



Spring Weekly Bulletin 09
Friday 13th March 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 busy and productive week in school. We have had some great feedback from the wonderful concert Skylarks Class took part in last Friday and I would also like to congratulate our Year 6 pupils, who completed their mock SATs assessments this week. These practice papers are an important opportunity for the children to experience the format and structure of the tests in a supportive environment. I was very impressed with the increasing positive attitude and resilience and maturity that the children showed throughout the week.

The purpose of these mock assessments is not only to help prepare pupils for the formal tests later in the year, but also to help teachers identify areas where children may need additional support. This allows staff to plan carefully for the weeks ahead so that every child feels as confident and prepared as possible. I also want to thank lots of you for encouraging your child to attend the Year 6 after school sessions as these also help familiarise the pupils with aspects of the test they will later need to complete independently.

Over the coming summer term, a number of statutory assessments will take place across different year groups in primary schools. These include:

- **Year 1 – Phonics Screening Check**
- **Year 2 – Phonics Screening Check Retakes** (for pupils who did not meet the required standard previously)
- **Year 4 – Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)**
- **Year 6 – SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests)**

In addition to these national assessments, pupils in other year groups will also complete end-of-term assessments. These are used by teachers to help evaluate progress and to inform future teaching and learning plans so that lessons continue to meet the needs of every child.

While assessments are a normal part of school life, we are very mindful that they can sometimes feel daunting for children. Please be reassured that our staff work hard to ensure the process is calm, supportive and positive. We place far greater emphasis on effort, progress and wellbeing than on any single test result, and we will continue to do everything we can to ensure that pupils feel confident rather than pressured.

To help support both pupils and families connected to particular year groups, we will also be offering opportunities for parents and carers to come into school over the coming weeks. These sessions will provide the chance for teachers to share information about the statutory assessments and answer any questions you may have. I know lots of parents/carers often ask what they can do to best support their child at home and this will also be covered in the meeting in the hope you will feel well informed, and so we can work together to support the children in the best possible way.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the school and your children’s learning.

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.



Reward System

Over the next couple of months we will be trialling a different reward system. We will keep you updated and will of course be getting feedback from the children before making any long-term decisions.

Attendance

Reception: 92.4%

Year 1: 100%

Year 2: 100%

Year 3: 92.9%

Year 4: 83.3%

Year 5: 93.5%

Year 6: 100%

Whole School Attendance: 94%

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 9th – Friday 20th March – Pre-School Parent/Carer/Key Person Meetings – Please book a slot directly with your child's Key Person.

Monday 16th March – Year 6 Parents/Carers SATs Information Meeting – 14:30 – 15:00

Friday 20th March – Comic Relief Red Nose Day – Non-school uniform day 80's theme.

Monday 23rd March – Year 1 Parents/Carers Phonics Information Meeting – 14:30 – 15:00

Wednesday 25th March – Class Photographs – **all children in school uniform on this day please**

Friday 27th March – Last day of term – normal finish time

Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April – Easter Holidays

Monday 13th April – INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

Tuesday 14th April – Return to school

Sports Day – 22nd May = KS2 Morning & KS1 afternoon – details to follow.

