



VERWOOD C E FIRST SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER

Summer Term

Friday 3rd May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

On Wednesday a group of pupils from Willow and Ash Base attended a SEND multi sports festival at Emmanuel Middle School organised by Pentathlon. The children had an absolutely fabulous time working brilliantly with children from different schools, demonstrating excellent sporting and teamwork skills. Well done to all those who participated!

Today each Base had their class photo taken. Luckily it is a dry, bright day and the photos have been taken outside. They will be shared with you in due course.

Next week, I am joining Ash Base as we head off for the residential visit to Osmington Bay PGL. We are all very excited about the action packed 2 days that we will have together and I am hoping that the weather will be kind to us!

At this time of year staff are looking closely at the transition arrangements for each year group. We believe that transition is a process not an event. Therefore, we are planning a range of opportunities to support the process of children being ready for their next class. Some of these events have started for our Year 4 children as they move to middle school with staff meeting middle school teachers. We are finalising the plans for the new Reception children starting in September and we aim to share all information with details shortly.

It looks as if the sun may shine a bit more this weekend, so I hope we are able to make most of better weather over the long 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	Alice R	Mason W Theodora C	Edward B Arthur W	Evan B Xani M	Harry W Honey W	Lily K George R
Fruit of the spirit Award		Willow T Felicity S	Evie F Harper H	Arthur P Charlotte F	Oliver S Emily S	Oliver Q Evie 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.

This week's attendance

Oak Base	94.13
Sycamore Base	95.06
Beech Base	94.38
Willow Base	95.62
Ash Base	94.42

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.

MAY

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

KS2 Athletics Festival

There is an exciting KS2 Athletics Festival taking place on Tuesday 4th June at St Michaels Middle School Field. The festival will be run by the East Dorset School Games and will be a great opportunity for children to try different events and see if they can beat their personal best! This takes place after school and therefore if your child is interested in taking part you can register your child to join in the fun using the link below.



Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 are invited to participate in an Athletics Festival .

- Venue : St Michaels Middle School Field.
- Date : Tuesday 4th June (*first day back after half-term for many schools*)
- Arrive : 3.45 - 4.10pm
- Registration of athletes closes at 4.15pm
- Event finishes at 5.30pm
- Individuals will compete against the stopwatch or the tape measure to gain performance points
- Events will be: 75m Sprint; Running Long Jump; Vortex throw; 600m run.
- Athletes should participate in all 4 events to get a total individual score.
- To register your child, complete the google form by clicking [here](#).

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Verwood Library

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Prettiest
CALENDULA

GROW THE
HEAVIEST
PUMPKIN

Winners will be
announced at the
VDHS Autumn
Horticultural Show
on Saturday 14
September 2024

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information on how to enter and get FREE seeds!

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