



SHILLINGSTONE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dates for diaries:

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

Friday 27th March – Easter Church service at Holy Rood 2:30pm- all welcome

Friday 27th March – Last day of Spring Term

Summer 1:

Monday 13th April – **INSET** (no children in school)

Tuesday 14th April – First day of Summer term

Thursday 16th April – Mini Marathon in school

Monday 11th May – **Thursday 14th May** Year 6 SATs Week

Summer 2:

Monday 29th June – **Sports Day** 9.30am start / 1.30pm finish

Wednesday 1st July – **Back Up Sports Day** (if weather poor on Monday)

We need you!

Can you spare an hour of your time to help with sorting out our library? Mrs McCall is holding a working party on Sunday 29th April in school from 10am to 2pm to try to finish off sorting the library. If you can spare an hour or two, please come on in!

Unfortunately due to risk assessments we are unable to have any children on site, but would welcome any adult helpers.

Just pop in between 10 and 2 if you can spare an hour (or even 30 minutes).

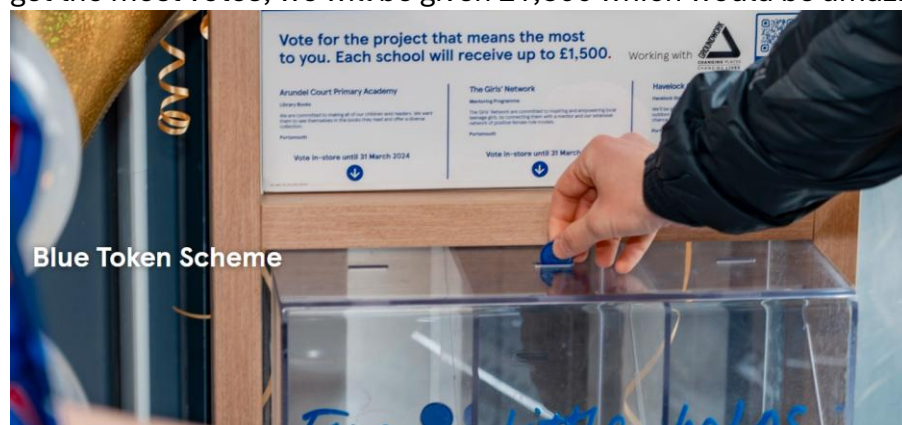
Tea coffee and snacks available!

Thank you so much for your support.



Please vote for our school at Tesco!

From the 28th April, our school will be one of the options to vote for with your blue tokens at Tesco, Blandford. We would love to buy some more bikes and trikes for the children to use at playtimes. If we get the most votes, we will be given £1,500 which would be amazing! Please support us!





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After School Clubs - Summer 1

Please make sure you discuss with your child whether they would like to attend these clubs. These are not run for childcare purposes. We are trying to give children opportunities to do something they enjoy. Please encourage your child to show commitment by attending each week.



Shillingstone Primary After School Clubs 2025-26

SUMMER 1

MONDAYS	3.15 – 4.15pm Years 3 - 6 Netball* Led by Mrs. Bray	20 th April 27 th April 11 th May 18 th May	Email the school office to book a place. Places will be confirmed by Friday 27 th March (we need 8 children to make this club viable and a maximum of 14)
TUESDAYS	3.15 – 4.15pm Years 3 - 6 Schools' Quidditch* Led by Mrs. Vail	14 th April 21 st April 28 th April 5 th May 12 th May 19 th May	Email the school office to book a place. Places will be confirmed by Friday 27 th March (we need 8 children to make this club viable and a maximum of 14)
WEDNESDAYS	3.15 – 4.15pm All Ages Athletics Run by TCW Sports £5 per session	15 th April 22 nd April 29 th April 6 th May 13 th May 20 th May	All 4 sessions booking: Per session booking: (maximum of 18 children)
THURSDAYS	3.15 – 4.15pm All Ages Outdoor Learning Led by Mr Wright	16 th April 23 rd April 30 th April	Email the school office to book a place. Places will be confirmed by Friday 27 th March (maximum of 10 children)
	3.15 – 4.15pm Ocean & Desert Class Singing* Led by Mrs Higgs	7 th May 14 th May 21 st May	Email the school office to book a place. Places will be confirmed by Friday 27 th March (we need 12 children to make this club viable)

*Netball - there are some netball events coming up so these sessions would be good training for this.

*Schools' Quidditch - the Harry Potter version of the game is adapted so I'm afraid we don't get to fly on broomsticks. Tony (our caretaker) has very kindly made us some Quidditch hoops ready to play this game. The game involves Chasers and Beaters. A child plays the role of the snitch. I can't wait to give this a go and teach the children how to play this game.

*Singing - Mrs Higgs is keen to enter this singing competition with a group of children in our school.

Somerset and Dorset Schools Choir Competition

Do you have a choir in your school?

Here's your chance to make some brilliant music AND win some money for your school to put towards your music budget so you can make even more music together!



To book Athletics club with TCW Sports, click on the links:

All 6 sessions booking = £27:

[Shillingstone Athletics ALL TERM | TCW Sports](#)

Per session booking:

[Shillingstone Athletics PER SESSION - TCW Sports](#)





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Mini Marathon in school – Thursday 16th April

The mini marathon is an event which encourages all children to run, jog or walk 2 miles. We will be sending out sponsorship forms next week, ready for children to talk to family members and friends over the Easter break. This is normally a great fundraiser for the school and so we appreciate your support.



Find the Duck

We are running a competition to win a cuddly duck, a bag of sweets and easter egg this term! All you have to do is buy a square from the office. £1 a square.

We will draw a number on Thursday 26th March and the lucky winner will get to take it all home. The winner will be announced in our whole school assembly in the afternoon.





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BRYANSTON ULTIMATE ACTIVITY CAMP EASTER CAMPS

30TH MARCH – 2ND APRIL
7TH – 9TH APRIL

PRICES:

- ★ STANDARD DAY – £30
- ★ EXTENDED DAY – £35

Nerf gun battles, laser tag,
dodgeball, silent disco, arts
& crafts, football and
many more...

Book here:

[https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2026/03/30/
bryanston-prep-school-ultimate-activity-camps-easter-2026/](https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2026/03/30/bryanston-prep-school-ultimate-activity-camps-easter-2026/)

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Support for Parents



Link Resources

Click on the link above – There are lots of links to support for parents linked to all of these subject areas:

[Dorset Families Matter](#)

[Food Banks](#)

[Parenting Programs](#)

[Wellbeing](#)

[Substance support](#)

[Financial support](#)

[Online Safety](#)

[Parenting support](#)

[Healthy diet and exercise](#)

There are lots of recommended resources on our school website:

[Useful Links – Support for Parents | Shillingstone CE Primary School](#)





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Parenting together in a digital world

Join us for an online information event designed to help parents and carers feel confident supporting their child in today's digital world.

This online event offers practical insights and open, non-judgemental conversations about how smartphones and digital technology can influence children's wellbeing. Professionals will share insights on supporting safe and balanced tech use, and there will be the chance to ask your own questions.

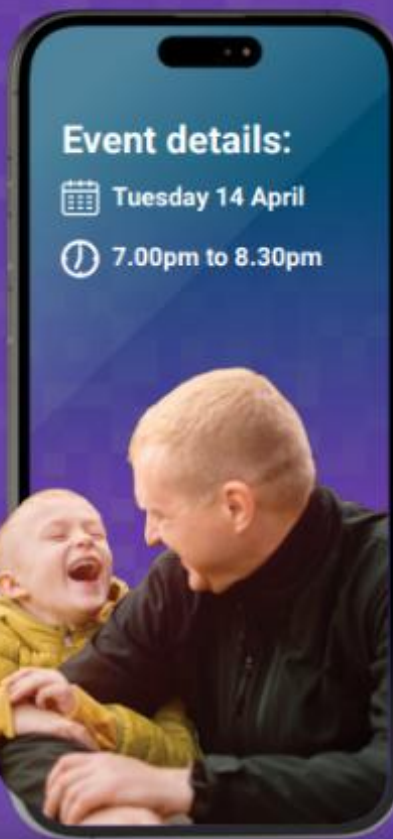
Our speakers include:

Dr Helen Thomas, Hampshire GP

James Law, Primary Headteacher

Leanne Symmonds, Secondary Headteacher

David Sidwick, Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner



Event details:

Tuesday 14 April

7.00pm to 8.30pm



Sign up by scanning the QR code or by visiting:
www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/parent-together-event



This event is delivered in partnership with:



Dorset Council is hosting a free online event, *Parenting Together in a Digital World*. The session includes practical insights and advice from local professionals, along with an opportunity to submit questions as part of a Q and A.





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The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) would like to invite all parent/carers to an upcoming online webinar on supporting healthy sleep, held to mark World Sleep Day.



Scan QR code or click on the link: [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)

Summer Term Music lessons

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 can 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 contact Mrs cooper at **music.teacher@keebo.co.uk**.



Planning ahead...

I know it is along way away but I know some parents need to plan their working days around this. Please find the date on the front of the newsletter.

Timings and plans will be shared nearer the time but this is the normal structure of the day.

We welcome parents in to watch the children take part in track and field events, from 9.30 am – 1pm. You are then more than welcome to stay and have a picnic lunch with your child on the school field. We ask parents to leave school site at 1.30pm.





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PTA Update

Easter and Spring Quiz

Please return your completed quiz with 50p entry by Wednesday 25th March. The winners will be announced on Thursday 26th March. There are some spare quiz sheets in the office if you need one. Good Luck!

Easter Bingo – Saturday 21st March – 6:45pm Portman Hall

We can't wait to see you on Saturday! Doors open at 6:45pm and eyes down at 7:30pm. There will be 6 Bingo games for £6 and some great prizes to be won. There is also an adults-only special flyer for £2 where there is a massive £50 cash prize! You will be able to buy raffle tickets on the night, and we have plenty of fantastic prizes up for grabs.

The bar will be open selling alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, snacks, and some very tasty homemade cakes.

Thank you so much to all the parents who have contributed a prize, baked a cake, or are volunteering their time to help run this even. Your support is really appreciated, and we hope to raise lots of money for future projects in the school as well as having lots of fun!



Kindest regards,

Mr Wright - Head of School (Monday-Thursday) & Mrs Vail - Head of School (Friday).

