



# PARLEY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 2026

FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE



Southern  
Education  
Trust

## VOUCHERS FOR SCHOOLS

We have registered our school in the Dorset Echo School Token Collect Competition. The school who collects the most tokens could win a £1,000 voucher!

If any of our families buy the Echo newspapers, please send any tokens into the school office by Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Thank you very much for your continued support to the school. Further details can be found by clicking on the link below:

[Bournemouth Echo - Vouchers for Schools](#)



## SUMMER FAIR



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

There is only one week to go until our Summer Fair! Don't forget the children can wear non-school uniform on this day in exchange for bottle for the tombola. The fair will begin at 5pm. We look forward to welcoming you all to this event. Thank you for your continued support.



## INSET DAY

Don't forget that school is closed to children this coming Monday (29<sup>th</sup> June) as it is an INSET Day.

School will resume as normal on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you very much.



## DIARY DATES



Mon 29<sup>th</sup> June - INSET Day

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Non Uniform Day

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Summer Fair  
5- 7pm

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> July - Rocksteady  
Concert - 2pm

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> July - Year 4 Play to  
Parents 2-3pm

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> July - Year 4 Activity  
Day

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> July - Year 4 Party  
4.30 - 6.00pm

## OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS ON ARBOR

There are a number of parents with outstanding fees on Arbor for Peardrops. Please ensure these fees are cleared by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June. As per our agreement and rules, payment for Peardrops should be made within 7 days of making a booking. A number of parents have booked same day bookings but have still not paid. Thank you.

## HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Well that was certainly a very eventful week and one I don't want to repeat anytime soon! The decision to close is not taken lightly and as Ferndown Heads we had to make a decision based on the conditions for children and staff in school. There were a number of safety concerns and children's health is a priority. In addition to this, the building was also becoming unsafe as the heat was also impacting the fire doors. I would like to thank you as always for your support as I do appreciate that a school closure has a significant impact on your working lives too. I can assure you the decision to close is not taken lightly.

Unfortunately, the timings of these events this week have not been ideal as we have had our training day booked a year in advance for Monday. This is essential for the whole staff to have statutory safeguarding training from an external provider which has to happen every two years.

Thankfully, although it is still hot, we have been able to function safely today and children have been able to visit their new classrooms and meet their new teachers including our Year 4 children who have gone to their new schools. The main aim is that children are feeling positive about their new classes and year groups. We always mix the classes up to again provide learning opportunities for children to work with different people and build those social skills. Of course they all still play together at play and lunchtimes with their friends.

I am going to keep it short this week I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and we will look forward to hopefully a less disruptive week next week when we return on Tuesday.

Again, Thank you very much for all of your support.

With Best Wishes

Mr Bagwell  
Headteacher

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Whole School - 95.3%

Year R - 95.3%

Year 1 - 95.7%

Year 2 - 95.6%

Year 3 - 94.7%

Year 4 - 95.6%

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## OCCUPIED/ UNOCCUPIED

A personal journey from occupation in Ukraine to a new life in UK

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION BY *Iryna Sozanska*

20 June -  
26 September 2026  
Opening of World  
Refugee Day

Museum of East Dorset  
23-29 High Street  
Wimborne Minster  
Dorset  
BH21 1HR

PHOTOGRAPHS • SHORT FILM  
PERSONAL OBJECTS • INSTALLATION

*Everyone is welcome*  
♥



### 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/evw03d> 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](http://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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## 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



### Schools online author events to launch Read to the Beat with:

KS1 Annemarie Anang 2 July: find out more and [book now](#)  
KS2 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.



### 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

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Our Library Service mission is to **Inspire, Connect and Enable** our communities



## Summer Reading Challenge parent carer news

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### 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.



### 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.



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