



FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER 2025

We've made it to the end of the first—very long!- half term. We would like to wish you all a happy and healthy break. We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 3rd November.

Thank you

Spookfest

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Sparc team of committee members and volunteers for organising tonight's Spookfest event.

We are all really excited and the school is already starting to look a little spooky!! These events take such a lot of planning and organising and we are really grateful that our children have these fun opportunities outside of the school day.

A few reminders:

- Pre booking was essential—no tickets for children are being sold on the gate
- Children **must** be accompanied by a responsible adult. No child will be allowed entry without an adult
 - Children remain the responsibility of the adult throughout
 - The jungle gym and outdoor gym are **not** in use tonight
 - No dogs, smoking or vaping on site
- If you need first aid or any help during the event, please see someone in a Hi Vis jacket
 - Please walk to the event if you can as the car park will be very busy

Events in school over the last week....

- Swimming lessons continued for Year 4 and some Y5 and Y6 children
 - Y4 continued their samba lessons
- Hot chocolate Friday celebrated those children who always go above and beyond
- Y6 were amazing on their walk to the Red House Museum. They were an absolute credit to the school and really enjoyed learning about a workhouse
- Year 1 managed to avoid the rain on their walk to Waterman's Park. They used their maps brilliantly to navigate there and back
 - Sam Pink led an interesting assembly for us
- Year 5 looked incredible as Vicious Vikings for their wow day

Half term

School is closed from 27th to 31st October for the half term break. We re open on Monday 3rd November.

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Names in jumpers

Please can you take some time over half term to ensure your child's name is in their jumper or cardigan.

If you find your child has brought home the wrong item of clothing, please return to the school.

Thank you

Messages

Just a reminder that sadly, we no longer have access to Marvellous Me.

All communication will currently be through Arbor emails or in app messages.

Please also take time to read these newsletters as several parents tell me they don't know information but it has been on the newsletter several times.

Trips and visits

We have now booked all of our trips and visits for the year and will be sending home letters regarding these as soon as possible.

This will give parents and carers as much time as possible to make the contribution.

We have done all we can to keep the costs as low as possible.

Unfortunately, if we cannot cover the costs of the trips we will need to cancel them as the school is running a deficit budget and cannot afford to subsidise them.

Christmas holiday club

We are really pleased to announce that Premier Education will be running a holiday club over the Christmas holidays in our school hall.

Letters for booking will be sent home after the half term break and this club will be free for children in receipt of free school meals.

The club will be open Monday 22-Wednesday 24 December and Monday 29-Wednesday 31 December.

Reminder

Please can we remind you that children should not bring in items from home unless these have been agreed in advance as part of an individual support plan or a curriculum activity.

Please show your child this message if they are questioning you!

Thank you for your support.

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Our focus for this year

Improve writing across the school.

It is important that when children write they sit in the correct position and use the correct pencil grip. Ask your child to show you the correct sitting position for good writing!

Attendance today

Our attendance today was only 89% and we had 21 children absent! It cannot be a coincidence that it is the last day of half term and the Grange and Highcliffe secondary had INSET days. Please remember that every day of learning is important and the children have been in real lessons today—all day.

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 is £80 per parent, per child.**

Attendance over the last week

	Year group	Attendance	Met expectation?	
Attendance has been disappointing overall this week.	Whole school	92.7%	Below	Well done!
	1	93.33%	Below	Year 6 have made a huge improvement over the last week!
The last week of half term is just as important as any other week.	2	96.52%	In line	
	3	86.75%	Well Below	
	4	92.59%	Below	
	5	95.17%	Just below	
	6	96.02%	In line	

Date of next newsletter

Friday 7th November 2025

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NAME MHST'S WELLBEING BEAR

Braveheart
Sunny
Buddy
Calmington
Bravio

Joy
Hope
Bloom
Buttercup
Luma

SCAN ME!

Activity

Children can vote for bear's name: <http://bit.ly/4mvAJEQ>

We'd love to see pictures of their cuddly toys too - and hear about how their toys help them feel brave. You can send photos to: dhc.mhst.participation@nhs.net

Just remember: please don't include your child's face in the photo.

Follow the bears
@DORSETMHST

THE LOOKING AFTER PROJECT
LOOKING AFTER EACH OTHER

Find out what your Community has to offer!

FREE EVENT **Saturday 8th November**
10am - 3pm

Stuart Semple, International Artist,
MIND Ambassador, Mental Health Advocate
GP Referral Consultant, Two Riversmeet
White Ribbon Victim Support CSAS
ASB Team Christchurch BID
& MANY MORE!

Free Tea/Coffee & a Biscuit

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