



Newsletter 27

24th April 2026

'Let us love one another, for love comes from God'

1 John 4:7



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were thrilled to host cricket sessions for all year groups. Whether they were mastering their bowling technique or learning how to field with precision, the energy on the playground was fantastic. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces and great displays of sportsmanship.



The Elephants told us all about the stories they have been reading, shared their amazing writing and sang beautifully during their worship this week. They demonstrated the value of courage by performing in front of such a large audience.



Snow Leopards enjoyed a fantastic trip to the local library this week. The children had a brilliant time browsing the shelves, discovering new authors and learning how the library serves our community.



To celebrate Earth Day, the children joined an incredible live lesson broadcast directly from the Eden Project. We learned about the vital importance of the world's rainforests and the unique plants and animals that call them home. Children discussed how we can make small changes at school and at home to protect our planet.



I was delighted to hear that Evie and her younger brother Hugo completed a litter pick in the local area after school last Friday. Seeing our children take such pride in their local environment is truly inspiring. Thank you for making a difference! There is also a community litter pick with Wimborne War on Waste on Sunday 26th April (further details below).



This week's Earth Day theme continued on Friday with our 'Bring a Bloom Day'. Thank you to everyone who kindly donated plants and compost. A special thank you to our team of volunteers that supported each class to plant a flower and also help tidy up afterwards. The children had a fantastic time planting the flowers around the school grounds, helping to make our school environment beautiful and connecting with nature. These new additions will also provide vital food and habitat for local insects and birds, supporting our school's biodiversity. We appreciate your generosity in supporting this activity. For more photographs, please see the gallery page on the school [website here](#).



Best wishes
Miss Michelle Prince
Headteacher

Congratulations to these children who have gone above and beyond and **sparkled** this week:

Elephants: Emmy and Logan
Giraffes: Theo and Jack W
Dolphins: Aiden and Charlie O'G
Pandas: Nella and Immy
Snow Leopards: Felix and Hannah



Half Term Value - Friendship



This half term, our core value is Friendship. This week in worship, we tied this vital value into our celebration of Earth Day. We discussed how we can extend the concept of "friendship" to our planet, looking at ways we can be a friend to the Earth by making positive changes to protect our environment, much like we would care for our friends.

Reminder

You are invited to your child's class worship in the hall where the children will lead a presentation about what they have been learning. Please see the dates for these below.

Class Worship - in the hall

Date	Class
Tuesday 28th April 9:00am	Giraffes

Tea and Talk with Mrs Jones - Tuesday 28th April at 2:00pm

Our next Tea and Talk event will be about ASD and masking. Mrs Jones will be joined by the school nurse for this session. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Pupil Voice

It has been an exciting week as we have been recruiting for our roles of responsibility within the school.

School Ambassadors	Year 4 Librarians	Year 4 Playground Leaders
Matilda Y4 Albert Y3	Philip Thomas	Jude Phoebe Maria Thomas

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Worship Team	Kainan Sophie	Charlie Billie	Albert Isaac	Alice Harry	Isaac Lily
School Council	Robyn Arlo	Archie Ameer	Evie Isabella	Immy Micah	Felix Charlie

Grandparents' Afternoon

We would like to invite the children's Grandparents (or other special person) to school on **Friday 15th May at 1:45pm.**

This is an opportunity for Grandparents to have a tour of the school and look at the children's work, followed by tea and cake and the chance to enjoy hearing the children sing.

Grandparents' afternoon has proved to be a very popular event in the past and as such we are limiting the number of guests attending per family to 2. To request places for this event please go to the School Shop in Arbor (please note there is no charge for this event). It is vital that you book the places so that we can cater for the event accordingly. We require you to reserve your places by Friday 8th May.

Grandparents' afternoon is supported by the Friends of St John's who help to host the grandparents in the hall and serve refreshments. We are looking for some help with this event from parents please.

We need people to bake or donate a cake that we can serve at the event. As well as some additional volunteers to help before, during or after this event, which is a very rewarding one to be part of. If you are able with baking or to help set up, serve or clear up from 1:20-3pm please contact Matt (year R and 2 Dad) on 07814256725 by Monday 11th May. Thank you.

Health and Safety

We do not encourage the wearing of any jewellery in school for health and safety reasons. All jewellery must be removed for PE lessons. Only one pair of simple stud earrings are allowed to be worn to school. They must be removed by the child themselves for PE. We recommend children come to school without earrings on PE days. If not, they must take them out and replace them themselves. Staff are not allowed to take out or put in earrings. Children are responsible for their own earrings if they are taken out at school. We encourage parents to make use of the summer holidays for ear piercing. This will enable ears to heal before returning to school in September. If pupils come to school wearing earrings and are unable to remove them themselves, they will not be excluded from PE, but will not be allowed to use some gymnastics equipment or participate in contact PE. However, they will be required to participate in an alternative exercise because we have a duty to deliver the National Curriculum to all pupils, along with a duty to safeguard pupils in our care.

First Aid

From Monday 27th April, the first aid labels which your child brings home if they have received first aid for a head bump during the school day will be replaced with a pink A5 slip. We will continue to make a phone call home to inform you of any bump to the head or face.



Parking

Please be considerate of our neighbours when dropping off and collecting your children. We understand that parking can be challenging, but we kindly ask that you do not park in Harleston Villas at any time. Harleston Villas is a private road and we must respect the residents' privacy and access rights. Your cooperation in keeping our neighbours happy is greatly appreciated. Please share this information with any friends or family members who help with your child's drop off and pick up arrangements.

Attendance



Well done Pandas!

****New Dates****

Dates for your diary

[What's on this week](#)

Friday 24th April

Bring a Bloom Day

Tuesday 28th April

Giraffes Class Worship 9:00am

Tea and Talk about ... ASD and masking 2:00pm

Y4 Sports event at St Michael's Middle School

Friday 1st May

Snow Leopards trip to Marwell Zoo

Monday 4th May

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 5th May

Elephants Library Visit

Wednesday 13th May

Pandas trip to Winchester Science Centre

Friday 15th May

Grandparents Afternoon 1:45pm

Monday 18th May

Elephants trip to Dumpton School



Class Weekly Attendance

for Week beginning 20th April 2026

Elephants	92.7%
Giraffes	97%
Dolphins	95.7%
Pandas	99.7%
Snow Leopards	96.8%
Whole School	96.3%

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

Half Term Holiday

Monday 1st June

Children return to school

Friday 5th June

Year 2 trip to Russell-Cotes Museum

Friday 12th June

Sports Day (afternoon)

Friday 19th June

Summer Picnic (after school)

Wednesday 8th July

****Rocksteady Concert 10:00am****

Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th July

Year 4 Leeson House Residential Trip

Wednesday 22nd July

Last Day of Term

Year 4 Leavers' Service in St John's Church

Free community session: 'An Introduction to Autism'



What is the session about?

The session was co-developed with parents of autistic children, a SENCo, Dorset Parent Carer Council and Specialist Teachers and Educational Psychologists from Dorset Council.

It will help you to:

- Understand what autism is and how it may impact young people and families
- Learn some practical strategies to support an autistic child/young person

Please note, this is a general information session, so we won't be able to discuss individual children or schools.

Who can attend?

Anyone from the community, this could include people:

- with an autistic child
- with a child undergoing an assessment for autism
- who are interested in learning more about autism

Where and when?

Leigh Park Family Hub and Community Centre, Gordon Road, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 2AP - Tuesday 12th May 2026 at 9:30am until 11:30pm

To Book a place, please scan this QR code or click on this [Link](#)

Wimborne - An Introduction to Autism - Community Training Session - Summer Term



The session will be delivered by either an Educational Psychologist or a Specialist Teacher from Dorset Council

join Wimborne War on Waste's

COMMUNITY LITTER PICK



Sunday 26 April

starting from

The Fair Trade shop

(in the Cornmarket)

11.30 to 1pm

(concluding at Hanham Rd car park)

ALL AGES WELCOME!

All kit available to borrow on the day

Enquiries to: wimbornewaronwaste@gmail.com



Dinosaur Adventure at the Museum



**Saturday 2 May -
Saturday 6 June**

Free with museum entry

Calling all budding palaeontologists. Dinosaurs are hiding around the museum... can you find them all?

- 👇 Build Binoculars
- 👇 Build a Dinosaur Skeleton
- 👇 Dinosaur Rubbings
- 👇 Archaeological Dig
- 👇 Giant Footprints
- 👇 Stomp like a Dinosaur

For more information or to book:

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This is a fundraising event and all profits go towards the running of the museum. Museum of East Dorset, 23-29 High Street, Wimborne Minster, Dorset, BH21 1HR. Museum of East Dorset is the trading name of the Priest's House Museum Trust. Registered Company No. 3488337, Registered Charity No. 1068540

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GREENISH SPRING FAYRE

SATURDAY, 16TH MAY 2026

10AM - 4PM

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GREENISH SPRING FAYRE

SATURDAY, 16TH MAY 2026

Our much-loved Spring Fayre returns this May - with a little twist. This year we're going green-ish, celebrating spring, nature and creative ways of getting here.

Expect a relaxed, family-friendly day on the farm with games, activities, workshops and plenty to explore. Meet the animals, wander the gardens, browse the farm shop and enjoy the BBQ, cakes and drinks from the bar.


With very limited parking this year, we're encouraging you to get here a little differently - on foot, by bike, bus... or even camel.

Tickets must be booked online in advance.

Car parking is limited and must be booked separately.



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