



# CORFE HILLS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Headteacher, Sara Jones

This week brings the start of the examination period for the majority of our Year 11 and Year 13 students, along with some of our Year 12s. Good luck and best wishes to all of them during this time. We are really proud of their hard work and commitment during the run up period and the various revision sessions that they have attended. Their engagement has been exceptional and we are looking forward to supporting them through the next few weeks and then the celebration events at The Cowshed and Dean's Court at the end of their exams.

Please remember that the school day has now changed for the duration of the exam period which means that lunchtime is now at 1215 with periods 4 and 5 after lunch. There is no change to the start and end of the school day. If students have PE on their timetable, they should come to school in full PE kit for that day. This is because our changing rooms are next door to the exam hall and we do not want the exams being disrupted by students changing.

You may have read some of the information circulating about the Trust and our school on social media. If you have any questions or concerns about what is being posted online, please do contact the school office in the first instance so that we are able to accurately update you and provide you with reassurance. In addition to this, I am aware that I am sending you lots of communication about planned strike action at the moment. Due to ongoing discussions with the Unions, plans can change at short notice. Please read the relevant information and updates carefully. As always, if you have any questions, please contact the school office.

In the meantime, have a lovely weekend.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- \* 11 May - Year 13 study leave starts
- \* 8 May - 19 June GCSE and A Level exams
- \* 18 - 22 May - Year 12 exams
- \* 18 May - Parents' Book Club
- \* 22 May - Last day of half term
- \* 1 June - 5 June - Year 12 Work Experience



We would like to wish all our Year 11 and Year 13 students the best of luck for their GCSEs and A Levels. We are incredibly proud of the resilience and hard work you have shown throughout your courses. The whole school community is cheering you on.

# Off to the Nationals!



Huge congratulations to our Year 10 boys who had a fantastic day last week at the regional handball finals. After an extra time loss, they have qualified for the Nationals in Nottingham. An outstanding achievement – we are incredibly proud of you all!

# Matilda

On Thursday 30 April, 45 students travelled to The Mayflower for a matinee performance of Matilda.

The show was lively, colourful, and full of energy from start to finish. Students were impressed by the talented cast, catchy songs, and fun choreography.

Many favourite moments from the story were brought to life on stage.

The trip gave everyone a chance to experience professional theatre.



From Tuesday 5 May until Friday 19 June we will be operating a temporary timetable.

Monday to Wednesday			
Students arrive in school before 0830			
	Start	Finish	Duration
Tutor Time	0835	0902	27
Period 1	0906	1001	55
Period 2	1005	1100	55
Break	1100	1120	20
Period 3	1120	1216	56
Lunch	1216	1250	39
Registration	1250	1306	16
Period 4	1310	1406	56
Period 5	1410	1505	55

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Lunch	1216	1250	39
Period 4	12:50	13:46	56
Period 5	13:50	14:45	55

# New Young Carers' Group Launches to Support Students



A new Young Carers' group is being introduced in our school and is now open to all students. This group is designed to provide a safe, welcoming and supportive environment where young carers can relax, make friends and talk to others who may understand similar experiences.

A young carer is someone who helps look after a family member with an illness, disability, mental health condition or additional needs. Being a young carer can sometimes be challenging and this group aims to make sure no student feels alone or unsupported.

This group is open to those who would like to unwind and recharge. This may mean talking to a trusted friend, unwinding with some colouring or just having time for yourself. If this is you, then come along to our Young Carers' Breakfast Club on Tuesday mornings during tutor time. By Tea, Bismah, Finley, Kai and Kriss

## Book Club

CHS Book Club will be meeting on Monday 18 May from 6-7pm in the school library. We'll be discussing some of this year's Quick Reads – books that have been promoted as part of World Book Night and offer short stories across a wide range of genres. What do you think, can a short story be just as good as an epic? You don't need to have read one to come along – all welcome.

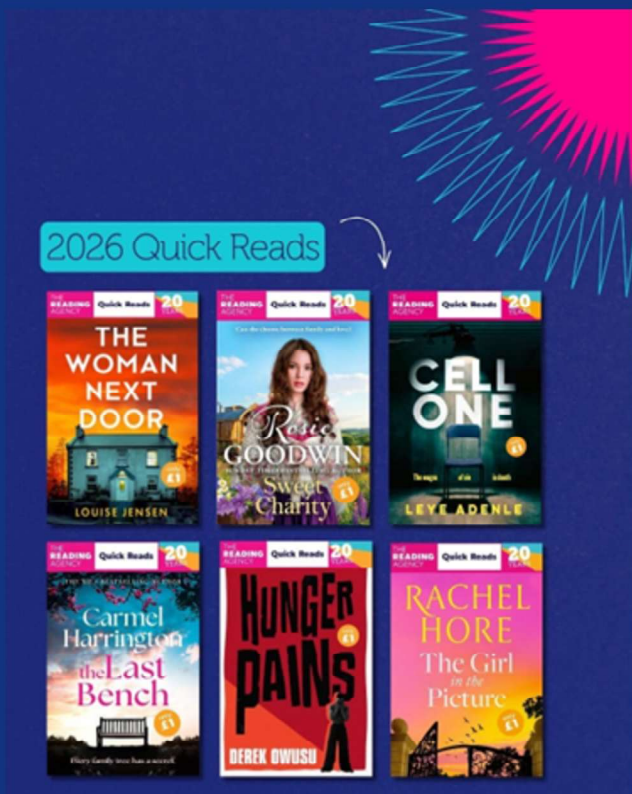
### Myth

You need lots of free time to be a reader

### Truth

You don't need hours, just a few minutes. Quick Reads are **short books** designed to fit around busy lives

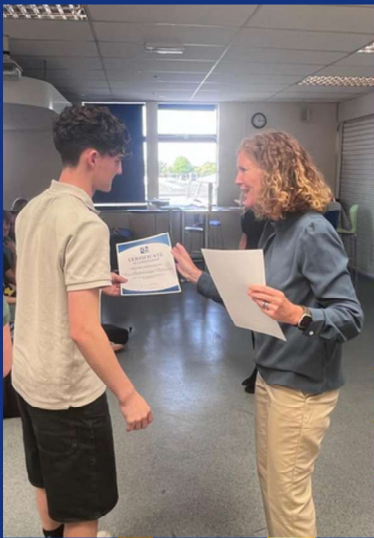
"I love reading, but life is hectic so starting longer books feels overwhelming as I don't get chance to finish them. The shorter length of this [Quick Read] felt manageable and the story was great so I didn't feel like I was cheated out of a good story."



# Sixth Form Leavers' Assembly

Today we held our Sixth Form Leavers' Assembly. This was a reflective and celebratory occasion, marking the end of an important chapter for our Year 13 students. Staff and students gathered to look back on achievements, shared memories, and the many milestones reached along the way.

The assembly was a fitting send-off, and the school community wishes all our Sixth Form leavers every success and happiness as they move on to their next adventures.





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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to invite you to attend an upcoming online webinar for parents and carers of children aged 10–18, focusing on knife crime awareness and prevention.

We understand that knife crime is a topic that can cause concern for families. The purpose of this session is to provide reassurance, share accurate information, and help you feel confident in supporting your child.

During the webinar, representatives from our local policing team will:

- Provide up-to-date information showing that knife crime levels in our area remain low
- Explain what local police are doing to prevent knife crime and keep young people safe
- Offer practical advice on signs to look out for if you are worried about your child
- Share guidance on what to do and who to contact if you have concerns
- Answer questions from parents in a supportive and informative environment

This session is designed to be informative, reassuring, and helpful, whether you currently have concerns or simply want to stay informed.

**Webinar Details:**

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Time: 19:00-20:00

Joining instructions: Online (joining details will be provided after registration)

If you would like to attend, please register using the link below:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/70e6d64d-b00a-43f1-be1f-3b65e8835ff8@4515d0c5-b418-4cfa-9741-222da68a18d7>

We strongly encourage parents and carers to take advantage of this opportunity to hear directly from local police and to ask any questions you may have.

If you have any questions about the webinar, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support in helping keep our young people safe.



# School & Local Events & Notices



**Need support?**

**ESCAPELINE PROVIDES CONFIDENTIAL TELEPHONE SUPPORT AND ADVICE TO PARENTS AND CARERS WITHIN THE SOUTH WEST OF ENGLAND AFFECTED BY CRIMINAL AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION.**

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**Tuesday's & Wednesday's**  
**10am - 1pm**



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Next session **Tuesday 12 May 2026**  
 4pm - 5.30pm

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4pm - 5.30pm

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