



# VERWOOD C E FIRST SCHOOL & NURSERY

## NEWSLETTER

Spring Term  
Friday 22nd March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had another very busy week! Year 4 have shared their learning with families in their class assemblies this week. They have absolutely blown us away with their confidence to stand in front of an audience and treat us to a glimpse of what they have been learning about this year so far. Their performing, singing and musical talents are phenomenal. A huge well done to the children in Ash base!

Two local Police officers came into school on Wednesday and spoke to each Base about their work within our community. The children were superb at listening, thinking about what the work they do and asked amazing questions. Thank you to PC Julia Ratcliffe and PC Lee Lawrence for making time for our children.

Congratulations to children from Ash and Willow Base who took part in a Tag Rugby tournament yesterday. We travelled by coach with children from Hillside First school to Hurn to take part in games with other schools. Mrs Steele and Mrs Christopher, who took the children, commented on the children's excellent sportsmanship, enthusiasm and respect while playing Tag Rugby games, which for some was their first experience!

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the PGL residential meeting for Ash Base on Wednesday. We are very excited about the trip which will take place in May. If you were unable to attend we will have sent out the consent forms and kit list but please come and speak to us if you have any further questions.

Just a quick reminder that on Tuesday is an opportunity for Verwood First School and Nursery parents to come and meet Mr Christopher, who will be the Executive headteacher from September. He is very much looking forward to sharing his vision of the future campus leadership and there will be an opportunity to ask questions. For those unable to attend we will send out a summary of the session.

The end of term is fast approaching and next week the last day for children is on Wednesday and staff have a training day on Thursday. On Wednesday Ash, Willow and Beech Base will be sharing an Easter service at St Michael and All Angels Church. Please ensure your child has a coat on this day as we will be walking up even if it is raining. Sycamore, Oak and Nursery will be sharing an Easter parade in the afternoon. The gate will open at 2.30pm .

Have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards

**Katharine Anstey**  
**Executive Headteacher**



# Ash Base Class Assembly



# Police Visit



## Children Celebrated in Praise Worship

	Nursery	Oak Base	Sycamore Base	Beech Base	Willow Base	Ash Base
<b>Headteacher's Award</b>	Freya G	Penelope R Sabrina Z	Poppy Y Ella N	Ruby L Oliver B	Joseph S Rafe P	Isobel J Isaac W
<b>Fruit of the spirit Award</b>	Olive H	Scarlett D Josh S	Amber C Arthur W	Elliot M Carter H	Evelyn S Imogen	Alana PJ Leo L

## 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.

### This week's attendance

Oak Base	93.96%
Sycamore Base	94.81%
Beech Base	94.4%
Willow Base	95.65%
Ash Base	94.42%

## Walking to the Church Volunteers

For those Parents/Carers who are able to help with walking the children on Wednesday from Ash, Willow and Beech Base to the Church for the Easter Service, please contact the school office. Your support is very appreciated. (We please ask that no toddlers or prams walk with us to the church to support a safe walk)

## Scooters and Bikes on the Campus

Please can all children who scoot or cycle to school please walk with their scooter or bike once on the school campus. At drop and pick up time the campus is very busy and to ensure everyone remains safe and minimise accidents we respectfully request children walk.

## 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

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)

## 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

Monday 10th June - Mrs Palmer/Mrs Brason (Beech, Year 2) Class Trip to East Dorset Museum

Tuesday 11th June - Mrs Doe Class (Beech, Year 2) Class Trip to East Dorset Museum

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



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