

We are a community  
*Loving God, Serving other and Flourishing together*

# NEWSLETTER

RESPECT - ASPIRE - REJOICE



As we near the end of the academic year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful events we've enjoyed so far and share some of the exciting activities still to come.

Our recent summer school events have been a great success, with highlights including Sports Day (possibly my favourite day of the year!) and our much-loved Summer Fair. A special mention goes to our Year 6 pupils, who represented the school impeccably during their residential trip—we are incredibly proud of their behaviour, teamwork, and enthusiasm.

There's still plenty to look forward to, including some more summer school trips, discos, and a variety of leaving events to celebrate our Year 6 students as they prepare for their next adventure in secondary school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. These events wouldn't be possible without the partnership between home and school, and we're grateful for your encouragement and involvement.

*Mr Bright*

## **School moves**

As we begin planning for the next academic year, we kindly ask that you inform the school if your child will be leaving us to attend a different school in September. Year 6 leavers do not need to inform the office as we are aware of these moves.

This information is essential to help us prepare accurate class lists, allocate resources, and ensure a smooth transition for all pupils. If your child is moving to another school, please let the school office know as soon as possible, either by phone, email, or in person.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.



We would like to inform you that our school will be moving from our current Management Information System (MIS), Integris, to a new system called Arbor. This will also replace Wisepay and Groupcall (our messaging system).

We will begin migrating our data on Thursday 3 July, and we aim to go live with Arbor on Wednesday 9 July. As part of this transition, parent engagement with Arbor will be required.

Arbor offers an easy-to-use app where you'll be able to view and update your child's contact information, as well as access important school communications. Further details on how to download the app and set up your account will be sent out shortly.

Thank you for your support as we make this improvement to our school systems.

**JUNE  
EDITION**

## Spirituality and Community



### **Our Vision:**

We believe that by **Loving God** and **Serving others**, we can all fulfil our potential in **Flourishing together.**



**Our Summer 2 values focus is to**

*Rejoice*

We continue to explore this in Worship during each week as we build towards an end of year celebration of our achievements.

### **Gardening Club news**



Our amazing green-fingered gardeners have been sharing their prolific crops around school including radishes, peas, broad beans and potatoes making their way into evening dinners!



# JUNE EDITION

## News and updates

### Thank You for a wonderful Summer Fair!



A huge thank you to all our amazing parents and carers for your incredible support at the Summer Fair! From donating items and volunteering time, to simply turning up and joining in the fun, we couldn't have done it without you.

We're thrilled to say the event was a great success – the rain held off until the very last minute, and the atmosphere throughout was fantastic. The children had a brilliant time, and it was lovely to see so many families enjoying the stalls, games, food, entertainment and, of course, splat the teacher!

Thank you for your generosity and enthusiasm. Thank you also to our amazing S&PA team for all their hard work to ensure the event was a success.

# JUNE EDITION

## News and updates

### Sports Day Results!

**Green Team - 4220 points**

**Red Team - 4160 points**

**Yellow Team - 3100 points**

**Blue Team - 2960 points**

**Orange Team - 2830 points**

**Purple Team - 2630 points**



# St. Mark's Sports Day Sprints to Success!

St. Mark's School was buzzing with excitement and energy as students, staff, and families gathered for a fun-filled Sports Day that celebrated teamwork, athleticism, and plenty of laughter.

The morning session kicked things off with a lively variety of activities that had everyone smiling. Pupils took part in egg and spoon races, hurdles, javelin throws, and even a space hopper challenge – proving that balance, speed, and bouncing skills were all in high demand!

In the afternoon, it was all about the races. The field roared with cheers (and tunes!) as students gave it their all in a range of running events, including sprints and relays.

One of the highlights of the day was the thrilling Big Wheel Relay, which brought out the competitive spirit in every team.

After a full day of fun and friendly rivalry, it was **Team Green** who claimed victory, showing outstanding determination and sportsmanship throughout.

A huge well done to everyone who took part and helped make the day such a fantastic success – from the enthusiastic competitors, the supportive (and competitive!) teachers and cheering families on the sidelines to the S&PA providing refreshments.

**St. Mark's Sports Day 2025 was truly a day to remember!**



## **Welcome to Our Reception 2025–2026 Families!**

We were delighted to welcome our new Reception 2025–2026 children and their families to our recent Look & Play sessions. It was a pleasure meeting our newest cohort and giving the children a chance to explore their new classroom environment.

Parents also had the opportunity to sample some of the nutritious and delicious meals we provide daily, for all our children. We hope this gave everyone a warm taste of the exciting journey ahead!

Mr Bright recently read "The Highway Rat" during his virtual story time, and it was wonderful to see so many families join in and enjoy the session.

We are pleased to share that the next key date for our Reception 2025–2026 families is **Monday 7 July**, when we will be holding a Parents-only Welcome Meeting. This will take place **in school** from 16:30 to 17:15, and we hope to see as many of you there as possible.

We are delighted that Mr Vacher and Mrs Wells will continue teaching in our EYFS classes for the upcoming academic year. In due course, you will be informed which class your child will be joining, after which you can contact the school office to book a 1:1 meeting with your child's class teacher.

These meetings will be held in school from Monday 8 to Wednesday 10 September.

**Classes for 2025-2026**

We are pleased to share the following staff and class deployment for the next academic year

Teaching Staff				TA Staff*
	<b>RDV</b> <b>Mr Vacher</b>		<b>RMW</b> <b>Mrs Wells</b>	Miss Butchers Miss Pottinger
Current RDV	<b>1LT</b> <b>Mrs Toms</b>	Current RMW	<b>1N/B</b> <b>Miss Neal &amp; Mrs Bound</b>	Miss Wojtczak Miss Fade Miss Giles Miss Hughes
Current 1JW	<b>2R/K</b> <b>Mrs Rose &amp; Mr Knight</b>	Current 1LT	<b>2JL</b> <b>Mr Lasbury</b>	Mrs Bunton Mrs English Mrs Ferri Miss Sheppard
Current 2R/H	<b>3AH</b> <b>Mr Hall</b>	Current 2CS	<b>3JW</b> <b>Mrs Wilson</b>	Miss Fade Mrs Hines Miss Reeves Mrs Somerset-Wilson Mrs Jukes
Current 3JL	<b>4MS</b> <b>Mrs Scoble</b>	Current 3K/M	<b>4HW</b> <b>Mrs Woodrow - nee Bligh</b>	
Current 4MS	<b>5BM</b> <b>Miss Mowlam</b>	Current 4BM	<b>5CS</b> <b>Miss Salter</b>	Mrs Symonds Mrs Cousens Mrs Whittle Mrs Williams
Current 5AH	<b>6LH</b> <b>Miss Holland</b>	Current 5HB	<b>6CP</b> <b>Miss Pitkin</b>	

\* Teaching Assistant deployment may be subject to change dependent on emerging and changing needs within year groups.

### **Classes for 2025-2026**

This year we are adding to our usual 'transition morning' with additional activities over the coming weeks, designed to reduced pupil anxiety about changes:

#### **Friday 27 June - Sharing news**

Current class teachers will share new class teacher details with their current classes and let them know that **no classes are mixing.**

#### **Monday 30 June - Meet, greet and story**

New class teachers will move to meet their new classes in the children's current, familiar classroom (with current TA team staying too).

#### **Tuesday 8 July - 'Transfer morning'**

Children, new teachers and new TA teams to move to new classrooms to talk about what the new year is about, things to look forward to and aspirations for the year ahead.

#### **Tuesday 15 July - Class worship**

New class teachers to lead class worship with their new class in their new classrooms.

### **Other adults supporting teaching and learning next year will include:**

Mrs Hemmings, Miss Trickett & Mrs Badminton (HLTAs & SALT )

Mrs Biles and Mrs Powell (Nurture/Pastoral)

Mrs Horne & Mrs Martin (Swimming/class support)

Mrs Hankins (EYFS)

Mr Bright, Miss Roberts & Mrs Cambers



# Summer School Trips



## Year 3 - BNSS trip

Year 3 had the exciting opportunity to visit the Bournemouth Natural Science Society (BNSS) as part of our science and history curriculum. The visit was both educational and inspiring, offering the children a chance to explore a wide range of fascinating exhibits.

During our visit the children were able to handle some of the fascinating insects and wildlife belonging to the museum linking to our learning about life cycles and habitats.

The BNSS volunteers were incredibly knowledgeable and made the experience engaging with storytelling, interactive elements, and time for questions.

The visit not only enriched the children's understanding of natural science and history but also encouraged curiosity and a love of learning beyond the classroom. We are very grateful to the staff and volunteers at BNSS for hosting us and we look forward to returning in the future.



# Summer School Trips



## Reception – Farmer Palmer’s trip

Reception had a wonderful day out at Farmer Palmer’s Farm Park on Friday 23 May filled with fun, learning, and lots of animal encounters!

The absolute highlight of the day was the chance to pet and cuddle the guinea pigs. The children were thrilled to gently hold the fluffy animals, learning how to be calm and careful around them. Their faces lit up with joy and curiosity as they stroked the guinea pigs and listened to interesting facts from the friendly farm staff.

In addition to the petting area, the children also enjoyed meeting farm animals like goats, pigs, sheep, and cows and a fun tractor trailer ride around the fields.

It was a fantastic day of hands-on learning and outdoor fun, and we’re so proud of how well the children behaved and engaged with everything. Thank you to all the staff and parent helpers who made this trip so special!





# Summer School Trips



## Year 6 Make Lasting Memories on Residential Trip to Brenscombe Outdoor Centre

Our Year 6 pupils recently returned from an action-packed residential trip to Brenscombe Outdoor Centre, where they enjoyed three days of adventure, teamwork, and personal growth. Set in the stunning Dorset countryside near Corfe Castle, Brenscombe provided the perfect backdrop for a wide range of outdoor activities. The children challenged themselves with climbing, high ropes, kayaking, bushcraft, and orienteering – all under the guidance of expert instructors and supportive school staff.

Evenings were spent enjoying games, team-building challenges, and a sunset walk to the castle. The trip offered a fantastic opportunity for pupils to build independence, strengthen friendships, and make lasting memories as they approach the end of their primary school journey.

Miss Holland said, "The children showed incredible resilience and teamwork throughout the trip. We were so proud of how they supported each other and embraced every challenge."

A huge thank you to the staff at Brenscombe Outdoor Centre for making the experience so enjoyable and safe, and to our staff team for their dedication throughout the trip. It was a truly unforgettable experience for all involved!





## Year 1 Explore Nature at Hengistbury Head

Our Year 1 pupils had an exciting and educational adventure this week as they visited Hengistbury Head for their summer term trip. The children spent half a day exploring the stunning coastal landscape, learning about local wildlife, and discovering the natural history of the area.

Accompanied by teachers, TAs and parent volunteers, the students visited the beach, where they searched for shells, pebbles, and seaweed. They also enjoyed a guided nature walk, spotting birds, insects, and plants along the way, and learned how the headland was formed thousands of years ago.

This trip not only brought their geography and science topics to life but also encouraged a love for the outdoors and an appreciation of our local environment. The children returned to school full of enthusiasm, with sandy shoes, happy memories, and lots to talk about!

Thank you to all the adults who helped make the day so memorable.



# Year 6 Students Enjoy Unforgettable Experience at AFC Bournemouth's 'Play on the Pitch' Community Day



A group of excited Year 6 students took to the pitch at Vitality Stadium this week as part of AFC Bournemouth's annual Play on the Pitch Community Day. The event, organised by the AFC Bournemouth Community Sports Trust, gave local schoolchildren a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to follow in the footsteps of their football heroes by playing matches on the Cherries' home turf.

Our pupils represented the school with pride, enthusiasm, and great sportsmanship as they competed in friendly fixtures against other local primary schools. The day also included skills challenges, photo opportunities, and a tour of the stadium, making it a truly memorable experience. Miss Pitkin said, "It was fantastic to see the children so engaged and excited. Opportunities like this really inspire them to stay active and dream big."



We'd like to thank AFC Bournemouth and their Community Sports Trust for hosting such a well-organised and inclusive event. It's an experience our Year 6 pupils will never forget!

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# Mr Bright's Wednesday half -er of Wonderful Work



**Lizzie R, Margot D and Lexi P in RMW** for writing super sentences about "What the Ladybird Heard".



**Rowena R and Hugo J in RMW** for fabulous independent writing about their book "Farmer Duck".



**Charlie B in RDV** for amazing bumblebee facts.



**Eva G in 1LT and Mila A in 1JW** for writing noun phrases to describe a character.



**Harry P in 3JL** for using adjectives to improve simple sentences.

**Alice-Rose H in 4MS** for sharing her amazing 100 year old family military service miniature bible from WWI.



**Louie F in 4MS** for a fantastic fact file about the African Painted Dog.

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# E-Safety Corner

## Useful Information for Parents



As a new academic school year approaches, with some children making the leap to secondary school with their first mobile phone, internet matters.org have created the ABC Online Safety Checklist to help you keep your children safe online.

Children spend a lot of time on their devices and the internet changes fast, so we understand how overwhelming it can be to try and keep on top of online safety.

**Get your  
ABC  
Checklist**

### The ABC

Online Safety Checklist gives you the building blocks to help protect them from online risks, with a series of actions for you to take.

#### **Activate**

Use the controls and tools available from broadband providers, online platforms and apps to install safe search settings, block inappropriate content and prevent contact from strangers.

#### **Balance**

Agree a good balance for your children's screen time, taking education and leisure content into account. Encourage active screen time over passive and consider setting limits for the total hours spent online each day.

#### **Check**

Check which apps your children use and the relevant age limits for each platform. And talk regularly about online safety and what they might come across, so you can work together to manage any risks and keep online experiences positive.



## S&PA News

**PLEASE BRING EAR DEFENDERS IF REQUIRED**

# Summer Disco

**WED JULY 2<sup>ND</sup> 2025**

**R,1,2 disco 4 - 5pm**  
**3,4,5 disco 5.15 - 6.15pm**

School Hall

**Tickets £3.50**

*Please bring a water bottle  
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A packet of sweets will be given  
to the children at the end of the disco*

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is welcome here!



## PRIDE MONTH

During June we have been proudly flying our Pride flag to honour the LGBTQ+ community and their ongoing fight for equality.

By flying our flag we are showing that LGBTQ+ people are welcome and valued as part of our diverse and precious community.

Using Picture News' Trainbow story, we gently and age-appropriately explored the British Value of **Tolerance** in Whole School Worship and why it is important to accept and value differences.

We were reminded that we are all special, unique and loved by God, as our creator.



**GRACIOUS GOD, AS WE REJOICE IN DIFFERENCE, WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE BEAUTIFUL DIVERSITY OF YOUR CREATION.**

**WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT EACH INDIVIDUAL IS MADE IN YOUR IMAGE AND BEARS YOUR UNIQUE MARK. MAY WE ALWAYS REMEMBER YOUR LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE, REGARDLESS OF THEIR BELIEFS, THEIR RACE, GENDER OR WHO THEY LOVE.**

**AMEN**



# Dates for your diary



## Upcoming events

SUMMER  
2025

JUNE  
24

YEAR 1  
HENGISTBURY  
HEAD TRIP

JULY  
1

YEAR 6  
PRIORY  
LEAVERS'  
SERVICE

JULY  
2

YR-5  
DISCO

JULY  
4

YEAR 5  
MARWELL  
ZOO TRIP

JULY  
14

ROCK-  
STEADY  
CONCERT

JULY  
16+17

YEAR 6  
SHOW  
NIGHTS

JULY  
18

REPORTS  
TO  
PARENTS

JULY  
22

YEAR 6  
LEAVERS'  
SERVICE  
AND DISCO

JULY  
23


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TERM FOR  
PUPILS  
1:15PM

# SUMMER CAMPS @ ST. MARK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL




<https://jsc.classforkids.io/camps>

 Junior Sports Coaching

 JSC\_Dorset

 [ackie@juniorsportscoaching.co.uk](mailto:ackie@juniorsportscoaching.co.uk)

 07359 006037

**Mon 28th - Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> July**

**Mon 18th - Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Aug**

**Tues 26th - Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Aug**





## Multi-Sport Camp at Victoria Avenue Tennis Club

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Tennis Bound will be running our popular Multi-Sport camps at Victoria Avenue Lawn Tennis Club for ages 4-14 years on a first come first serve basis (VERY Limited Spaces per day!).

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- 28<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August (9am - 3pm) Full Week
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> August (9am - 3pm) Full Week
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> August (9am - 3pm) Full Week
- 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> August (9am – 3pm) Full Week
  
- £25 Full Day
- £100 Full Week
- 20% Siblings Discount (each child receives this, but not on the full week deal)

All coaches are insured, have first aid training and DBS checked.

Please contact us if you would like any further information.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards,  
William Bound.

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## Summer Multi-Sport Camps



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William Bound  
Head Coach



# Bournemouth School

# Open Evening

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Thursday, 10 July 2025 • 6.00pm — 8.00pm

Our annual Open Evening is an excellent opportunity for you to see the facilities, meet with teachers and, most importantly, meet some of our incredible students.

Talks from the Headmaster, Dr Dorian Lewis, will be given at 6.00pm, 6.45pm and 7.30pm. There will also be opportunities to ask any questions you may have.

Registration is not required to attend the Open Evening; however, you may find further information on our website:

[www.bournemouth-school.org](http://www.bournemouth-school.org)





**THE BOURNE ACADEMY**

# **OPEN EVENING SAVE THE DATE**

**Wed 24th Sept 2025**

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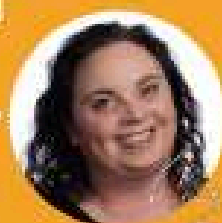
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