



PARLEY NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM 2026

FRIDAY 23RD JANUARY



Southern
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Trust

PEARDROPS FINISH TIME

We would like to give our families advanced notice that from Summer Term 1, Peardrops After School Club will only run until 5pm on a Friday. Unfortunately there is not enough demand for a 6pm finish time on this particular day of the week to sustain keeping the club open for the additional hour. The change will not take place until Summer Term 1, to give families time to make alternative arrangements. Please note that all other days of the week will run as usual until 6pm. Thank you very much for your continued support.

DIARY DATES



Thurs 12th Feb - Open
Afternoon
3.15 - 4.00pm

Mon 16th Feb - Half Term

Wed 28th Jan - Year 3
Durlston Trip



SEND & PASTORAL SUPPORT

We are in the process of setting up a half termly Pastoral and SEND newsletter. This has been shared with a small group of parents across the school to get some initial feedback. We will be covering a range of topics to give support and guidance to our families.

On Monday 9th February the Mental Health in Schools Team will be delivering an assembly to our children as part of Children's Mental Health Week.

PEARDROPS SPRING 2

The Peardrops booking window for Spring 2 will open in ParentMail on Friday 30th January at approximately 1.00pm. Bookings as always are on a first come, first served basis.

CHILDCARE VOUCHER PAYMENTS

Further to the update in last week's newsletter, it appears the changes haven't been as straight forward as we had hoped for with some of the childcare voucher scheme providers. In most cases, the amendment has been made to the bank details but not the name, so if you cannot see 'Southern Education Trust' as an option, please just continue to pay selecting the previous name you have used i.e. 'Parley First School' or 'Parley First School c/o Castleman Academy Trust'. Thank you very much.



HEADTEACHER UPDATE



It seemed like the middle of the night this week some mornings when we were starting school. I think it was also labelled 'Blue Monday' which certainly was a direct link to the weather too! I have been determined that it is not 'blue' in anyway and have found great examples of behaviour and learning throughout the week.

I have tried to get out of my office as much as possible to be present in the classrooms and to support children with both their play and their learning alongside the teaching team. One of the areas I am most concerned about looking forward in the Education system, is the increasing numbers of children identified or potentially identified as having a specific SEND need.

As a school I am very proud of the provision we give to all of our children and we are trying to create an environment in which all children thrive, including those children that have a neurodiverse need. There are so many aspects to school life, particularly with 312 children in one building and we as a staff are constantly training to improve and develop our knowledge and skills. Labels can help children understand why they may find certain things more challenging than others. At the same time, a label is never an excuse - it's simply a tool to help us support them more effectively.

This is the latest national information regarding Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and what this means for children in school.

NATIONAL SEND PICTURE (2025)

Recent national data shows that the number of children identified with SEND continues to rise across England. As of January 2025, there are over 1.7 million pupils with SEND, representing almost 20% of the school population. This includes:

- 5.3% of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), totalling around 482,600 children.
- 14.2% of pupils receiving SEN Support (without an EHCP), totalling about 1.28 million pupils.

The 2025 SEND statistics highlight particularly significant change at primary school level. This year saw the largest increase in EHCPs within primary settings, with 21,000 more primary aged pupils receiving an EHCP compared with the previous year.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR OUR SCHOOL

These national trends reflect what many schools, including ours see on a day to day basis:

- Increasing numbers of children needing additional or specialised support.
- Greater complexity in the types of needs identified.
- A growing emphasis on early identification and consistent, high-quality support.

As a school, we remain committed to ensuring all children receive the help they need to thrive. This includes:

- Early identification of needs,
- Strong collaboration with parents and carers,
- Access to external professionals where appropriate,
- Inclusive teaching practices across the curriculum.

We recognise that behind every statistic is a child and a family navigating their own journey. The growing national need highlights how essential it is for us to work closely with you to understand each child's strengths, challenges and aspirations.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. I hope you all have a great weekend.

Mr Bagwell - Headteacher

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Whole School -	95.9%
Year R -	95.7%
Year 1 -	96.5%
Year 2 -	96.6%
Year 3 -	94.7%
Year 4 -	96.1%



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February Tennis Fun!

For Years R-7
£27 daily
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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.

 <p>Sandleheath Monday 16th Feb SCAN ME </p>	 <p>Ferndown Tuesday 17th & Thursday 19th Feb SCAN ME </p>	 <p>Donhead Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th Feb SCAN ME </p>
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Year 8 - Holiday Clubs.
Donhead Tuesday 3.30-5pm
Ferndown Tuesday 3-5pm

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



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.

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