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## Newsletter 12 – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025

### School Starters 2026- Closing date 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Apply online: [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/apply-school-place](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/apply-school-place)  
Don't miss the deadline!!

### Open Morning- (please email or ring the office to book)

10<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 9:15am

7<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 9:15am

### Class News

Nursery	- as part of our 'Why Can't I Have Chocolate for Breakfast' theme, we have been tasting and voting for different types of chocolate!
YR	- have been on a winter walk looking for signs of Winter and creating our own Winter pictures.
Y1	- had a lovely time in Design Technology making our Victorian toy sock puppets.
Y2	- have enjoyed burning Tudor houses during Forest School.
Y3	- have loved learning about different types of reflective materials in Science.
Y4	- loved making circuits in Science.
Y5	- loved making vegetable kebabs at Forest School. They were delicious!
Y6	- enjoyed a dance workshop this week based on the story 'The Snails' Dragon Tale'.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been celebrating UK Parliament Week by learning about what Parliament do, having debates and learning processes to how to make a difference.

### Elf Hunt

The school council are organising an elf hunt for **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** to raise money for our charity Greyfriars's Community Centre. It is £1 to enter and the children will be teaming up with another class to complete the hunt! Please bring money in on the day. Thank you for your support.

### Photographs

The proofs of your child/ren's school photographs have been sent home and Fraser Portraits have started to receive orders. If you would like to order any photographs, please ensure these are placed by **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**. Orders will then be received approximately two weeks after this deadline. For any late orders there will be an additional postage fee.

There is an opportunity for re-takes for any children who missed the main school photographs. See flyer attached for details.

### Christmas Lunch Order Reminder

Please note that the cut-off for Christmas lunch orders is **midnight on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December**.

### SISA

SISA are hosting a Non Uniform day on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December** with a request for coloured hamper items to be donated, please see the list below for each year group's colour theme;

- Nursery – Noir Noel
- Year R – Golden Glow
- Year 1 – Candycane Pink
- Year 2 – Sugarplum Purple
- Year 3 – Winter Blue
- Year 4 – Holly Green
- Year 5 – Snow White
- Year 6 – Berry Red



Donations to be handed in to class teachers please. There will be hampers raffled at each of the Christmas performances!

## **Tickets for Christmas Performances**

Tickets were made available to book at [www.bookwhen.com/stivesprimary](http://www.bookwhen.com/stivesprimary) from **10.00am on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025**.

**KS1** – please note, you are entitled to 2 tickets per family (over 2 sessions) initially, with a possibility of more once the first round of tickets is over.

**KS2** – ‘Pirates of the Currybean’ will take place over two performances at the Merryfield Theatre at the Verwood Hub on 17<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm (Matinee) and 6.45pm. Tickets are available for £7 a ticket (this goes someway to covering the costs) and there is no restriction on the number of tickets you can buy. Members of the public will not be attending.

Once we have confirmed all bookings, tickets will be sent home via book bags. Entry is by ticket only so you must bring your ticket with you – **No ticket no entry!**

## **School Carol Service**

The whole school will be walking up to All Saints Church on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm to take part in our school carol service. You are welcome to join us to sing a few carols!

## **Nursery Open Morning for prospective families**

We currently have some spaces in our nursery. Come and see it in action at one of our nursery open mornings at 9.30-10.30 on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December (Please book via the school office)

## **Online Safety**

TikTok captivates young audiences with its endless stream of engaging clips, but not without potential pitfalls. From unsettling or age-inappropriate content to harmful viral challenges, misinformation and even radicalisation, this ever-popular app can expose children to content that may not always be suitable for them.

This week's guide explores TikTok's hidden hazards, including in-app spending, compulsive screen time and privacy concerns, offering clear advice for parents and educators. With expert insight and practical safety tips, it aims to help families ensure that TikTok use remains fun, positive and, most importantly, safe.

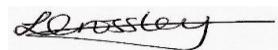
## **Dates for Diary**

### **December**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Treehouse Theatre
10 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas lunch (please order via Forerunner)
16 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm KS1/Nursery Performance
17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am KS1/Nursery Performance
17 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas Performance @ Verwood Hub (4pm & 6.45pm)
18 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Service @ All Saints Church @ 1.30pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	School closes for Christmas

1.00pm – Nursery  
1.05pm – Key Stage 1  
1.15pm – Key Stage 2

Yours sincerely,



Mrs L Crossley  
Headteacher

## **New PE Kit days for December 2025**

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

