



The weeks seem to be going by very quickly. I can't quite believe we have been back for a month already! The weather has been challenging this week with the temperature dropping and increasing amounts of rain but it hasn't stopped us getting outside for PE, playtimes and Forest School sessions.

Sorry – I know it is September still but I'm about to mention Christmas!!!! Today your child is coming home with a completed Christmas Card design. Please look out for it in book bags. If you would like to place an order, please complete the forms and send back to school by Friday 7th October. This is a lovely fundraising activity ran by the PTFA for our school.

Also, a reminder that on Monday 10th October we will be taking part in #HelloYellow for World Mental Health Day. It is a little thing we can do to make a BIG difference to young people's mental health. The children are invited to come to school in Yellow non-school uniform for a donation towards the Young Minds children's mental health charity.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Harvest Festival

Please join us on Thursday 12th October 2pm in St George's Church to celebrate Harvest Festival. Each Class will be taking Part.



We welcome donations for the Gillingham Food Bank this year as well as fresh produce.

Following on from the service in Church, Foxes will be holding a Market Stall on the playground at 3:15pm selling all the fresh produce which has been donated. The donated money will go towards a charity which the school council have chosen.

Donations of: SPONGE PUDDINGS, RICE PUDDING, BISCUITS, TOMATO KETCHUP, TINNED POTATOES, SAVOURY TREATS, JAM, PASTA, BEANS, SOUP, TOMATOES, PASTA SAUCE, VEGETABLES, and CEREAL will be gratefully received.

On Sunday some of our children took part in the Upper Stour Parish Harvest Praise and Pet Service over at Home Farm Stourton.

The children lead prayers, and performed the reading of The Little Flowers of St Francis of Assis.

Thank you to Barbara for working so hard with the children to ensure they were able to perform the reading.



Forgotten School Kit/Equipment. We are getting a lot of phone calls and messages throughout the day with parents dropping off forgotten school items such as water bottles and PE kits so to make it easier for all concerned from Monday morning there will be a waterproof box by the main school gate for parents to drop off forgotten items. A member of staff will come out and empty the box throughout the morning. We hope this makes it easier for you and for us.

Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 30/9/2022

Luke (Hedgehogs) – Working exceptionally hard when comparing numbers using symbols

Emilia (Squirrels) – Continues enthusiasm for learning. A great role model

Elsie-Brook (Badgers) – Organising the light monitors group to help us save energy

Charlotte (Foxes) – Always showing our Christian Value of kindness to everyone in school

WELL DONE!

Learnimal Awards

Week ending: 30/9/2022



Theo for being a Planning Panda

Obi for being a Planning Panda

Willow a for being a Persevering Penguin



Annabelle a for being a Persevering Penguin

Robyn for being Have a go Hyena



Coby for being Have a go Hyena

Well Done!

Pupil of the week

Week ending: 30/9/2022

Hedgehogs: **Alfie**

Squirrels: **William**

Badgers: **Bea**

Foxes: **Esme**

Birthdays



Ivy (8)

Ethan (8)

Lydia (11)

Lilly (8)

Many Happy Returns

Attendance

Week ending 30/9/22

Hedgehogs – 100 %

Squirrels – 100 %

Badgers – 96.8 %

Foxes – 96.5 %

This week the winners are

Hedgehogs & Squirrels



Achievements Out of School

Each week we celebrate the children's achievements outside of school. Please let us know if you would like a mention in the newsletter.

Chloe (Y5) successfully passed her Stage 5 Swimming award.

Emily (Y6) has completed stage 9 in her swimming lessons,

Phoebe S (Y6) represented school in an Equestrian event at the weekend and came first. The event involved dressage, show jumping and cross country. (If you are an avid horse rider and would like to compete on behalf of the school please contact the office for details)

Well done!



House Point Scores

Sandways

386

Chaffeymoor

299

Queen Oak

342

We have a huge amount of second hand clothing available. Next week we will put out the box for parents to help themselves. There are jumpers, T-shirts, cardigans, skirts and trousers.

Starting School



Children due to start school for the first time September 2023

If your child has a DOB 1 September 2018 – 31 August 2019 and is due to start school for the first time in September 2023 you should apply on-line

www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions for their school place or via your home county school's admission page if you do not live in Dorset. Creating an account is simple and you will be able to view the outcome online on offer day 17 April 2023. You will also receive full information of the outcome in a letter emailed on offer day.

If you require a paper application form, please call admissions on 01305 221060.

The deadline for applications is **15 January 2023**

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came along to take part in the Macmillan Coffee Morning last Friday. It was lovely to see you.

We raised a total of £70.81



REMINDER

Forest School and PE kit

Please ensure your child has their full PE kit and Forest School clothes in school. It is a challenge when we have lots of identical jumpers to match to owners when they are not named so can you please check everything is labelled clearly.

Lost Property

LOST PROPERTY

Please label all items of clothing. Our Lost Property box is always available in the school corridor and is full already! There are even brand new jumpers in there already without names on. From time to time you will see items of lost property on the playground for you to browse during collection time. As a reminder please label all your child's clothing especially if it is a hand me down with another child's name in.

Dates for your Diary

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| 6 th Oct | Special School Lunch |
| 10 th Oct | Wear Yellow Day |
| 12 th Oct | School Photographs |
| 24-28 th Oct | HALF TERM |

NUT FREE SCHOOL



Please remember we are a **NUT FREE** school. Please ensure your child does not have any nut products in their lunchbox—this includes Chocolate/nut spread in sandwiches and cereal bars which contain nuts. We have children in school with severe Peanut Allergies.

Scarecrow Trail Half term



Can you help? The PTFA are holding a Scarecrow trail in the village this Half Term and they are looking for families to make a scarecrow.

The theme for the scarecrows is Television.

So scarecrows based on a television programme are needed.

If you don't live in the village but would be happy to make a scarecrow, please let us know as we have plenty of space to display them around school or there could possibly be people in the village who are happy to display them in their gardens us.

If you can make a scarecrow please email the Kim via the PTFA email: PTFA@bourton.dorset.sch.uk letting her know the Scarecrow you will be making, and where you live to display it by Monday 26th Sept.

The scarecrows will need to be ready and displayed by Saturday 22nd October for the trail to start.

There will be a £10 prize for the scarecrow which receives the most votes for "Best Scarecrow" once the trail is over.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

We are very aware that the current national economic situation is making finances very tight for many families. Therefore, we wanted to remind people to consider if your child(ren) might be entitled to Free School Meals.



Please see if you are eligible for free school meals and further financial support here:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/at-school/pupil-premium.aspx>

If your child(ren) qualifies it entitles them not only to receive a free lunch in school every day, it also means that as a school we receive extra funding for your child(ren) called Pupil Premium. This is money that we spend on supporting your child(ren)'s learning in class and on other things within the school that will benefit their education and development more widely. For example, we subsidise school trips and residentials, we use it to pay for children to receive music lessons, and to attend after school clubs which incur an additional cost. In recent times it has also entitled families to food vouchers during the school holidays.

All the children in Reception and KS1 (Years 1 and 2) receive a free school meal already through the Government Universal Free School Meal system, but if you feel that your family could qualify, please complete the application process in order for the additional Pupil Premium funding to be released to school for your child.

If you would like support completing the application form or have any questions, please get in touch with us at school.

Do you know about...

free school meals

Dorset Council

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If your child qualifies for free school meals, they will have a **healthy meal every school day**, and can get:

- access to **free holiday clubs**
- **extra money for their school** towards more teachers and activities

You could save over £450 a year!

It's easy to find out if you qualify - complete our confidential checker at [dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/free-school-meals](https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/free-school-meals) or phone **01305 221090**

Pupil Premium

If your child is in reception to year 2 and you receive qualifying benefits, **you could get extra £££'s for your school!**

Apply for the Pupil Premium at [dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/pupil-premium](https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/pupil-premium)

Hedgehogs News

This week in Hedgehogs we have been learning lots more sounds in phonics. It has been lovely to see some of the children using their sounds in their explore time. Receptions have been representing number during maths, this also continued into explore time. The children have been engrossed in writing on the whiteboards outside, using the number tiles and animals to represent number as well as playing games on the computer. The year 1s wowed us and Mrs Farndale with their work on comparing symbols and were super at saying whether this was less than or greater than. For science we focused on our faces! We used a mirror to look at our face and identify all the different features. The children had great fun making different facial expressions with the cut out features.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.



Mrs Ramage, Mrs Nicholls and Mrs Monksummers

Squirrels News

This week in Squirrels we have written our own version of a Wishing Tale together as a class and yesterday we planned our own Wishing Tale. We have been focusing on writing sentence punctuation, starting with capital letters and full-stops. In maths we have been comparing numbers using the greater than and less than symbols as well as understand the language of more, less and fewer. Year 2s have also looked at how to partition 2-digit numbers. Our investigation into 3D shapes is also keeping thoroughly busy in maths. We have enjoyed consolidating our knowledge playing Kims game, bingo and a matching pairs game this week. In handwriting, we are making sure we know how to form our letters correctly and position them correctly on the line. We have started with our ladder letters (l, i, t, u, y, j) and the Year 2s have been learning to finish the letters ready for when we learn joining. We've also had a super week in science learning all about our 5 senses. We explored our senses and made some popcorn to enjoy eating together. We looked at the kernels, heard the popper blow hot air on them and described what we could hear. There was much excitement when they began to pop and we could smell the delicious aroma! The children enjoy changing their library books each week on a Thursday. Please do help the children to remember their library book each week if they need it changing. Many thanks.



Mrs Toy and Mrs Tyler 😊

Badgers News

Badgers had a fabulous day out at the Roman Baths on Tuesday. We started with a teaching session in the new classroom. Our teacher, Juliet, showed us a range of Roman artefacts and explained what they were used for. We also dressed each other up in Roman togas and made our own mosaic patterns. After this we went to the underground exploration zone. We used trowels and brushes to excavate a range of historical items. We had an Ipad challenge where we had to take photos of specific stones which came from the baths. We also had a construction zone where we built a bridge and used a crane to make Roman pillars. After lunch, we were taken through a secret passage to get into the main baths. We had a walk around the baths looking at all the different areas. We even met a Roman who told us about using the baths. We drank some spring water and many of us were surprised at how warm it was. Thank you to our parent helpers who were able to support us for this visit. The next day we wrote a recount of our visit including past tense verbs and time conjunctions.

In Forest school we learnt about Roman engineering and the invention of the aqueduct which transported fresh water from the hills to the city. In groups, we constructed our own aqueducts in the Forest school area; we discussed gravity and gradients and created covered ('underground') aqueducts as well as uncovered channels which led into baths dug into the ground. Fantastic team work Badgers!



Foxes News

This week in Foxes, the children have been continuing their topic of "Transatlantic Travels" focussing closely on the mountain range: The Andes. Firstly, they discussed how tectonic plates play a pivotal role in forming mountains and the different types of mountains: fold, fault-block, volcanic, dome and plateau. Next, they located The Andes on a map of South America before researching the land use on The Andes.

In PE the children have been continuing their tennis unit of week. In pairs, they practised hitting the ball to each other using their forehand and backhand before trying to complete a rally. The children showed great focus and concentration as they tried to complete rallies of over 10 shots.

Finally, in Forest School the children painted the Brazilian Carnival masks that they had made last week. They used lots of vibrant and bright colours and were all pleased with the final outcome.

