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Dates for diaries:

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

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

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 March 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.

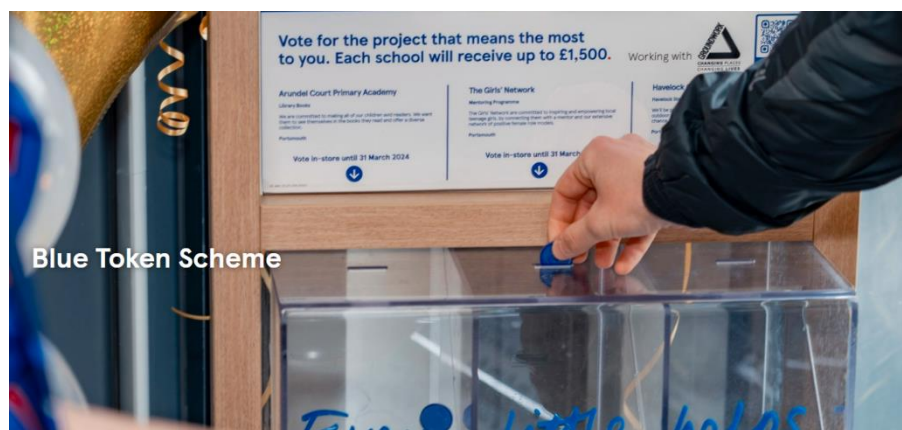
Just pop in between 10 and 2 if you can spare an hour (or even 30 minutes).

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, 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!





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Mr Wright climbs a mountain, or 3.

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.

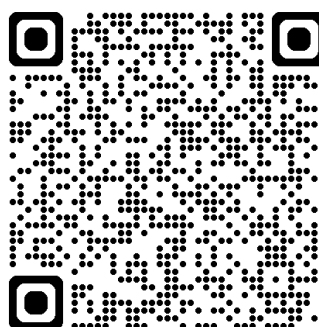
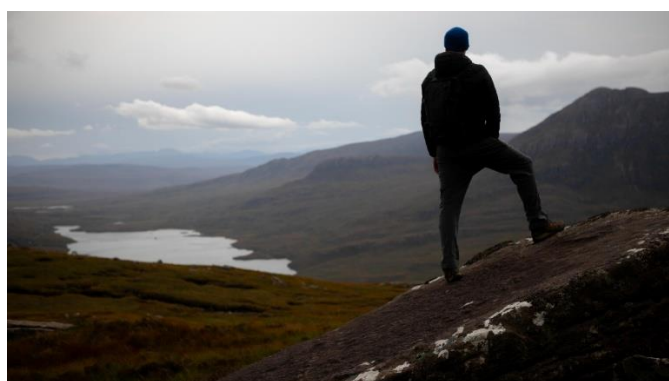
Every penny raised from this challenge will go directly towards funding buses for school trips and outdoor activities, helping ensure all of our children can access enriching experiences, regardless of circumstance.

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.



https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/andrew-wright-238?utm_medium=CF&utm_source=CL





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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/>

After School Clubs - Summer 1



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](#)

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 have sent our sponsorship forms this week ready for children to talk to family members and friends over the Easter break, so check your child's bag, there are spare ones in the office if they get lost.

This is normally a great fundraiser for the school, and the children enjoy taking part no matter what their ability, last year the encouragement they showed each other was amazing, the staff also did the distance with them, it was a team effort.

Thank you for your support we really appreciate it.





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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:

There are lots of recommended resources on our school website:

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



Dorset Families Matter

Food Banks

Parenting Programs

Wellbeing

Substance support

Financial support

Online Safety

Parenting support

Healthy diet and exercise

Gardening Club

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated gardening tools, compost and seeds, we are truly grateful and touched by your generosity, Mrs Proyer and the children will have lots to grow this year and next. The gardening club is very popular with the children.

Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone that donated and bought noses, we raised £114 from the red noses sale and £106 from donations for wearing something silly, that's £220 for comic relief.

PTA News

Firstly, a huge thanks to all who helped, attended and cleared up for our Easter Bingo!! We raised a fantastic £694.45! We had amazing prizes and we hope you all had as much fun as we did. So many children took part in our Easter quiz! We had a winner in each class and raised

Jungle – Charlie Curry

Woodland – Isla King

Ocean – Orla Bell

Desert – Tilly Hibbard

The Winner of the Spot the Duck competition was Edward Bailey, congratulations. This raised £90 which went towards Easter eggs for the children to hunt for today.

We have a meeting coming up on **Wednesday 15th April - the royal oak in Okeford Fitzpaine at 7.30pm**. We would love any parents to join us in planning our summer term.





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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.

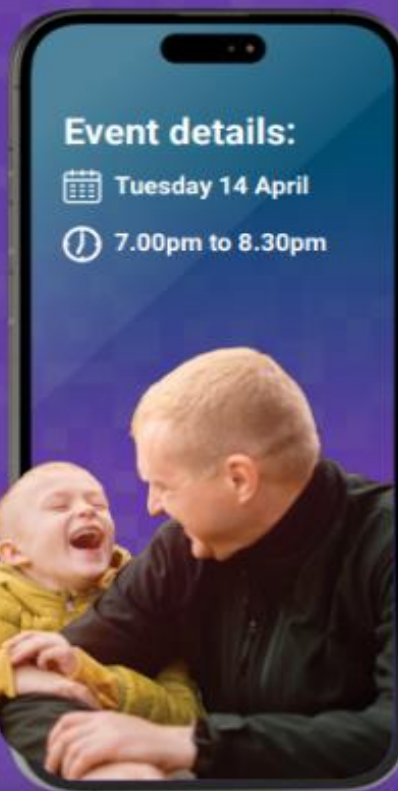
Our speakers include:

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](#)

Thank You PTA and You

A big thank you to the PTA and all that donate gifts, the funds that have been raised have gone towards some new bikes and trikes, Sand pit for Woodland, fun games and supplies for other classes and help with coach payments, this is just a few of the things the money raised has gone towards so thank you everyone for your generosity.



Planning ahead...

I know it is a long 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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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.

join us on **EASTER EVE**

"Lighting the Way!"



Saturday 4th April
to gather around the firepit for

"Our Tales of Origin, Journey & Hope"

Shillingstone Church Centre Grounds

7pm - 9pm

B.Y.O.B. & food to share

PALM SUNDAY - WEEKEND

BANNER MAKING WORKSHOP

10AM - 11AM - SATURDAY 28TH MARCH - JOIN US AT - ST

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NICHOLAS CHURCH AND MAKE A BANNER FOR THE

PROCESSION ON SUNDAY - FAMILY BANNER, COMMUNITY CLUB BANNER, OR WORDS OF PEACE AND LOVE - COME AND BE CREATIVE.

PROCESSION & FAMILY SERVICE

10AM - SUNDAY 29TH MARCH - GATHER AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER AND MEET THE DONKEYS, BRING YOUR BANNERS AND JOIN THE PROCESSION UP TO CHURCH FOR A SHORT FAMILY SERVICE.

St Nicholas church - Child Okeford

Kindest regards,

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

