



# VERWOOD C E FIRST SCHOOL & NURSERY

## NEWSLETTER

Summer Term

Friday 19th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the Summer term. I hope you had a fun and restful Easter break. The summer term is always a lot of fun with lots going on. Hopefully some warm weather too! The children have settled back into school very successfully this week and I have been very impressed with the engagement in lesson time.

Following our behaviour guidance, which can be found on our website [here](#), we use the language of being ready, engaged and respectful. The children respond very positively to this simple approach and are awarded gems as a class which they collect towards a reward once the jar is full.

This week we sadly said goodbye to Mrs Old and Mrs Alexander and we wish them all the very best with their future endeavours.

**School Vision and Values Review** - last term we spent time consulting with staff, children, families and our Local School Committee ( LSC) on what it means to belong to Verwood First School and Nursery. A core group of staff with an LSC member have reviewed the feedback and in line with the updated church school inspection framework have planned the next step in reviewing our vision and values. Next week we will be sharing with the children and yourselves an exciting opportunity to get involved in shaping our school vision. Watch this space!

### **Mr Rob Christopher Executive Headteacher Verwood First School , September 2024**



On Tuesday 26th March, just before we closed for Easter, Mr Christopher offered a question and answer session to parents in the school hall. Thank you to the families who were able to attend. It was a really valuable opportunity for Mr Christopher to share his vision for the future leadership of the school and campus, share a little bit about his personal background and passions and answer some questions about how the school will move forward under his leadership. Mr Christopher's enthusiasm, commitment and excitement to ensure that we offer the very best education for pupils aged 2 to 13 years old, on our campus site was clear. It is a natural step for him to bring Verwood CE First School and Nursery and Emmanuel CE Middle School together as a strong campus and to be investing in our local community.

Mr Christopher is getting more and more involved in the life of school as we plan for the next academic year. He and I are working closely on transition projects with support from Mrs Weir and Mrs Palmer. This includes staffing structures for next year which we aim to share with you after the half term break.

I hope you all enjoy the coming 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	Alyuna C	Willow CW Logan C	Oscar O Emily B	Oscar A Oliver S	Oscar K Amber C	Amelia B Daniel
Fruit of the spirit Award	Darcey-Mae K	Ryder W Isabelle N	Freddie DH Nathaniel P	Xavier W Isabelle D	Thomas M Toby B	Poppy B Felicity

## 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	94.1%
Sycamore Base	94.42%
Beech Base	94.42%
Willow Base	95.66%
Ash Base	94.39%

## Cricket Engagement Day

We have a Cricket Engagement Day next Friday, 26th April, where all children from Reception to Year 4, will get to experience a cricket taster session from Dorset Cricket. We would therefore like all children to come into school in PE clothes on this day.

## The Big Clothes Swap

The Chair of Verwoodians on Waste has asked if we could communicate to our families that they are holding their first Big Clothes Swap.

*"On Saturday 20 April at St Michael's Parish Rooms 1pm to 2.30pm. The aim is simple. Drop your unwanted or outgrown adult/children's clothes off between 10am and 11.45am. Receive points for your clothes. Return at 1pm to swap your points for a new wardrobe. For more information visit [vowverwood.com/events](http://vowverwood.com/events).*

*Regardless of the need to protect the planet, there are so many struggling families that our free clothes swap initiative could well be very valuable for some people.*

*Thank you if you can help."*

## 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.

### APRIL

Fri 26th April - Cricket Engagement Day - All children to wear PE kit to school please

### MAY

Fri 3rd May, morning - Class Photos

Mon 6th May - Bank Holiday - School Closed

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)

Weds 26th June Year 2 Class Assembly (Mrs Doe)

Thurs 27th June Year 2 Class Assembly (Mrs Palmer/Brason)

Fri 28th June - Transfer Day

### JULY

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

Summer Sizzler - 5.00pm to 7.30pm

Thurs 11th July - Year 1 Class Assembly (Mr Dear)

Fri 12th July - Year 1 Class Assembly (Miss Brown)

Thurs 18th July - Reception Class Assembly (Miss Matthew)

Fri 19th July - Reception Class Assembly(Miss Spencer)

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