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Dates for diaries:

Wednesday 11th March 4.30pm - 6pm - PTA Movie Night. £1.50 per child. **Movies details below.**

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

Thursday 19th March – Comic Relief Red Nose Day. Details below.

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

Friday 27th March – Easter Church service at Holy Rood 2:40pm- all welcome

Friday 27th March – Last day of Spring Term

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've been busy adding photos and articles to our school website. Please see the front news page and class pages too.

Mr Wright is over the finish line!

With courage and determination, I have managed 50 miles of running through February. It has not been easy for me but is definitely worth the effort for a worthy cause!



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](#)

Help for Gardening Club

Gardening club will begin next week and need a bit of assistance with some items. If anyone could help we would very much appreciate it!

We are looking for:

Compost for seed planting.

Seeds: sweetcorn, tomatoes, leek, cucumber, courgette, squash, celery, runner beans, broad beans, sweet peas, pak choi, carrot.

Plus some onion sets and seed potatoes.

Also some hand trowels and forks for children to use (most of ours are past their best now).

Many thanks





Attendance Data

For Spring 1, Year 4 and Year 6 had the highest attendance data, with Reception and Year 3 very close behind.

Highest: Year 4 96.9%

Year 6 96.8%

Reception 96.4%

Year 3 96.3%

Year 2 95.7%

Year 5 95.3%

Lowest: Year 1 94.0%

Please check your own child's attendance on your Arbor app. Well done if your child's attendance is 95% or higher! If it is below 95%, please do your very best to make sure that your child attends school every day. Low attendance has a negative impact on their learning.

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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After School Clubs – Spring 2



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

Nerf booking links:

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

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### **MIDWEEK MORNING PRAYER on Zoom - 9am - strength and fellowship through the week.**

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|-----------|----------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| 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

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.

The poster is for a 'PARENT/CARER WEBINAR SUPPORTING SLEEP'. It features a teal header with social media icons for Facebook, X, and Instagram, and the handle '@DORSETMHST'. It also includes the 'Dorset Mental Health Support Team in Schools' logo and the 'NHS Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust' logo. The main title 'PARENT/CARER WEBINAR' is in a large teal box, followed by 'SUPPORTING SLEEP' in bold black text. The text below explains that the webinar is to mark World Sleep Day and aims to support healthy sleep in children, young people, and teenagers. It lists topics to be covered: why sleep matters, common sleep difficulties, practical tips for healthy routines, and where to find further help. The date and time are 'Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 13.00 - 14.00' and it is 'Online'. A QR code is provided for sign-up, along with the link 'bit.ly/4kFZZFQ'.



Scan QR code or click on the link: [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](https://www.microsoft.com/virtual-events)



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





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## **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 9<sup>th</sup> March. Please donate through our just giving page, we cannot except 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](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)

## **Sunbeams Job Vacancy**



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](mailto:Kirsty@sunbeamsdaycare.co.uk)  
01258 863523





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## PTA News

**Movie Night** 11<sup>th</sup> March 4:30 – 6.00pm £1.50 entry per child

These films will be showing:

**Children in Jungle or Woodland Class** can choose to see either



These both are U rated.

**Children in Ocean or Desert Class** can choose to see either



IF is a U rating. Yes Day is a PG rating.



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We have lots of fun things happening this term. Thank you for your support! We have some exciting plans in place for the Summer Term and beyond.

### **Movie Night - Wednesday 11th March 4:30PM – 6:00PM, £1.50 per child**

Join us for a fun filled evening with some great films, friends, and popcorn! The children have discussed films in their classes so there is sure to be something for everyone!

If any parents would like to volunteer to help out, please let us know.

### **Mothers' Day Sale – Thursday 12th March**

The PTA will be holding a Mothers' Day Sale for all children during the school day. We have a selection of gifts for the children to choose from in exchange for a donation. Please bring in some money; suggested donation of £1 - £5. Thank you!

### **Easter Bingo – Saturday 21st March – 6:45PM Portman Hall**

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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### 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.

### Community

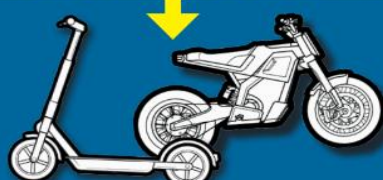


**DORSET POLICE**

**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](http://www.gov.uk) and search **EAPC Standards** or scan the QR code





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 **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

**12<sup>th</sup> March at Shaftesbury Family Hub Network Point SP7 8PZ**

**26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:northchildrenscentres@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

News Events Support



/groups/northlocality

[www.cookstars.co.uk](http://www.cookstars.co.uk)  @cookstarstricountysouthwest  @cookstarssam

**Great for Kids Parties too!**

**Fun cooking classes at:**

**BLANDFORD FAMILY HUB**  
**DT11 8SW**

**All ingredients included!**  
plus a craft activity & a recipe card to keep

**EVERY FRIDAY**  
**(Term times)**

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



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



Kindest regards,

Mr Wright - Head of School (Monday-Thursday)

Mrs Vail - Head of School (Friday)

