

23 January 2026



Attendance

Whole School Attendance: **95.3%**

National: **94.8%**

Whole School target: **97%**

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

Well done Year 4!

Year 4 went on their trip to Winchester Science Centre on Wednesday this week. The children enjoyed a great day doing a range of activities which supported their science learning about sound and hearing. Behaviour was excellent and they were a credit to our school.

2026 - The National Year of Reading

The National Year of Reading 2026 is a UK-wide, government-backed campaign designed to tackle the decline in reading for pleasure and reconnect people of all ages with the joy and benefits of reading. Led in partnership with the National Literacy Trust, it invites everyone to "Go All In" by exploring how reading links to their own interests, making reading feel relevant and part of everyday life. Throughout the year, we will be embracing the campaign by further creating opportunities that bring reading into our school culture, to help our children dive deeper into the things they love through reading.

Pantomime Time!

Today the whole school enjoyed a performance of Robin Hood from the M&M Theatre Company. It was lively, fun and highly interactive, with plenty of moments that had the children laughing and joining in. Oh yes it did! The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience and it brought lots of excitement and anticipation to our day. A great way to end a successful week.

Key Dates & Information

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

EYFS

PE Day: Wednesday

- 30th January & 4th February - Vision Screening Checks
- 17th & 18th March - Trip to Charisworth Farm
- 19th March - Disco 2.30pm (during school day)

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

- 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

- 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

Please see further information about these meetings, sent out in a Parent mail today.

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 |
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| 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

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.

The **EYFS disco** will be during the school day on **19th March**. EYFS children can wear their disco clothes into school instead of their uniform on this day. This is free of charge.

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 Action-packed February Half Term Tennis Club! Fun games, skill-building and match play in a friendly environment. Perfect for all abilities. 🏆

£27 daily Bring packed lunch

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



Sandleheath
Monday 16th Feb





Ferndown
Tuesday 17th &
Thursday 19th Feb





Donhead
Monday 16th &
Tuesday 17th Feb



Year 8+ Holiday Clubs
Donhead Tuesday 3:30-5pm
Ferndown Tuesday 3-5pm

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

NEW CHILDREN & YOUTH CLUBS

TUESDAYS ——— ST MARY'S FERNDOWN

We are really excited to be launching three after school and evening children's and youth clubs from Tuesday 16th September and we would love to see you there!

FROG



FROG YrR-Yr3 3:30 - 4:45pm

A fab after school club with games, activities, craft, refreshments and a fun look at the bible. Just £1 per child.



FISH Yr4-Yr7 5pm - 6:30pm

Full of energetic games and activities, space to think and discuss whilst also seeing what the Bible has to say about stuff and tuck shop at the end. It'll be a cracking time! There's no charge for this group but young people are welcome to bring up to £1 to spend in tuck shop.



Beacon Youth Nights Yr8+ 7pm - 8:30pm

A time to chill with friends with drinks, snacks and games in the cafe as well as more lively games in the hall. There will also be time to unpack some of life's big questions and hear about the impact Jesus makes in our lives. Young people are welcome to bring £1 for tuck.

These clubs start on Tuesday 16th September and will run weekly during term time. If you would like your child to attend you can complete the online consent form in advance (please scan the QR code) or you can fill out a form on the night. We look forward to seeing you!



Miriam Biggs
Children & Families Minister



Mike Orman
Youth & Worship Pastor



Scan here to sign up

Term dates



Term Dates 2026-2027



Autumn Term 2026

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Spring Term 2027

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Summer Term 2027

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Bank and Public Holidays 2026-2027

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| 25 December 2026 | Christmas Day |
| 28 December 2026 | Boxing Day |

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| 1 January 2027 | New Year's Day |
| 26 March 2027 | Good Friday |

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| 29 March 2027 | Easter Monday |
| 3 May 2027 | May Day Holiday |

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| 31 May 2027 | Spring Bank Holiday |
| 30 August 2027 | August Bank Holiday |

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| School Holidays |
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| Staff Training Days |
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| Last Day of Term |
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