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Newsletter 4 – 26th September 2025

Class News

Nursery	- have enjoyed talking about our families and representing them through mark making this week!
YR	- have been learning about the three primary colours and exploring what happens when we mix them together
Y1	- have really enjoyed exploring the art work of Paul Klee this week!
Y2	- enjoyed their Science investigation this week learning all about why exercise is so important!
Y3	- enjoyed their trip to the Tutankhamun expedition. They did themselves proud with how well they behaved and learnt lots!
Y4	- loved our first samba session – it was brilliant!
Y5	- enjoyed learning about the mother of 'Op Art' Bridget Riley and enjoyed recreating art work in her style
Y6	- thoroughly enjoyed the drama workshop this week which involved speaking, listening and dancing

Dear Parents,

Well done to all our Y5/6 children who represented the school in the East Dorset Cross Country at Canford School yesterday. As ever, they represented themselves and the school impeccably, showing real grit and determination.

Raffle Donations

St Ives along with all the other schools in our Trust, are holding our Annual Conference later next month. We are looking for donations of raffle prizes and would be extremely grateful of anything you may be willing to donate. For more information, please speak to the office.

A Visit from Perform

We were very pleased to receive a visit from [Perform](http://perform.org.uk) on Wednesday 24th September. The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of [Castles](#), [Knights](#) and [Princesses](#) and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills. Perform run regular weekly classes at Greyfriars Community Centre in Ringwood on Tuesdays at 5.20pm and they are offering a special introductory discount to all parents of St. Ives Primary School if they come along for a free trial session before Saturday 15th November. To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting STIV151125 or book a Free Trial Session online at perform.org.uk/try.



Water Bottles – A Reminder

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that only clear, plastic water bottles are permitted in classrooms. There are several important reasons for this:

- **Cost and accessibility:** Plastic bottles are affordable and readily available to all families.
- **Clarity:** Clear bottles allow staff to ensure that children are drinking water rather than other drinks during the school day.
- **Health and safety:** Plastic bottles are safe to use in classrooms and on tables, unlike metal bottles which can be heavy, potentially hazardous and distracting if dropped or knocked whilst drinking.
- **Consistency and fairness:** Having one clear rule helps ensure equality across the school, avoiding confusion or exceptions.

We do appreciate that some parents have strong views about plastic. As a compromise, children may bring metal water bottles (at their own risk) in their school bags and access them during the day. However, please be clear that from an operational perspective, the school must have a rule that is practical, safe, and suitable for all children and the school cannot operate on the basis of individual preference.

Value of the week – Respect

In our assemblies this week we have discussed the British Value – ‘Rule of Law’ and why we have laws and how they are different in different parts of the world. We are looking forward to celebrating Black History Month in October.

Online Safety

As infants, we all rely completely on adults to help us resolve situations that are causing us to become upset or stressed. This is known as co-regulation. The next phase, once autonomy has begun to develop, is called self-regulation: this is when children start to become capable of exercising more control over their impulses and behaviour, and managing their own emotions.

This vital developmental milestone, however, isn’t reached spontaneously. Learning to self-regulate requires sensitive guidance from trusted adults – simply talking with children about their thoughts and feelings, for instance, can ease the route to self-regulation. This week’s guide has some expert tips for supporting children to reach this goal, whether on or off line.

X (Twitter) – Please check with teachers these are correct

We regularly post pictures and updates via X (formally Twitter). If you would like to see what your child’s class has been up to, please follow the X usernames below:

Nursery: @stivesprimaryYN

Reception: @stivesprimaryyr

Year 1: @stives_year1

Year 2: @stivesprimaryy2

Year 3: @stivesprimary3

Year 4: @year4stives

Year 5: @stivesprimaryy5

Year 6: @stivesprimary6

Mrs Crossley: @stivesprimary

PE Kit days for September 2025

YR- Monday & Wednesday

Y1- Monday & Wednesday

Y2- Monday & Wednesday

Y3- Monday & Thursday

Y4- Wednesday & Thursday

Y5- Monday & Thursday

Y6- Wednesday & Thursday

Secondary School Applications –Closing date 31st October 2025

For those children that are due to be starting secondary school in September 2026, you can apply online at

www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/apply-school-place

If you live in Hampshire please ensure you apply via Hampshire. www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions

School Starters 2026- Closing date 15th January 2026

Apply online: www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/apply-school-place

Dates for Diary

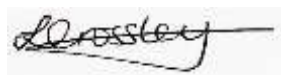
October

23rd SISA Break the Rules Day

24th INSET Day

WC 27th October Half Term

Yours sincerely,



Mrs L Crossley

November

5th – 7th

Y4 Leeson House Residential

11th Individual Photographs

19th Flu Immunisations

28th SISA Christmas Fair

