



PARLEY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 2026

FRIDAY 19TH JUNE



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Trust

PEARDROPS - AUTUMN 1

We are aiming to open the Peardrops booking dates for Autumn Term 1 in Arbor on Friday 3rd July at 1pm.

Further to the information previously sent out regarding changes to Free School Meal eligibility, if your child is currently eligible, please ensure you have reapplied before Friday 3rd July to ensure you are coded correctly for funding. If you have not reapplied by this date you will be charged the full standard rate for Peardrops. Thank you very much.

Reapply here: [Free School Meal Eligibility](#)



DIARY DATES



Mon 29th June - INSET Day

Fri 3rd July - Non Uniform Day

Fri 3rd July - Summer Fair
5- 7pm

Tues 7th July - Year 4 Play to
Parents 2-3pm

Tues 14th July - Year 4 Activity
Day

Tues 14th July - Year 4 Party
4.30 - 6.00pm

YEAR 4 LEAVERS EVENTS

A reminder to our Year 4 parents of the upcoming events taking place:

TUESDAY 7th JULY

YEAR 4 PLAY TO PARENTS - 2.00 - 3.00pm

TUESDAY 14th JULY

YEAR 4 ACTIVITY DAY (during the school day)

YEAR 4 PARTY - 4.30 - 6.00pm



INSET DAY

We would like to remind all parents that Monday 29th June is an INSET Day and therefore the school will be closed to children. School will resume as normal on Tuesday 30th June. Thank you very much.



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. We look forward to welcoming you all to this event and a huge thank you to POPS as always for organising this.



HEADTEACHER UPDATE

It has been another busy and productive week in school, with lots of great learning taking place across all year groups.

We are now beginning to receive the results from our end-of-year assessments. It has been particularly pleasing to see that our Year 1 children have achieved well in their Phonics screening, with attainment at the expected standard. This is a fantastic reflection of both the children's efforts and the support they receive at home and in school.

Looking ahead, we are due to receive our Multiplication Check data on Monday, and I am hopeful that this will reflect the work the children have put into improve their knowledge and skills recalling multiplication facts.

A highlight this week has been being able to get back out onto the field following the recent improvement in weather. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this, and it has had a noticeable impact on wellbeing, including a significant reduction in Medical Tracker alerts, which is always positive news!

NATIONAL UPDATE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

You may have seen recent national discussions around limiting social media access for children under the age of 16. In my view, this is one of the most positive decisions in a long time, supporting children's wellbeing, safety, and development. We will continue to promote healthy, balanced use of technology and support children in understanding how to stay safe online. We will also continue to work closely with the Smartphone Free Campaign.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY AND PUPIL PREMIUM CHANGES

There are also upcoming changes relating to children who are eligible for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium funding. I appreciate that the detail can feel quite complex. Hopefully, you will have already seen the letter I sent out which aims to explain these changes as clearly as possible.

If you are unsure whether your child may be eligible, or would like further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Access to this funding is incredibly important as it helps us provide additional support, resources, and opportunities for children across the school.

SAFETY & WELLBEING OF CHILDREN LEFT ALONE

I just wanted to put a little reminder about leaving children unattended. Although it is not illegal to leave children alone it is not recommended. Government guidance states:

- Children under 12 are rarely mature enough to be left alone for long periods of time
- Babies, toddlers and very young children should never be left alone

I appreciate that sometimes it is difficult to manage more than one child, but anything could happen if a child is left in a car on their own depending on their age.

Our Year 4 children are of course much more mature than our Reception children.

Thank you. I just want to make sure all of our children are kept safe.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and we go again next week!

Mr Bagwell
Headteacher

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Whole School - 95.4%

Year R - 95.5%

Year 1 - 95.7%

Year 2 - 95.8%

Year 3 - 94.6%

Year 4 - 95.6%

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Mary's Church Ferndown Presents

RUMBLE in the JUNGLE Holiday Club


4-12 year olds
Tues 4th - Fri 7th August 10am-12.30pm
Sun 9th August 10am
Holiday Club Service & Family Fun Day



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KIDZ

BEACON
KIDZ & YOUTH

stmarys-ferndown.org.uk/holiday-club



Bikeability Level 1, 2 & 3 courses

I am delighted to be able to offer Bikeability Level 1, 2 & 3 courses (age limit and riding ability apply) during the summer holidays completely **free of charge**. Those children who have taken part in Bikeability Level 1 previously at school are more than welcome to come along to Bikeability Level 2.

If your child can't quite ride independently please get in contact as I would be more than happy to help - I am delivering Learn to Ride courses and can also do 1:1 - my details are at the bottom of this letter.

Level 1 is a traffic free course promoting safe cycling
Level 2 is an on-road course in residential areas - current Year 4 and above
Level 3 is an on road course riding on busier roads such as roundabouts and traffic lights - current Year 5 and above

In order to book on to each course please do so by visiting <https://fb.co/fwv93d> or search for Rob Doyle Cycle Training on Eventbrite.

What is Bikeability?
Bikeability is the government's national cycle training program it helps you learn practical skills and understanding of how to cycle on today's roads. Bikeability gives everyone the confidence to cycle and enjoy this skill for life.

Find out more: www.bikeability.org.uk

Please make sure your child's bike is roadworthy with 2 working brakes, sufficiently inflated tires & a well-oiled chain. Please also make sure you have a correctly fitted helmet, that has been adjusted prior to attending training.
Further advice about preparing for Bikeability Training can be found at <https://bikeability.org.uk/bikeability-training/getready/>

I do have a couple of bikes and helmets that can be borrowed - please contact me and I can confirm if these are available to use.

Many thanks
Rob Doyle Cycle Training
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Dorset Council Schools Summer Reading Challenge news

Joining the Summer Reading Challenge

Children sign up through their local library and receive a sticker booklet. They set a reading goal and borrow books of their choice during the summer or attend library events, collecting special stickers. Children who complete Read to the Beat are presented with a medal when they have collected 6 stickers, and a certificate is sent to school in the Autumn term.

How the Summer Reading Challenge benefits children:

- significantly improves reading confidence and independence
- ensures students are ready for their return to school, preventing the summer reading 'dip'
- aids the successful transition between year groups and key stages
- encourages reading for pleasure



2026 Summer Reading Challenge: Read to the Beat

The Summer Reading Challenge is a key moment as part of the National Year of Reading. This year's exciting theme is an exciting fusion of stories and music designed to engage children aged 4-12 in reading for pleasure.

The Summer Reading Challenge is a free holiday activity for children, it's all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children's reading skills and confidence. Read to the Beat begins Saturday 4 July.

Assembly visits

We value your support in helping us to promote the Summer Reading Challenge and therefore we will be pleased to:

- attend an assembly to talk about the Summer Reading Challenge
- provide an electronic promotional flyer for emailing to parents and carers
- provide a [short video](#) telling you about Read to the Beat

Assembly visits are available between 15 June and 16 July.

[Book your assembly visit.](#)

What next

- display posters in your school
- send a newsletter to parents and carers with information about Read to the Beat
- talk to students about Read to the Beat during assembly time

The Summer Reading Challenge is developed by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries.

Schools online author events to launch Read to the Beat with:
KSI Annemarie Anang 2 July: find out more and [book now](#)
KIS2 Steve Cole 9 July: find out more and [book now](#)

The events will be recorded but a place must be booked in advance.

Find out What's On: library events

Libraries have some fantastic events lined up for the summer holidays. With some special events by Dorset Music Service.

Our events listing is being added to all the time, so do check our [What's On](#) pages to find out what is happening at a library near you.

Children can also join in with Culture Quest from the Arts Development Company - a Dorset-wide initiative designed to inspire children (aged 5-11) and families to engage with a range of creative and cultural opportunities on their doorstep. Pick up a Culture Quest passport from your local library.

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Dorset Council Summer Reading Challenge parent carer news

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2026 Summer Reading Challenge: Read to the Beat

The 2026 Summer Reading Challenge - Read to the Beat, celebrates the joy of reading through music, rhythm and performance. Through vibrant illustrations, fun rewards and free library activities inspired by music and sound, Read to the Beat invites children to discover how stories and music connect, while enjoying their local library and sharing the experience with family and friends.

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Library events

Libraries will have free events planned throughout the summer holidays for children to join in with. Keep checking our [What's On](#) webpages as more events are listed all the time. Look out for some special events delivered by Dorset Music Service in Dorset libraries.



Read to the Beat starts Saturday 4 July

The Summer Reading Challenge website will be having a Read to the Beat makeover - take a look at the [webpages](#) from early July. It will be full of book recommendations, games, quizzes and fun things for children to explore.



Culture Quest

Over the summer holidays, The Arts Development Company will be running Culture Quest. Through a Culture Passport, children will be encouraged to explore Dorset's rich creative offer trying new activities, and discovering new interests.

Children can pick up their passports from their local library from 24 July.

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