Newsletter June 2026

Headteacher's Comment

Half Term Ahead – An Exciting Term of Learning and Experiences

We are looking forward to an exciting and enriching half term, with a wide range of trips, visits and engaging learning opportunities planned for all year groups.

Collective Worship Focus: Harmony

Our focus for collective worship this half term is Harmony. We will be exploring how we can bring harmony to our world through the way we treat one another and how we care for our environment.

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"
— Psalm 133:1

Events to Look Forward To

Key Stage 2 Camp

A much-loved highlight of the year and always a fantastic experience for the children in years 3-6.

Activities Day

In the final week of term, children will enjoy a day of exciting activities as a reward for their hard work.

Growing and Exploring Nature

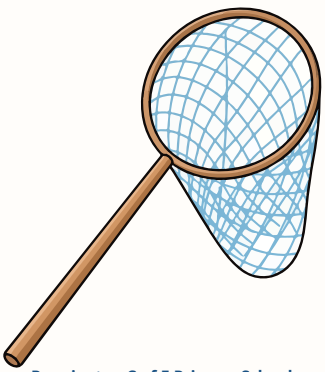
Across the school, we will be developing our learning in Science by planting and caring for our new garden area.

This will provide all children with hands-on experiences of growing plants and understanding how they thrive.

Pond Life Discoveries

Our pond area has been teeming with life over the half term break, and we are delighted to have already spotted electric blue dragonflies, newts and a wide variety of insects. All children will have the opportunity to explore this area through pond dipping as part of their learning.







Learning Across the School



Year R

Year R will be exploring the theme of travel and holidays, with a particular focus on Africa. They will be learning about African animals and fruits and comparing these to those found in our local New Forest, and are very excited about their upcoming visit to Minstead to explore the plants and wildlife firsthand.

Year 1 & Year 2

Year 1 and Year 2 will be learning about Mary Anning, including a guided fossil hunt at Highcliffe Beach and a workshop at St Barbe's Museum. They will also be continuing their work on plants, growing their own fruit, vegetables and flowers.

Year 3

Year 3 will be continuing their study of smuggling in the New Forest, including a workshop at St Barbe's Museum and a geography field trip to the sea wall. During this visit, they will explore why the coast was ideal for smuggling and discover the local flora and fauna.

Year 4

Year 4 will be exploring the Ancient Egyptians, including the pyramids and beliefs around mummification. In Science, they will focus on plant growth and will be creating their own garden in the school grounds.

Year 5

In English, Year 5 will be studying the exciting story Treasure Island. They will also be learning about Ancient Greece and its lasting impact on modern life. In Science, their focus will be Space.

Year 6

Year 6 will be continuing their study of the Ancient Islamic Empire, exploring its importance as an innovative and influential civilisation. In Science, they will be learning about reproduction in animals and humans.

PSHE

This half term, we will be learning about Relationships and Health Education through our Jigsaw programme. We will also be offering information sessions for parents to explain the content of the lessons and provide an opportunity to ask any questions.

Staff Update



I would like to share a brief update regarding staffing in Year 3.
Mrs Harvey will be undergoing her second knee replacement surgery in June and, as a result, will sadly not be returning for the remainder of this half term. I know you will join us in wishing her well for a successful procedure and a smooth recovery.
We very much look forward to welcoming her back in September.

In the meantime, Miss Vaughan will continue to teach Year 3 for the rest of the academic year. This will provide the children with consistency and stability, and will also be a real advantage as Miss Vaughan will be teaching the class next year. This continuity will support the children as they move forward in their learning with confidence.

Warm Weather Reminders

As we move into the warmer weather, please can we ask for your support in helping children to stay safe and comfortable in school:

- Sun cream should be applied before children come to school. If needed, children can bring a clearly named bottle to reapply themselves.
- Sun hats are strongly recommended for outdoor learning and playtimes.
- Water bottles should be brought into school every day so children can stay well hydrated.

We are very keen to ensure that everyone can continue to enjoy their learning, play and outdoor experiences safely during the warmer days.

Starting School – Stay and Play Sessions & Parent Meeting

To help our new Reception children settle happily into school life, we will be offering a series of Stay and Play sessions. These sessions will give pre-school children the opportunity to explore their new classroom, meet staff and begin to feel confident in their new environment.
We will be holding two Stay and Play sessions:
Thursday 5th June AM and Thursday 9th July AM

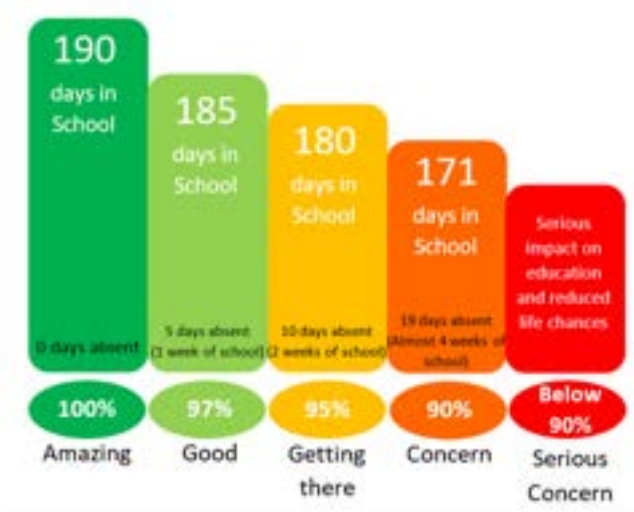
In addition, we will be holding an information evening for parents and carers:
Date: Monday 8th June
Time: 4.30pm - 5.30pm
This meeting will provide an opportunity to meet the Reception team, learn more about the school day and routines, and ask any questions.
We very much look forward to welcoming you and your child to our school community.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS
JUNE 2026

Attendance Champions

Year 1 are our attendance champions so far this year with year 3 running a close second. Both these year groups are almost into the green and should be proud of themselves. Years 4 & 5 have had some brilliant weeks in the last term where their attendance hit 97%. With a few more weeks like that, they could begin to challenge for the attendance prize at the end of the year.

Year Group	Pupils in latest week	YTD
All	168	94.2%
Reception	14	90.6%
Year 1	18	96.5%
Year 2	23	92.8%
Year 3	28	96.2%
Year 4	27	94.7%
Year 5	28	94.6%
Year 6	30	92.6%



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Summer 2 Clubs

Monday	**Rounders**	**Gardening**
Tuesday	**Football**	**Drama**
Wednesday	**Cross Country**	**Art**
Thursday	**Gymnastics**	

Upcoming Dates

Dates	Events
Monday 1st June	Summer Term 2
Monday 8th June	Class Photos
Tuesday 9th June	SEN Unit consultation 'drop-in'
Thursday 11th June AM	St Barbes Trip - Fossils Workshop
Thursday 11th June PM	St Barbes Trip - Smugglers' Workshop
Wednesday 17th - Friday 19th June	Year 6 Residential
Wednesday 24th June	KS1 Fossil Hunting trip to Highcliffe
Wednesday 24th June	Year 3 Coast Geography Trip
Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd July	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 7th July	Transition Day
Tuesday 14th July	Annual reports out to parents
Tuesday 14th July	Year R Minstead
Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th July	Year 6 Performance
Friday 17th July	KS2 Camp
Monday 20th July	Activity Day
Wednesday 22nd July	Whole School Picnic - End of Term

School Terms And Holidays
2026– 2027

Determined programme of school term and holiday dates for county and controlled schools for the academic year 2026/27

SEPTEMBER 2026						
M		7	14	21	28	
T	1*	8	15	22	29	
W	2	9	16	23	30	
T	3	10	17	24		
F	4	11	18	25		
S	5	12	19	26		
S	6	13	20	27		

OCTOBER 2026						
M		5	12	19	26	
T		6	13	20	27	
W		7	14	21	28	
T	1	8	15	22	29	
F	2	9	16	23 #	30	
S	3	10	17	24	31	
S	4	11	18	25		

NOVEMBER 2026						
M		2*	9	16	23	30
T		3	10	17	24	
W		4	11	18	25	
T		5	12	19	26	
F		6	13	20	27	
S		7	14	21	28	
S	1	8	15	22	29	

DECEMBER 2026						
M		7	14	21	28	
T	1	8	15	22	29	
W	2	9	16	23	30	
T	3	10	17	24	31	
F	4	11	18 #	25		
S	5	12	19	26		
S	6	13	20	27		

JANUARY 2027						
M		4*	11	18	25	
T		5	12	19	26	
W		6	13	20	27	
T		7	14	21	28	
F	1	8	15	22	29	
S	2	9	16	23	30	
S	3	10	17	24	31	

FEBRUARY 2027						
M		1	8	15	22*	
T		2	9	16	23	
W		3	10	17	24	
T		4	11	18	25	
F		5	12#	19	26	
S		6	13	20	27	
S		7	14	21	28	

MARCH 2027						
M	1	8	15	22	29	
T	2	9	16	23	30	
W	3	10	17	24	31	
T	4	11	18	25#		
F	5	12	19	26		
S	6	13	20	27		
S	7	14	21	28		

APRIL 2027						
M		5	12*	19	26	
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W		7	14	21	28	
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S	4	11	18	25		

MAY 2027						
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JUNE 2027						
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JULY 2027						
M		5	12	19	26	
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W		7	14	21 #	28	
T	1	8	15	22	29	
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S	4	11	18	25		

AUGUST 2027						
M		2	9	16	23	30
T		3	10	17	24	31
W		4	11	18	25	
T		5	12	19	26	
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Bank and Public Holidays 2026/2027			
Christmas Day	25 December 2026	Easter Monday	29 March 2027
Boxing Day	26 December 2026	May Day Holiday	3 May 2027
New Year's Day Holiday	1 January 2027	Spring Bank Holiday	31 May 2027
Good Friday	26 March 2027	Summer Bank Holiday	30 August 2027

* First day after break

School Holidays

Bank Holidays and National Holidays

\# Last day before break

Autumn Term 2026 starts on Tuesday 1 September 2026 and ends on Friday 18 December 2026
(Half term from Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October 2026)

Spring Term 2027 starts on Monday 4 January 2027 and ends on Thursday 25 March 2027
(Half term from Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February 2027)

Summer Term 2027 starts on Monday 12 April 2027 and ends on Wednesday 21 July 2027
(Half term from Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June 2027)

Term	Start date	End Date
Autumn 2026	1 September 2026	18 December 2026
	Half term 26 October- 30 October 2026	
Spring 2027	4 January 2027	25 March 2027
	Half term 15 February - 19 February 2027	
Summer 2027	12 April 2027	21 July 2027
	Half term 31 May – 4 June 2027	

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