



# Newsletter 3

22 September 2023



Growing together to build our future

## Message from the Headteacher

During our Inset days at the beginning of September, Merley staff were involved in a review of our Behaviour Guidance. This guidance has been updated, shared and agreed at school level and I am now able to share this document with you. We explicitly teach the children the behaviours we expect to see, linked to our Merley Learner Behaviours and the three thrust wide behaviour expectations:

- 1) readiness to learn
- 2) respectful relationships
- 3) engagement

The guidance in full can be found [here](#).

Thank you for attending our Meet the Teacher meetings on Tuesday this week, it was lovely to see you. If you were not able to attend, the presentations are on the website and can be accessed [here](#).

I would like to congratulate Miss Snape and her partner on the arrival of their second child earlier this month. Ralph arrived safely weighing in at 10lbs 3oz and everyone is adjusting well. We can't wait for them to visit school soon!

Have a lovely weekend,

**Katharine Anstey**  
**Headteacher**

**This is a school for everyone. Everyone is welcome.**



### Safeguarding and Online Safety

Through partnership working with BCP Council, Dorset Police and the Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group the Partnership has put together a briefing document with key information for parents/carers with more information about risks linked to county lines and exploitation.

If you have any serious concerns about a child, particularly if you think they may be suffering or at risk of suffering harm, please share this information promptly with the Designated Safeguarding Lead Team. If you are unable to contact a member of the school team and you wish to pass on serious concern, please call the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 01202 735046 We are an Operation Encompass school, to find out more please follow the link [here](#).

Open conversation is best when negotiating online safety with children and young people. Find guidance on these conversations here from the NSPCC <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

### Privacy Notice

Wimborne Academy Trust is committed to protecting the privacy and security of personal information. The privacy notice describes how we collect and use personal information about pupils, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), section 537A of the Education Act 1996 and section 83 of the Children Act 1989. Please find the document [here](#) on the school website.

## Attendance

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child's attendance in school and being on time every day. Good attendance in school is a top priority and our expectation is that pupils attend school every day for every session. We believe that regular, uninterrupted attendance secures the best possible learning achievement for all our children and we are committed to working in partnership with families to achieve this. Schools are expected to monitor all pupils' attendance records closely and to pass these on to the receiving school when pupils transfer.

## This week's attendance

Whole School	93.08%
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## When will absences not be authorised?

The school will not authorise absence for any of the following reasons: holidays, shopping, looking after other members of the family, minding the house, birthdays or similar events.

Children will be marked in as late after 8.55 am and children arriving after 9.15 am are recorded as an unauthorised absence. We carefully monitor pupils who arrive late for school and work with parents and carers to improve punctuality.

## Do you have a comment, thought or question you would like to share with the school?

Please use the link [here](#) to access our communication form.

The Wimborne Green Festival takes place from Saturday 14 October to Saturday 21 October 2023.

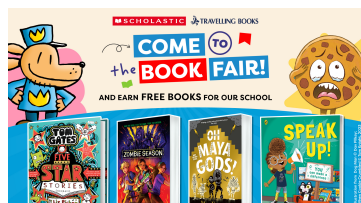


PLANET WIMBORNE  
GREEN FESTIVAL

To celebrate the event, Planet Wimborne are arranging a Poster Competition for all schools and children in the Wimborne area. The main points are:

- The posters can be any A4 or A3 size and should celebrate Trees and the benefits they provide.
- There will be three age groups: First School; Middle School; Secondary School
- All participants will receive an attractive certificate
- Trophies and book tokens will be awarded to the first three winners in each of the 3 categories
- Entries will be collected from school offices on **Wednesday morning 4 October 2023**
- **A display of all entries will be mounted at Wimborne Library for the week beginning October 9**

All winners and parents/teachers will be invited for a tea party at the Wimborne Library to receive their trophies on **Thursday October 12 at 3pm** – prizes will be presented by the Chair of Planet Wimborne.



After huge popularity last year, we will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair again this term. The book fair will be open for parents and children in the school hall from 3.30pm to 4.00pm on:

**Tuesday 26th September**

**Wednesday 27th September**

**Friday 29th September**

It is a cashless event and payments will be made on the day via the Scholastic

website <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay>

There will be QR codes in the school hall to access the website on the day. Remember to bring your mobile phone!

Please see a poster below from The Wimborne Valognes Twinning Association regarding an upcoming schools and community show which some Merley Children will be participating in.

## Forthcoming Diary Dates AUTUMN TERM 2023

### September 2023

Tuesday 26th September- Reception Information Event 6-7pm

Tuesday 26th September Merley PTA mtg 8pm Willet Arms- All parents welcome

27th - 29th September - Book Fair - After school each day in the hall. Please pop in!

### October 2023

Monday 9th Oct 23 2.45pm - Celebration of learning - Families welcome into the classroom to share learning

Monday 9th Oct Open Morning for new prospective parents Sept 2024- Booking required

Tuesday 17th Oct 5-7pm Open Evening for new prospective parents Sept 2024



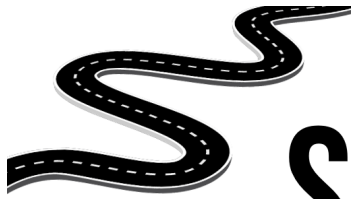
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October - Half Term - No children in school

Monday 30th October - Staff training day - No children in school

### November 2023

Monday 6th Nov Open Morning for new prospective parents Sept 2024- Booking required

Tuesday 7th November 9:00-10.00am Inclusion coffee morning - All parents welcome



# STICKY CHURCH



SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER

3:30 PM - 5:15PM

AT THE LANTERN CHURCH

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN OF ALL AGES



WWW.THELANTERNCHURCH.ORG

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SIGN UP





# Wimborne-Valognes Twinning Association



**HELLO!      BONJOUR!**

**A Wimborne area  
schools and community show!**

**Wednesday 18 October  
7.30 pm**

**At the Allendale Wimborne**

**Tickets £5.00 from the Allendale**

**[www.theallendale.org/tickets](http://www.theallendale.org/tickets) or call 01202 887247**