



Dates for diaries:

Tuesday 28th April – Special Breakfast (cinnamon rolls, mini muffins & milkshakes)

Tuesday 28th April – Friday 1st May – Scholastics Book Fair

Thursday 7th May – RockSteady music lessons start today for those who have signed up!

Friday 8th May – VE Day activities in classes

Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May Year 6 SATs Week. Come in for breakfasts together at 8.30am

Thursday 14th May afternoon – Mrs McCall to lead production launch assembly in school

*see below

Wednesday 20th May - Special Breakfast (pastries)

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)

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, they cost between £300 and £600 per bike. If we get the most votes, we will be given £1,500 which would be amazing! Please support us!

Classes for next year

At this point in our school year, we begin to look to the future, to plan for our next academic year. We had previously planned to change our school structure and have a stand-alone Reception class, however, due to a low birth year and a smaller intake in September, we will keep the structure as it stands for another year.

The classes for 2026/27 will be:

Jungle Class: Reception and Year 1- Mrs Bray and Mrs Panther

Woodland Class: Year 2 and Year 3 - Mr Harris

Ocean Class: Year 4 and Year 5 - Mrs McCall and Mrs Higgs

Desert Class: Year 6 - Mrs Vail and Mrs Higgs



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Mr Wright climbs a mountain, or 3

Watch my video by clicking on the link: [Andy Wright Challenge.mp4 - Google Drive](#)

This year, I'm taking on the UK Three Peaks Challenge – climbing Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike, and Snowdon – to raise money for our wonderful school.

As a school, we know how much our children benefit from trips, outdoor learning, and new experiences beyond the classroom. These opportunities build confidence, resilience and unforgettable memories. However, the rising cost of transport means that hiring buses for school trips has become increasingly expensive.

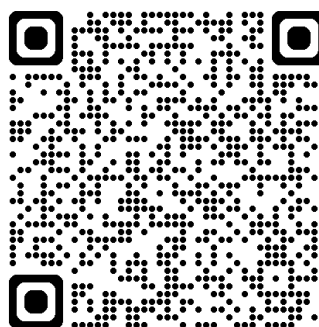
Every penny raised from this challenge will go directly towards funding buses for school trips, outdoor activities and forest school, helping ensure all of our children can access enriching experiences, regardless of circumstance.

If you are able to sponsor me – whether it's the cost of a coffee or something more – your support will make a real difference to our pupils.

Thank you for cheering me on as I take on the peaks!

Thanks for taking the time to visit my JustGiving page.

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving - they'll never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, I will withdraw funds directly. It's the most efficient way to donate and saves time and costs.



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Scholastics Book Fair

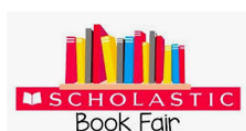
We are looking forward to welcoming the Scholastic Book Fair from 28th April to 5th May and in preparation we are launching a Reading Bingo! Children should have come home with a bingo sheet this week, please could you encourage them to have a go at ticking off as many challenges as they can between now and the 27th April. Completed bingo forms should be returned to Mrs McCall, clearly named. Winners from each class will receive a gift certificate to spend at the book fair. Please speak to Mrs McCall or your class teacher if you have any questions.

Reading Bingo!

Your challenge is to complete as many challenges as you can between now and the 27th of April please return your completed bingo page to Mrs McCall by Monday 27th April. £5 voucher to spend at our Scholastic book fayre for each class winner!

Please ask a grown up to verify your challenges by signing each box and colour in a challenge when it is completed – you can provide photographic evidence if you wish, but this is not compulsory. You may also wish to keep a diary of all the challenges you have completed!

Read a poem out loud with expression.	Read a book in a funny place.	Read for 15 minutes outside.	Read to a family member.
Build a reading den and read for 10 minutes.	Read a non-fiction book about a subject of your choice.	Read a graphic novel or a comic book.	Read a book under the duvet by torchlight.
BINGO!			
Read a chapter to a pet or a stuffed animal.	Read a book you think is too easy for you.	Read a book about an animal.	Read a book with a friend, alternating sentences.
Read an article in a magazine.	Read a book about an athlete.	Read to a baby or a younger child.	Read to an older person.



Name: _____

Parents signature _____





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PTA News

Three Okeford's Rally 16th -18th May

Could you donate 2 hours of your time in return for FREE tickets?!

Last year, we raised a huge £700 from volunteering on the gates at the Three Okeford's Rally. This paid for new bikes and trikes for the children. We'd really love to do that again this year and need several volunteers for the weekend of 16th – 18th May. There are two gates and we need two volunteers on each. There are time slots of 2 hours each, and in return you will not only have lots of fun but will receive FREE entry! There will be a sign-up sheet at the front of school – please put your name down for your preferred slot. Unfortunately, children are not allowed to 'help' at the gate but are of course welcome at the rally.

Thank you for your support.

Frozen Fridays

Once the weather warms up, we will be selling ice creams after school on some Fridays! Watch this space for dates and if you can donate some time to help with this please let a member of the PTA know.

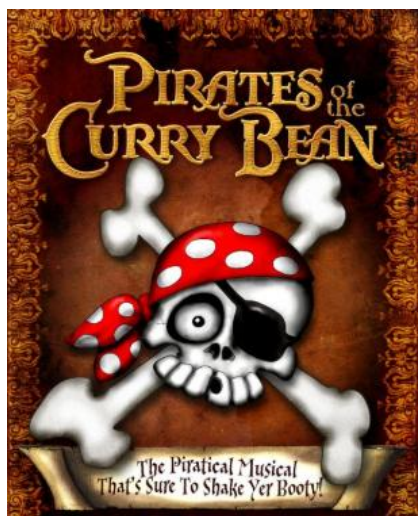
Forest School

Your amazing support throughout the year has made it possible for a term of Forest School to be funded in September. This will be once a week, and each class will have lessons. More details to follow. Mr Wright continues to fundraise for Forest School through his Three Peaks Challenge – please donate if you can. Details above.





School Production



We are due to do a whole school production this year which is very exciting!

Mrs McCall will talk to the children about this year's production in a launch assembly in school (after Year 6 have finished their SATs!)

The oldest children in the school (usually Years 5 & 6) will then have the opportunity to audition for the main speaking parts. They will be given a short script to take home and practise, ready for auditions.

There will be plenty of other roles available eg singing, dancing, non-speaking acting etc

We will share more information and production dates soon!





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Community



From Annette Brown - Social Prescriber (Children and Young People)

I write to introduce myself as the Social Prescriber for children and young people (age 0-25) at the Abbey View and Sturminster Newton GP surgeries, part of The Blackmore Vale Partnership.

Social prescribing is a key component of [Universal Personalised Care](#). It is an approach that connects people to activities, groups, and services in their community to meet the practical, social and emotional needs that affect their health and wellbeing.

In social prescribing, local agencies such as schools, local charities, social care and health services refer people to a social prescribing link worker - this is simply a phone call to the surgery where I am based or can be online via the SystmConnect link on www.blackmorevalesurgery.co.uk It does not require a login. Social prescribing link workers give people time, focusing on 'what matters to me?' to coproduce a simple [personalised care and support plan](#), and support people to take control of their health and wellbeing. I am able to see students at the surgery, in school, with your permission, or at home. This can help support patients with additional needs, mental health, attendance, bereavement and more, for example, or any child that you think would benefit. I can work, amongst others, alongside the Mental Health in Schools Team, clinicians and existing interventions as appropriate to the need.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me as below.

Parents/carers/guardians and young people can contact us direct – you do not need to be referred by anyone or come through the GP, although both of these happen as well.

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Children's coaching at Shillingstone Tennis Club

Mondays starting 20th April 3.45pm -4.30pm

5 week course for children aged approximately 5-8 years old

Cost £35

Wednesdays starting 22nd April 3.45pm - 4.30pm

5 week course for children aged 8-12 years old

Cost £35

Visit Shillingstone Tennis Club website for the link to Southside Tennis

<https://southsidetennis.com/shillingstone/>



Kindest regards,

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

