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Dates for diaries:

Monday 2nd March 9 - 10am - Parent/Governor Vision and Values drop in session with Mr Wright

Tuesday 3rd March 3.30 – 5.30pm - Parent /Teacher Consultation Meetings

Wednesday 4th March 3.30 – 7pm - Parent /Teacher Consultation Meetings

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day – dress up as a book character if you would like to

Wednesday 11th March 4.30pm - 6pm - PTA Movie Night. £1.50 per child **Change of date!**

Thursday 12th March 1-2pm – Mother's day pop up shop

Thursday 19th March – Comic Relief Red Nose Day - activities to be confirmed

Saturday 21st March Doors open 6.45pm - PTA Easter Bingo. Portman Hall. Save the date!

Friday 27th March – Last day of Spring Term

Mr Wright is nearly over the finish line!

With just one day to go, I have run 42 of my 47 miles in February! I am confident that I will complete the challenge, which has been very hard at times, through rain and dark evenings!



Huge thanks to those have kindly donated so far. The total stands at £157 for Surfers Against Sewage which is fantastic. There is still time to donate if you wish to. There is also a link to the Surfers against Sewage charity who are campaigning for cleaner waters.

<https://socialsync.app/fundraiser/cr-4pvwm685qk7vj>

[Surfers Against Sewage - UK charity campaigning for the ocean](#)

Parent/ Governor Vision and Values drop in

We have been reviewing the school's vision and values as part of our school development plan this year and we are offering an opportunity to discuss how we move forward.

On Monday 2nd March Mr Wright would like to welcome parents and Governors for a chat about our vision and values and how that could evolve. Are our values still relevant and what do we want for our children?





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After School Clubs – Spring 2



Mrs Adams has emailed out places for these. We have some very popular clubs so will hold a waiting list and let you know if a space becomes available.

Spaces still available for Nerf. This club has been great fun and really popular!

Nerf booking links:

All sessions: [Shillingstone Y2-6 Nerf ALL TERM | TCW Sports](#)

Each session booking: [Shillingstone Y2-6 Nerf PER SESSION - TCW Sports](#)



Welcome to the Churches of the

OKEFORD BENEFICE

serving the parishes of:
Child Okeford with Manston, Hammoon,
Okeford Fitzpaine, and Shillingstone.

Benefice website: okefordbenefice.org
Rector: Rev'd Andrew Gubbins
07734 393906 okefords.rector@gmail.com

(Work Days - Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
Days off - Monday and Thursday)

OKEFORD BENEFICE PEW SHEET for WEEK COMMENCING 1st March 2026

Sunday 1st March

9am Holy Communion at Hammoon
Genesis 12.1-4; Romans 4.1-5, 13-17; John 3.1-17
10am Breakfast in the Shillingstone Church Centre.
'Following Jesus' Matthew 9.9-13
6.30pm BCP Evensong at Manston
Psalm 135, 1-6, 13-14; Numbers 21.4-9; Luke 14.27-33

Sunday 8th March

10.30am Holy Communion at Child Okeford
Exodus 17.1-7; Romans 5.1-11; John 4v5-13, 19-21, 23-29, 39-42

Sunday 15th March -MOTHERING SUNDAY

10.30am Family Communion at Shillingstone
Colossians 3.12-17; John 19.25b-27

MIDWEEK MORNING PRAYER on Zoom – 9am – strength and fellowship through the week.

Tuesday	Morning Prayer	Meeting ID: 477 411 962	Password: 078302
Wednesday	Morning Prayer	Meeting ID: 786 031 572	Password: 022630
Thursday	Morning Prayer	Meeting ID: 612 970 430	Password: 022861
Friday	Morning Prayer	Meeting ID: 943 031 333	Password: 078758





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Support for Parents



This website [Parents Helpline | Mental Health Help for Your Child | YoungMinds](#) offers tailored information, advice and support to parents and carers who are

concerned about their child or young person's mental health. You can speak to us over the phone, or chat to us online. You can use our Helpline service if you are the parent or main carer of a child or young person aged 25 or under. Our service is available across the UK. It is free and confidential.

Here are some of the top concerns parents talk to us about:

School avoidance

Talking to your child

Anxiety

Low mood

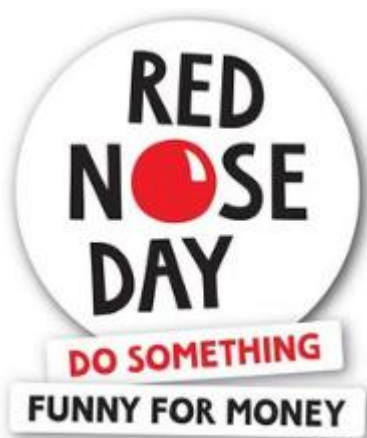


[Kooth resources to help families support young people's mental health and wellbeing](#)

Kooth is an online platform to help young people with their mental health and wellbeing. Your children can anonymously talk to other people their own age on moderated discussion forums and chat to mental health professional via messaging. Kooth is BACP accredited digital mental health services and provides free services through the NHS and therefore a safe space for your children to access. They also provide advice and guidance to parents and carers.

There are lots of useful resources and support on our school website: [Useful Links – Support for Parents | Shillingstone CE Primary School](#)

Comic Relief



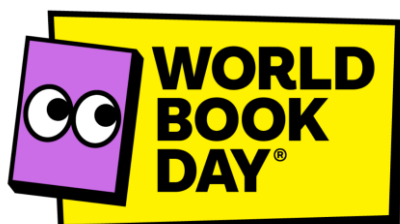
On Thursday 19th March, we will be doing something 'Funny for Money' to raise money for this year's Red Nose Day Appeal. The school council have discussed dressing funny for the day as our school theme. Suggestions include wearing clothes inside out / odd socks / a funny wig / or a funny costume (if you have one). Please focus on donating money to the cause rather than spending money on costumes. In addition it has been suggested that children could bring in their favourite joke to share with their friends that day. Thank you for your continued support. Red noses will also be available for sale from our school office from 9th March. Please donate through our just giving page, we cannot accept cash, please follow the link.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd26-shillingstone-church-of-england-primary-school?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_transactional__page_launched__campaign





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World Book Day® is a registered charity, company and trademark

At Shillingstone, we love celebrating World Book Day and we are very excited to announce our World Book Day celebrations for this year.

World Book Day falls on **Thursday 5th March** this year and we are inviting all of the children (and staff) to dress up as their favourite book characters for the day. During the day we will have a book parade and each class will enjoy a variety of 'bookish' activities in their classrooms, including 'DEAR' (drop everything and read when you hear the bell!!!)

In addition to World Book Day, the whole school will be enjoying a themed book week starting on **Tuesday 24th February**, where the whole school will be looking at the same picture book and creating a variety of writing and artwork in class.

We would like to invite you to come and see what we have been up to on **Friday 27th February, at 2.30 – 3pm in the school hall** for a sharing assembly.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Sunbeams are looking for a cleaner as their lovely cleaner is leaving to go to a full-time post.

Hours are 1 hr every day either evenings after 5.30 or before 7.30am Mon to Thursday, with 1 1/2 hours on a Friday or over the weekend.

Please call or send for more details to Kirsty@sunbeamsdaycare.co.uk
01258 863523





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PTA News

Movie Night

Movie night has changed dates and is now on 11th March
4:30 – 6.00pm.

Have a great half term and we look forward to more exciting events including our Easter Bingo on 21st March. Thank you for your continued support!

Mother's Day

There will be a Mother's Day gift shop on Thursday 12th March, in school from 1-2pm. Prices range from £1-£5. The children will need to bring the money into school in a purse or envelope.

Thank you for your help and support last term. The sweet sale was a great success, making a profit of £95.08. We hope you enjoyed your treats!

Work will soon begin on the Jungle Class garden. We have received an extremely generous, anonymous, donation of £200 specifically towards this project and the Big Yellow Bus are managing the transformation. There are lots of plans afoot to utilise this area, from growing different plants to creating a track for toy cars. We are really excited to see the plans come to life with the help of the volunteers.

Our big event this term is the Easter Bingo on Saturday 21st March. Lots of plans have been made, but we could do with some help with prizes, so here is a bit of a plea 😊

Do you run a business or know someone who does? Would you like to make a cash donation for prizes at the Easter Bingo in return for a special mention at the Bingo and in our social media? Remember, a donation to the PTA is tax deductible and goes directly to benefiting the children. Thank you!

Alternatively, do you have some (unopened) bottles from Christmas? A box of chocolates that aren't your favourites, or maybe even a gift set that is in the back of the cupboard? Any donations of items that could be used in hampers would be really welcomed! There will be a box left for donations near the front door or please pop them into the school office. Thank you so much for your help with this.

We really want to raise as much as we can at the Easter Bingo and continue our on-going commitment to providing equipment and experiences for the children, so your help is really appreciated. Please do speak to a committee member if you have any questions or ideas.





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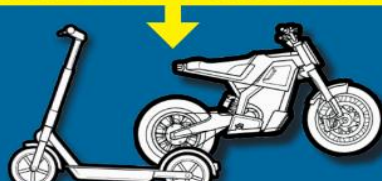
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DORSET POLICE

Under 18 and want to drive one of these?



Then don't drive one of these!



Did you know that if you are caught riding an illegal e-bike/e-scooter, you could lose your driving licence before you pass your test?

**Don't choose to lose.
#OpThink**

It is against the law to ride a privately owned e-scooter on any public road, pavement, or land such as parks.

You risk your scooter being seized, receiving a fine, and points on your driving licence. This can prevent you from obtaining your provisional, full licence, or delay both.

You are only allowed to ride them on private land with landowners' permission.

A legal e-bike (EAPC) must have a 250w motor and provide pedal assist only.

- It must not have a throttle.
- It must cut off at 15.5pmh (25kph).
- You must be aged 14 or over to ride on the public road.
- The above does not require a driving licence or insurance.

Modifying bikes to exceed the above speed is illegal.

A non-compliant/modified e-bike requires registration, a driving licence, insurance, and a helmet. This means that they are essentially a moped. If your bike does not comply it cannot be used on a road without the above.

In the UK e-bikes exceeding the 15.5mph speed limit have not been legalised for road use.

If you ride a modified e-bike you risk serious injury or death, as the bike frame and brakes are not designed for such speeds.

For guidance, visit www.gov.uk and search **EAPC Standards** or scan the QR code



Dorset Council

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Living with Parents workshop

An activity based day for parents and young person age 11 - 15 to encourage and rebuild communication in a fun and exciting way. This session has an amazing track record of improving family life.

School attendance approved. Each young person must be accompanied by one parent/carer.

This one off session is **FREE** and runs from 10am - 2.30pm

12th March at Shaftesbury Family Hub Network Point SP7 8PZ

26th March at Blandford Family Hub Network Point DT11 8SW

Scan to book



Places are limited. Scan to book and take our short survey.

For more information, please contact northchildrenscentres@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

News Events Support




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Booking essential

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**EVERY FRIDAY
(Term times)**

**Minis & Juniors
(age 2-11)
4.00pm - 5.15pm**




Call Sam: 07949 255 443
Email: samantha@cookstars.co.uk
Book: <https://www.cookstars.co.uk/cooking-classes/tri-county-south-west>






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Kindest regards,

Mr Wright - Head of School (Monday-Thursday)

Mrs Vail - Head of School (Friday)

