



FRIDAY 18 JULY 2025

I can't believe this is our last newsletter of the year!

I would like to thank you for all your support over the academic year. Your children definitely achieve more when we work together and we really value that partnership approach.

The staff and governors would like to wish you a happy and healthy summer break.

Mrs Frampton

Last day of the year

We close for the summer holidays on Tuesday 22nd July. This will be a non uniform day for Christchurch Foodbank. We will **close at 1.30pm**.

Attendance

Our expectation for attendance is 96% or above.

The school will not authorise leave in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Holidays are not considered exceptional circumstances and are likely to result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to each parent for each child. **This has now increased to £80 per parent, per child.**

Attendance for the year

Year group	Attendance	National
Whole school	93.7%	94.6%
1	93.8%	94.2%
2	93.4%	94.8%
3	94.3%	95.0%
4	94.8%	95.0%
5	92.8%	94.8%
6	92.1%	94.5%

Holidays continue to be unauthorised and Penalty Notices will be requested.

Well done to Y3 and Y4 who are close to national levels of attendance.

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Lockdown Practice

This afternoon we practiced our Lockdown Drill. The children had an assembly on Tuesday which talked about the reasons why it might be safer to stay inside. One of the reasons we discussed was an escaped giraffe from the zoo! The children were amazing at staying in their classrooms with the lights off while I located the giraffe and he then visited everyone's classroom to say well done! We will practice this annually alongside our termly fire evacuation practices.

Summer Activities

Follow **BCP Council Family Information** and **BCP Council Family Hubs** on Facebook

The Parks Foundation: [Home - The Parks Foundation](#) also on Facebook. The individual cafes have their own Facebook pages where they publicise their own events or you can view them on the Parks Foundation website.

BCP Libraries:

Summer Reading Challenge: [Summer Reading Challenge | BCP](#)

What's on in Libraries: [Activities for children and young people at your local library | BCP](#)

Family events: [Family Events - Bournemouth](#)

BCP Family Information Directory: Holiday Activities: [Search Results \(bcpcouncil.gov.uk\)](#)

Primary Times: [Family activities and events for primary school children | Primary Times](#)

BCP Mumbler: [Summer Holiday - Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Mumbler](#) [Free Things To Do with Kids in Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole this Summer - Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Mumbler](#)

Soft Play Cafes: [Kids Play Cafe](#)

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Learning events over the last two weeks....

- ⇒ Year 1 enjoyed a walk to Waterman's Park
- ⇒ We finished our Forest School sessions and after school clubs
- ⇒ Year 6 had their last swimming sessions
- ⇒ We rocked out to an awesome Rocksteady concert
- ⇒ Y5 and 6 were inspired by a dance performance they watched at The Grange
- ⇒ A group of Y4 and 5 children impressed us all with their performance at the Dance Festival
- ⇒ Siblings group enjoyed their end of year party with Mrs Miles
- ⇒ Year 1 had a great Pirate Day and Year 3 a fantastic Egyptian Day to end their topics

Sparcfest 2025!

We would like to express our huge thanks to the PTA for organising a really enjoyable Sparcfest event last night! It was so much fun and everyone who attended had a really good time. It was the perfect way to end a fantastic year and we can't wait to see what future events are planned!

Lost Property

Any lost property without names, which we therefore cannot return to children, will be placed on a table at the end of school on Monday. Please come and have a look to see if any of it belongs to your child. Any unclaimed items will be disposed of over the summer holidays.

Please name all uniform ready for September!

Goodbyes

Today in assembly we said goodbye to some staff who will be moving on at the end of the year. We would like to thank them for all their hard work and support over the time they have been with us and wish them well as they move on.

Miss Jurado, Mrs Lawrence, Mrs Waldron and Mrs Thorburn.

A special goodbye to Mrs Miles who has been employed at the school for over 24 years and has decided it is time to retire. We really will miss her but she has many exciting plans with her family and we wish her lots of fun!

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Mrs Gray



Mrs T Gray

Mrs Gray is a member of our teaching assistant team and one of our Cover Supervisors.

Mrs Gray leads RWI interventions in the mornings and works across the school in the afternoons covering classes when teachers have their time out of class for planning, preparation and assessment. Mrs Gray also covers classes if a teacher is unwell or on a training course.

Mrs Gray is also our Staff Governor. She enjoys getting to know all of the children across the school.

If you would like to contact Mrs Gray you can email on office@somerford.dorset.sch.uk or call the school office on 01202 485436.

Breakfast Club

Please remember to book and pay for your child's Breakfast Club space on Arbor in advance. A little reminder that children are not allowed to bring sweets in to school and this includes Breakfast Club!

Arbor accounts

Arbor are changing their system from September and you will no longer be able to book a meal if you do not have enough money in your account. This does not apply for booking meals if you are eligible for free school meals. Please make sure you add funds so your children's meals can be booked in time.

Booking will close for school meals for the first week back on **Tuesday 22nd July.**

Date of next newsletter

5th September 2025

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Foodbank challenge

On Tuesday the School Council and Wellbeing Champions have challenged us to create a Slithering Snake of Supplies along the KS2 corridor! Please bring as many items as you can afford to donate to the Foodbank so we can help to top up their shelves ready for the summer holidays. They do such a vital job over the summer and we really want to help. Thank you—you are always so generous.

House Points

This half term's winners are Malala and Rashford Houses. They will have a non uniform day on Monday 21st July. Congratulations!

Timings for school day in September

Main gate:

Reception 8.50-3.20

Year 1 8.50-3.20

Year 2 8.45-3.15

Year 3 8.40-3.15

Side gate:

Year 4 8.45-3.20

Year 5 8.45-3.20

Year 6 8.45-3.20

INSET days for next academic year—school will be closed to children

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Friday 26th September 2025

Friday 19th December 2025

Friday 13th February 2026

Friday 3rd July 2026

Online safety—Polybuzz app

We have been aware that some children may be familiar with an app known as Polybuzz. It is an AI Chatbot but its content may not be suitable for children. Please have a conversation with your child if you think they may be using this and keep yourself informed.

There is lots of information on the NSPCC website about keeping your child safe online.

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe-online/)

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Support for parents over the summer holidays

The Mental Health in Schools Team have produced a short guide for parents to help us all survive the summer holidays! It is attached to this newsletter.

Events at the Family Hub over the summer

Family Drop ins

We recognise that the summer holidays can be challenging in many ways for parents, carers and children. The drop-in is an opportunity for parent/carers to come along and speak to one of our early help support workers for information, advice and guidance. Please feel welcome to pop along to one or all our drop-ins.

28th July 4th August 11th August 18th August 1.30pm - 3pm

Primary Transition Workshop 6th August 1:30pm – 3pm

Starting a new school or going to school for the first time is an exciting time for children, parents and carers, but it is a big change and can sometimes be a little scary and overwhelming. Help your child get school ready by joining our 'Primary Transition Workshop', where we will offer you lots of support and ideas for you and your child to practice all the skills, they will need at school.

Secondary Transition Workshop 20th August 1.30pm – 3pm

The Secondary Transition Workshop is to support parents, carers and children through the transition of moving from primary to secondary schools. This is a time of excitement and anxiety for both children and parents. The workshop will offer you lots of support and ideas for you and your child to practice the skills they will need to transition to a new school.

Thursday 7th August—Free community event 12-4pm

Free wellbeing tips, money advice, opportunities and more. Plenty of family fun featuring stilt walking, creepy crawlies and cooking classes!

Further support

Early Help & Targeted Intervention Service: Early Help Access Point 01202126668

EHAcessPoint@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

BCP Food Map: [Food Map](#) The Access to Food map shows all the different types of community food support available in our area, and how you can access them.

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If you need support this summer.....

MASH

01202 123334

E-mail—childrensfirstresponse@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

Family Information Directory

01202 093131

familyinformation@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

Christchurch Foodbank +

Mondays, 10am – 12pm (donations only) Tuesdays, 10am – 12pm Thursdays, 11am – 1pm Fridays, 2pm – 4pm

07587 371088 or 07536 983678

Citizens Advice Bureau

www.citizensadvicebcp.org.uk

BCP Council Crisis Advice Team

01202 096622

Connection (Dorset's 24/7 mental health line)

0300 123 5440

BHCA Domestic Abuse Helpline

01202 710777

Childline

0800 1111

Samaritans

116 123

You First

0800 032 5204

If you are really struggling and don't know where to turn, please email the school office and someone will get back to you as soon as we can. Please note the school email will not be monitored daily and we cannot respond to general enquiries while school is closed.

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