

Friday 12th September 2025



Welcome Back

It has been a very settled start to the school year and it is lovely to see all the children after the holidays. A big welcome to all the new children and parents in reception class; it is a special year and they seem to have made a great start.

Welcome also to the children who have joined us in other classes across the school; they too seem to have settled in really well.

We have lots of exciting plans for the coming year including the 90th anniversary of the school.

Welcome back Mass:

As we start our new school year we celebrated our first mass together. We used this opportunity to think about how excited we are to gather as a school community to celebrate and give thanks for all the blessings we receive on our school journey together. We remembered our commitment to the Gospel Values in the way we treat each other at school, at home and in the wider community - keeping Christ at the center of our lives.



INSET Day - Friday 24th October

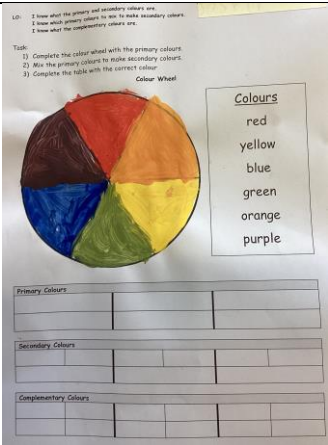
I wanted to make you aware that the 24th October will also be a training day. I am conscious that you were not made aware of this before the summer holidays, so I am using this opportunity to draw your attention to this date.

The five training days over the year will be:

- 3rd September 2025 (already taken place).
- 24th October 2025
- 3rd November 2025
- 23rd February 2026
- 1st June 2026

Dates of holidays can be found at the end of the newsletter.

News from across the school

Reception	Our new Reception children have had a wonderful start to school! They have been busy exploring their new classroom, making friends, and settling into our daily routines. They enjoyed their first Wellie Wednesday adventure as well as their first PE lesson. We are so proud of how well they've settled in.  
Year 1	Year 1 has had a great start to the year. We have worked hard on our lining up and Year 1 routines. In English, we have started our class text 'Rosie's walk'. They have all listened very well to the story and produced some amazing writing. In RE, we have started our learning about the Creation story, they have produced some artwork sequencing the story, this will be displayed on our RE board. 
Year 2	It is official! Team 2.7 is amazing! All the children have worked incredibly hard this week – it is a challenge getting used to a new class and expectations of work and behaviour and they have truly stepped up to the plate! Mrs Norman, Miss Brown and I are very proud of them! In RE, we have looked in detail at the story of Noah and have retold the story in our own words. We have also considered where the story comes in the Bible and thinking about what the differences are between the Old and New Testaments. In Maths, we have been practising our counting skills in ones and tens. In Art, we have painted our own colour wheel with primary colours and mixing those to then paint on the secondary colours. We will be using the colour wheel throughout the year when thinking about colour theory and selecting warm / cool / complementary colours. Well done, Year 2! Keep up the brilliant work! 

Year 3	What a wonderful start to the academic year for class three. The children have all settled in exceptionally well. This term our topic is 'The Stone Age' and many of our lessons have been linked. In English we have begun reading our class text 'Stone Age Boy'. The children have been writing their predictions on what they feel the story is going to be about. They have studied the front cover and have read the blurb and used the information in these to inform their writing. In Maths we are learning about place value; ones, tens, hundreds and thousands. It has been really pleasing to see that even when the children find it a little challenging, they are still giving it a good go. I have been really impressed with their perseverance skills. In History, we have been completing an introduction to the 'Stone Age', it was really interesting to listen to all the prior knowledge that the children already have.
Year 4	Year 4 has had a brilliant start to the new school year and have settled in really well. We've begun reading our new class text The Firework Maker's Daughter, which has already captured everyone's imagination. In English, we've started working on non-chronological reports, using facts and clear structure to share information. In maths, we've been learning about place value and building strong number sense. In RE, we acted out Abraham's journey from Ur to Canaan, bringing the story to life through drama. Our geography topic on mountains is underway, and we've been using maps to locate the Seven Summits and learn more about them. We're also preparing for our football fixture next week and looking forward to showing off our skills on the pitch!

Year 5

A Fantastic Start!

Year 5 have had a brilliant start to the term, and we are really pleased with the progress they are already making across all subjects. The children have shown great enthusiasm and effort in their learning.

This Week's Learning

Maths: We have been focusing on place value and improving our recall of times tables. Pupils have also been practising their arithmetic skills through their daily “clicks.”

PE: The focus has been on netball, with pupils developing their footwork and teamwork skills.

History: We have begun exploring World War II, looking at why the war started and beginning to build an understanding of this important period of history.

Science: The children have been learning about different materials and their properties.

Art: Pupils used pastels to create their own “Battle of Britain” scenes, showing both creativity and attention to detail.

Reminders

- **PE Days:** [Tuesday & Thursday]
- **Homework:** Due on [Tuesday but no maths this week]
- **Reading:** Please continue to read at least 4 times per week at home.

Well Done Year 5!

It has been a wonderful start to the school year. We are looking forward to seeing all the children continue to grow in confidence and achieve their very best!

Year 6

This week we have been very busy. On Monday morning, we started to get organised with our spellings with Mrs. Nash and in the afternoon, we learnt how to pronounce words in Spanish. In PE we have been practising netball, working on our footwork and shooting. We have started a new text in English - ‘Children of the Quicksands’ which fits in with our topic about Africa. Finally, in RE we have been learning all about Moses.

Stars of the Week

 Stars of the Week!	Year 1: <i>Rosa & Leonor</i> Year 2: <i>Frankin & Rory</i> Year 3: <i>Nicole & Sofia J</i> Year 4: <i>Yurii & Samuel</i> Year 5: <i>Henry & Wren</i> Year 6: <i>Kamil & Matilda</i>
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Discovery Fest

On the 20th September Discovery Fest is taking place between 10AM and 3PM. There are a range of activities taking place that your children will be able to get involved in. Please see the poster below.



Dorset Coast Forum – Swanage Newsletter.

We have been asked to share Dorset Coast Forum – Swanage Newsletter with you.

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Swanage Neighbourhood Plan
Dorset Coast Forum has been appointed by Swanage Town Council to undertake engagement with the community to gather the community's views on the 8 proposed themes that will form the Swanage Neighbourhood Plan:

- **Swanage Settlement**
- **Housing Mix**
- **Development Sites**
- **Town Centre**
- **Townscape Character**
- **Open Space and Recreation**
- **Local Green Spaces**
- **Community Facilities**



There are several ways to **get involved** with this initial engagement to inform the Draft Plan:

- complete the online survey

Useful Dates

15th Sep	Teacher meeting Y4
16th Sep	Teacher meeting Y3
17th Sep	Teacher meeting Y2
18th Sep	Teacher meeting Reception
19th Sep	Teacher meeting Y1
26th Sep	Teacher meeting Y 5 & 6
2nd Oct	Open evening at the school
24th Oct	INSET Day
25th Oct – 2nd Nov	Half Term
3rd Nov	Training Day
4th Nov	Back to School
20th Dec – 4th Jan	Christmas Holidays
14th – 22nd Feb	Half Term
23rd Feb	INSET Day
28th Mar – 12th Apr	Easter Holidays
23rd May – 31st May	Half Term
1st Jun	INSET Day
23rd Jul – 1st Sep	Summer Holiday
2nd Sep 2026	INSET Day

