



FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2025

Welcome back after the half term break! We hope you all enjoyed the autumnal week and could recharge after the long first half term. This is always an exciting but busy half term so PLEASE read these letters to keep up to date!

Thank you

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.

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
 - Y5 enjoyed a Striking Viking workshop with Bournemouth University
 - Y5 took part in a STEM day
- Years 1 to 5 had a great time with the Fire Service learning how to keep safe

Coming up....

- Next week is Anti Bullying Week and the children can wear odd socks on Monday with their uniform to celebrate our differences
 - Flu vaccinations for those children signed up on Tuesday
 - Siblings Group on Wednesday
- A group of Y6 start their Books and Stories sessions on Wednesday
- We're all taking part in an online assembly with Michael Rosen on Thursday
- Y3 Hengistbury Head Trip has changed from 13th November to 27th November

CHRISTMAS CRACKER DONATIONS

Christmas is fast approaching and we would appreciate any donations of Christmas crackers so every child can have one to pull when they have their Christmas lunch at school.

If anyone can help with this please bring into the office or phone the office on 01202 485436

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Our focus for this year

Improve maths across the school

Children do so much better in maths when they are fluent in the basics. Please encourage your child to use their TTRS log ons regularly to ensure they know their times tables at speed.

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?	
If you receive a Penalty Notice from the Local Authority, we recommend prompt payment. If payment is not received, the LA do proceed to prosecution.	Whole school	93.96%	Below	Well done!
	1	89.92%	Below	Year 3 have made a huge improvement over the last week!
	2	94.54%	Below	Year 4 are well above the expectation!
	3	93.75%	Below	Year 6 have maintained their strong attendance!
	4	97.06%	Above	
	5	86.61%	Below	
	6	96.12%	In line	

Attendance so far this year

Our attendance for the year is currently 95% which puts us in line with the national average for primary schools of 95.44% - let's keep this up and see if we can exceed the national figures!

Date of next newsletter

Friday 21st November 2025

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Christchurch Soup—Somerford Primary's bid!

We will be pitching for a grant to run cooking classes at school at the Christchurch Soup event.

- **Event Date: Monday 17th November 2025**

- **Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM.**

- **Location: GodFirst, The Runway, 15 Airfield Way, Christchurch BH23 3TG**

After all the organisations have presented their pitches, the audience place their soup bowls by the pitch they liked the most. The organisation with the most soup bowls wins the £1000 top grant.

The more attendees we can persuade to buy a ticket and attend on the night, the more votes we can collect and the greater our chance is of winning!

The Eventbrite link for £6 tickets is below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christchurch-soup-2025-tickets-1780092848629>

NEW FAMILY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

A NEW, FRIENDLY COMMUNITY DROP-IN IS STARTING FOR FAMILIES WHERE SOMEONE IN THE FAMILY IS AFFECTED BY CANCER.

IT'S A WARM, WELCOMING SPACE TO TALK, SHARE EXPERIENCES, GAIN INFORMATION, OR SIMPLY SPEND TIME AROUND OTHERS WHO UNDERSTAND.

NO NEED TO BOOK – JUST COME ALONG.

ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME, WITH ARTS AND CRAFTS AVAILABLE FOR THEM DURING THE SESSION.

PILOT SESSION: WEDNESDAY
12TH NOVEMBER

TIME: 3:30PM – 5:00PM

LOCATION: THE FAMILY HUB

THIS GROUP IS NOT RUN BY SCHOOL,
BUT WE ARE SHARING THE
INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES WHO MAY
FIND IT HELPFUL

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