



PARLEY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 2026

FRIDAY 8TH MAY



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ATTENDANCE UPDATE

You will have received a letter from the school this week regarding attendance. Attendance at Parley First School continues to be good, and we would like to thank families for their ongoing support. Regular attendance and punctuality are vital for children's learning, wellbeing and sense of belonging. While we understand that children will occasionally be unwell, frequent or extended absences can have a significant impact on progress. Being on time also matters - arriving just 10 minutes late each day can result in over 30 hours of missed learning across the year, often during key phonics, reading and maths sessions.

We would also like to remind parents that holidays taken during term time cannot be authorised and may result in a penalty notice, in line with local authority guidance. As a school, we will continue to monitor attendance, including persistent absence and lateness, and will work sensitively with families where concerns arise. If you are experiencing any challenges that affect your child's attendance or punctuality, please do speak to us - we are here to support.

DIARY DATES



Thurs 14th May - New Parent
Info Evening
7-8pm

Fri 3rd July - Non Uniform Day

Fri 3rd July - Summer Fair
5- 7pm



NON UNIFORM DAY

The day of the Summer fair, Friday 3rd July, will be a non-school uniform day in school. Children are invited to come into school wearing their own clothes in exchange for bottle for the tombola. Thank you very much for your continued support to the school.

NO DOGS

Please may we remind all families that dogs are not permitted within the school grounds. This includes both dogs walking on lead and being carried in arms. This is for the safety of all of our children, staff and visitors. We also have a number of children with severe allergies. Thank you very much for your help with this.



HEADTEACHER UPDATE

I hope that you all enjoyed the bank holiday weekend. It has obviously been a slightly shorter week this week. We had class photos this week on Monday so hopefully they will be with you as soon as possible if you would like a memory of this year in First School. Apart from that it has been a much less busy week than last week. Hopefully the children enjoyed the Discos last night and again, thank you to POPS for organising this event.

I have asked POPS for some funding to replace the astro turf on our Teletubby mounds on the field. They are a VERY popular area at playtimes and over the years, due to the high level of use they have worn away. The funding will be used to put down a high quality astro surface which we hope will last for many years in the future and give great enjoyment for many years to come.

I also have good news to share this week as Miss Chapman and her partner welcomed a new arrival into the world last week. Miss Chapman had a little girl and both Mum and Baby are doing really well. We also are hoping that Mrs Westerman will be able to continue to half term before she also goes on Maternity leave. She will then be replaced by Mrs Odell who will teach the class up until the end of term. It has been a very busy time with recruitment as we fill the vacancies that arise as a result of the maternity leave. I am very pleased to let you know that we have appointed a new teacher to the school from September. Mrs Avey will be joining us. Mrs Avey is currently an experienced teacher on the Isle of Wight and after receiving over 50 applications I feel confident that she will further strengthen our teaching team.

Now we look forward to the next few weeks towards the end of this half term. We are planning our Parley Pentathlon on the last day of this half term (Friday 22nd May from 12:00pm onwards). If you are able then we would love to invite you to a picnic on the field before the fun of watching children do a range of activities for the remainder of the afternoon. The children will be put into four teams and compete against each other. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us and everyone can have a very enjoyable afternoon.

As you can see I have added some more information about attendance to this weeks newsletter. We want to work with you but are under scrutiny to ensure our attendance is in line with similar schools. I want to be top of that pile rather than 12th out of 21 similar schools. Hopefully we can get tot the top of that pile!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr Bagwell
Headteacher

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Whole School - 95.5%

Year R - 95.5%

Year 1 - 95.9%

Year 2 - 96.0%

Year 3 - 94.7%

Year 4 - 95.9%

COMMUNITY NEWS

May Half Term Activities 2026

School holiday arts and sports activities for Dorset children who need additional support



Booking closes on Wednesday 6 May

Artz+ Sportz+ is funded and organised by Dorset Council
dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/artz-sportz



May Half Term 2026



Arts and sports events for Dorset children aged 5-17 who need additional support



Forest Fun • Hairy Cow Cuddles & Craft Sensory Sessions • Hands-on History



View full programme or email leisure@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk
dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/sport-leisure/artz-sportz




SPSA TOTS
3-5 YR OLD
SATURDAY 6th JUNE 2026
FREE TRIAL!
SATURDAY MORNINGS
9AM - 9:50AM
CHAPEL GATE
07566 218322
OFFICE@SPSACADEMY.CO.UK

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SPSA FOOTBALL CENTRE
6-11 YR OLD
FREE TRIAL!
£5 A WEEK
SATURDAY MORNINGS
9AM-10AM
CHAPEL GATE
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