



SHILLINGSTONE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 25th September 2026

Dates for diaries:

Autumn 1

Wednesday 30th September PTA Doughnut sale 3:15pm

Friday 2nd October PTA non uniform day - exchange for bag of sweets

Tuesday 6th October afternoon Year 6 indoor climbing session at Bryanston

Friday 9th October Mental Health Awareness Day – Wear yellow.

Tuesday 13th October 2:30pm Harvest Festival School Hall

Tuesday 13th October 3.30 – 5.30pm Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings. Booking details to follow.

Wednesday 14th October 3.30 – 7pm Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings. Booking details to follow.

Friday 16th October Flu Vaccinations in school. Sign up links to be emailed out soon!

Friday 16th October 2pm PTA meeting in school – everyone welcome

Tuesday 20th October School Photos – individual & siblings

Wednesday 21st October - PTA Halloween Disco

Friday 23rd October INSET Day (no children in school)

Autumn 2

Monday 2nd November All children start back for Autumn 2

Wednesday 9th – Friday 11th December Year 5 Residential Trip to Leeson House

Summer 2 looking ahead...

Monday 21st June to Wednesday 23rd June 2027 – Year 6 residential

Weekly Celebrations

Well done to these children for being chosen this week for these awards!

This week's celebrations		
Courage Award	Curiosity Award!	Compassion Award
Izzy J Ollie M (yr 1) Jess J Piper C Amelia Lottie M Sophia L Tilly H Mason	Austin Elodie S Jasper Miles Eddie Edward Charlie K	Tahlia Charlie C Isla H (yr 1) Etta Clemmie Juniper Isla H (yr 1) Arlo Eden D Harley Oli K



Bike through school

Huge thanks for your help and donations for this event. We raised a fantastic £167 for MyTime. Pictures will be on the website soon.

Student Teacher

We are pleased to share that from next week, we will have Miss Wright (no relation to Mr Wright!) working in our school. Miss Wright is in her second year of teacher training. She will be based in Desert Class working alongside the Year 6 teaching team. I hope the children make her feel welcome and enjoy getting to know her. Miss Wright will be with us for the whole Autumn term, up to Christmas.

PE Days and Clothing

We are starting our swimming lessons next week. Years 4, 5 & 6 will all take part for 5 sessions. Dates for your child's swimming lessons should have come home with your child today.

If they are swimming, they should come to school in school uniform (no need for PE kit).

When the children have PE, they may come to school wearing their PE kits.

JUNGLE – Mondays Outdoor Learning – own clothes & Thursdays PE kit

WOODLAND – Tuesdays Outdoor Learning – own clothes & Thursdays PE kit

OCEAN – Mondays (*NON-SWIMMERS only) & Wednesdays PE kit

DESERT – Mondays (*NON-SWIMMERS only) & Wednesdays PE kit

PE Kit must be worn for all after school clubs unless stated otherwise (eg outdoor learning). No football strips. Children should come to school in school uniform if they don't have curriculum PE lessons and bring their PE kits with them. They will be given time to change at the end of the school day.

Year 6 residential Monday 21st June to Wednesday 23rd June 2027 – Year 6 residential

Just a date for your diaries, year 6 families! I have got the date booked so wanted to share it with you.

I will lead a meeting and share details all about this early in January.

Tennis Coaching – in Shillingstone

New coaching sessions start on Mondays and/or Wednesdays for 4 weeks starting on Monday 21st September.

Please go to Shillingstone Tennis club's website and click on the link to Southside Tennis.

PTA News

We hope you all had a great summer holiday and a big welcome to all the families.

The PTA have been busy planning lots of fun activities for the children:

Doughnut Sale after school on Wednesday 30th September at 3:15pm (cash and card). For those children in after school clubs we will hold a second sale at 4:15pm (cash only).

Non-uniform day on Friday 2nd October in exchange for a donation of a bag of sweets.

Halloween Disco, Wednesday 21st October 4:30pm – 5:30pm. £3 entry which includes a cone of sweets and all activities.

Thank you for your support in the last year. Everything we raised has gone back into the school to help pay for resources, trips and events. We have been able to support the outdoor learning classes. Initial feedback from Jungle and Woodland class has been really positive, and we hope to be able to continue these sessions throughout the year; but we will need your help and support with fundraising. If you can give any of your time to help in any capacity, please let a committee member know so we can add you to the WhatsApp group. All ideas are welcome, and we really do need your support to be able to continue to provide these amazing opportunities for the children.

Next PTA meeting: Friday 18th October 2pm, at school. Please come along if you can and new faces are always welcome! You can get involved as much or as little as you like. It is a great way to meet other parents and make a real difference.

PTA Roles

Chair: Jasmine Young

Vice Chair: Lillie Smith

Treasurer: Sophie Hibbard

Secretary: Lindsay Curry



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Tesco Grant

A huge thank you to everyone who voted for our school in the Tesco stronger starts Grants, we have secured £1000, this is amazing news, we will order 4 new trikes and bikes for outside which are always a favourite choice at playtime. Once again thank you everyone for your support with this.

Flu Vaccinations

Please check your emails for the sign-up information sent this week.

Flu is an unpredictable virus that can kill thousands of people during a flu season. The flu vaccine is the best defence we have against it. Vaccination of children is based on the recommendation of the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI), the independent, expert, scientific advisory group that advises the government on vaccination and immunisation. Flu can be a very nasty illness in children and complications include acute bronchitis, painful ear infections, and pneumonia. Some children may need to go to hospital for treatment, including intensive care.

The benefits of vaccination also include reduced transmission of flu in the community. This is because children play a key role in the transmission of flu, including to those who may be at higher risk from the complications of flu such as babies, pregnant women and the elderly.

Since the start of the children's nasal spray vaccine programme, research has shown that vaccinating large numbers of children has reduced the circulation of flu in the community. This has reduced the number of GP consultations for flu-like illness for both the vaccinated children and the wider community and has also reduced hospital admissions from flu.

Benefits to everyone in schools:

For schools the benefits include reduced pupil absence and the reduced likelihood of teachers catching flu from their pupils. In addition, vaccination:

- helps protect children against flu which in turn reduces pupil and staff absenteeism rates
- promotes a healthy environment in schools and the wider community, including amongst the children's immediate and extended family
- reduces the likelihood of flu outbreaks in schools





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FOOD FESTIVAL by Aspens



TAKE YOUR CHILD'S IMAGINATION ON A FOOD JOURNEY WITH ASPENS

Aspens has been chosen to provide the meal service at your child's school. Take a look below for a glimpse of a typical menu...

KNOWING WHERE YOUR FOOD COMES FROM

We take our responsibility for feeding today's children and young adults seriously. Every day, we prepare our dishes using fresh, high quality and seasonal ingredients, carefully sourced from responsible suppliers. Our supply chain is fully traceable, giving us confidence in the quality, provenance and journey of the produce we use.

Our food is cooked and served by experienced and enthusiastic teams. Alongside providing healthy, nutritious meals, we want to help our customers develop a positive relationship with food, understand the importance of a balanced diet and support them on their food and nutrition journey.

SAMPLE MENU

LUNCHTIME				
WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5

PROMOTIONS 2026-27



BRINGING FOOD TO LIFE

We don't just provide delicious flavours from home and around the world, we make it a fun and healthy experience.

We want to make lunchtime the best time of the day, and the best way to do that is with one of our regular theme days.

Joined by the school collective, special events or seasonal healthy food activities, our theme days bring something a little different to the dining experience – it's the heart of great school food memories.

As part of our commitment to food safety, our theme days include a Top 14 Allergen-Free menu, so all students can enjoy the fun and flavour safely.

Ask your school for more information.



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**Dorset Parenting Support
Service**



“Behaviours that challenge us” Information Session

**Free one-off session for parent/carer(s) living in BCP and Dorset
with children aged between 5 and 11 years**

Join our one-off information session to find out more about how you can support and understand your child's challenges and difficulties. Session is delivered by a Child Clinical Psychologist.

Tuesday 2nd June 2026

10:00am - 12:00pm

Face to Face session, venue in BCP area

Wednesday 1st July 2026

10:00am - 12:00pm

Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

Tuesday 22nd September 2026

07:00pm - 09:00pm

Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

Tuesday 3rd November 2026

10:00am - 12:00pm

Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

Tuesday 19th January 2027

10:00am - 12:00pm

Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

**To book your place, please visit our website:
actionforchildren.org.uk/dorset or scan the QR code**



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North Dorset
Trailway
Network



AUTUMN

on the Trailway

PHOTO COMPETITION

What does the North Dorset Trailway mean to you?



UNDER 12s



12-15 YEARS



ADULTS (16+)

PRIZE FOR THE WINNER OF EACH CATEGORY!



CLOSING DATE: **1 NOVEMBER 2026**



ENTER YOUR PHOTOS:
rosiegall1@gmail.com

We can't wait to see your photos!





Open to everyone! Get outside, get creative and show us your Trailway!

Kindest regards

Mr Wright - Head of School (Monday-Thursday)

Mrs Vail - Head of School (Friday).