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Newsletter 22 – 27th February 2026

Class News

- Nursery - have enjoyed having dance in the hall this week.
YR - have been looking closely at flowers and using our observational skills to draw them.
Y1 - enjoyed their first week of Tennis during PE!
Y2 - have enjoyed looking at symbols of Easter by going on an Easter trail.
Y3 - have thoroughly enjoyed researching the Artist, Jackson Pollock.
Y4 - have loved recreating our own Henri Rousseau inspired art.
Y5 - have enjoyed writing motivational speeches.
Y6 - have enjoyed learning about light during the Science lesson, including how our eyes work so that we can see.

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I trust everyone had a restful half term. The children have certainly arrived back at school refreshed

A reminder that school staff are always available to chat. Please do not allow concerns or frustrations to fester; come and speak to us. If we don't know about it, we can't help!

I am sure you will all join me in congratulating Mrs Mackenzie, Year 3 Class Teacher, and her family who safely welcomed a baby girl into the world. Congratulations!

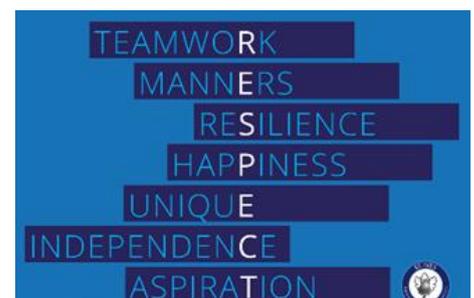
We have a new member of the office team, Mrs Sally Sklirou, who replaces Mrs Canfield. Mrs Sklirou will be working in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays. I am sure you will support her whilst she gets to grips with the workings of our school!

Book Fair

Next week the Book Fair will be in school from **Tuesday 3rd - 10th March**. Children will have the opportunity after school each day to visit the fair. For more details regarding the event, please see the letter sent home on Monday (23rd February). Lynda Steward, Author and Illustrator, is coming to visit our school to read some of her stories and carry out a few activities with KS1 in the afternoon.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 5th March**. We will also have the Scholastic Book Fair in school throughout the week to share the power of reading with the children. We invite the children to dress as their favourite book character to celebrate all things wonderful about literature – we can't wait to see your outfits!



Wellbeing Week – 16th March

We will be enjoying Wellbeing Week beginning on Monday 16th– Friday 20th March 2026, and the children will be carrying out the following activities:

Monday	Marshmallows
Tuesday	Yoga
Wednesday	Art with Heidi
Thursday	Draw something that makes you happy on the playground
Friday	‘Dress to Express’ own clothes day

Easter in Dorset – Holiday Activities & Food Programme

Dorset Council’s Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme will soon open bookings for their “Easter in Dorset” activities, starting 28 February. Children who receive benefit-related free school meals can access a range of free holiday sessions, including a hot meal each day. These sessions are very popular and tend to book up quickly, so eligible families are encouraged to register and book early.

If a family does not already have a HAF passcode, they can register by emailing holidayactivities@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk with their child’s name, date of birth and school, or by calling 01305 221157. Families who registered previously do not need to sign up again. Many activities are also open to fee-paying families, with some offering optional extended hours for a small additional fee. All families are welcome to take part. For any questions, please contact holidayactivities@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk.

Online Safety

With its end-to-end encryption and huge popularity, WhatsApp is often seen as a private and secure way to stay in touch; however, that same privacy can make it harder for trusted adults to see when things go wrong. This week’s guide explains how features like group chats, disappearing messages, ‘Channels’ and location sharing can expose young users to pressure, unwanted contact and inappropriate content.

It also looks at emerging concerns such as scams, advertising and the in-app AI assistant, helping adults understand how these elements may affect children and young people. Alongside the risks, the guide offers practical advice to support meaningful conversations, encourage safer settings and build young users’ confidence in navigating WhatsApp responsibly.

Rippa Rugby – Early Years Free Taster Rugby Session

Stuart Gallacher, the Bournemouth Rugby Community Manager for Rippa Rugby is running an early year’s free taster session at Bournemouth Rugby on Sunday 1st March 2026. If you would like to book a place, please visit: <http://www.ripparugby.co.uk/Course/17378>

Dates for Diary

March

3 rd	Scholastic Book Fair in School
5 th	World Book Day
11 th	SISA School Disco
WC 16 th	Parent Consultations
25 th	SISA’s Got Talent
27 th	Spring Term Ends

PE Kit days for Spring Term (2) 2026

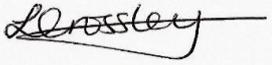
YR – Monday & Wednesday
Y1 – Monday & Wednesday
Y2 – Monday & Wednesday
Y3 – Wednesday & Thursday
Y4 – Monday & Thursday
Y5 – Wednesday & Thursday
Y6 – Monday & Thursday

April

30th (March) – 10th
13th

Easter Holidays
Back to school

Yours sincerely,



Mrs L Crossley

Headteacher

