

Newsletter – September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an incredibly positive start to the school year. The children have settled in beautifully in the first four weeks and it has been a pleasure to see them engaging so well in their learning.

I would like to share further details of our upcoming Harvest Festival next week, which will take place on Thursday 8th October at 9:00am in the school hall. This is always a special occasion in our school calendar, and we look forward to celebrating with you. The children will sing together and each class will share something they have prepared.

As part of our Harvest Festival, we will be supporting Warminster Food Bank and the Alzheimer's Club. If you feel you are able to contribute, donations of non-perishable food items such as tins, packets and bottles will be gratefully received. These can be brought into school on Wednesday 7th October or Thursday 8th October. We know times are challenging for many, so any donations—big or small—will be very much appreciated.

The Harvest Festival is always a very busy and well-attended event. To ensure that everyone is able to enjoy the celebration, we kindly ask that attendance is limited to two people per family.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing many of you at the Harvest Festival.

Best wishes,



Mrs. Gemma Pierson
Headteacher

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Admin on Arbor

A reminder that all meals and breakfast club sessions **MUST** be booked in advance on Arbor. We are unable to provide meals that have not been booked due to them needing to be ordered in advance.

Please log into Arbor and complete the data collection information and consents. Keeping all your data up to date is important and ensures we hold the most recent information.



Safety on Site

Please ensure that mobile phones are not out on the school premises – this ensures there is no opportunity for unsupervised photos to be taken of the children.

We do not permit dogs on site. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

It is not permitted for parents to be in the school building unescorted. This includes after school and after Acorns.

Socks and Footballs

Thank you for your kind donations of clean socks and old footballs. From an environmental standpoint, donations are far more sustainable than buying new – your support is very much appreciated. A special thank you to one of our neighbours for the generous donation of new footballs too. This was such a kind gesture and we are incredibly grateful.



Play Equipment

As previously mentioned, the trail play equipment on the school field is not in use at the moment. This is because the last inspection found that the bases were beginning to rot. We are looking into repair/replacement options, but both are quite costly. We are also exploring grant funding avenues and hope to have a resolution soon.

Applying for School

If you have a child who will turn 5 between 1st September 2027 and 31st August 2028, it is time to apply for their primary school place. You are very welcome to book a tour of the school by contacting the school office. The application form can be accessed via the Wiltshire Council website: [Apply for a school place - Wiltshire Council](#)





Join a Lesson

On Thursday, 15th October, we invite you to come and join a Sounds-Write/reading lesson with your child. There will be a chance to meet with your child's teacher at 9am to learn a little bit about how we plan and teach reading whilst the children are in assembly. When they return, you will be able to join in the lesson with them. If you have more than one child, you are welcome to move between classrooms.

Grade 1 Piano

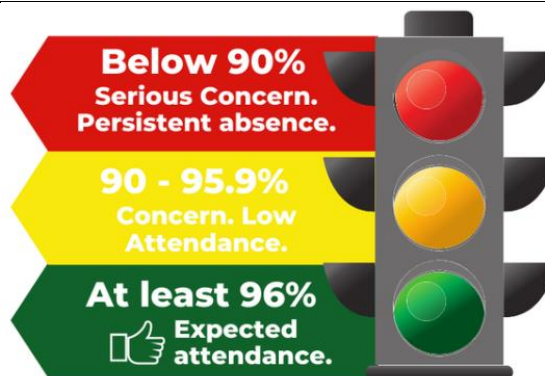
We would like to celebrate our first ever child to take an Associated Board of the Royal School of Music exam at Princecroft. In the summer term, Joel (who has now moved to Year 7) passed his Grade 1 exam with Merit. Well done to Joel and Mrs. Cooper! We hope he continues to pursue music at secondary school.



Attendance

Attendance on the whole this month has been positive. Remember that every day counts – the amount of learning children can miss in a day can leave them feeling a bit lost when they return. Help them to get the most from their education by being in school every day on time. They can still attend with a cough, cold or minor aches and pains.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)



Parent Support Group

We are keen to build opportunities for parents to share experiences/advice about all things parenting. It isn't always easy and there are times when sharing worries with others without judgement can be really powerful. This is something that doesn't have to be led by school, more an opportunity for people to connect and support one another. We will put together a short Microsoft Forms to gauge interest and see how best to arrange this.

Junk Modelling

Mrs. Batchelor has created a lovely junk modelling station which we use to keep the Seacole Class creative area topped up with materials. It looks beautiful at the moment, but it is a well-loved area in the classroom and it will very quickly be used. If you have any clean tubes, boxes or bits and pieces to reuse or recycle that Seacole Class would enjoy creating with, please drop them in at the Reception classroom or the office. Thank you.



School Photos



Individual and sibling photos will be taken this week. Matt Curtis will be in the school hall from Wednesday-Friday this week (30th September-2nd October).

Nursery photos will be on Wednesday 30th September from 9am onwards. If your child does not normally attend nursery on Wednesday and you would like their photograph taken, you are welcome to bring them in. You would need to stay with your child and take them home afterwards.

Below is an outline of the plan. We usually do siblings as the youngest child in a family is photographed.

Wednesday 30th: Parents bring children who would not usually attend nursery on Wednesday
Bumblebees (+siblings)
The Hive (+ siblings)
There is a chance that Matt may get onto some of the Reception photos too.
For nursery siblings in other year groups who have PE on Wednesdays,
please send your child's uniform with them.

Thursday 1st: Reception (+siblings)
Year 1 (+siblings)
Year 2 (+siblings)

Friday 2nd: Year 3 (+siblings)
Year 4 (+siblings)
Year 5 (+siblings)
Year 6



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WEDNESDAY
30TH SEPTEMBER



5:30 PM



AT THE SCHOOL

Come along to hear about our activities, find out our plans
for the year ahead and share your ideas.

A great opportunity to get involved and help support
our wonderful school community.

All are welcome ♥

TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

KINDER MINDS
BRIGHTER TOMORROWS

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.

Diary Dates

Term 1	
Tuesday 29 th September	Year 3 visit to Stonehenge (details TBC)
Wednesday 30 th September	FoPS AGM 5.30pm
Wednesday 30 th September	The Hive and Bumblebotts individual and sibling photographs
Thursday 1 st and Friday 2 nd October	Reception – Year 6 individual and sibling school photographs
Thursday 8 th October	Harvest Festival 9am in the school hall
Monday 12 th October	Flu vaccinations
Thursday 15 th October	Parent reading workshop and join a reading lesson Years 2-6
Thursday 15 th October	Year 1 SS Great Britain trip
Friday 16 th October	Open Day for prospective families
Wednesday 21 st October	Last day of term Mufti Day for winning house
Term 2	
Monday 2 nd November	Start of term 2
Wednesday 11 th November	Open Day for prospective families
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need Children can wear related merchandise if they wish. We have a few items available in school.
Thursday 19 th November	Reception and Year 1 Stay and Play 9am
Monday 23 rd November	Assessment Week 1 Parliament Week
Monday 30 th November	Assessment Week 2
Tuesday 1 st and Wednesday 2 nd December	Parents' Evenings
Thursday 10 th December	Key Stage 2 Carol Concert 2pm in the hall
Monday 14 th December	Nativities for EYFS and Key Stage 1 will be this week – more details to follow.
Monday 14 th December	Open Day for prospective families
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term Mufti Day for Winning House
<i>Look out for other dates – particularly Christmas events - in the next newsletter.</i>	

Term Dates for 2026-27		TD Days (School Closed)
Term 1	1 st September – 21 st October	Monday 1 st and Tuesday 2 nd September
Term 2	2 nd November – 18 th December	
Term 3	4 th January – 12 th February	Monday 4 th January and Friday 12 th February
Term 4	22 nd February – 25 th March	
Term 5	12 th April – 28 th May	Monday 12 th April Monday 3 rd May is Bank Holiday Monday
Term 6	7 th June – 23 rd July	

A Message from Wiltshire Council

Supporting Safe and Considerate Parking Around Schools

Wiltshire Council is increasingly receiving concerns and complaints from residents regarding parking behaviour outside schools during drop-off and pick-up times. We are therefore seeking your support in promoting safe, considerate and responsible parking practices within your school community.

The safety of children, parents, staff and local residents must remain our shared priority. Vehicles parked inconsiderately can obstruct visibility, create hazards for pedestrians and cyclists, block access for residents and emergency vehicles, and contribute to congestion around school gates.

We encourage schools to take a proactive approach with parents and carers, as prevention is always preferable to enforcement. There are several simple measures that can help reduce parking issues, including:

- Encouraging walking, cycling, scooting and other forms of active travel
- Promoting parents park a short distance away and walk the final part of the journey
- Running awareness campaigns that remind parents to park safely and considerately
- Involving pupils through poster competitions, assemblies and road safety initiatives
- Encouraging families to make a "Parking Promise" to park responsibly and respect local residents

Experience shows that messages delivered through schools can be highly effective in changing behaviour and reducing complaints.

While Wiltshire Council will continue to monitor concerns and undertake parking enforcement where necessary, we hope that by working together we can minimise the need for Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) and instead achieve lasting improvements through education, awareness and community responsibility.

We would be grateful if you could remind parents and carers that there is no exemption allowing parking restrictions to be ignored for school drop-offs or collections, and that parking must always be undertaken safely, legally and with consideration for others.

Thank you for your support in helping to keep our school communities safe.



A Message from Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

Back to school safely

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service would like to welcome everyone back to school. We would like to share some safety tips for you to discuss with your child as appropriate.

Enter our prize draw quiz to win a VIP trip to a fire station and other prizes by using what3words to find the firefighters [Find the Firefighter - what3words – Fill in form](#)

Or use this QR code.



Travelling to and from school

In the car or other vehicle:

- Always wear your seatbelt
- Do not distract the driver
- Exit the car carefully, especially if you are stepping onto the road

As the driver, always drive to the road conditions and take extra care around the school area where there could be young children crossing the roads.

Please park considerately to avoid accidents or preventing emergency vehicles getting through.

On your bike or scooter:

Wear your safety gear; helmets, wrist, elbow and knee protectors.

Ride carefully being aware of other road and pavement users

Use lights as it gets darker in the mornings and evenings.

Make sure your bike or scooter is in a good condition.

Walking:

Cross the roads carefully; remember stop, look, listen and think before you cross.

As the mornings and evenings get darker, wear bright and reflective coats so you can be seen.

Always listen to the adult you are walking with.

If there is help to cross the road such as a crossing patrol, a zebra crossing, traffic lights then use them.

If you are old enough to walk without an adult, remember to take care and never rush to cross the road.

Water and ice:

If you walk near waterways such as rivers or canals, always take care and never walk near the edge, especially if it is muddy and slippery.

Never walk on ice.

Know how to “float” like a star if you ever get in difficulty in water.

At home:

Cooking

If you are old enough to be allowed to cook at home, always take care around the cooker. Never leave the cooking unattended.

Around the cooker should be tidy so things do not fall onto the hot hob.

Never play near the cooker.

Charging items

If you have any items which need charging, and you are old enough to be allowed to plug them into charge make sure you always plug them in carefully.

Only charge items when you are awake.

If you have a mobile phone, never leave it in your bed or under your pillow whilst you sleep

Always use the correct charger for the item ie your phone, tablet, switch etc

In an emergency

If the smoke alarm sounds:

- Get out – make sure you know your fire escape plan
- Stay out - until an adult tells you it is safe to return inside
- Call 999 – give the address of where help is needed and what the problem is

If you have a mobile phone, consider downloading what3words so you can give an accurate location, this is very useful if you need help outside. .

Look out for more safety advice and prize draw safety quizzes from the fire and rescue service throughout the year.

Stay safe and have a great time at school

Thank you, from the firefighters of Dorset and Wiltshire

WARMINSTER HOLIDAY CAMP



PH CAMPS

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

 **Thursday 22nd - Friday 23rd October**
Monday 26th - Friday 30th October

 **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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Primary schools

- Offer for 2026-27 academic year
- The parent/ carer webinars will be available for any parent/ carer of a young person in a MHST school to sign up for by using the QR code or links below.
- A reminder of the webinar will be sent a day before the webinar event.
- These webinars will be delivered across Wiltshire and BANES MHST schools.



Parent/ Carer Webinars

Understanding Anxiety in Children and Young People

- Understanding anxiety.
- Recognising signs and symptoms of anxiety.
- Strategies for supporting a child who is experiencing anxiety.

The Understanding Anxiety in Children and Young People webinar will be held on...

Monday 19th October 2026 at 9.30-10.30am

You can sign up and join the webinar by using the link or QR code below:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/02b7222f-572a-4d6d-997c-37237bd13f23@759ac89b-2aa4-4973-b048-e6903b46a8b6>



Sleep hygiene

- Information about sleep.
- Understanding the links between sleep and mental health.
- How to improve sleep.

The Sleep Hygiene webinar will be held on...

Tuesday 20th October at 4-5pm

You can sign up and join the webinar by using the link or QR code below:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/72bfe2ff-2472-46c5-91c8-f12e7a6e2117@759ac89b-2aa4-4973-b048-e6903b46a8b6?source=copyLinkLegacyShareLinkDialog>



Recognising and Understanding Barriers to School Attendance

- Understanding anxiety and barriers to school attendance.
- Tips on talking to your child about anxiety and school.
- Working together to support your child.
- Taking care of your own wellbeing.

The Recognising and Understanding Barriers to School Attendance webinar will be held on...

Wednesday 7th October 2026 at 4-5pm

You can sign up and join the webinar by using the link or QR code below:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/bdc2890d-18c8-469a-b930-6290d187826d@759ac89b-2aa4-4973-b048-e6903b46a8b6>



For further information about any of these sessions please speak to your allocated EMHP, alternatively you can contact: mhstwiltsreferrals@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk.



Online Course

Understanding School Anxiety

Early Signs of Emotionally Based School Avoidance

Two Dates Available:

Monday 12 October 10:00-12:00

Thursday 26 November 10:00-12:00

**Booking
closes 7
days before
course start
date**



- What is Emotionally Based School Avoidance?
- Strategies to support with school based anxiety and worry
- Practical ways to support school attendance
- Educational Psychologist available to answer questions

**For bookings and enquiries: scan the QR code,
call the FaCL team on 01225 770478 or contact
familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk**

Courses are no cost to learners who meet our eligibility criteria. Learners must be aged 19+ years old on 31 August. They must have a Wiltshire postcode and meet certain residency requirements. Learners must also be able to tick one of the following criteria: individual income less than £25,750 a year; in receipt of benefits (other than child benefit); be a care leaver, foster carer or carer; be a military family or ex-armed forces personnel; have refugee status; have a learning difficulty or disability; be looking to go into work, now or in the future.

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Helping My Child with Anxiety and Worry

**Tuesday 20
October
10:00am-12:00pm
Online**



For caregivers of primary-aged children

- Understand how to support wellbeing at home
- Suggestions shared to manage anxiety together
- Positive and realistic help for the family
- Suitable for parents/carers with primary school aged children

Booking closes 7 days before the course start date

**For bookings scan the QR code or contact: 01225 770478
familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk
<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/>**

Courses are no cost to learners who meet our eligibility criteria. Learners must be aged 19+ years, have a Wiltshire postcode, and meet residency requirements. Learners must also be able to tick one of the following criteria: earning less than £26,800 a year; in receipt of benefits (other than child benefit); be a care leaver, foster carer or carer; be a military family or ex-armed forces personnel; have refugee or asylum status; have a learning difficulty or disability; be looking to work, now or in the future.



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Online course Helping My Child Build Concentration and Resilience

Thursday 29 October
10:00-12:00

Ideal for parents and carers of
primary school-aged children



- Explore how the environment affects concentration
- Discover how words can help develop resilience
- Develop ways to support concentration and resilience



**Booking closes
Thursday 22 October**



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Online Course



Ideal for parents and carers of primary school-aged children

Helping My Child to Prepare Positively for Change

Thursday 5 November
10am-12pm

Booking closes Thursday 29 October 2026

- Explore the reasons why children may find change difficult
- Discover ways to support your children at home in developing their ability to cope with change.
- Develop an understanding of how simple steps at home can help children prepare for change.

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Working in Schools

Online course

Starts Friday 6 November 10am-12pm

Friday 10am - 12pm

6 13 20 27 November 4 December

**Book by
30 October**



Feel more confident applying for jobs in schools

- ✓ Roles and responsibilities when supporting learning
- ✓ Behaviour management and Five to Thrive
- ✓ Ways to promote wellbeing and safety
- ✓ Using curriculum guidance



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