



PARLEY NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM 2026

FRIDAY 16TH JANUARY



Southern
Education
Trust

PEARDROPS

PLEASE READ

Despite many reminders we still have multiple cases of outstanding Peardrops Fees.

AD-HOC BOOKINGS

If you have booked last minute / ad-hoc sessions in the past few months, please check your payment items within ParentMail and ensure these are cleared by Monday 19th January.

OUTSTANDING HALF TERMLY FEES

Parents with outstanding fees for Spring 1 have been sent several emails requesting payment. Please ensure outstanding fees are cleared by Monday 19th January. Failure to pay will result in your child being removed from the zero balance tariff.

SMART PHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

A letter from Dorset Council was emailed to all parents yesterday. The letter provides further details of the impact smart phones can have on children and helpful resources for parents around the Smart Phone Free Childhood campaign and managing family screen time. We strongly encourage families to take the time to read this information.



DIARY DATES



Thurs 12th Feb - Open
Afternoon
3.15 - 4.00pm

W/C Mon 16th Feb - Half Term



ROCKSTEADY

If your child is currently participating in Rocksteady, they will be performing a concert to parents on Monday 16th March at 2.15pm in the hall. The concert will finish at 3.00pm.



CHILDCARE VOUCHER PAYMENTS

We have recently updated our bank details with all registered childcare providers. Please note that if you pay for Breakfast and After School Club via childcare vouchers, including the HMRC Tax Free Scheme, you will need to now select 'Southern Education Trust' when you next make a payment to us. We would also like to take this opportunity to remind all parents to please ensure payments are made within 7 days of making bookings. Thank you very much.



HEADTEACHER UPDATE



I hope you have all had a good week and that the children have been talking positively about the learning that has happened. I have seen some excellent learning this week in a variety of contexts, which is really good to see and also hear as I walk around the school. Behaviour has certainly improved this week which I am also very pleased about. I expect the highest standards of behaviour and have reinforced my expectations with children after the return to school. I believe very strongly that our children know how to behave in an appropriate manner, and that they need to make conscious positive decisions about making good choices on a daily basis.

I wanted to go back this week to a subject that I have spoken about numerous times over the last year or so and that is the use of technology and in particular, smart phones. As I really hope you know, as a school we are fully backing the Smartphone Free Childhood campaign. I genuinely believe that NONE of our children need a phone. They may want one of course, but they don't need one. You may have noticed this week in the media that Dorset Council have now come on board and as a collective in Dorset are also now backing the campaign and you should have received a separate document from them that outlines the importance of protecting our children from the use of Smart technologies.

I don't need to tell you about how these technologies are advancing, as you may have seen in the media with the use of 'Grok' by certain individuals which I personally find extremely worrying for our children (and staff!) I appreciate all of your support trying to manage the use of technologies with our children as we have to accept that it is part of our lives and of course, can make life better in many ways too.

However, again I am going to reinforce my view that is backed by research, that some technologies, and in particular the use of smart phones and social media platforms, can be extremely harmful to our children as their brains develop. If we don't act early, this could and will have significant impact on the neuro development impacting significant aspects of their lives, including their physical and mental wellbeing. I just want to keep our children as safe as I can for as long as I can while they are at Parley at least.

Thank you for your support with this. Life is short and we need to make sure we do all we can do protect our most loved ones as they make their way through this world of ours. I may be getting a little emotional as I had to say goodbye to my Dad this week who was also a headteacher but a true inspiration to me and the reason why I am sitting here at my desk writing this. For him, children always came first and that is the value and mission I have to do all I can to support all children.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope we can continue to work together to safeguard and nurture these amazing children of ours.

Mr Bagwell
Headteacher

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Whole School	- 96.0%
Year R	- 95.8%
Year 1	- 96.4%
Year 2	- 96.6%
Year 3	- 94.9%
Year 4	- 95.9%



COMMUNITY NEWS



Focused Small Group Lessons

For swimmers who thrive with more focus

From your feedback, we will soon be launching Focused Small Group Lessons. These classes will have a reduced class size.

Please contact Reception for more information



February Tennis Fun!

For Years R-7
E27 daily

Bring packed lunch
Ferndown only pre-order meal deals. (link on sign up)

Action-packed February Half Term Tennis Club!

Fun games, skill-building and match play in a friendly environment. Perfect for all abilities.



Sandleheath

Monday 16th Feb



Year 8 - Holiday Clubs.

Donhead Tuesday 3.30-5pm

Ferndown Tuesday 3-5pm



Ferndown

Tuesday 17th &

Thursday 19th Feb



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Donhead

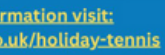
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For more information visit:
www.live4tennis.co.uk/holiday-tennis

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.

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

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?

Laigh Park Family Hub and Community Centre, Gordon Road, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 2AP - Tuesday 3rd March 2026 at 10:00am until 11:30am

Event Registration
Scan the QR code or use the link below to register:



Registration Link: [Click here to book](#)

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