



PARLEY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 2026

FRIDAY 5TH JUNE



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PEARDROPS

Parents can book Peardrops sessions on Arbor up to 48 hours before the required date. Arbor will not allow parents to cancel sessions themselves. If you need to cancel a session, please email the School Office. Once processed, funds will be credited back to your Arbor account. Please note that refunds cannot be offered for cancellations received with less than 48 hours notice. Any manual bookings made less than 48 hours before a session will be automatically invoiced to your account so please ensure these fees are paid for before your child attends the session. Thank you.



SC CLUBS

Please find the link below for booking extra curricular sporting clubs with SC Clubs at Parley (Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays)

BOOKING LINK: [SC Clubs at Parley First School](#)

WEDNESDAY - Fantastic Forest School 🌳

THURSDAY - Magnificent Multis-Sports 🏃

FRIDAY - Brilliant Boxing 🥊



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

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.



OUTSTANDING PEARDROPS FEES

Despite multiple chasers, there are still a few families with overdue fees for Peardrops. All outstanding fees which were on ParentMail have now been transferred over to Arbor. Please ensure you check Arbor and clear any outstanding payments owed to the school. Thank you very much.



HEADTEACHER UPDATE

I hope you have all had a lovely half term holiday and enjoyed that incredible weather. This last half term is always an incredibly busy one as we prepare for the end of the year and the transition to new year groups and classes. We also do a significant amount of assessment this term with all of the statutory assessments taking place now. As always (I know I am a broken record!) it is essential that children are attending school and not on holiday please. We have very tight deadlines to get back to the Local Authority and of course ultimately, at a national level. Thank you very much for your support with this.

I have been having some thoughts again about what a modern school could potentially look like and I am talking to different groups of people including children, staff and of course yourselves as parents. One of the things I am thinking about is how we use names in school. As adults, we always use first names for our children but Special Schools, use first names for teachers too which is something I am just contemplating at the moment as it has implications for children and staff in other schools so may not work. I would be interested in your views at some point in the future.

I also wanted to bring something to your attention which is a significant change for schools from September 2026 related to any families that are entitled to universal credit. This will both benefit your children and the school in terms of the funding that is available to us. You have probably seen the news and media coverage about the Government trying to bring half a million children out of food poverty.

- From 1 September 2026, all children with a parent/carer who gets any level of Universal Credit can have free school meals.
- From 1 June 2026 all parents who have Universal Credit or another qualifying benefit can apply under the new criteria.

There will be two levels of eligibility:

- **Targeted** - FSM for families who get Universal Credit and earn less than £7,400 per year. Families who get other qualifying benefits may also be entitled. Eligibility for FSM will start from date of approval for this group. Families in the Targeted group may be able to access further related benefits, e.g. Pupil premium, Holiday Activities & Food Programme.
- **Expanded** - FSM for families who get Universal Credit with earnings over £7,400 per year. Expanded FSM covers free school meals only. Eligibility for FSM will start from 1 September 2026 for this group.

If you feel you fall under this category now (including those already receiving Free School Meals), please follow the link to apply for Free School Meals. Applications made from 1 June 2026 will be assessed on the new criteria and results will be valid until 31st August 2027: [Apply for Free School Meals - Dorset Council](#)

DORSET CHILDCARE SURVEY

I have been asked by Dorset Council for your help to complete a survey about childcare needs. If you are able, please could you take some time to complete a short survey. As part of our Childcare Sufficiency Assessment, we are asking parents and carers about their childcare needs. This work helps us to better understand the current and future demand for childcare across the local area, enabling us to support families more effectively.

The parents survey has a prize draw of 5 x £50 Amazon vouchers. I have attached the link below:

[Childcare Survey for Dorset Parents and Carers](#)

Thank you very much for your time.

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%

