



FRIDAY 15 MAY 2026

We are reaching the end of another half term - just one week to go! The year is flying by. This week Year 6 worked so hard on their SATs tests and we are really proud of them. Today they enjoyed a fun swim, picnic and film organised by SPARC as a celebration - a huge thank you to our PTA for this.

Mrs Frampton

Events so far this half term...

- Year 4 enjoyed a trip to Hengistbury Head
- Year 5 are working hard on their dance with Miss Binney for the dance festival
- A group of children had a 'wheelie' good day at the Dorset Games Primary Wheels Festival
- Y5 enjoyed their Ancient Greek workshop - they weren't so sure about the olives!
- Year 3 walked to Christchurch Library and explored the magical world of books
- Y2's Maths Mates graduated at Bournemouth University
- Y5 are developing their swimming skills at the Littledown pool
- Bournemouth University delivered a Sporty Me workshop to Y5
- Year 2 and Reception wore themselves out on walks to Stanpit Marsh
- The whole school joined Joe Wicks in an online workout this week

SPARC Own Clothes Day

SPARC raised £75.20 - thank you for your contributions and we hope you all enjoyed wearing your own clothes!

Holiday food vouchers

As you know, we issue these to parents on behalf of BCP and they have told us there will be vouchers for this half term holiday period for all children in receipt of benefit related free school meals. Please note, if you have more than one child receiving a voucher, you need to check your mobile and your email.

Mrs Luker will issue these on Monday.

Half term holiday

School will be closed for a week for half term from Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May. We look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 1st June.

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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 this half term to date

There's still some work to do in some year groups - a last half term challenge!!

Well done to Year 1 and Y2 for meeting national expectations!

Year group	Attendance	
Whole School	94%	Below
1	97%	Above
2	96%	In line
3	92%	Below
4	93%	Below
5	95%	Just below
6	93%	Below

Attendance Drop Ins

Tuesday 2nd June - 11.00-12.00

Tuesday 16th June - 11.00-12.00

Thursday 9th July 2.00-3.00

No need to book an appointment - just pop in or call. If we are already with a parent we will call you back.

Parent Information Meetings coming up

Y6 Avon Tyrrell Residential - Monday 18th May 3.30pm

Y1 Phonics Screening Check - Monday 18th May 3.30pm

Y4 Leeson House - Tuesday 19th May 3.30pm

Please come to the main office on arrival

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Ofsted Visit

As you know, we had our Ofsted inspection on 28th and 29th April. Thank you to all parents who completed the survey for the inspection team - your views and comments were considered carefully as part of the visit. We were pleased the team recognised and celebrated many strengths of our school and agreed with our areas for development. They also commented on our polite, articulate children - of course! The report takes quite a long time to come out but as soon as we can, we will share it with you.

Dr Bike

If you would like your child's bike checked and some small free repairs carried out, make sure it is in school next Wednesday (20th) and left unlocked in the bike shed.

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