

Newsletter – July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding school year, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your continued support.

Your encouragement, involvement, and partnership have made a real difference to the experiences and achievements of our children. Whether through attending school events, supporting learning at home, or simply being there with smiles, positivity and words of encouragement, your contribution has been truly valued by all of us at Princecroft.

We are incredibly proud of the progress our children have made this year and the wonderful community we have built together. It is a pleasure to work with your children and to be part of their educational journey. This year, we are celebrating the results of our statutory assessments, all of which have ranked above the national, Pickwick and Wiltshire averages. I would like to extend my thanks to our wonderful teaching and learning team for their relentless drive in their quest for every child to achieve.

A special mention must go to our wonderful Year 6 children, who are now preparing to move on to secondary school. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved during their time at Princecroft. They have been fantastic role models and are a real credit to their families. We will miss their enthusiasm, their unique personalities, and their strong work ethic. We thank them for their many contributions to school life and wish them all the very best as they begin this exciting new chapter. As I said in the leavers' assembly, we are sad to be losing a number of our long-standing families this year too. We have enjoyed getting to know you all so well and we are privileged to have shared so much with you over the years.

A fond farewell to Mrs. Legg-Bagg and Mrs. Bennett – Thank you both for all your contributions to the school and the nursery. You will both be missed enormously. We also wish Miss Surridge all the best as she begins her maternity leave and prepares to welcome her baby girl.

As we now look ahead to the summer break, I hope you and your families enjoy a restful, happy, and safe holiday. We look forward to welcoming most of you back in September for another exciting year of learning and growth.

With warmest wishes for a lovely summer,



Mrs. Gemma Pierson

Headteacher

Letter from Mrs. Sutton, our Chair of Governors

Dear Parents/Carers,

This year has been a very busy and exciting one, as we have successfully moved to become a part of Pickwick Academy Trust, and I would like to say a big thank you to our School Business Manager, Mrs. Dredge, and to Mrs. Pierson for all the additional work they have undertaken to ensure a smooth transition to academy status. After much information seeking, the Governors chose Pickwick Academy Trust as it allowed Princecroft to retain everything that we are proud of and that makes the school special – particularly our research-led curriculum, our classroom practices and the calm behaviour code. Coming into school each week, I am always struck by the calm learning environment and the polite behaviour of the children I meet. They are great ambassadors for Princecroft.

Becoming an academy will not have made any difference to the children's daily school life apart from, perhaps, the visits from the CEO and Trustees at Pickwick, who have taken a great interest in the school. There has, however, been a change in the Governorship of the school in that we are now a "Local Governing Council" rather than a Governing Board and the make-up of that Council is different in that we now require a third of the membership to be staff and a third to be parents. We currently have two parent governors but require one more to ensure we maintain the suggested structure. Being a school governor is a strategic role, giving you an insight into the running of the school from the perspective of all stakeholders. There are 6 meetings per year, held in the evenings, and I ask that you also visit the school at least 3 times in the year during the day. If you are able to offer more time, it certainly won't be refused but it's not essential. If you would like to know more about the role of School Governor I would be very pleased to meet with you or to provide more information via email. Please contact me via admin@princecroft.wilts.sch.uk or leave a message at the school office. The current parent governors are Sally Lloyd and Natalie McEntee (Y3 parents) and I'm sure they would be happy to talk to you regarding the role; please do consider it.

This year has also been very successful for the school with excellent results in the recent Year 1 national phonics screening and the Year 4 times tables screening. The Year 6 SATs results were also exceptional this year. One other area we also excel in is attendance, and that is down to you. Our attendance, at 96%, is way above the National average so thank you for always getting your children to school on time and with all that they need for the school day. Good attendance has a huge impact on children's learning and you clearly understand that.

I do hope you all have a great summer break and I do want to thank you for the support you give the school, especially the FOPS team who work tirelessly to raise money for the school to provide the "extras" a school budget does not allow for. I wish all the Year 6 pupils a successful and happy time at their new schools; the time they have had at Princecroft will stand them in good stead for the road ahead.

Finally, I'm sure you join me in wishing Mrs. Pierson and all the staff at Princecroft a restful and relaxing summer break. We are extremely lucky to have such a committed and talented staff, both teaching and non-teaching, at Princecroft. Staff who are always looking to see just how they can improve the learning experience for all children at the school.

With all good wishes,

R.P. Sutton (Chair of Governors)

Hoodwinked

The Year 5 and 6 production based on the legendary Robin Hood was truly a delight. The children's singing, acting and dancing wowed the audience during their performances. They had learned lines beautifully, delivered them confidently so all could hear and they really embraced the opportunity to put on a show. I am sure we will see some names in lights in the future!



Braeside

A busy term for Years 5 and 6, who packed their bags and headed off on residential for a 2-night stay. Whilst at Braeside, the children experienced the leap of faith, canoeing, archery and much more. I was pleased to visit the site and see the children having a marvellous time. The activities were a 'highlight' for many children and lots struggled to give me a 'lowlight' as they were having so much fun!



Junior Park Run

A first for Princecroft – Mrs. Foyle and Miss Wood took a group of children from their running club to Junior Park Run in Melksham. The children all finished the run and we are very proud of their efforts. Hopefully this won't be their last appearance. Well done to everyone who took part!



Parking

You will have seen a staff presence at the school gates each afternoon recently. Unless you have had written permission confirming you may do so, you must not drive onto site. If you have had permission to park, we will shortly be reviewing this as we do each year based upon need and we will write to you in due course if this affects you.

Sports Day

It seems a while ago now, but Sports Day was very well-received again this year. Thank you for coming to picnic with us and for cheering on your children. Here are some photos of the event courtesy of Matt Curtis.



Year 2 visit to Lyme Regis

On Monday, the Year 2 children visited the Dinosaur Museum and Durdle Door, linking to their geography and history learning this year. A great time was had by all. The children enjoyed looking at fossils and dinosaur bones as well as sitting and sketching Durdle Door. A great experience to bring their learning to life.



Uniform

If you're already starting to think about uniform for next year, please look carefully at the requirements in our policy: [Uniform-policy.pdf](#) Branded items are available from Cool Cats Clothing: [Princecroft Primary School – Cool Cats Clothing](#) If you have items you no longer need and you would like to donate them to our preloved selection, please drop them in at the school office.

Farewell and good luck to our Year 6 Children! 😊

Your secondary schools are very lucky to have you – work hard and have fun! We will miss you all.



Diary Dates

TERM 1	
Monday 1 st September	TD day – School closed
Tuesday 2 nd September	TD day – School closed
Wednesday 3 rd September	School begins
Tuesday 9 th September	3pm - Headteacher briefing 3.20pm - Meet the Teacher meetings after school (you are very much encouraged to attend)
Wednesday 17 th September	Open Day
Tuesday 23 rd September	Flu vaccinations
Thursday 25 th September Friday 26 th September	Individual and sibling photos taken (days for each class to be confirmed)
Thursday 9 th October	9am – Harvest Festival (2 adults per family invited to attend)
Monday 13 th October	Open Day
Tuesday 14 th October	Year 1 visit to the SS Great Britain
Wednesday 15 th October	Years 1-6 Parent workshop – able to join a lesson (time/details to follow)
Wednesday 22 nd October	Last day of term

Term Dates for 2025-26		TD Days (School Closed)
Term 1	1 st September – 22 nd October	Monday 1 st and Tuesday 2 nd September
Term 2	3 rd November – 19 th December	Friday 19 th December
Term 3	5 th January – 13 th February	Friday 13 th February
Term 4	23 rd February – 27 th March	
Term 5	13 th April – 22 nd May	(Monday 4 th May is May Bank Holiday)
Term 6	1 st June – 22 nd July	Monday 1 st June

School policies can be viewed on our school website. If you wish to view other policies please contact the school office via email. Photograph consents can be changed at any point; please contact the school office should you wish to do so. We use a lawful basis for collecting certain data, please contact the school office by email if you wish for us to change or remove any of your data.

WARMINSTER HOLIDAY CAMP

**Princescroft Primary School, Warminster
BA12 8NT**

Friday 25th July - Friday 22nd August

Breakfast Club: 08:00 - 09:00
Camp Day: 09:00 - 15:00
Extended Club: 15:00 - 16:00
Extended Club: 15:00 - 17:30

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	DAY	WEEK
Breakfast Club (08:00 – 09:00)	£5.00	£20.00
Day Booking (09:00-15:00)	£28.50	£128.25
Extended Club (15:00 – 16:00)	£5.00	£20.00
Extended Club (15:00 – 17:30)	£10.50	£42.00



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Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge**, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a **FREE**, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

Why Join?

- It's **FREE!** Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a **lifelong love** of **reading**
- Boosts **confidence**, **creativity**, and **imagination**
- Earn **rewards**, **certificates**, and **prizes**
- Fun for the whole **family**. Visit your **local library** together
- **95%** of children said they **read more** after joining!
- Children **choose their own books** to read over the summer, **collect rewards** for each milestone they reach, and **receive a certificate or medal** when they complete the challenge.



Visit your local library or go online at
summerreadingchallenge.org.uk
 to get started from 5 July 2025.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!

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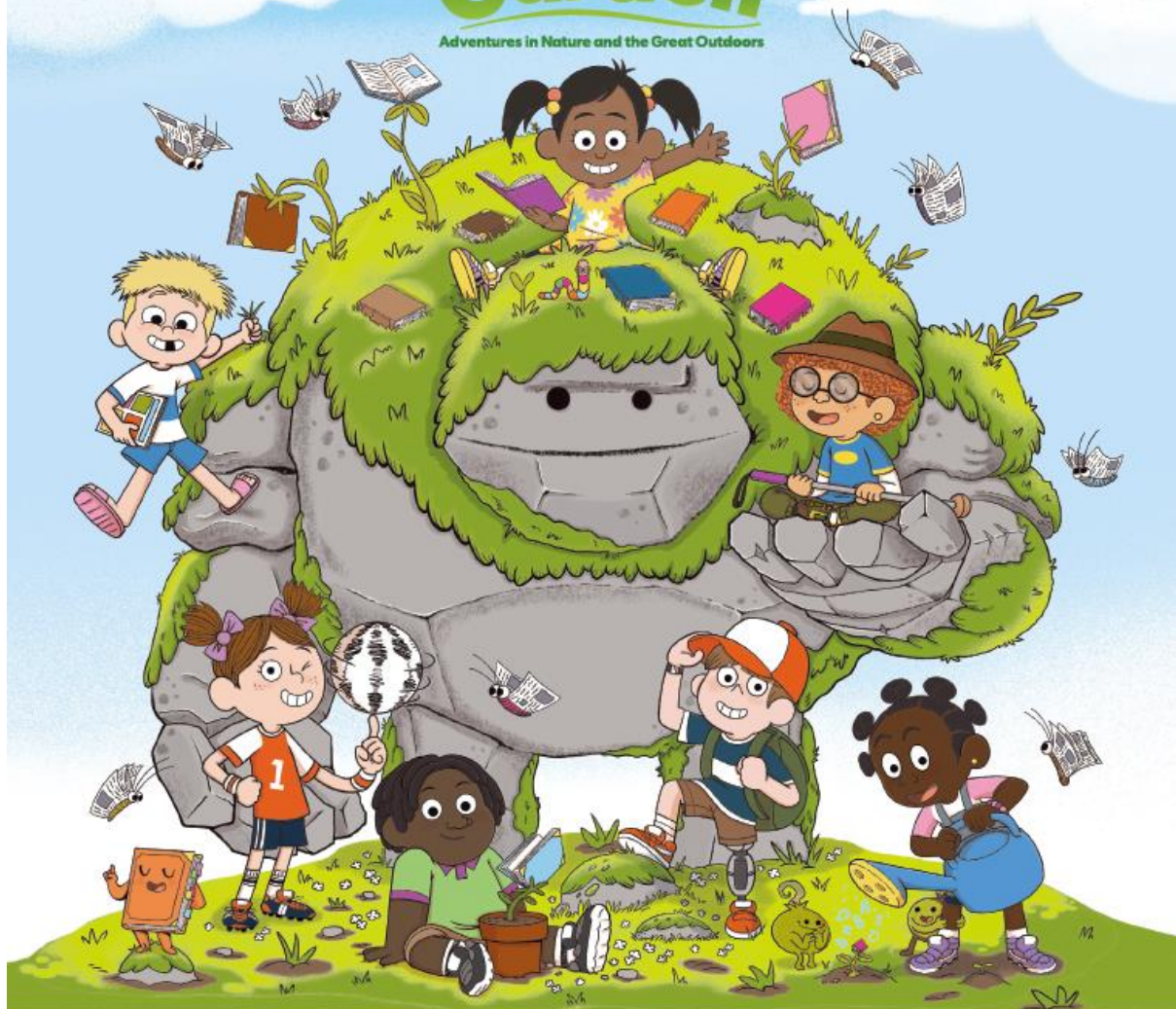
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Story Garden

Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors



summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Free summer reading fun for children aged four to 11 years old
Running in Wiltshire Libraries Sat 5 July to Sat 6 Sept 2025



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WARMINSTER SPORTS CENTRE SUMMER INTENSIVE LESSONS 2025

Tue 5 th – Fri 8 th August 2025	
Stage 4 - Rue	9.00am – 9.30am
Stage 2 - Chloe	9.00am – 9.30am
Stage 3 - Rue	9.30am – 10.00am
Stage 1 - Chloe	9.30am – 10.00am
Stage 2 - Chloe	10.00am – 10.30am
Butterfly Workshop - Rue	10.00am – 10.30am
Stage 1 - Chloe	10.30am – 11.00am
Breaststroke Workshop - Rue	10.30am – 11.00am
Tue 19 th – Fri 22 nd August 2025	
Stage 5 - Chloe	9.00am – 9.30am
Stage 2 - Rue	9.00am – 9.30am
Stage 3 - Chloe	9.30am – 10.00am
Stage 1 - Rue	9.30am – 10.00am
Stage 4 - Chloe	10.00am – 10.30am
Stage 2 - Rue	10.00am – 10.30am
Intro to Rookie Lifeguard - Chloe	10.30am – 11.00am
Stage 1 - Rue	10.30am – 11.00am
Wed 6 th August 2025	
Water Safety 1 - Jazz	9.00am – 9.45am
Water Safety 2 - Jazz	9.45am – 10.30am

PRICES:

Stages 1 – 5, Introduction to Rookie Lifeguard, Breaststroke and Butterfly Workshops:

Mem £31.20 / Non Mem £35.20 / Concession £22.80

Water Safety:

Mem £9.60 / Non Mem £10.60 / Concession £8.40

Booking is essential. Please see reception, or call 01985 212946 or email kirsty.stewart@wiltshire.gov.uk or search [Aqualetes swimming lessons - Wiltshire Council](#)

INTENSIVE SWIMMING LESSONS

Intensive swimming lessons are an excellent introduction to regular lessons or to enable children already in lessons to work on their skills and strokes to help them progress faster in their weekly class.

WATER SAFETY 1

For those that are currently in Stage 3 and wanting to gain more experience to be able to achieve the Water Safety 1 award. Currently not in lessons, but at a Stage 3 level, come along to learn basic water safety awareness and survival techniques such as floating, treading water and submerging and resurfacing without goggles.

WATER SAFETY 2

For those that are currently in Stage 5 and wanting to gain more experience to be able to achieve the Water Safety 2 award. Currently not in lessons, but at a Stage 5 level, come along and learn essential personal survival techniques, key water safety messages from RNLI and RLSS and introduces you to swimming in clothes.

BREASTSTROKE WORKSHOP (Stages 4 & 5)

Why not come down and develop your breaststroke in our workshop. Make your kick symmetrical and breathe like a champ while improving your stroke.

BUTTERFLY WORKSHOP (Stages 5 – 7)

Want to swim the best stroke you can, well the butterfly workshop is for you, develop how to time the arms and the kick to make your stroke take off and end up the best you can.

INTRODUCTION TO ROOKIE LIFEGUARD (Stage 6 upwards)

Rookie Lifeguard enables children to learn valuable water safety skills in a fun, engaging, educational, and social swimming pool environment.

Rookie Lifeguard Pool teaches children interchangeable skills that help build their confidence, promote teamwork, and foster leadership skills. Rookie Lifeguards develop the basic survival, rescue and lifesaving skills that will empower them to respond effectively in emergency situations.



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2025

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ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN

Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

BEEFEATER

Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main

BILLS

Kids Eat Free weekdays, 21st July – 29th Sept

BREWERS FAYRE

Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer

BREWDOG

2 Kids eat free with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August

BURGER KING

From 28th July - 31st August, Kids Eat Free (via app)

CHIQUITO

Kids eat FREE Daily Until August 31st

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids Eat Free from 14th July – 31st August 2025

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

PREMIER INN & TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TESCO

Kids Eat FREE with a 60p spend until Aug 31st

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TOBY CARVERY

Kids eat for £1 all day (weekdays) until Aug 29th

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holiday

ZIZZI

Kids eat free this summer holidays (ex Saturdays)

E-scooters & electric bikes - do you know the law?



E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act 1988.

You therefore need to have:

- **A driving licence**
- **Insurance**
- **MOT and Tax**

It is against the law to ride them on the roads/ pavements or in public spaces. This includes car parks and play parks.

Legal **electrically assisted pedal cycles** can be ridden by people over 14 years old. To be compliant with the law:

- It must have pedals which you need to turn to propel it
- It should have a motor of 250 watts or less
- The electrical assist should cut out at 15.5 mph

If it doesn't meet these criteria, it is classed as a motor vehicle and needs a licence, insurance, MOT and tax to be ridden legally.

If you use an e-scooter or e-bike against the law, you run the risk of it being seized and destroyed. You may also be prosecuted.



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