

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



NEWSLETTER



RESPECT - ASPIRE - REJOICE



Learning Imaginative Progressing



"Encourage one another and build each other up" 1 Thessalonians 5:11



Headteacher's Message

As we move through this busy and exciting part of the term, I want to thank you for the continued hard work and enthusiasm you encourage in your children. Staff and pupils have been working exceptionally hard across all subjects, and it is wonderful to see the progress and positive attitudes throughout the school.

We are now beginning preparations for our Christmas services and celebrations, and the children are already rehearsing with great energy. We look forward to welcoming you to these special events – please make sure you check the dates on your tickets!

A gentle reminder that as the weather becomes colder, please ensure that children come to school each day with a **warm coat** (and hats/gloves if needed). We aim to take advantage of outdoor learning and play whenever possible, so being well wrapped-up helps everyone stay comfortable.

I would like to draw your attention to the attendance article below. Please take a moment to familiarise yourself with it, as attendance is becoming an increasingly important focus for schools

Finally, our Christmas Fair is fast approaching, and we are grateful for your support in making it a success. Donations for stalls are still very welcome, and we hope to see many of you on the day – **Friday 5 December starting at 4:30pm**. It promises to be a lovely opportunity for our school community to come together.

Thank you, as always, for your support. *Mr Bright*

Notices and Reminders

We would like to update you on new attendance guidelines recently issued by the Department for Education (DfE) that will affect our school procedures and expectations.

What's new:

Every school will now be set an individual minimum attendance improvement target tailored to its specific circumstances (such as location, pupil needs and deprivation).

These targets, known as "attendance baseline improvement expectations", will be generated using data and AI to identify realistic improvement goals.

The DfE is also launching a network of attendance and behaviour "hubs" to support schools with best-practice, interventions and direct assistance.

What this means for your child and our school:

Regular attendance has become even more central: being in school every day helps children make progress, develop socially, and access all learning opportunities.

If children miss school frequently, it becomes increasingly difficult for them to keep up. We will be working more closely with families where attendance drops.

Please be aware that leave of absence during term time continues to be authorised only in exceptional circumstances.

Unauthorised absence may lead to a penalty notice being issued by the council.

We will keep you informed about our school's specific attendance target, monitor attendance more closely, and liaise with you if patterns of absence emerge.

How you can help:

- Ensure your child arrives on time and attends school each day unless there is a genuine reason not to.
- Contact the school as early as possible if your child is going to be absent, giving full details of the reason.
- Avoid booking holidays during term time, and seek prior permission if exceptional leave is being considered.

If there are challenges (e.g., medical, emotional or transport issues) preventing your child from attending regularly, please speak to us—early support can make a big difference.

We believe that by working together—school, parents/carers and pupils—we can support every child to attend well and thrive. Thank you for your cooperation and ongoing support.

Reception Admissions – Final Tour Dates & Application Deadline

A reminder to all families with children starting school next September:

Our final Reception tour dates are:



Tuesday 2 December 2025

Friday 9 January 2026

If you would like to attend one of these sessions, please contact the school office to book a place.

Please also note that the deadline for submitting Reception applications is **Friday 15 January 2026**.

We encourage all parents to apply promptly to ensure your child's application is received on time.



Poppy Appeal

We are pleased to be able to report that we raised **£124.14** through selling poppies to the children this year. Thank you for your support with this.



Year 6 Remembrance Service

Last week, our Year 6 pupils led a truly thoughtful and moving Remembrance service at the church. They spoke with confidence, respect, and maturity far beyond their years, guiding the congregation through readings, reflections, and prayers that helped us all pause and remember those who have served and sacrificed.

The children read their pieces beautifully, and their calm, dignified leadership created a meaningful atmosphere for everyone present. We are incredibly proud of the care they showed in preparing for the service, as well as the compassion and understanding they demonstrated on the day.

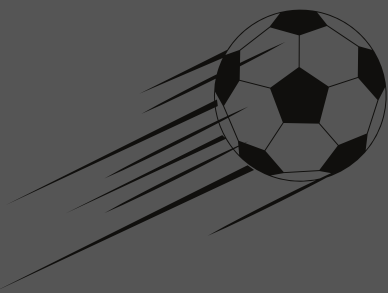
Thank you to all families who were able to join us and to the church team for their warm support. Year 6 represented our school wonderfully and helped make this act of remembrance very special.

GOAL!

Year 6 Football Match



Recently, a group of Y6's took part in a competitive tournament against lots of other local schools. The boys played fantastically well, scoring lots of goals and winning matches and only losing one to finish runners up. The boys should be extremely proud of the team spirit they had throughout the tournament, always encouraging and praising one another.





Year 6 P.E Lesson at the Uni

Our Year 6 students recently took part in a P.E. lesson at Bournemouth University. The session was led by students from the university's Physical Education and Coaching course, who guided our children through a range of engaging and active exercises.

It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to experience new activities, develop their skills, and enjoy learning in a different environment.

Thanks goes to the University for encouraging our children to be active and involved in such enriching experiences.



**NOVEMBER
EDITION**

Spirituality and Community



Our Vision:

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



This half term, our school community has embraced our value to 'Respect', which has beautifully complemented our Remembrance theme. Our Year 6 pupils led poignant services that allowed us all to reflect deeply on the sacrifices made and the importance of honouring others.

We have also taken time to respect and celebrate diversity in beliefs as we acknowledged Interfaith Week, fostering understanding and appreciation across different faiths.

Most recently, we have marked the end of the church year with a special focus on the Feast of Christ the King, encouraging pupils to reflect on leadership, service, and respect in both faith and daily life.





Preventing online harm and abuse

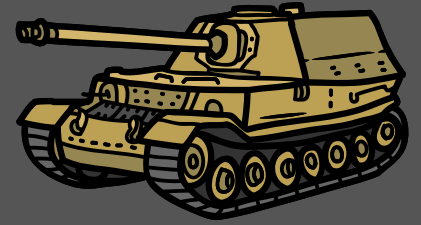
Technology is an integral part of children's and young people's lives. It has transformed the way they learn, play, connect and communicate.

But these opportunities don't come without risk. Children and young people may experience abuse online and they may be exposed to harmful content. And this can have a long-lasting impact on their wellbeing.

Every child deserves to be, and to feel, safe online. And we can all play a role in helping make online spaces safer for children and young people by:

- talking to children and young people about anything worrying they experience online
- recognising how important the online world is to children and young people, and talk to them about it
- setting rules for the use of online platforms at home. Involve children and young people in setting these and make sure they're well understood
- using technical solutions to manage access to online platforms and make sure everyone knows about and understands why you've put them in place

helping children and young people understand and manage their privacy settings online.



Year 6 Visit to Bovington Tank Museum

Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic and memorable trip to the Bovington Tank Museum last week. The visit brought their history learning to life, giving pupils the chance to explore real tanks, artefacts, and interactive displays linked to life in the armed forces and the development of armoured vehicles.

The children were especially fascinated by the WWI and WWII exhibits, where they were able to see the evolution of tank design up close. Staff at the museum commented on the excellent questions our pupils asked and the enthusiasm they showed throughout the day.

The workshop session was a real highlight, offering hands-on learning that deepened the children's understanding of how tanks were used and what life was like for soldiers. Behaviour was exemplary, and Year 6 were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

A big thank you to the staff and volunteers who supported the trip, and to our parent helpers who joined us. It was a truly enriching experience that the children will be talking about for a long time.



HELLO december

December

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Tue 2025

Reception Tours 2026 - 2027

09:30 to 10:30

December

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Wed 2025

NCMP - Year 6

More information to follow

December

5

Fri 2025

S&PA Kids Christmas Fair

16:30 to 19:00

December

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Mon 2025

Year 4 - Bournemouth University Art Project

Filming at Bournemouth University

December

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Wed 2025

Reception - Nativity

School Hall - Entrance via KS2 doors open at 1:45pm.

December

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Thu 2025

Reception - Christmas Storytelling Evening

17:00 to 18:00

Please sign up on Arbor to confirm attendance.

December

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Tue 2025

Year 1 - 6 - Christmas Service

10:30 to 11:30

Church Service - 1NR; 2RK; 3AH Please refer to letter on website

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Tue 2025

Year 1 - 6 - Christmas Service

13:30 to 14:30

Church Service - 4HW; 5BM; 6LH Please refer to letter on website

December

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Wed 2025

Year 1 - 6 - Christmas Service

10:30 to 11:30

Church Service - 1ILT; 2JL; 3JW Please refer to letter on website

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Wed 2025

Year 1 - 6 - Christmas Service

13:30 to 14:30

Church Service - 4MS; 5CS; 6CP Please refer to letter on website

December

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Fri 2025

School breaks up for Christmas holiday 13:15

December

22

Mon 2025

Christmas holiday

St Mark's C.E Primary School

Christmas KIDS FAIR

Hot dogs. Bar. Face painting. Games. Raffle. Music

Santa's Grotto. Bouncy Castle

Friday 5 Dec

4.30pm-7pm

£1 ENTRY
SUGGESTED
DONATION





S&PA

Kids' Christmas Fair



5TH DECEMBER, 4.30-7PM

The Christmas Fair is just two weeks away, and we're positively popping with excitement for the precious pupils to peek at the playful, perfectly planned presentation we've prepared. Here's what you can expect:

Children's stalls

We'd love to give the opportunity to our pupils to run their own stalls and showcase their entrepreneurial side. We'd love to see their ideas! If your child would like to run a stall, please contact us at stmarkssandpa@hotmail.co.uk before **Monday 1 December**.

Cake stall

Do you enjoy baking? This year, we're trying out a cake stall, and baked donations would be very welcome! Our main requests are that there are **strictly no nuts**, and that you include a list of the ingredients. Please bring any donations to the table outside the office in the morning on 5th December. We can't wait to see what tasty treats we see on the day!



See the next page for more information.



WHAT YOU CAN DONATE:

- Your time - volunteers during the event would be much appreciated
- Items dependent on your child's class (left) in exchange for mufti on 5th Dec
- Homemade cakes
- Bottles of wine
- Plush toys





S&PA

Kids' Christmas Fair



THE RAFFLE

We've had some issues with our raffle ticket supplier this year, so the tickets are a little late going out, but you should be receiving some in your child's bag very soon. As ever, tickets are £1 per ticket or £5 a book. Please sell to your friends and family! Here's what you could win:

- £100 cash
- A £150 voucher for the Renova Clinic
- 2 adult weekend tickets to the Bournemouth 7s festival 2026
- One day free bouncy castle hire from JM Bouncy Castles
- A £20 voucher for Chicken & Blues
- 2 hour-long sessions at FTY Labs
- A play session and free drink at Lollipops Cafe
- Various festive hampers
- And more!



WE'VE ALSO GOT...

Santa's grotto (with a gift) - £5

Hot chocolate

*Hot dogs
(local butchers' sausages)*

Face painting

Splat the teacher

Bouncy castle

THANK YOU

Mulled wine

A huge thank you to everyone who has volunteered at our fundraising events - we couldn't do them without you!

Also, thanks to everyone who bought Christmas cards and other items - we raised just over £300!

Finally, special mention to Chicken & Blues, who have given us the link <https://pitcy.com/5RfJ1> - register before 30th November and get a £10 voucher!





Mufti-day
Friday 5th
Dec

Reception

Hot dog buns

(sealed packets please)

Please support us by bringing in a specific item in exchange for Mufti. These will be used at the Christmas Fair fundraiser.

Thank you!

1 N/R

Hot dog buns

(sealed packets please)

1 LT

**Fruit shoots/
cans of pop**

Year 2

Cans of pop

3 AH

Hamper items

E.g shortbread,
chutney, jams, coffee,
chocolates

3 JW

**Mince pies/
individually
wrapped cakes**

Year 4

Hamper items

E.g shortbread,
chutney, jams,
coffee, chocolate

5 BM

**Bags/tubs
of
sweets**

5 CS

**Pocket
toys**

Year 6

**Chocolate
bars/boxes/
tubs**

All

**Bottles of wine/
plush toys
to the school
office pls**

Please ensure
donations do not
contain NUTS or
SESAME SEEDS

Lapland to Bethlehem

A FREE FAMILY CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE



Saturday 6th December

10am-1pm

Drop-In
Family Fun

Crafts, Grotto &
Christmas Photoshoot
No booking needed

1-1.45pm

SEND-Friendly
Session

A quieter,
sensory-friendly experience
Limited spaces
- booking via email required



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Celebrate
Advent & Christmas
At St Mark's

30th November - Christingle 4pm

14th December - Advent Compline 6pm

21st December - Celebration Nativity 10.30am

21st December - Carols by Candlelight 6pm

24th December - Crib Service 3pm

24th December - Midnight Mass - 11.30pm

25th December - Christmas day - 10am

**A Family friendly Christmas
Communion service**

St Marks Church, Wallisdown Road
www.stmarkschurch-talbotvillage.org.uk

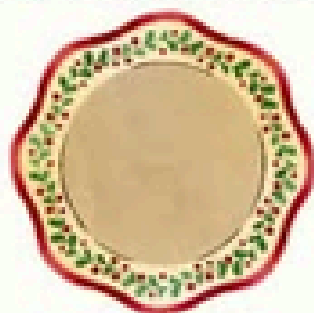
St Mark's
TALBOT
VILLAGE
2010-2022





JOIN US FOR OUR
**Merry & Bright
Craft Night**

A fun filled night full of festive crafts including:
Wreath Making, Candle Decorating, Decoupage
and much more!



FRIDAY

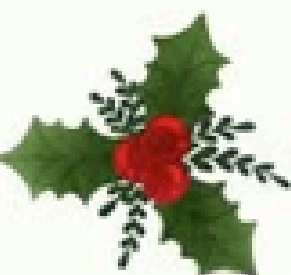
5TH DECEMBER

6-9 PM

St Marks Church, Wallisdown

ONLY £20 PER TICKET

Buy your ticket at the Parish Office or
call 01202 529349 to pay by card
(Mon-Thur, 9am-12:30pm)



**All tickets will include
hot drinks and a mince pie each!**





THE ROBBIE ROCKET FOUNDATION



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ENCOURAGING HEALTHY AND ACTIVE LIFESTYLES

A VISIT
FROM
SANTA
ON
23RD
DEC



CHRISTMAS
DISCO ON
23RD DEC

**!!!! FREE!!!! CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
CLUB AT HEATHERLANDS SCHOOL
4 FREE HALF DAYS OR 2 FULL DAY**



23RD DEC IS CHRISTMAS DISCO DAY AND A VISIT FROM SANTA

22ND AND 29TH DEC ARE BOUNCY CASTLE DAYS

FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS CHILDREN HEALTHY MEAL INCLUDED

SEE DATES BELOW ON BOOKING FORM
8.30AM – 4.30PM

A MEDAL
FOR EVERY
CHILD

AGES
5 - 13

Various sports including:

- Dream team Football comps
- How longs left ref
- Benchball
- Capture the flag
- Pacman
- Wink murderer
- Dodgeball
- Soldier soldier
- Football golf
- The apprentice(hired or fired)

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**All our coaches are DBS cleared, First Aid trained
and professional sports coaches**

BOOKING FORM

Please indicate days required

Please note this a nut free club

MON 22nd DEC AM 8.30 – 12.30	TUE 23rd DEC AM 8.30 – 12.30	MON 29th DEC AM 8.30 – 12.30	TUE 30 th DEC AM 8.30 – 12.30	WED 31 st DEC AM 8.30 – 12.30
PM 12.30 – 4.30	PM 12.30 – 4.30	PM 12.30 – 4.30	PM 12.30 – 4.30	PM 12.30 – 4.30

CHILD'S NAME:

SCHOOL/SCHOOL YEAR:

MEDICAL CONDITIONS:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

EMERGENCY CONTACT No:

I DECLARE I AM **ENTITLED** TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS – YES NO – PLEASE CIRCLE WHICH ONE

CALL THE TEAM TO BOOK ON 07745 942711

OR EMAIL: therobbierocketfoundation@gmail.com

From time to time we may want to photograph or video your child for use in advertising purposes or our website, please circle yes or no below to inform us if that is ok. All information provided will remain confidential and for the use of The Robbie Rocket Foundation only.

YES

NOYES

NO

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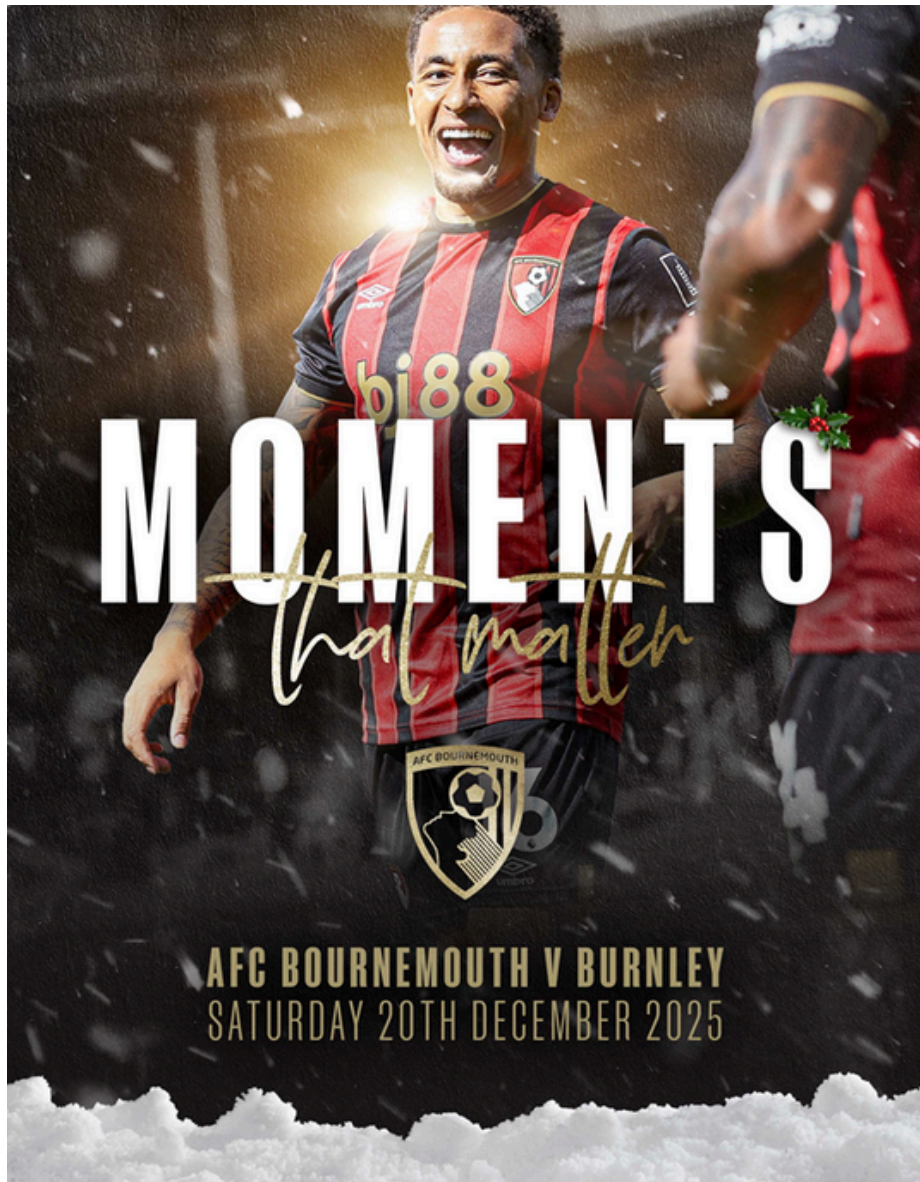
FOR CHILDREN AGED 8-14 YEARS OLD, WHO ARE IN RECEIPT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS SESSIONS ARE FREE OF CHARGE



SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER

SPACES ARE LIMITED

TO GET FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL: HEAD OF COMMUNITY STEVE CUSS ON - STEVE.CUSS@AFCB.CO.UK OR 07973893594





HOSPITALITY
& Events

AFC BOURNEMOUTH V BURNLEY

SATURDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2025

STARTER

Smooth duck parfait, cranberries, citrus mayonnaise, toasted brioche
Creamy parsnip soup, roast spiced chickpeas (v)

MAIN

Roast breast of free-range turkey, apricot & thyme stuffing, pigs in blankets, jus
Grilled fillet of gilt head bream, black bean & corn salsa
Root vegetable, chestnut & spinach wellington, spiced carrot puree, wilted baby spinach (v)
All served with roast chateau potatoes and seasonal vegetables

DESSERT

Gingerbread cheesecake, candied kumquats
Christmas pudding fool, mulled wine syrup

HALF TIME

Tea, coffee & mini cakes

FULL TIME

Locally sourced artisan cheese, savoury biscuits & chutney

£275.00 inc VAT per adult | **£150.00 inc VAT for under 12s**



Entertainment from
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FOOD ALLERGIES & INTOLERANCES - IMPORTANT NOTICE

If you or a member of your party has a food allergy or special dietary requirement it is important that you have informed a member of our staff. Thank you #easytoASK