PARLEY NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2026

FRIDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES

POPS are busy organsing some exciting festive events for this half term. Further details to follow:

FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER
Christmas Fair from 3pm

THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER
Wreath Making Workshop (7.00 - 9.00pm)

THURSDAY 10TH & FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER
Wrapping Room (during the school day)

DIARY DATES

Thurs 12th Nov - Autumn Disco

Thurs 19th Nov - EYFS Curriculum Evening (for Reception Parents only)

Fri 20th Nov - Christmas Fair from 3pm

Tues 8th Dec - Reception Christmas Performance 2pm

AUTUMN DISCO

The Autumn Disco takes place on the evening of Thursday 12th November and there is still time to buy tickets!

Years 1 & 2 - 4.30 - 5.30pm

Years 3 & 4 - 5.45 - 6.45pm

Tickets can be purchased on Arbor and include a drink and a biscuit. Please note this event is not available to our Reception children.

SEN COFFEE MORNING

FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER, 9:30am AT HASKINS IN FERNDOWN

A morning for all parents but particularly those whose children have additional needs. The morning will be run by parents but Mrs Aiken (SENDCO) will also attend. Come and chat with other parents and get support, advice and ideas of how to manage your child. This is also an opportunity to meet Mrs Aiken in an informal setting and to propose ideas of topics you might like covered in future meetings. Please complete the Microsoft Form via the link below to indicate your interest in attending. Thank you very much.

SEN Coffee Morning

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Welcome back to the second half! (of the Autumn Term of course). Always a very busy one with the lead up to Christmas. To be fair, it has already started this week with designs of Christmas Cards that will be ready before the Christmas period.

If I am honest, I was not best pleased to come back from the half term break to the news about CleverChefs and the whole Hot School Meals ordering chaos. The roll out of the online ordering has not been communicated well in any way shape or form. What frustrates me the most is that it was taken out of our control. We were only working on the Information communication systems before half term so that the ordering would work and without any correspondence with us, the system went live.

I am hoping that you know that we would not do things in this way ordinarily and I am confident that at least no child is without food. I will also ensure that the old system is used until the new system is fully functioning, especially for those children who have allergies. Anyway, we are working hard to resolve this with the company and I hope it will be a more productive system moving forward.

That is a very negative start to the new term. In an attempt to be much more positive, the children have returned really well and settled back into the learning quickly which is always positive. This term is always a very busy one with many things going on including a Christmas Fair which is currently being planned for the end of the month, as well as a Reception performance with a slight twist from previous years. Again, we need to adapt and modify what has happened in the past to meet the needs of our children. I am sure it will be a delight and our Reception children will be amazing as they always are.

I am really hoping that we continue the excellent attendance at the start of last half term. I do appreciate that this time of the year is when the bugs start to hit and spread much more quickly in warm contained environments. However, our attendance took a huge nose dive just before half term again which is now worse than this time last year.

Our attendance is monitored weekly by the Department for Education through live data from our Information Management Systems. I will not authorise any holidays in term time and appreciate that the helpful guidance is that Headteachers can in exceptional circumstances, but these have to be lifetime exceptions in my opinion.

We will issue penalty notices through the Local Authority as is our duty and responsibility to do so. I do not mean this to be threatening or aggressive in any way, but I just want to make my position very clear so there cannot be any misinterpretation. I really do appreciate the support you give the school in ensuring the children attend regularly and on time each day.

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Oh I feel like this is all a bit serious and not particularly positive this week. So I am going to end on a positive note with some of our children representing the school tomorrow at the Parley Remembrance Service. I am always incredibly proud of our children reading to audiences that they don't know in a formal context. I am sure they will make us proud again tomorrow morning.

Lets hope everything starts working again next week and keeps working for the foreseeable future.

Finally, we are delighted to announce the date of the Reception Christmas Performance for 2026. It will be held in the School Hall on Tuesday 8th December at 2:00pm. Due to Health and Safety requirements, we are only able to offer two places per family. We look forward to seeing our amazing Reception children perform.

With Best Wishes,

John Bagwell
Headteacher

Admission Consultation 2028/2029

Southern Education Trust is consulting on it's proposed School Admissions Arrangements for all mainstream schools for 2028-29, seeking to:

- reduce PAN at Winton Primary from 120 to 90
- reduce Year 7 PAN at Broadstone Middle School from 30 to 20
- add extra clarity to the process for applications for a place in any year group different to that determinded by date of birth

The consultation will run from Thursday 5th November to Friday 18th December 2026. You can view the full details, including the revised policy and a summary of changes, at: https://www.southerneducationtrust.com/consultations/

Responses can be submitted in writing to Southern Education Trust c/o Broadstone First School, Tudor Road, Broadstone, Dorset, BH18 8Aa, or by email to consultation@southern.education

Please ensure that responses are received by Friday 18th December 2026.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Whole School - 95.1%
Year R - 96.9%
Year 1 - 96.5%
Year 2 - 97.4%
Year 3 - 97.4%
Year 4 - 96.5%

COMMUNITY NEWS



SC CLUBS AT PARLEY

SC Clubs offer the following clubs after school at Parley First School:

TUESDAY

Boxing Club - 3.05-4.05pm (5 - 12 yrs)

WEDNESDAY

Forest School - 3.05-4.05pm (5-11 yrs)

THURSDAY

Dance 3.05-4.05pm (5-12 yrs)

Multi Sports - 3.05-4.15pm (4-12 yrs)

FRIDAY

Nerf Club - 3.05-4.15pm (5-11 yrs)

To book your child on to any of the clubs you can click the link below:

Our schedule | SC Clubs | Powered by ClassForKids

Bookable sessions for parents from Autism Central.

These are free sessions for parents of children with autism and other family members. Each course covers a range of subjects and over the sessions you will learn how to support your child both now and in the future. Please click on the links below to visit the Autism Central website to book.

November sessions on the Autism Central website:

We've listened to feedback and are improving the way you book events with us. Browse calendar and book a series in a single booking. Click on the links below:

Play in childhood

Healthy habits around video gaming

Parental wellbeing

Child-Parent violence

Future thinking: growing older

Sensory needs and regulation

Education experiences

Parents of under fives

COMMUNITY NEWS

We're very pleased to announce that the lucky winner of the POPS Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin Competition was William from Year 3! Congratulations William and well done to everyone who entered!



