

Friday 2nd October 2026

Dates for diaries:

Autumn 1

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

Friday 9th October Mental Health Awareness Day – Wear yellow. 8.30am Wake & Shake (if nice weather!)

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

Tuesday 13th October 3.30 – 5.30pm Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings.

Booking Monday 5th October from 5pm.

Wednesday 14th October 3.30 – 7pm Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings.

Booking Monday 5th October from 5pm.

Friday 16th October Flu Vaccinations in school. Sign up links have been emailed out!

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

Tuesday 20th October School Photos – individual & siblings

Wednesday 21st October 5 – 6pm - 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

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
Layton H Deacon Olivia C Cian Chloe P Tommy Brooke	Ezra H Oscar B Arthur Harrison Mabel Vinnie Willow M (yr 5) Martha	Willow J (Reception) Faith Elodie M Isla K Ciara Ollie K



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Mental Health Day next Friday

The children can come to school in non-school uniform, wearing something yellow please. This could be a yellow t-shirt, a yellow hairband or maybe some yellow socks!



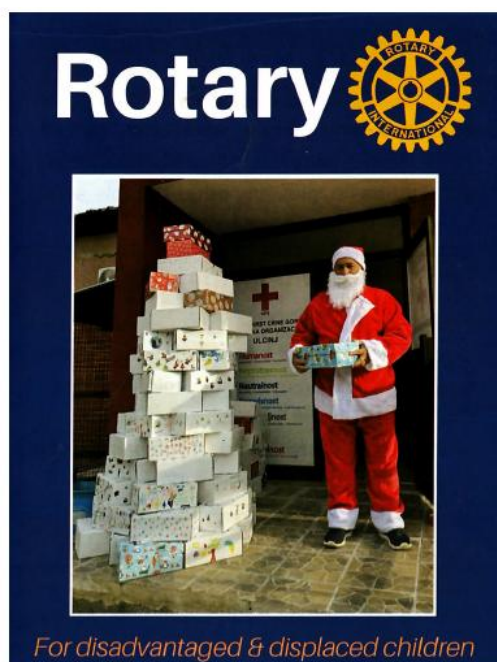
A mental health awareness day in schools is a dedicated time to help children understand emotional wellbeing, reduce the stigma around mental health, and learn how to talk about their feelings.

Mrs McCall will lead a morning Wake and Shake first thing to make a positive start to the day. Parents and carers are more than welcome to join us from 8.30 – 8.45am on the school playground (weather permitting!)

Shoebox Appeal

Rotary Shoebox Scheme

"Spreading a Little Happiness"



Please come in and pick up a box to fill!

These children need your support!

We still have lots of boxes available. This may be the only gift these children get this year.

We have the information leaflets in the school office with details about what to fill your boxes with. Please come and ask for one.

The deadline is 21st October.



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.

Flu Vaccinations

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

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

Dorset Library Service news for schools

Reception class visits

For Reception class children, the Autumn term is a perfect way to introduce young children to libraries and the free resources that can be accessed with a Dorset library card.

This year's book is *Never Show A T-Rex A Book!* by Rashmi Sirdeshpande - is a fun-filled, laugh-out-loud adventure about a T-Rex whose love of books leads to all sorts of wonderful mischief. With its playful story and lively illustrations, children will delight in the chaos and enjoy joining in the fun from beginning to end.

By having the opportunity to use the public library children:

- will develop their confidence and motivation, seeing themselves as readers outside school
- read more widely and independently develop good reading habits from a young age
- have free access to a range of resources and activities where all are welcome

Book a Reception class visit

Class visits

Our school programme is free and available throughout the school year. We offer 3 programmes for primary schools, each session lasts for 60 minutes. They are:

- **Discover your Library** - this session aims to introduce children to the exciting world of their local library. Children will explore the wide range of books, and free services available through library membership, helping them become confident, independent library users and lifelong readers
- **Reading for pleasure** - find your next favourite book - an opportunity to talk and learn about new books. Children will be encouraged to read for pleasure and discover a range of stock to suit all levels and interests
- **Information skills: Library detectives** - unlock the mysteries of the library by learning how books are organised using the Dewey Decimal Classification System. Pupils will develop key information-finding skills, enabling them to locate resources independently for study or leisure

Find out more about our offer to schools and book a class visit [Library services for schools and teachers](#)

Thank you for your support

The 2026 Summer Reading Challenge: Read to the Beat! has now finished. Over 4600 children took part, reading a book of their choice or attending library events. Certificates are now being printed for children who chose to collect theirs from school.

Look out for your certificate delivery in the next few weeks.

Exciting online event with children's author Ashley Thorpe, 19 October 1:30 pm



Ashley Thorpe is a children's author whose fantasy stories, including *The Boy to Beat the Gods* and *Spirit Warriors*, are inspired by West African and Caribbean mythology, manga and folklore. In this online event for children across Dorset, Ashley will share the inspiration behind his characters and stories and will encourage pupils to use their imaginations to create their own characters and heroes. Ashley introduces young readers to diverse cultures and inspires them to see themselves as storytellers with stories worth sharing.

The event offers links to the National Curriculum, and provides a great opportunity for schools to celebrate Black History Month in a meaningful way, helping children explore different cultures, perspectives and storytelling traditions. The event is aimed at KS2 years 4-6, and will include an opportunity to ask Ashley a question.

Booking form for KS2 online Black History month event with Ashley Thorpe



Book now for KS2 event with Ashley

Thorpe

Proud to support The National Year of Reading 2026.

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“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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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:
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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).