



SHILLINGSTONE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dates for diaries:

Wednesday 17th September 3.30 – 3.50pm Jungle Class Parent/Teacher welcome meeting
Wednesday 17th September 3.30 – 3.50pm Desert Class Parent/Teacher welcome meeting
Monday 22nd September 3.30 – 3.50pm New Parent Tea Party
Tuesday 23rd September 3.30 – 3.50pm Woodland Class Parent/Teacher welcome meeting
Wednesday 24th September School Open Day for Reception 2026 parents 9.30am – 4.30pm
Wednesday 24th September 3.30 – 3.50pm Ocean Class Parent/Teacher welcome meeting followed by Year 5 Leeson House meeting
Thursday 25th September 5-7pm SNHS Open Evening for Year 5 & 6 families
Friday 3rd October PTA Non-school uniform day for donation of sweets and chocolate.
Tuesday 21st October Individual School photos
Thursday 23rd October Nasal flu vaccinations in school. Sign up details to follow.

Friday 24th October INSET Day- school closed to pupils
w/b Monday 27th October- Half Term holiday
Monday 3rd November- Back to school - Autumn Term 2
Wednesday 5th - Friday 7th November- Year 5 Residential Visit to Leeson House visit

Welcome to the new school year!



The children (and staff) have had a great first week back. Tony (caretaker) has been very busy over the summer holidays decorating all of the classrooms. They look clean and fresh, and are a lovely place to be. Thank you Tony for all of your hard work! We look forward to welcoming you in to see the classrooms for our teacher/parent meetings that are coming up. See dates above and information below.

We send out a parent newsletter each Friday to keep you up to date with any events coming up. Please visit our school website regularly to find out about events that have happened. Photos and information will be shared on there (rather than on the newsletter – to try not to make it even longer!) Teachers will update class pages regularly so checking those each week is worthwhile.





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Parent / Teacher Welcome Meetings

Each class teacher will share with you information about their class and expectations for the school year. It is essential that we can work together to support your child in their time at the school. Even if you have previously had a child in this class, things change every year and therefore it is expected that every parent will attend. Please come along to this meeting to find out how the class will run, what units of work will be taught, homework expectations and how best you can support your child at home. This will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions that you may have.



There will be creche / childcare in the Arctic atrium, supervised by a member of staff, for the children of parents attending the meetings.

New Parent Tea Party

We would like to invite parents of our new Reception children in after school. Come and meet the staff team over a cup of tea/coffee and cake/biscuits. We will meet in the Arctic atrium area (the open area in the centre of the school) so please come in the main school door once you have collected your child at the end of the school day.

RECEPTION

Year 5 Leeson House Meeting (for parents and children)

Mrs Vail and Mrs Swaffield will share with you lots of information about the residential trip to Leeson House. The trip is planned for Wednesday 5th November – Friday 7th November which is the first week back after the October half term. It is important that every parent who has a child in Year 5 attends this meeting to find out about this trip and ask any questions that you may have. Year 5 children are welcome to attend also (lots of photos will be shared so they can see where they are going).

PTA Non-School Uniform Day

Please bring in a donation of sweets or chocolates. This will be ready for PTA to use as prizes for an event coming up. More details to follow...

After School Clubs

Information about clubs was emailed out earlier this week. Reception children will be invited to clubs in the Spring Term.





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Reading

This year we are going to have a focus on helping all children to have a love of reading. We are looking into ways to help students access reading in different ways, including our learning environment, competitions and events. If you have any unwanted magazines or any form of audio books (Tony boxes, cds etc) we would love to have them to help enrich our reading curriculum. Many thanks in advance.

Music Lesson Opportunities in School

1:1 music lessons in Piano / Keyboard, Guitar and Recorder with Mrs Cooper BA. PGCE. LTCL. MISM

Practical music lessons are offered developing skills in playing technique, reading music notation, improvisation, composing, music theory and aural skills. When teaching, Mrs Cooper is able to demonstrate and accompany a pupil to maintain an enjoyable, creative and enriching musical experience during each half hour lesson. If interested in further information please email Mrs Cooper at musicteacher@keebo.co.uk.

PE Days and PE Kit

JUNGLE Monday & Thursday

WOODLAND Tuesday & Thursday

OCEAN Tuesday & Wednesday

DESERT Monday & Wednesday

These are the days your child will have PE lessons so they should come to school in their PE kit on these days.





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PE kit

All children are required to wear the following:

- White t-shirt with school logo embroidered
- Black shorts or black jogging bottoms
- Black plimsolls or trainers
- White socks
- Blue school sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo embroidered (if chilly)

Please ensure that all the school uniform and PE kit has your child's name clearly marked.

On the days that your child does not have PE, they must come to school in school uniform.

Our uniform

All children are required to wear the following:

- White polo shirt with school logo embroidered
 - Blue school sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo embroidered
 - Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore
 - Summer blue and white gingham dress
 - Grey/black/white socks
 - Grey tights
 - Black shoes
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Attendance Information

We strive for all our children to feel safe, loved, inspired and ready for the next step of their education. To achieve this, we aim to ensure that all children attend school regularly and on time. This enables our children to take full advantage of the educational opportunities we offer. Regular, punctual attendance is valued and positively encouraged for all pupils.

It's recognised that some pupils, for a variety of reasons, find it harder than others to attend school regularly. We will strive to help any families that need support.

The School Day and Punctuality

School starts at 08:30am. School finishes at 3:15pm.

Children that arrive after 08:45 but before 9am will be marked as late.

Registration closes at 9am. Children arriving after this time must attend the school office, be signed in and provide a reason for the lateness.

In the absence of a satisfactory reason, the register will be marked as an unauthorised late absence. Note: legal action can be taken for continued unauthorised absences.

Expected Levels of Attendance

Attending school regularly and on time has a positive impact on learning, progress and therefore the best life chances for pupils. Research shows that attendance and punctuality are important factors in school success.

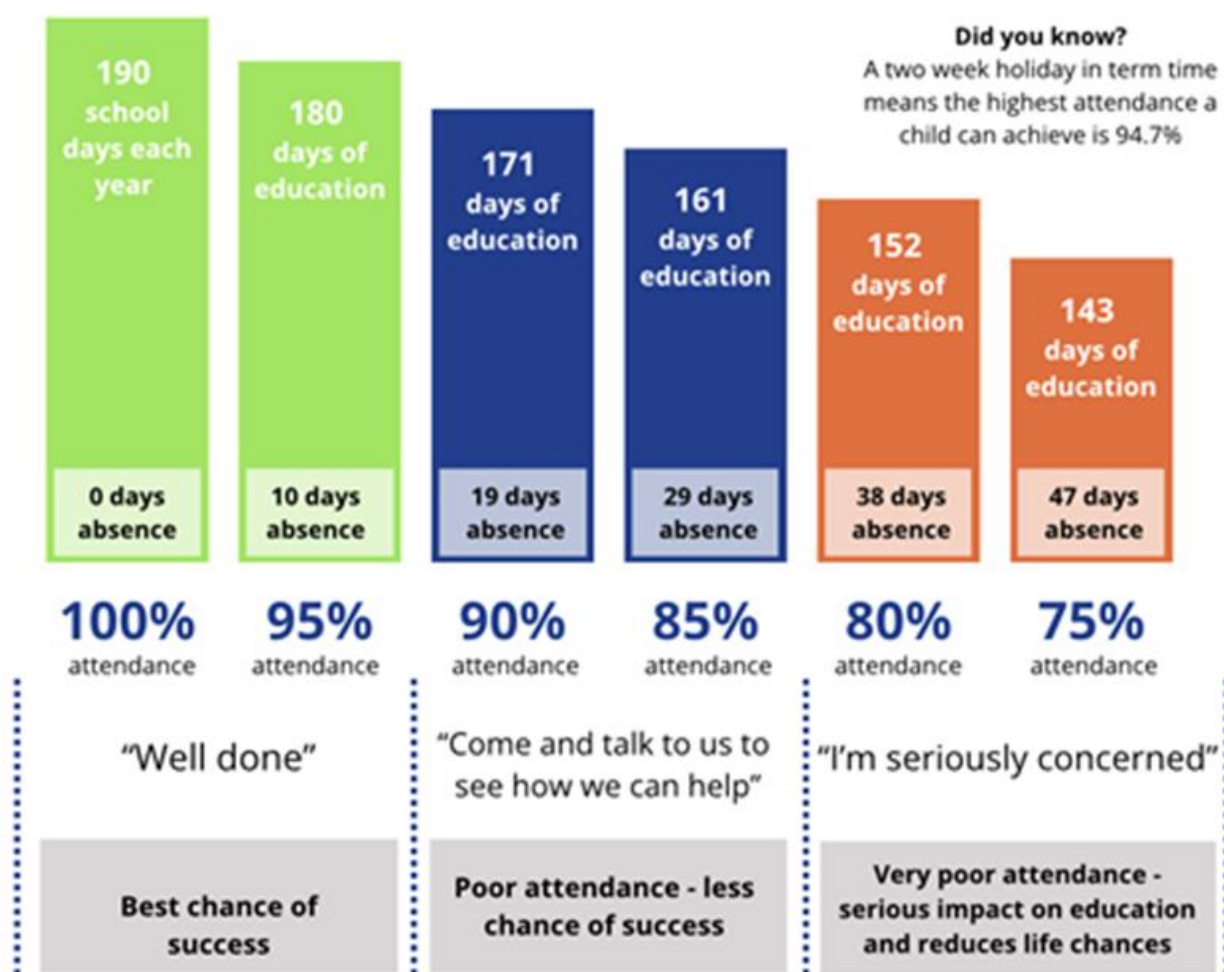




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Getting the most out of school



Last year we had 95.94% attendance as a school which is higher than the national average! A huge well done to Jude Andrews, Orla Bell, Thomas Blake, Lily Greenland and Miles Troughton who each had 100% attendance!





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SHILLINGSTONE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL **OPEN DAY**

Wednesday 24th September 2025
9.30am-4.30pm

Come and have a look around our wonderful school,
meet our teachers, and experience school life at
Shillingstone Primary!



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office@shillingstone.dorset.sch.uk

If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2026, please come along and have a look at our school.

Please phone our school office or email us to let us know if you intend to visit us.

We would love to meet you and your child.





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Community

Heritage Open Days

invite you to

BENEFICE-by-BIKE

Sat 13 Sept 2025 11am-4pm



St Andrew's Okeford Fitzpaine DT11

Guided bike rides to churches in Okeford Benefice

+talk about a Triptych

tales of scandal, smugglers, stained glass and seats?

TEA + CAKE too!

<https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/submission-event/benefice-by-bike.html>

ALL FUNDS RAISED for DorsetHistoricChurchesTrust RIDE+STRIDE
Sponsor Dilys: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/okefordfitzpaineandrewdgbv05>

Rides am or pm advise Pre-book:

Dilys Gartside 01258 860157 cyclewisesouthampton@gmail.com

Have you ever found the hidden church in Manston? or discovered a uniquely 'top to bottom' little gem of a church in Hammoon (when not cut off by the floods)? Now is your chance! with a professional guided bike ride this Saturday for an individual or all the family by our very own Dilys Gartside. Do please use the details on the poster to book ahead.

Warm regards, Revd Andrew Gubbins

Kindest regards,

Mr Wright - Head of School
(Monday-Thursday)

Mrs Vail - Head of School (Friday)

