



Week beginning 13th July 2026

Whole school reminders

Well done to all pupils for a very successful transition day last Tuesday. It was a privilege to see calm, smiling faces in every room, and children positively getting to know their new class teacher in September. We were also delighted to meet some new faces of children joining the school in several year groups in September. Thank you to all children and staff who made them feel so welcome.

Attendance: Whole school attendance: 94.6%.

Reading: Please continue to read at least 3x a week with your child and record it in their reading record. Last week, we shared information about the **Dorset Library Summer Reading Challenge** with our Key Stage 2 children. The week before, our Reception and KS1 children were encouraged to sign up to the challenge which aims to motivate and inspire them to read over the holidays.

Dates to remember

Wednesday 15th July: Sports Day (Dunbury Primary) and Year 6 Leavers' Service (St Mary's Church, Winterborne Whitechurch). Please refer to the hot weather contingency plan letter which was communicated last week. Preschool will remain open as usual but please collect your child by 2:45pm.

Friday 17th July: Please note this is the final deadline to place an online order for school uniform from Brigade for delivery before the start of the new school term.

Spirituality: We look forward to coming together for our annual Sports Day. Whilst there will be races, events and opportunities to compete, Sports Day is about much more than winning. It is a chance to celebrate the values that help our whole community flourish. *"Success is not always about winning. Sometimes it is about trying your best, encouraging others and enjoying the journey together."* May we take time to notice the everyday moments that help our hearts sing and strengthen the bonds within our school family.

Beech Class Reception

Well done to the children for getting through another hot week at school. Our Preschool and Reception children were very resilient through their transition day and we were delighted that they all had a positive experience.

Curriculum

Phonics: Last week we attended a Summer Reading Challenge launch (online), and the children expressed an interest in taking part. You can register at your local library any time from now to begin reading at home over the holidays.

Maths: We have been recapping some of our core learning objectives in Reception. We have practised doubles, sharing objects within 10, and number bonds to 5.

Things to remember: Thank you for sending your child into school with pre-applied sun cream, a sun hat and water bottle every day. Please continue to do this as the temperatures remain high.

Oak Class Years 1 and 2

It was another scorching week with loads of practical hands-on learning. We have really focused on our new R.E. topic comparing Christian and Islamic ideas about 'after-life' and our Geography topic about 'where food comes from'. The children enjoyed their transfer day last Tuesday, meeting their new teachers, and in PSHE we explored the big feelings that come with such transitions.

Phonics/Reading: Year 1 have learnt "u-e" and "l-e" while Year 2 have been reading, annotating and discussing the non-fiction text 'What would you see at the Circus' and the poem 'The Circus'.

We are collecting-in the children's phonics/library books before the end of term, please send these back.

Writing: We are continuing our topic, 'The Day the Crayons Quit', looking at contractions for 'not' and 'will' and using these to write persuasive letters to Duncan as one of the crayons.

Maths: Year 2 are cementing their learning about how to subtract two-digit numbers while Year 1 are comparing different monetary amounts, focusing on distinguishing the different coins and their values.

Things to remember: Please dress your child safely for Forest School on Fridays (including light layers and sun hats). If you haven't yet done so, please look out for an email about food tasting for our upcoming D.T. 'party food' topic, asking permission for your child to join in.

Our class email address is oak@dunbury.dsat.org.uk

Cherry Class Year 3 The children have coped really well with the heat and are showing great resilience. PHSE: This week, we will be learning about the changes in the body at puberty. Please do take the opportunity to talk about the learning with your child afterwards. Reading: The children have loved the terrifying tale of 'The Witches' by Roald Dahl and enjoyed exploring the range of techniques the author uses to create dramatic effect. Writing: The children have continued to base their writing on The Lighthouse Keeper, this week focusing on alternative words for 'said' to convey the character's emotions more accurately. Maths: We are continuing with non-unit fractions. Adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominators. Things to remember: Please don't forget homework. PE will be on Monday & Tuesday for the rest of this term.

Elm Class Year 4 Elm enjoyed their transition day on Tuesday and told me all about it. We had a great few days at Leeson House. On Wednesday, the children made the long walk to dancing ledge and back, looking at the geography of the coast, as well as learning about smuggling. We had a campfire and learnt how to get the fire started. On Thursday, we learnt some map skills at Leeson House and then headed into Corfe Castle and learnt about the castle itself, before another walk back almost all the way to Leeson. When we got back, we did a blindfolded obstacle course. This was a real practice of our value of trust as the children had to lead their partner around the course, which was great fun. In the evening, we did some orienteering. On Friday, we did pond dipping and the children caught and then identified the different things they had caught in their nets. Things to remember: Please keep up reading and sending in the reading record books. PE on Monday and Tuesday. Our class email address is elm@dunbury.dsat.org.uk

Golden Willow Class Year 5 Last week, the children revisited learning on Islam, and created an online profile for a Muslim, explaining why commitment to their religion and respect for Allah are important. Reading: We are continuing to read our new text, 'The Wind in the Willows'. Writing: The class have analysed the structure of a balanced argument through 'boxing-up' a model text. We then focussed on how this genre of writing often uses formal language and certain adverbials and conjunctions to link arguments. Maths: We have revised place value, in particular focussing on 1000s, 10,000s & 1000,000s. Things to remember: Please continue to encourage your children to read. Pie Corbett makes some excellent suggestions of high-quality texts here. Homework has been set on Century and includes learning Roman numerals and a writing activity on using the active or passive voice. PE will be Monday and Thursday in the summer term so please send children in PE kit on these days. If you need anything, do not hesitate to get in touch at goldenwillow@dunbury.dsat.org.uk
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Scots Pine Class Year 6 Last week we completed our Science unit on plants, looking at the male and female parts of a flower and understanding a flower's life cycle. Reading: We have continued reading our new text, 'The Wind in the Willows'. Maths: We have started looking at our checkpoints for Year 7, to prepare ourselves for our next step in Maths. Writing: The class have planned their own versions of 'A Boy, a Mole, a Fox and a Horse'. We have looked at each character and created our own characters to introduce to the story. PSHE: In our PSHE unit, 'Growing & Changing', we have been looking families and different ways families can be made up. Things to remember: We are looking forward to welcoming you all to our Leavers' Service and Sports Day on Wednesday 15th July. If you have any questions, please use the class email: scotspine@dunbury.dsat.org.uk
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