



VERWOOD C E FIRST SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER

Spring Term
Friday 1st March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a brilliant week to see all our families coming into school and meeting with class teachers for parent/carer consultation meetings. I know you really value the opportunity to speak to your child's teacher in person, look at their learning and talk about their successes. It has been lovely to chat to many of you and share how proud we are about the progress children are making. If you were unable to attend, please arrange with your child's teacher a convenient time to talk.

Last Friday Sycamore Base enjoyed a wonderful day at Longdown Activity Farm. They had a wonderful day learning about different groups of animals in support of their topic on Amazing Animals, their exciting activities included bottle feeding goats and stroking guinea pigs!

Our Church school review will close very soon. If you have not yet had time to share your thoughts, please click on this link [here](#).

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March and so this half term we have a big focus on reading. We cannot wait to see all children dressed up as their favourite book character. Thank you to everyone who has visited and bought a book during our book fair. We are delighted to say that we have received a total of £442 for the school to purchase new books.

We are looking forward to welcoming [Paul Stickland](#) to Verwood First on Friday 8th March, author of books such as Dinosaur Roar! The children will take part in workshops throughout the day.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

Katharine Anstey
Executive Headteacher

Children Celebrated in Praise Worship

	Nursery	Oak Base	Sycamore Base	Beech Base	Willow Base	Ash Base
Headteacher's Award	Marlee R	Ollie D Edward S	Nyla S Jude C	Annalise C Tommy T	Issac B Caitlyn H	Max H Evan W
Fruit of the spirit Award	Freya G	Penelope M Olivia C	Ruby W Archie A	Bertie B Poppy S	Logan B Mable W	Brooke s Ava F

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.

Attendance is analysed by the Headteacher on a weekly basis and a formal analysis is run every 3 weeks in line with our attendance policy. There is a tiered system to respond to low and/or falling attendance levels, as a result of this letters may be sent home. If you would like further information, please click [here](#) where you will also find a copy of our Attendance Policy.

This week's attendance

Oak Base	93.99%
Sycamore Base	94.83%
Beech Base	94.48%
Willow Base	95.76%
Ash Base	94.30%

Dorset Area Inspection for Dorset Local Area partnership

Parents and carers, Ofsted would like to hear your views about the support that your child receives and how it has helped you and your child. This survey is for parents/carers of children and young people aged 0-25 with special educational needs and disabilities. You can provide your views by completing an online survey at the following link:

[Area SEND inspection for Dorset Local Area Partnership \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk)

Head Lice

We are seeing an increased amount in cases of head Lice. Please can we ask you to check your child's hair and treat accordingly. Please click [here](#) for some further information on how to detect and treat Head Lice. To help with this, please can you ensure if your child has long hair that this is tied back.

World Book Day

A reminder that we are celebrating World Book Day this year on Thursday 7th March and as mentioned previously, this year we are asking staff and children to dress up as their favourite character from a book. Children will have time to talk in their bases about their favourite characters / books and why they like them. During this day children will have the opportunity to hear some of the adults favourite stories.



A post has been made on Class Dojo to our Reception parents, there will be no Forest School on Thursday 7th March due to World Book Day.

£1 National Book tokens will be given out the week beginning 4th March.

Books for Book Rewards

Thank you so much for all your kind donations of books, due to your generosity, we do have a lovely supply of books and do not require further donations at this time. Thank you for your support.

Class Assemblies

Oak Base (Reception) class assembly dates have been added to the diary dates below.

Thursday 18th July at 9.15am (Miss Matthew)

Friday 19th July at 9.15am (Miss Spencer)

Friends of VFS

★ AGM ★

Friends of Verwood First will be holding their Annual General Meeting on the 20th March. If you would like to step forward for a committee role (Chair, Treasurer, Secretary), please do contact via email in advance:

friends_of_vfs@hotmail.com

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Dates for your Diary

Please see our website for calendar dates by clicking [here](#), a reminder that you can subscribe to this on your device, dates are then added to your own calendar, which will automatically update when new dates are added. Please click on the subscribe button and follow the instructions. Dates are listed below for your convenience.

MARCH

Thurs 7th March - World Book Day

Fri 8th March - Author visit, Paul Stickland

Tues 12th March, 6.30-8.30pm - EMS musical production (40 KS2 pupils involved)

Tues 26th March - 2.00pm - Parents/Carers able to ask questions about the planned changes from Sep 24

Weds 27th March, 9.30-10.30am - Easter Service for Years 2, 3 & 4 at the Church

- Easter parade @ 2.30pm for Nursery/EYFS & Year 1

Thurs 28th March - INSET

Easter holidays 29th Mar-12th April

Mon 15th April- Children return to school

Class Assemblies (not looking at books on these dates - just the assembly event):

Reception: Thurs 18th (Miss Matthew) and Fri 19th July (Miss Spencer)

Year 1: Thurs 11th (Mr Dear) and Fri 12th July (Miss Brown)

Year 2 : **Weds 26th June (Mrs Doe) and Thurs 27th June (Mrs Palmer/ Brason)**

Year 3: Thurs 14th (Mrs Steel/ Putt) and Fri 15th March (Mr Clarke)

Year 4: **Wed 20th March (Mrs Read)** and Fri 22nd March (Mrs Weir/Wilson)

MAY

Fri 3rd May, morning - Class Photos

Tues 7th/Weds 8th May - Year 4 Residential to Osmington Bay (one night)

Thurs 16th May - Oak Base trip to Blashford Lakes

Weds 22nd May, 9-12pm - Potted Sports Day

Fri 24th May, 2.30-3pm - Celebration of children's learning - parents invited into classrooms

May half term -Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

JUNE

Weds 12th June, pm - KS2 sports Day

Fri 21st June - INSET (no children in school on this day)

Fri 28th June - Transfer Day

JULY

Fri 5th July - Year 4 leavers' visit to Wimborne Minster

Summer Sizzler - 5th July - 5.00pm to 7.30pm

Tues 23rd July, 9.30am - Last Day of Term & Year 4 Leavers