

9 January 2026



Attendance

Whole School Attendance: 95.1%

National: 94.9%

Whole School target: 97%

Miss school, miss out. Children who attend school make better progress.

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year! It has been a settled start to the new term. Children have enjoyed getting back into routines of learning and seeing their friends.

Thank you to parents for the many positive comments about the end-of-term events. The Christmas video was a hit! It was a lot of fun to make and thank you to Mrs Lord who led the project and spent many hours editing it.

You will have noticed our new format for the newsletter. We will be moving to a weekly newsletter. I want to streamline the way we communicate with parents. The weekly newsletter will contain only the most important information. The key dates and information section should provide a quick summary of information for each year group. Any new dates will be added in red each week.

Further details about events will always be communicated through Parentmail and we always aim to give parents at least two weeks notice of the details of upcoming events.

Tapestry will remain the platform that teachers communicate information about children's learning to parents.

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
- 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
- 15th April - Parents' Evening
- 18th June - Sports Morning
- 29th June - INSET Day
- 9th July - Sports Morning (Reserve Date)

Important Information

Statutory Tests & Assessments

As a first school, our children have to sit statutory tests and assessments.

Reception (Year R)

Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA): Taken within the first six weeks, this short assessment (around 15 mins) checks early literacy, language, and maths skills; results are not published to parents.

At the end of EYFS, children are assessed against the EYF5 Profile, to check against 17 Early Learning Goals (ELGs) and support the transition to Year 1. The results are published to parents at the end of the year.

Year 1

Phonics Screening Check (PSC): A statutory check to assess whether children can read real and nonsense words using phonics, with a repeat in Year 2 if needed. The results are published to parents at the end of the year.

The check takes place in the week beginning 8th June.

More information about the Phonics Check will be provided during the meeting for parents on **Thursday 12th February** at either 9.15 am or 2.15 pm.

Year 2 (End of Key Stage 1)

Phonics Screening Check (PSC): A statutory check in June for children who did not pass the check in Year 1. The results are published to parents at the end of the year.

Year 4

Multiplication Tables Check (MTC): An online check for Year 4 on times tables up to 12. The results are published to parents at the end of the year. The check takes place in the first two weeks of June.

More information about the Multiplication Check will be provided during the meeting for parents on **Thursday 5th February** at 6pm. This will be an online meeting.

Other assessments in June/July

Year 2, 3 and 4 children will sit formal assessment papers in reading, spelling, punctuation & grammar and maths. We will publish children's results from these at the end of the year.

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**

Adverse Weather Closure

In the event of adverse weather that means we cannot open school, parents will receive a ParentMail message as early as possible. If you would like to check online, the website for this is dorsetforyou.com.

If we are able to open school but conditions are unsafe to walk around the usual one-way route, drop off will be through the Main Office, Staff Entrance and Quiet Entrance. Parents will be directed to the relevant entrance and will be asked to keep to gritted paths. A ParentMail will be sent out to advise of this as early as possible.

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



The PFA held a successful Pre-Loved Uniform sale this afternoon in the education centre building and several more are planned throughout the year. The dates will be sent out on ParentMail so please keep an eye out.

If you would like to request pre-loved uniform at any time, there is a form you can complete at the school office. The PFA will check if there is stock and confirm with you when it is ready.

If you have any uniform to donate, please bring it to the school office.

We would once again like to thank all parents, family members, neighbours etc that took part in our Christmas raffle. All prizes have now been received. You helped raise over £1400 for school funds!



Community Noticeboard

Bourne Dyslexia

Join us for this event with Clare from Bourne Dyslexia. She'll be covering topics like how to spot Dyslexia in your child and how to support them through education.



Ferndown Library

Saturday 24 January

10:30 - 11:30

An inclusive talk for parents and children.



All ages welcome

Lift access, inclusive atmosphere and plenty of seating.

For more information:

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