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Newsletter 7 – 16th October 2026

Class News

Nursery	- have been learning some new Autumn songs this week!
YR	- have been learning and practising our jumping skills in gymnastics
Y1	- had so much fun learning new and old playground games during our PSHE learning
Y2	- have enjoyed carrying out a Science investigation on hand spans this week
Y3	- have enjoyed comparing similarities and differences between life in Ancient Egyptian times and today
Y4	- have loved finding out all about the bronze age
Y5	- enjoyed learning about lifecycles in Science this week
Y6	- have thoroughly enjoyed testing their curriculum knowledge with some Blooket quizzes!

Dear Parents,

As we draw to the end of our first half term I am so impressed with how well the children have all settled into school and the amount of progress they have made in their learning.

Next week is parent consultations so please remember **NO** school led clubs, and Friday is an INSET day so it is a four day week!

Value of the week – Happiness
We have continued on the theme of Black History, learning about Nelson Mandela and all the things he achieved and the impact of his achievements many years on.

Raffle Donations – last call!
If you are able to provide us with any raffle prizes for our annual Trust conference, they would be very gratefully received. Please can we ask for any items to be handed into the office by **Wednesday 21st October**. Many thanks for your support.

Wear it Pink!– Cake Sale
The school would like to support 'Wear it Pink' to raise money for research into Breast Cancer. We will be running a cake sale after school on Wednesday 21st October and any leftovers can be passed onto the Disco. Please only send in biscuits, cookies, cakes that are portioned/sliced. **Please could your child bring in their cakes to their classroom on Wednesday morning labelled with any allergies to be aware of. Remember – NO NUTS! Thank you.**

Online Safety
AI companions are becoming increasingly popular with young people, offering round-the-clock conversations with virtual characters designed to feel like genuine friends. Platforms such as Character.ai, Replika and Snapchat My AI can provide entertainment and creative opportunities, but their human-like interactions also raise concerns. This guide explores potential risks including emotional dependency, inappropriate content, oversharing personal information and harmful mental health advice.

PE Kit days for October 2026
YR- Monday & Wednesday
Y1- Monday & Wednesday
Y2- Monday & Wednesday
Y3- Monday & Thursday
Y4- Wednesday & Thursday
Y5- Wednesday & Thursday
Y6- Monday & Thursday

As AI companions become more convincing, helping young people understand the difference between synthetic relationships and genuine human connection is increasingly important. This guide offers helpful advice for parents and educators on discussing AI friendships, reviewing privacy settings, managing subscriptions and

encouraging healthy offline relationships. It also highlights the importance of seeking support from trusted adults rather than relying on chatbots.

Secondary School Applications –Closing date 31st October 2026
For those children that are due to be starting secondary school in September 2027, 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

Reception Starters 2027- Closing date 15th January 2027
Apply online: www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/apply-school-place

Dates for Diary

October

19th & 20th	Parent Consultations – **Please remember there will be NO school led clubs this week**
21st	SISA Halloween Disco
22nd	Y3 Class Assembly 9am
23rd	INSET Day
W/C 26th	October Half Term

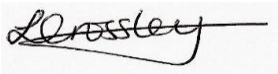
November

4th-6th	Y4 Leeson House Residential
11th	Reception Starters 2027 Open Evening 4.30-6pm
19th	Y4 Class Assembly 9am

December

1st	SISA Non-Uniform Day (Hampers)
4th	SISA Christmas Fair
14th	KS2 Christmas Performance @ Layard Theatre
15th	KS1 Nativity (PM)
16th	KS1 Nativity (AM)

Yours sincerely,



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