safety software and taking part in Premises Network meetings with colleagues who share similar responsibilities. These opportunities have enabled the sharing of expertise, ideas and best practice across schools.

Meanwhile, Mrs Griffiths has continued to work closely with fellow Headteachers to discuss school improvement priorities and strategic planning for the next academic year. Miss Hardy has also engaged with other PSHE and RSE leaders across the partnership, contributing to professional dialogue and curriculum development. Together, these collaborative opportunities demonstrate the many benefits of being part of the Coastal Learning Partnership and our shared commitment to continual improvement for all children.

Finally, some representatives from Year 2 and Year 3 travelled with Miss Hardy to Oakdale Junior School to take part in the CLP Festival of Sport. They played archery, cricket, golf and took part in a tug of war!

Safeguarding

Summer Safety

As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, we would like to wish all our families a happy, relaxing and safe summer holiday.

The summer break is a time for fun, adventure and making memories, but it is also important to stay safe. Please remind children to:

- Stay hydrated and wear sunscreen when spending time outdoors.
- Take care near roads, water and unfamiliar places.
- Wear appropriate safety equipment when cycling, scootering or taking part in sports.
- Be kind and respectful to others both in person and online.
- Keep personal information private when using the internet and know who to talk to if something online makes them feel worried or uncomfortable.
- Let a trusted adult know where they are and who they are with.

We encourage all children to continue reading, exploring new activities and enjoying quality time with family and friends.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We are incredibly proud of all our pupils and wish everyone a safe, enjoyable and restful summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back in the new academic year. 🌞📖🌈



Celebrating Our Inclusion Quality Mark Award

We are absolutely delighted to share that Wool Primary and Pre-School has been externally assessed and successfully awarded the prestigious **Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM)**.

This recognition reflects our unwavering commitment to creating a school community where every child is valued, supported and encouraged to thrive. We are thrilled that the combined efforts of our pupils, staff, governors, parents and wider community have been recognised through this award, highlighting the truly inclusive culture that exists across our setting.

The assessment celebrated our dedication to ensuring that everyone feels listened to, respected and able to achieve their very best. It is an achievement that we can all be proud of and one that reflects our shared belief that every member of our school family belongs.

We would like to extend a particular thank you to Miss Hardy, our Inclusion Lead and SENDCo, whose passion, dedication and expertise have been instrumental in driving this work forward. Her leadership has played a significant role in helping us achieve this recognition and ensuring that inclusion remains at the heart of all we do.

This award is a wonderful endorsement of our values and vision, and we look forward to continuing our journey, ensuring that Wool Primary and Pre-School remains a place where everyone is welcomed, valued and celebrated.

Well done and thank you to everyone who has contributed to this fantastic achievement.



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.



Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher

Congratulations to these children who have been awarded a hot chocolate treat.

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



Forest School News



The children have enjoyed using their senses to discover the woodland, learning about wildlife and identifying different trees. A big focus this term has been working together to develop the pond area, helping to create a space for wildlife to thrive. 🌿

PE and Forest School Timetable

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

Kingfisher class – Wednesday

Wren Class – Monday and Tuesday

Skylark class- Thursday 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 October half term



Attendance

Attendance figures for this week are:

Reception: 95.8%

Year 1: 95.5%

Year 2: 97.9 %

Year 3 : 98.4 %

Year 4: 96.3%

Year 5: 96%

Year 6: 98%

Whole School Attendance: 91.2%

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 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.



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.**