



SHILLINGSTONE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dates for diaries:

Thursday 2nd October 8pm PTA meeting at The Old Ox. Everyone welcome.

Friday 3rd October Active Travel to school day!

Friday 3rd October PTA Non-school uniform day for donation of sweets and chocolate.

Tuesday 7th October 2.30pm Harvest Festival (in school - parents welcome to join us)

Please bring in donations for Blandford food Bank. Details below.

Friday 10th October Mental Health Day – Wear Yellow! Non-school uniform.

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

31st October Final deadline for secondary school applications.

Monday 3rd November- Back to school - Autumn Term 2

Wednesday 5th - Friday 7th November- Year 5 Residential Visit to Leeson House visit

Please see our school website for updates on events and news. We enjoyed seeing Janet and Riley (therapy dog) this morning.

We have received the following from the Dorset Council Road Safety Team:

Parking Reminder – Augustan Avenue

We kindly ask all parents and carers to avoid parking directly outside the main entrance to the school on Augustan Avenue, particularly near the pedestrian crossing. Parking in this area significantly reduces visibility for both pedestrians and drivers, creating a safety risk for children and other road users. Please use appropriate parking spaces nearby or consider walking a short distance to help keep the area safe for everyone. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.





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Active Travel to School - Friday 3rd October

We are starting our first challenge of our new initiative Planet Earth! On Friday this week, we would love to see as many children as possible being active on their way to school! This may be riding a scooter, biking or walking. We appreciate some families live further away from school but maybe you could leave a few minutes earlier, park by the Recreation Ground and be active getting to school from there! Please plan ahead and join us with Active Travel on Friday!



Harvest Festival in school Tuesday 7th October 2.30pm

Reverend Gubbins will lead this service for us in our school hall. Parents are welcome to join us.

Blandford Food Bank is one of the five Food Banks in Dorset run by Faithworks, in partnership with local churches. This supports people in our wider community.

Acceptable Food Bank Donations:

Canned Goods: Items like canned vegetables, fruits, soups, and proteins (e.g., tuna, chicken) are highly valued. Opt for low-sodium or no-added-sugar options when possible.

Dry Goods: Donations of rice, pasta, oats, and wholegrain cereals are essential. These items provide a good source of carbohydrates and can help create balanced meals.

ShelfStable Proteins: Foods such as canned beans, lentils, and nut butter are important for providing protein in meals. These items are often more expensive and are in high demand.

Cooking Essentials: Items like cooking oils, spices, and sauces can help enhance the meals prepared with donated food.

Personal Care and Household Products: Many food banks also accept personal hygiene items (e.g., shampoo, soap, toothpaste) and household cleaning products (e.g., laundry detergent).





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Mental Health – Wear Yellow! Friday 10th October

Take part with thousands of schools, communities and companies wearing yellow this World Mental Health Day to show young people that they're not alone with their mental health.

Right now, the world can be a tough place for children and young people to grow up in – and they are feeling the pressure. We want young people to know that they don't have to go through this alone. Things can get better.

The children may choose to come into school in non-school uniform, wearing something yellow or maybe a whole yellow outfit! 😊 In the afternoon, we will organise workshops for the children to take part in.



A polite reminder

Children who take part in after school sports clubs should be wearing school uniform into school and bringing school PE kit with them in their bag. They will be given time at the end of the school day to get changed. Thank you for your support with this.

Kindest regards,

Mr Wright - Head of School
(Monday-Thursday)

Mrs Vail - Head of School (Friday)

