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NEWSLETTER

A WORD FROM SARA JONES, HEADTEACHER

It has been a remarkably busy and rewarding few weeks across the school, and I am proud of the energy, resilience, and community spirit our students continue to show every single day.

Firstly, a huge well done to our Year 11 students for their exemplary attitude and focus throughout their recent mock exams. They conducted themselves brilliantly, and we were delighted to reward their hard work with some sweet treats at the end of the exam period. Students will receive their official mock results on Friday, 4 December. Our student leaders, Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, and staff have truly stepped up over the past few weeks to champion important causes, including Children in Need, Movember, and Anti-Bullying Week. From bake sales and staff karaoke to the ever-popular "sponge the teacher," it has been wonderful to see the whole school come together to raise funds and awareness in such good spirits.

This week's school musical, 9 to 5, has been nothing short of fantastic. Performing such a popular and high-energy show takes immense dedication, and the cast, crew, and staff have put on an unforgettable production. Thank you to all our parents, carers, and members of the wider community for coming along and showing your support. On the sports fields and courts, our teams have been in full swing with inter-house competitions alongside football, rugby, and netball fixtures against local schools. I am immensely proud of our athletes' sportsmanship and commitment. Further afield, a group of students and staff have enjoyed an unforgettable trip to Iceland—be sure to check out our school social media channels to see some brilliant videos from their adventures!

Finally, our Sixth Form students have been looking firmly toward their futures. Year 12 enjoyed an inspiring and informative visit from the Royal Navy, while Year 13 students are working hard on their post-18 pathways, with many busily finalising their UCAS applications.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. I wish you and your families a very restful and wonderful weekend.

Warm regards,
Sara Jones

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December Dates

Date	What's on?
Thursday 3 December	Year 13 Parents Evening
Friday 4 December	Flu Vaccination Revisit Year 11 Mock Results Day
Monday 7 December	Christmas Wreath Making 6.30pm-8.30pm
Thursday 10 December	Acoustic Evening
Friday 11 December	Learn with the Lords Online (10.15am & 11am)
Monday 14 December	Carol Service. Wimborne Minster (7pm - 8pm)
Tuesday 15 December	CHS Parents' Book Club 6pm
Wednesday 16 December	Yr 11 Food Exam
Thursday 17 December	RHSE Sessions (12.15pm-2:45pm)
Friday 18 December	LAST DAY OF TERM Early Closure of 12.20pm

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

21 DEC - 4 JAN

Start of Term

Tuesday 5 Jan 2027

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Sixth Form

We are excited to launch PALs, a brand-new mentoring programme at Corfe Hills School!

Our fantastic Sixth Form Subject Ambassadors are volunteering their time every Friday morning to provide one-to-one mentoring and academic support to selected Year 10 and 11 students.

From revision techniques and study skills to subject specific support and building confidence, PALs is all about helping every student reach their potential.
We are piloting the programme until Christmas, with exciting plans to extend it further!

Open Evening & Careers Convention

On Wednesday 18 November we welcomed a number of families to our Open Evening and Careers Convention, which was a great success. It was wonderful to see visitors exploring the opportunities available and learning more about life in our Sixth Form and Post 16 Pathways.



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Sixth Form

Next Steps Day

During Next Steps Day, students had the opportunity to experience different A-Level subjects and alternative post-16 destinations, helping them reflect on their interests, strengths and future aspirations. We have encouraged students to think carefully about their next steps, whether that involves joining Corfe Hills Sixth Form, attending college, pursuing an apprenticeship or exploring an alternative pathway.

We had external visitors from The British Army, Rockley College, Coastland College & Apprenticeships holding sessions for students. We would like to thank them for their time.

Application Process for Sixth Form Entry 2027

The deadlines are fast approaching:

Friday 11 December - Current Corfe Hills Students

Wednesday 6 January 2027 - External applications

Please check our website for further information and how to apply.

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School Show
‘9 to 5, The Musical’






"A huge congratulations to our students and staff on a fantastic school show! Everyone’s hard work and dedication truly shone on stage."

It takes a massive effort to bring a production like this to life, and we couldn't be prouder of the teamwork, commitment, and energy shown by everyone both on stage and behind the scenes."






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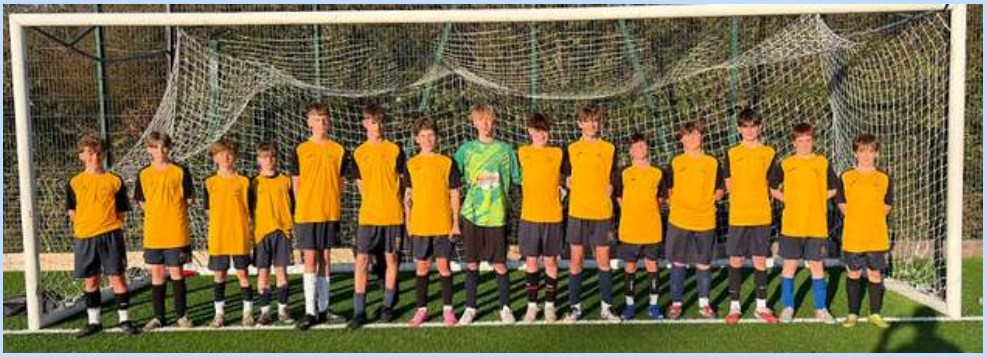
Sports News

Year 10 Netball news- Excitement is building as our Netball team heads into next week's match! With a win, they can secure an amazing 2nd place finish in PEDDSA!



Football News - The Year 9 football team played against Ferndown recently. We can't fault the lads' commitment and enthuasium. A wonderful team!



Rugby News - A tough game against QE for our Sixth Form rugby team. Whilst the result didn't go our way, there were plenty of positives to take from the performance, with some outstanding defensive efforts, great teamwork and real determination throughout.



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Interhouse Sports Week

What an incredible week of sport, competition, teamwork and HOUSE SPIRIT at Corfe Hills! 💚💛❤️

Students across Year 9, 10, 11 and Sixth Form have come together to represent their houses, showcasing fantastic determination, sportsmanship and enthusiasm! 🙌

🏆 Our Interhouse Champions:
🥇 Year 10 (Tuesday) – SANDBANKS
🥇 Year 9 (Thursday) – SANDBANKS
🥇 Year 11 (Friday) – KIMMERIDGE
🥇 Sixth Form (Friday) – LULWORTH







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Children in Need



On Friday 13 November , Corfe Hills Sixth Form encouraged the school to raise money for BBC Children in Need, led by our fantastic Sixth Form Student Leadership Team!

Bake Sale – We sold delicious cakes at break time!

Sponge the Teacher – we had lots of fun with sponging the teacher. What good sports you all were! It was a cold day but that didnt stop them.

Fancy Dress – Our Sixth Form students came in fancy dress!

We come together as a school community, had some fun and made a difference for children and young people across the UK.

Total Raised:
£404.93

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Movember



Mr Dominey is raising money for PROSTATE CANCER UK. Sadly this affects a lot of people so any donation is much appreciated.



It has been fantastic to see staff members get involved in Movember this month. A big thank you to everyone who has shown their support and helped raise awareness of these important causes.

Sixth Form Mixed Dodgeball



Total Raised so far: £405

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Remembrance Day



Thank you to everyone who helped support our students in creating poppies for our Remembrance installation at the front of the school.

Our Sixth Form student leaders brought everything together and it really does look lovely!

A special thank you to Mrs Collins-Donworth and her team for all their hard work cutting out the poppies.

A lovely whole-school effort and something we can all be proud of.

A Big Thank You

Thank you to:

- Broadway Jewellers
- Italian Bakehouse
- Mark Bennett

for providing raffle prizes for the School Show!

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Anti - Bullying Week

Monday 16 to 20 November

A number of activities were arranged to take part in Anti-Bullying week. This year's theme was 'Break the Silence'.
Millions of children face bullying every year in silence, which allows it to grow. When we speak up and choose kindness, bullying loses it's power. Every voice raised made a difference, and this week, we encouraged everyone to start the conversation.

We also raised money for Changes Are Made (C.A.M)
C.A.M is a Dorset based anti-knife crime charity founded by Tracy Jose in memory of her 18-year-old grandson, Cameron Hamilton

A number of activites were arranged throughout the week:

- Karaoke
- Cake Sale
- Crazy Hair Day







Total Raised:
£150

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Cryo Labs





Our Sixth Form A Level PE and Sport students recently took a trip to the Cryotherapy Labs, where they had the fantastic opportunity to experience the science behind sports recovery first-hand!

🧠 💪 It was a brilliant opportunity to take learning beyond the classroom, linking their studies in anatomy, physiology and sports science to real-world applications.

👏 Even Mr Dominey braved the cold and stepped into the cryotherapy chamber! 🥶😂 A great sport and proof that our staff are always willing to lead by example!

Experiences like these are what Sixth Form is all about:
trying something new, challenging ourselves, exploring future careers and bringing learning to life!

💙 Another fantastic example of the exciting opportunities available at Corfe Hills Sixth Form!



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Warner Bros Studio Tour

Design and Technology students enjoyed a fantastic day out at the Warner Bros Studio Tour experiencing the making of the Harry Potter films.

The day involved a self guided tour, looking behind-the-scenes at the actual soundstages used to film all eight Harry Potter movies. We were able to see at first hand the incredible attention to detail that was used to make the costumes, props and scenery, including the iconic stone-floored dining hall at Hogwart's, Hagrid's Hut and Gringott's Wizarding Bank.

Students got a wonderful insight into how animatronic creatures like Aragog and Grawp were created and we marvelled at the huge scale of the model dragons and mythical creatures that were featured throughout the day.

After having a stroll along Diagon Alley, students were able to treat themselves to a butterbeer or to cram inside Ron's Flying car - I think we got 8 students in, possibly a record in itself!

Death Eaters walked amongst us during the tour and we were kept entertained by the varied pyrotechnics and interactive weather elements indoors. The finale was the intricate 1:24 scale architectural model of Hogwarts Castle that was used for filming the exterior aerial shots, it was truly breathtaking and we can only imagine how many hours of dedicated work and craftsmanship went into building it. We were all inspired by the creativity and design skills on show and we would like to thank Mrs Collins-Donworth for planning and arranging such a brilliant trip!













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Launching the Creative Scholars Programme



We are thrilled to celebrate the launch of the Creative Scholars' Programme at Corfe Hills School—an exciting initiative designed to recognise and nurture students who demonstrate exceptional aptitude, commitment, and ambition across our creative and practical subjects.

Pictured above are just some of our newly appointed Creative Scholars. Representing disciplines across Product Design, Graphics, Art, Photography, Media, Food, and Textiles, these students have been selected for their hard work and willingness to push the boundaries of their creative potential.

Built around three core principles—Excellence, Opportunity, and Challenge—the programme extends learning well beyond the standard classroom curriculum. Throughout the year, our scholars will take part in a range of tailored, enhanced experiences:

- Aspirational Visits: Trips such as visiting the Arts University Bournemouth (AUB) exhibition to explore high-level work and discover future pathways in the creative industries.
- Early Access to Advanced Skills: Joint lessons alongside Sixth Form students, giving scholars early exposure to advanced techniques and higher level creative study.
- Creative Ambassadorship & Leadership: Representing their subjects during middle school taster sessions, acting as role models, and supporting younger students during practical activities.

Congratulations to all of our Creative Scholars on this well-deserved recognition. We are incredibly proud of your achievements so far and look forward to seeing where your creativity takes you next!

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Scholars Programme

CORFE HILLS SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

Corfe Hills Scholars Programme is our academic enrichment programme for students who have demonstrated strong academic potential and whom we believe would benefit from additional challenge, enrichment and preparation for highly competitive university pathways.

The following students have been accepted in one of these programmes. We are very proud!



James
Royal Veterinary College
Scholars Programme

RVC Royal Veterinary College University of London



Isabel
Exeter Scholars Programme



Albina, Oliver, Ezra, Charlie, William, Libby, Daniel & Ava
Cambridge STEM SMART Programme

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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A fabulous year of Reading for Pleasure at Corfe Hills

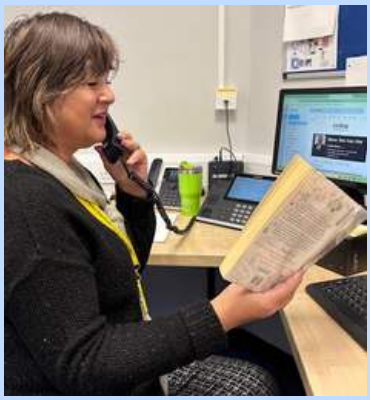
We have celebrated a truly splendid array of literary events for this year's National Year of Reading and look back fondly on 12 months packed with poetry giveaways, author visits from Anjana Khatwa and Nick Jubber, a creative writing competition 'What's in your Head?', book swap tables, a livestream event with Malorie Blackman and our own fabulous 'Here be Monsters' 3 day Lit Fest back in the Summer term, amongst others.
We know that enjoying books and finding pathways into reading makes a huge positive difference to our students, so we were delighted to receive some Government funding specifically focused on buying the books that our students want to read.

These books can be fiction, non fiction, comics or graphic novels but not core curriculum materials as the aim is to read what you love, and to make reading for pleasure a more regular pastime for young people.
To support this some of our staff have chosen a book or two to add to the school library and they'll happily share their recommendations but it is essential that our students choose what we buy next for the library so please email Mrs Lynch slynch@corfehills.net or call in to the LRC and let us know which books you want and make reading your resolution for the year ahead!

Mr Filmer Smith was on the edge of his seat reading 'Project Hail Mary' and says it's the best book he's read in ages. Grab it if you're a bit of a Maths or Sci-Fi geek'
Miss Palmer went for two strong Non Fiction choices but surely not at the same time!
Mrs Wills chose 'Into the Magic Shop' by Dr James Doty to explore the science behind mindfulness.
Mrs Borley couldn't resist sharing 'Storyland' by Amy Jeffs retelling some brilliant British myths and legends
Mrs Lynch chose Wolf Siren and the amazing David Harewood autobiography 'Maybe I don't belong here'
Mrs Davies couldn't put down her copy of Andrea Mara's 'No one saw a thing'; Well, it is a gripping thriller!













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An LRC Christmas story

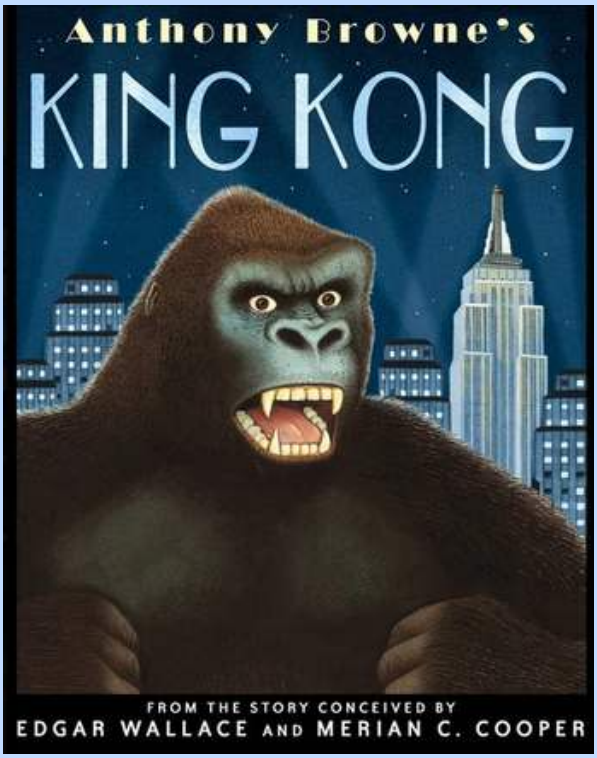
When Mrs Lynch took a phone call from an ex student last month she didn't expect it to be a request for a library book.

Ed studied at Corfe Hills in 2010 and had quite an unusual wish. He and his best friend, Grant met each other in Year 10 and got to know each other when they shared reading Anthony Brown's King Kong in the school library. The book made them laugh and they subsequently re read it over many lunchtimes and a friendship was built. They left Corfe Hills a few years later but have remained best friends.

Luckily Mrs Lynch knew the book that Ed was referring to and found it's slightly battered copy in the Graphic Novel section of the library and agreed to sell it to Ed as a Christmas present for Grant.

Ed commented ' It's so funny to see it again after so many years. We enjoy reminiscing about it and I thought it would make for a great gift, I couldn't believe the date stamp was still inside from when I borrowed it. I think it'll blow his mind to see it again'.

So it just goes to show that a book always makes an excellent Christmas present and you never know how long your memories of the funny moments at school will last!!



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CHS Book Group

CHS Parents' Book Club celebrated a wonderful year of reading with a 'school trip' to see The Mousetrap at the Lighthouse in Poole. It's a classic murder mystery and we really enjoyed an evening at the theatre together.

Book Club are reading 'Hogfather' by Terry Pratchett as our festive reading choice and we will be meeting on Tuesday 15th December in the LRC from 6-7pm for mince pies and more reading inspiration.

Feel free to join us, whether you're a reluctant reader, an avid reader or just want to hear about some new book choices, everyone is welcome! To find out more, please email slynch@corfehills.net





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Operation Christmas Duck

Year 11 are taking part in Operation Christmas Duck, a series of duck related challenges to earn points, competing for a visit from Santa at the end of term. The recent challenge was to put their ducks in a famous Christmas movie scene!







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Operation Christmas Duck

















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Iceland

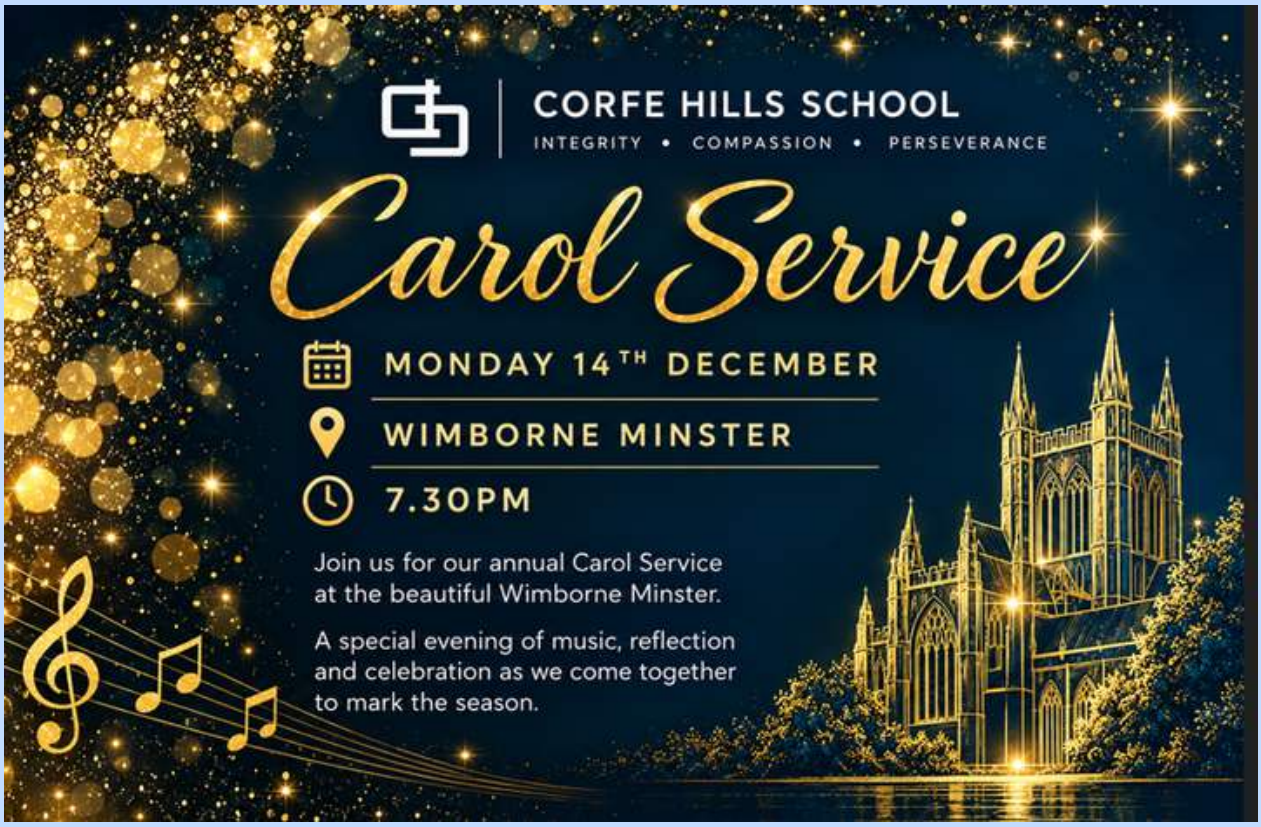
In November, 24 students braved sideways rain and gale-force winds for an unforgettable five day adventure across Iceland. Here is what they packed into the trip:

- Tectonic Drama & Fresh Lava: Starting straight off the plane, the group stood at the Bridge Between the Continents, explored steaming hot springs, and saw the 2023 earthquake and lava damage in Grindavík alongside the recent flows at Nátthagi Valley.
- Geothermal Power & City Stops: Day two brought a behind-the-scenes look at renewable energy at the Hellisheidi Power Station, a detour around storm-lashed Kleifarvatn Lake, souvenir shopping in Reykjavik, and the intense heat of the live Lava Show.
- The Golden Circle: Sunday delivered a dip in the Secret Lagoon, unlimited soup at a geothermal tomato farm, the thunderous Gullfoss waterfall, erupting geysers at Strokkur, and a twilight walk through the Thingvellir tectonic rift.
- Waterfalls & Improvisation: Despite rockfalls and floods forcing a last-minute cancellation of the glacier hike, the group pivoted seamlessly - climbing the 500 steps of Skógafoss, watching massive waves at Reynisfjara black sand beach, walking behind an unfrozen Seljalandsfoss waterfall, and exploring the underground Lava Tunnels.

Despite the atrocious weather, not a single student hesitated to get off the coach and dive in. Back at school, every student names a different moment as their favourite proof of just how much they packed in, and the brilliant sense of adventure they brought with them.



Events


CORFE HILLS SCHOOL
INTEGRITY • COMPASSION • PERSEVERANCE
Carol Service
MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER
WIMBORNE MINSTER
7.30PM
Join us for our annual Carol Service at the beautiful Wimborne Minster.
A special evening of music, reflection and celebration as we come together to mark the season.


THE BIG CHRISTMAS COOKING COMPETITION!
Showcase your culinary skills!
HOW TO ENTER:
1. SNAP TWO PHOTOS:
One photo of you making your festive dish
+
One photo of your delicious finished creation!
Submit photos (Deadline: Sunday 13th Dec)!
WHAT TO BAKE/MAKE:
Decorated Cakes
Mince Pies
Cookies
Fudge
Jam & Chutney
AND MORE!
AND MORE!
BRING A SAMPLE FOR JUDGING!
MONDAY, 14TH DECEMBER
LOCATION: ROOM C2
(Samples must be delivered by 9:00 AM)
'CHRISTMAS BAKE OFF'


Christmas Card Design Competition
We are excited to launch our Christmas Card Competition across all of our schools.
We are inviting our students to get creative and design a festive masterpiece.
The winning design will be chosen as our official Trust Christmas card for this year.
This years theme is
"Community at Christmas"
We want our students to think about what community means during the festive season.
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Hope for Food



We are accepting donations up until Tuesday 15 December.

Any donation is really apprecaited

Christmas Trees



A wonderful parent has kindly donated two real Christmas trees for our school as part of the Arne Nature Reserve Conservation. It is part of Pull-a-Pine on 29 November 2026 with the RSPB. We are looking forward to having them in school next week. Look out for pictures in the next Newsletter!

Swim England Masters National Championships



Mrs Penny from our Science team travelled to Sheffield to complete at the Swim England Masters National Championships. Jenn Penny came away with a PB and a Bronze Medal in the 200m butterfly! What an incredible achievement. Well done Mrs Penny!

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Autism Support

Free Parent/ Carer session: 'An Introduction to Autism'



What is the session about?

The session was co-developed with parents of autistic children, a SENCo, Dorset Parent Carer Council and Specialist Teachers and Educational Psychologists from Dorset Council.

It will help you to:

- Understand what autism is and how it may impact young people and families
- Learn some practical strategies to support an autistic child/young person
- Please note, this is a general information session, so we won't be able to discuss individual children or schools

Who can attend?

Anyone from the community, this could include people:

- with an autistic child
- with a child undergoing an assessment for autism
- who are interested in learning more about autism

Where and when?

Via **Teams** - There are two sessions a term and 50 spaces available for each session.

To book a place, please fill in this form and pick the session that suits you best:

Please click on this Link or scan the QR code above:

The session will be delivered by either an Educational Psychologist or a Specialist Teacher from Dorset Council

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Free christmas event

Lewis-Manning Hospice Care

Christmas Event for Children and Young People

Saturday 12th December 2pm - 5pm
St Mary's Church Centre, Longfleet Road, Poole

You are invited to be alongside others, remembering someone special. There will be activities and refreshments throughout the afternoon.



Sign up today - Call Jo on 07706 337691

We recognise Christmas is a powerful time of year for families, where feelings and emotions can be heightened.

We are offering this FREE event as an opportunity to come together in a safe space and reflect with others.

This event is open to 5-18 year olds to attend with an adult.

We are a local charity providing counselling services for children and families impacted by bereavement.



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Autism and Neurodiversity

An Introduction to Autism and Neurodiversity for Parents

This half-day session provides parents with a basic overview of how Autism and Neurodiversity may present in children and young people. It includes:

- Information about Autism and Neurodiversity, including the 3 areas of difference.
- Young person input: 'My Experiences'.

The session is FREE and open to families who live in the BCP area. Your child does not need to have a diagnosis for you to attend.

Please contact us (details below) to book your space and indicate whether you would like 1 or 2 spaces. Please also confirm if your child attends the school that is hosting the session to help us with allocation of spaces.



Linwood Training, Support and Advice (LTSA)
Linwood School, Alma Road, Winton, Bournemouth BH9 1AJ
Telephone: 01202 525107
ltsa@linwood.bournemouth.sch.uk

Day	Time	Venue
Monday 23 November 2026	09:30–11:45	Moordown St John's CE Primary School, Vicarage Road, Bournemouth BH9 2SA
Tuesday 2 February 2027	09:30–11:45	Christchurch Junior School, Clarendon Road, Christchurch BH23 2AA
Wednesday 24 March 2027	09:30–11:45	Glenmoor and Winton Academies, Beswick Avenue, Bournemouth BH10 4EX
Friday 14 May 2027	09:30–11:45	Bournemouth Collegiate School (BCS), College Road, Southbourne, Bournemouth BH5 2DY
Monday 14 June 2027	09:30–11:45	Oakdale Junior School, 3 School Lane, Oakdale, Poole BH15 3JR
Thursday 8 July 2027	09:30–11:45	Online via Zoom

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Winter Illness

Nationally, illness is the largest cause of school absence, with more than 50 million school days lost in 2025/26 - almost half of all absence



Useful Links:

- Is my child too ill for school?
- animation



ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

OUR STAFF ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU.
THEY MUST FEEL SAFE, RESPECTED AND SUPPORTED TOO.
DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT AND ABUSE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

1. Treat all members of our community with respect and politeness.
2. Listen to others and address concerns through appropriate channels.
3. Act as positive role models for all children and young people.

WE DO NOT TOLERATE:



DISCRIMINATION





ABUSE



VIOLENCE

HARASSMENT

WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION IN MAKING OUR SCHOOL A SAFE, POSITIVE AND INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERYONE.