



# VERWOOD C E FIRST SCHOOL & NURSERY

## NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term  
Friday 20th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a very busy start to the school year! We are incredibly proud of how well all the children have settled into their new classes and are working on the new curriculum for their year. It has been fantastic to see parents and carers coming into school this week to meet with class teachers in person and enjoy looking at books. I spoke to many proud parents who have very much enjoyed looking at their child's work and being very impressed with the progress they are making. Thank you for your support with these meetings.

Today the harvest gifts are being dropped off at the local Food bank. Thank you so much for your generous donations.

At the end of the newsletter we are sharing with you dates for some of the key events this year, including the Christmas performances and services. We hope this will help you to plan for the year and we will keep adding further events as they are confirmed.

I hope you all enjoy the half term break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 31st October.

Katharine Anstey  
Executive Headteacher

### Children Celebrated in Praise Worship

|                                  | Nursery   | Oak Base                 | Sycamore Base         | Beech Base             | Willow Base          | Ash Base           |
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| <b>Headteacher's Award</b>       | Frey G    | Ryder W<br>Scarlett D    | Myles G<br>Harper H   | Jenith GR<br>Kendall G | Halle D<br>Aisling W | Mason L<br>Lydia Q |
| <b>Fruit of the spirit Award</b> | Charlie D | Florence M<br>Greyson SB | Esmail L<br>Spencer M | Neave D<br>Dolcie W    | Freya L<br>Alfie W   | Issac W<br>Evan W  |

## Attendance

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child's attendance in school and being on time every day . Good attendance in school is a top priority and our expectation is that pupils attend school every day for every session. We believe that regular, uninterrupted attendance secures the best possible learning achievement for all our children and we are committed to working in partnership with families to achieve this. Schools are expected to monitor all pupils' attendance records closely and to pass these on to the receiving school when pupils transfer.

## This week's attendance

|               |        |
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| Oak Base      | 94.35% |
| Sycamore Base | 95.12% |
| Beech Base    | 96.8%  |
| Willow Base   | 95.0%  |
| Ash Base      | 94.99% |

## Hot School Meals

These are now available for parents to book through ParentMail for after Half Term. This current menu goes up until Easter so you are now able to book all your meals until then. Please ensure all meals up to the 10th November are booked by 27th October.

Also just for your information the loaded jackets on week 2 are Cheese and spring onion !

## Vacancies

### Midday Supervisory Assistants

Verwood First School is seeking to recruit 2 enthusiastic and committed Midday Supervisory Assistants to join their established and experienced lunchtime team on a permanent basis. Please click [here](#) for further details and to apply.

### Teaching Assistant

Verwood First School is pleased to offer an exciting opportunity to join their established and enthusiastic team as a Teaching Assistant, to join our Early Years department on a fixed-term contract until 31st August 2024. Please click [here](#) for further details and to apply.

## Bag2School Collection - 15th November

We have arranged a Bag2School collection for the morning of Wednesday 15th November. Please start to save any old clothes, shoes and accessories that you plan to get rid of to help us raise some more funds for the school. You can see a full list of what can be donated here - <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect> - but please note that in our area soft toys are not accepted. Any bag can be used, just tie the top please to avoid anything falling out. We will be collecting them in the morning drop-off by the bike shelter just past the playground gate. If you drop-off early to SCOOSC you can leave them in the office foyer and our volunteers will grab them when they arrive. Thank you!

# **EAST DORSET YEAR 3, 4 and 5 FUN RUN**

## **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023**



**\*This is a rearranged date\***  
**AT ST MICHAEL'S MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**First Race - 4pm**

Year 3, 4 and 5 are invited to enter the **EAST DORSET FUN RUN** either as an individual runner or as part of a school team. Teams are 3 runners of the same gender from the same school. The fun run will be approximately 1km. Year 3 and 4 will compete together. Year 5 will be in a separate race. Please arrive at 3.45pm at St Michaels Middle School.

**To enter scan the QR code and fill in the form**

You can use the form to enter an individual or school teams.

Link to the form is also here <https://forms.gle/qrotGf8umJFHQLYq9>

**Organiser:** Mrs Katrina Cole. School Games Organiser

[sgo4eastdorset@gmail.com](mailto:sgo4eastdorset@gmail.com) Schools will be told if event is cancelled.

*Individuals that registered for previous cancelled event do not need to re-register*



### **Sustrans Bike**

Sustrans have organised a Dr Bike maintenance session on Monday 6th November at Verwood First School, to ensure that those cycling to school are doing so on bikes which are safe. You can bring in your bike and they will check it over for you. Further information to following after half term.

## **Dr Bike**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
**All day**

**Bring in your bike so we can do minor repairs and check that your bike is safe to ride!**

**All repairs and checks are free of charge.**



**TALENT + EFFORT  
= EXCELLENCE**



# **BRS ADVANCED CENTRES**



**PREPARING PLAYERS FOR THE JUNIOR PREMIER LEAGUE**

## **RINGWOOD ADC**

Every Tuesday from:

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

**6:30 - 7:30pm**

**Location:** St. Ives Primary School,  
Sandy Lane, Ringwood, BH24 2LE

**Age Groups:**  
u9's - u12's

Footwear needed for astro turf.

## **ELITE TRAINING RUN BY BEN SAINSBURY**

Every Thursday from:

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

**4:30 - 5:15pm**

**Age Groups:**  
u9's - u10's

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**5:15 - 6:00pm**

**Age Groups:**  
u11's - u13's

**Location:** Macra Community Stadium,  
155 Long Lane, Kingston, Upper,  
Ringwood, BH24 3BX

## **RINGWOOD ADC**

Every Thursday from:

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

**5:00 - 6:00pm**

**Age Group:**  
u8's

**Location:** Macra Community Stadium,  
155 Long Lane, Kingston, Upper,  
Ringwood, BH24 3BX



## **BOURNEMOUTH ADC**

Every Friday from:

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

**5:00 - 6:00pm**

**Age Groups:**  
u6's - u11's

**Location:** Chapel Gate  
BU Sports Campus, Parley,  
Christchurch, BH23 6BL

For bookings please visit our website shop at [www.brscoachingacademy.co.uk/football-coaching/shop/](http://www.brscoachingacademy.co.uk/football-coaching/shop/)  
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# VERWOOD C E FIRST SCHOOL & NURSERY

## Dates for your Diary

### December

|          |   |
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| 1.12.23  | Friends of VF Christmas Fair 5-7pm                              |
| 5.12.23  | Nursery, Oak and Sycamore Christmas performance 9.30-10.15am    |
| 6.12.23  | Nursery, Oak and Sycamore Christmas performance 1.45pm - 2.30pm |
| 7.12.23  | Beech and Willow Christmas Carols 9.15-10am and 2-2.45pm        |
| 8.12.23  | Year 4 Christmas Service at St Michael's church 9.30am          |
| 14.12.23 | Christingle service -Whole School Families welcome to join      |

### February

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| 26.02.24 | Parent Consultation meetings - after school.  |
| 29.02.29 | Parent Consultations Meetings - after school. |

### March

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| 7.03.24  | World Book Day - Theme TBC |
| 27.03.24 | Easter Service             |

### May

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| 7.05.24 | Year 4 PGL residential |
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### June

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| 28.06.24 | Transfer Day - Year 4 visit middle schools |
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### July

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| 5.07.24 | Year 4 Community Leavers service Wimborne Minster |
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