

WEEKLY UPDATE

16 January 2026



Attendance

Whole School Attendance: **95.2%**

National: **94.8%**

Whole School target: **97%**

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you!

Thank you to Year 4 parents who have made voluntary contributions to the trip to Winchester Science Museum. We are now only £180 short of the cost of the trip.

Do you know what your children are doing online?

After Christmas is a good time to remind ourselves about the importance of keeping children safe online. Many children have new devices, some of which are in bedrooms. I urge parents to check parental controls and settings. Unfortunately, any devices which connect to the internet are now being targeted to send messages to children and to begin the grooming process. Even calculators which connect to the internet have been used to message children. Further support for parents can be found at:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

We all want the very best start for our children.

Regular attendance at school is crucial for children to make the progress needed to meet the high expectations of the curriculum. Parents and Carers have a legal responsibility to ensure children are attending school. Holidays in term time are not being authorised. Where attendance is a concern, we are beginning to refer cases to the Local Authority who are issuing penalty notices.

Key Dates & Information

More detailed information about the events below will be communicated through ParentMail.

EYFS

PE Day: **Wednesday**

- 30th January - Vision Screening Checks
- 17th & 18th March - Trip to Charisworth Farm

Year 1

PE Days: **Thursday and Friday**

- 12th February - Phonics Screening Meeting - 9am or 2.15pm, in school
- 8th - 12th June - Phonics Screening Check

Year 2

PE Days: **Tuesday and Wednesday**

- 13th March - Titanic Dress Up Day
- 19th & 20th March - Music Concert for parents 9.15am
- 13th May - Trip to Liberty's Owl, Raptor & Reptile Centre

Year 3

PE Days: **Monday and Tuesday**

- 3rd June - Avon Tyrrell Parents' Initial meeting - online, 6pm
- 2nd July - Fiver Challenge 2.15pm, School Hall

Year 4

PE Days: **Thursday and Friday**

- 21st January - Trip to Winchester Science Centre
- 5th February - Multiplication Check Parents' Meeting - online, 6 pm
- 26th March - Avon Tyrrell Final Parents' Meeting - online, 6pm
- 22nd - 24th April - Avon Tyrrell Residential
- **11th May - Bikeability sessions begin.**
- 1st - 12th June - Multiplication Check
- 26th June - Transfer Day
- 3rd July - Fiver Challenge 2.15pm, School Hall
- 17th July - Leavers' Assembly 10am, School Hall

Whole School Dates

- 23rd January - M&M Productions - Robin Hood
- **18th March - School Discos - see overleaf for details**
- **27th March - Easter Church Services at St Mary's**
- 15th April - Parents' Evening
- 18th June - Sports Morning
- 29th June - INSET Day
- 9th July - Sports Morning (Reserve Date)

Important Information

Accessibility Plan – Consultation

All schools must have an accessibility plan which clearly sets out how we intend to:

- Increase the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the curriculum
- Improve the physical environment to enable disabled pupils to take better advantage of the education, benefits, facilities and services we provide
- Improve the availability of accessible information to disabled pupils

We are in the process of reviewing and revising our Accessibility Plan. If parents would like to contribute ideas for consideration, please contact Mrs Cload, SENCo by Friday 30th January 2026.

Statutory Tests/Checks Meetings for Parents

Meetings to provide further information for parents regarding the statutory Year 1 Phonics Tests and Year 4 Multiplication Check will be held on the following dates:

Year 1: Phonics Screening Meeting

12th February 2026
9am or 2.15pm - In school

Year 4: Multiplication Check Meeting

5th February
6pm - Online

Parents will receive further information about these meetings via ParentMail in due course.

School Admissions Consultation 2027-28

Southern Education Trust is consulting on its proposed School Admissions Arrangements for all schools for 2027/28, seeking to bring Winton Primary School into the previous Castleman Academy Trust policy, updating how distance is measured for admissions to Broadstone Schools and add extra clarity to some sections of the policy.

The consultation will run from Monday 8 December 2025 to Saturday 24 January 2026.

You can view the full details, including the revised policy and a summary of changes, at: <https://www.southerneducationtrust.com/admissions-consultation>

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

Responses are to be received by
Saturday 24 January 2026.

Easter Church Services

Our Easter Church services will be held on **Friday 27th March** this year, rather than the usual Wednesday services.

EYFS and Year 1 – service starts at 9.15am
Years 2, 3 and 4 – service starts at 10.45am

Parent helpers would be much appreciated and we will ask for these closer to the time.

Children who would usually wear their PE uniform on a Friday (Year 1 and 4) should wear their normal uniform instead on this day.

Clubs & Activities

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCHTIMES				
		Book Club Yrs 3 & 4 12.45 Library Mrs Errington		Chess Club Yrs 2-4 12.45pm Hall Mr Watts
				Choir Yrs 3 & 4 12.45pm Music Room Mrs Charters
AFTER SCHOOL				
Ferndown First School After School Club. All Years. 3.05pm – 6pm				
Live4Tennis Yrs 3 – 4 3.05pm – 4.05pm (External)	Karate Yrs 2, 3 & 4 3.05pm – 4.15pm (External)	Mr Higgins Football Yrs 2, 3 & 4 3.05pm – 4.15pm (External)	Art Bee Yrs 1 – 4 3.05pm – 4.05pm (External)	
			High 5 Gymnastics Years 1 – 4 Yrs 1 & 2: 3.15 – 4.15pm Yrs 3 & 4: 4.15 – 5.15pm (External)	

Details of ad-hoc Spring term clubs have been sent out on ParentMail.

PFA News

We are pleased to confirm that PFA school discos are planned for the below dates and times:



Wednesday 18th March

EYFS - 2.30PM (During school)
Yr 1 & Yr 2 - 4pm to 4.50pm
Yr 3 & Yr 4 - 5pm to 6pm
£3 per child



If your Yr 2 child attends Football club, arrangements will be made for them to go straight from Football to the disco.

More information on securing your child's place and payment arrangements will be sent via ParentMail in due course.

As their disco is during the school day, EYFS children can wear their disco clothes into school instead of their uniform on this day.

Community Noticeboard

Free community session: 'An Introduction to Autism'



What is the session about?

The session was co-developed with parents of autistic children, a SENCo, Dorset Parent Carer Council and Specialist Teachers and Educational Psychologists from Dorset Council.

It will help you to:

- Understand what autism is and how it may impact young people and families
- Learn some practical strategies to support an autistic child/young person

Please note, this is a general information session, so we won't be able to discuss individual children or schools.

The session will be delivered by either an Educational Psychologist or a Specialist Teacher from Dorset Council

Who can attend?

Anyone from the community, this could include people:

- with an autistic child
- with a child undergoing an assessment for autism
- who are interested in learning more about autism

Where and when?

Loigh Park Family Hub and Community Centre, Gordon Road, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 2AP - Tuesday 3rd March 2026 at 10:00am until 11:30am

Event Registration
Scan the QR code or use the link below to register.



Registration Link: [Click here to book](#)



February Tennis Fun!

For Years R-7

£27 daily

Bring packed lunch

Ferndown only pre-order meal deals. (link on sign up)

Action-packed February Half Term Tennis

Club! Fun games, skill-building and match play in a friendly environment. Perfect for all

abilities. 🌟



Sandleheath

Monday 16th Feb

SCAN ME



SCAN ME

Year 8+ Holiday Clubs

Donhead Tuesday 3:30-5pm

Ferndown Tuesday 3-5pm



Ferndown

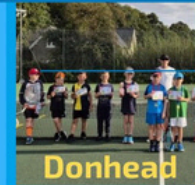
Tuesday 17th &

Thursday 19th Feb

SCAN ME



SCAN ME



Donhead

Monday 16th

&

Tuesday 17th Feb

SCAN ME



SCAN ME

For more information visit:
www.live4tennis.co.uk/holiday-tennis