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Dates for diaries:

Wednesday 21st January – Special breakfast (Croissants and pain au chocolate)

Friday 30th January – Non uniform day in return for sweets donations

Friday 13th February - Wear your Scarf to school - PSHE

Friday 13th February – PTA Valentines sweet cones for sale at school pick up.

Half term: 16th – 20th February

Monday 23rd February 2026 – INSET Day

Thursday 26th February - Special Breakfast

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Friday 27th March – Last day of Spring Term

Please see our school website for updates on events and news.

Letter from Dorset Council

The letter explains the concerns associated with early smartphone use, highlights Dorset Council's collaborative approach with schools, and signposts families to helpful resources and further support. It also outlines our shared ambition to encourage families to delay smartphone ownership unless there is a specific need.

This is one of the key messages to share:

Dorset Council and schools will encourage families to delay smartphone ownership until at least age 14, unless there is a specific need. This will help safeguard children, preserve childhood, and support the development of vital life skills.

Click on the link to read more [Smartphone Free Childhood](#)

Autumn 2 Attendance – Year 3 had the best attendance!

The figures are now in!

As we know, children's attendance at school is very important so they can make progress and achieve their very best in their learning.

For Autumn Term 2, the figures were

1st – best attendance – Year 3 96.8%

2nd – Year 6 96.6%

3rd – Year 4 96.4%

4th – Reception 95.1%

5th – Year 2 94.8%

6th – Year 5 94.0%

7th – Year 1 92.6%



Please come and speak to us if your child's attendance is below 95% and we can discuss how we can work together to try and improve this.

Well done if your child's attendance is 95% or higher. This is considered GOOD ATTENDANCE.

EVERY DAY IN SCHOOL COUNTS!					
	9 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence	47 days absence
	100%	95%	90%	85%	80%
	80%	75%			
	GOOD ATTENDANCE		WORRYING	SERIOUS CONCERN	



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Tennis

Wednesday after school tennis group for young beginner and intermediate tennis players ages 7-10. Run at Shillingstone Tennis Club, by Head Coach Dimitri. The first session is Wednesday 21st January 3.30pm -4.15pm. There are 4 weeks for this course and the cost for the whole course is £28. Please use the link below to access further information and booking.

[Clubspark / Dimitri Antoniou Coaching / Coaching / Course](#)



Little Indie Art Club is coming back to Shillingstone Primary!

Led by Jeannie

Spring Workshop - Tuesday 10th February

3.15 – 4.45pm

All ages

£7 per child per workshop

14 places available in each workshop

Jeannie is an experienced art teacher and runs workshops regularly at schools in Wimborne and the surrounding area.

Jeannie has run workshops previously and they have been a huge success. The children had a fantastic time and were really pleased with their creations!

Have a look at Little Indie Art Club on FaceBook, or Littleindieart2 on Instagram, to see some examples of Jeannie's workshops.

If you are interested in booking a place for your child, please email the school office.

Once places are filled we will hold a waiting list in case spaces become available. Payment details (made directly to Jeannie) will be emailed to you once we have confirmed your child has a place.

Payments will be needed by Friday 6th February.

Thank you, Mrs. Vail.



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A big thank you from Jungle Class

The children have been enjoying being creative with the new resources provided. The PTA have kindly funded some of these so thank you!





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Jungle Class Wish List!

Can you help us make learning even more exciting?

We're looking for a few special items to support our outdoor adventures, imaginative play, and hands-on learning!

If you have any of these at home (or know where we might find them), we'd be so grateful. All items should be good quality, safe, and child-friendly 🧡💚

🧡 Outdoor Explorers Gear

- 🧦 Waterproof trousers & jackets (ages 4-5)
- 🧦 Wellies – sizes 11/12
- 🎒 Rucksacks (big enough for A4 folders)

🚗 Farmyard Fun!

- 🏠 Farm buildings & fences
- 🚗 Tractors/trailers and ride-on tractors
- 🐔 Farm animals and accessories

🌿 Outdoor Construction & Den Building

- 📦 Stackable milk crates
- 🪵 Wooden planks
- 🌿 Garden trellis
- 🏠 Tarpaulins (with eyelets for den building!)

🏠 Creative Building & Storage

- 🪵 Duplo base boards
- 🏠 Woodshed or garden shed (for storing outdoor play items)

mobilo chunky puzzles

Every donation, big or small, helps our children learn, explore, and have fun!
Thank you so much for supporting our school community!



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Kindest regards,

Mr Wright - Head of School (Monday-Thursday)

Mrs Vail - Head of School (Friday)

