



# Newsletter 26

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## Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to the summer term. I hope you had a restful and fun break over Easter and are ready for a busy term ahead.

We have been delighted to welcome Shelley and 360 Degrees Sports Coaching into school this week to offer alternative play time activities for the children. It has been a great success with lots of children from Year 3 and 1 getting involved daily. Next week it will be Year 4 and 2's turn, with Reception having a turn nearer to half term. Alongside this, staff are also benefiting from Shelley's expertise within the PE curriculum, having the chance to team teach alongside Shelley to maximise the children's learning opportunities and develop teacher's PE subject knowledge. There has been a real buzz around the school with children talking about PE and their lunchtime activities which has been fantastic to see! Don't forget, there are also 2 afterschool clubs this term that 360 Degrees Coaching are offering; Dodgeball on a Tuesday and Cricket on a Wednesday. If you would like to sign your child up to any of these clubs, please follow this link [360 Degrees Coaching](#) or pop into the office who will signpost you in the right direction.



## Staffing update

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Morris, Robin's class teacher on Mondays and Tuesdays, is expecting her second child in the Autumn. This is an exciting time for the family and we wish them well. Miss Gover, Owl's class teacher is expecting her first child, also in the Autumn and we also wish her and her partner all the best. Both teachers plan to complete their teaching commitments for this academic year before starting maternity leave. In addition, I can share with you some staffing news for September 2024. I am delighted to announce that following a successful recruitment process, Miss Chloe Laws will be returning in September as class teacher in Reception. We will also be joined by Miss Abigail Jessop, who previously worked with in our Trust of schools but has recently been teaching overseas. I will provide you with an update on the full staffing team for September after the half term break.

Next week, we hope you can join us on Tuesday evening in the school hall from 6pm to learn more about how to help your child in maths. We will be sharing our approach of how we teach number fluency including times tables and specifically what you can do at home to help your child. Teachers will be available to discuss the strategies we use and each year groups expectations. Please come along. All are welcome.

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

Initio Learning 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.

Policies can be found on our school website and contact the school office if you require documents in different formats.

### 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	96%
Year 4	95.29%
Year 3	96.48%
Year 2	96.63%
Year 1	95.75%
Reception	95.83%

### 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.

### Is your child eligible for Pupil Premium funding?

You may be entitled to financial support towards uniform, trips, an extracurricular activity, milk and school meals. Use the link [here](#) to check.

### Little Princess Trust - Lily's Hair Donation

Lily in year 4 had a big change over Easter. She decided to donate 12 inches of her hair to the Little Princess Trust. This was such a big thing for her as she always had such long hair. She now loves her new short hair. Here are the before and after pictures. Well done Lily!



### Wimborne Town Council and Planet Wimborne Poster Competition

Wimborne Town Council and Planet Wimborne have arranged a poster competition for schools and children in the Wimborne area. Based on the ideas generated by the School Council, the Town Council and Planet Wimborne have agreed the following criteria for entries:

- use of A4 paper size, landscape or portrait orientation
- content to focus on encouraging recycling and use of rubbish bins
- three entry age groups: first school ages, middle school ages and secondary school ages
- the name of the child, home address and school name clearly marked on the back of the poster entry

- entries should be posted or dropped off at the Town Hall at the address above by noon on Friday 24 May 2024 marked for the attention of Councillor Hart.

All participants will receive a certificate for participating in the competition and winners will receive book tokens. A display of all entries will be exhibited around the town and in the Town Hall after the competition deadline. All winners and schools will be invited to a presentation where their poems will be read aloud at the next School Council meeting on 11 June at the Town Hall at 4pm. All schools are asked to confirm their interest in participating in this competition by emailing Gary Mason at [gary.mason@wimborne.gov.uk](mailto:gary.mason@wimborne.gov.uk) by Friday 10th May. For any further ideas to stimulate creative ideas, the internet has lots of resources related to recycling and climate change including the [Woodland Trust](#) and [Tree Council](#) .

### **Wimborne Town Council D-Day Poetry Competition**

During assembly this week, the children were told about Wimborne Town Council's Merley poetry competition to commemorate the historic events of D-Day.

D-Day, is one of the pivotal moments of World War II. It marks the courage and sacrifice of countless individuals who fought for freedom and peace. It is essential that we continue to honour and remember their bravery, ensuring that the legacy of D-Day lives on for future generations.

The poetry competition is open to students of all ages and abilities, and there will be separate categories based on age groups to ensure fair participation. The poems will be judged based on creativity, relevance to the theme, and overall artistic merit. Participating in this competition provides an excellent opportunity for students to develop their writing skills, deepen their understanding of history, and engage with their community. Additionally, selected poems may have the chance to be featured in local publications or events, further amplifying the voices of our young poets.

Details of the competition:

- All students are encouraged to write one poem of any length on D Day
- The poem should have the writer's name, age and school on the back of the submitted poem.

Please hand to Mrs Baldwin by Friday 10th May 2024.

## **Forthcoming Diary Dates SPRING TERM 2024**



### **April 2024**

**Tuesday 23rd April** - Maths Fluency Information Evening for parents/carers 6pm - 7pm

### **June 2024**

**Tuesday 4th June** - Year 2 Rabbit class trip to Russell Cotes Museum (details to follow)

**Thursday 6th June** - Year 2 Hedgehog class trip to Russell Cotes Museum (details to follow)

**Friday 14th June** - Sports Day - morning only

**Tuesday 18th June** - Reserve Sports Day

**Friday 21st June** - Staff training day (no children in school)

### **July 2024**

**Monday 1st to Wednesday 3rd July** - Year 4 PGL Residential

**Thursday 11th July** - Year 3 trip to Winchester Science museum (details to follow)

**Friday 12th July** - PTA Summer Fair

**Tuesday 23rd July** - Last day of term. 3.15pm finish.



## WIMBORNE CRICKET CLUB ALL STARS & DYNAMOS SESSIONS



**All Stars Cricket** provides a fantastic first experience for children aged 5-8 years old where they're guaranteed 8 weeks of jam-packed fun, activity & skills development.

**Dynamos Cricket** provides a fantastic next step for all those graduating from All Stars Cricket and the perfect introduction for all 8-11 year-olds new to the sport!

**When: Friday 10th May - 5th July (8 weeks)**

**Time: All Stars @ 4:30 - 5:30pm // Dynamos 5:45 - 6:45pm**

**Where: The Leaze, Wimborne CC**

**How to Join!! : [www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars](http://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars)**

**[www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamoscricket](http://www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamoscricket) (search for Wimborne CC)**



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