

PUDDLETOWN VC CE FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Year 3 greenhouse DT



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REMINDERS

Welcome back to the final half term of the year! What amazing weather we had for our holiday – I hope you all managed to make the most of it.

We have been making the most of our outdoor learning already this term. At Puddletown school we hope to be very much part of our community, helping our children to connect with nature and our farming communities. Reception and year 2 visited Wessex Wild farm near Tincleton to enhance their science curriculum, Year 1 are shortly going on their visit to Mr and Mrs Cox's farm and year 4 have been out in the Bluebell woods near Athelhampton learning about our native woodlands with 'Trees for Dorset'. All year groups have also been given forest school sessions in school to make the most of our incredible grounds. We believe that this exposure and knowledge of our natural surroundings will help inspire future custodians and champions of the natural world.

Year 3 and 4 took part in the Dorchester first schools football tournament at the Avenue ground and had a fantastic time. They performed fantastically well and were congratulated on their sportsmanship and good manners which is a pleasure to hear. We have also provided 'Bikeability' sessions for year 4 to ensure they can ride their bikes safely as they begin to grow in independence.

We want to give a huge CONGRATULATIONS to Stanley in Year 4 who has just won in his category for tumbling becoming an England champion for his age. He is impressive to watch and the speed he moves at is incredible. He has shown real dedication and hard work to achieve this impressive title and is inspiring his school mates.



Please ensure your child has a hat to protect them from the midday sun.



Reception snails

PARKING

Please be thoughtful when picking up or dropping off at breakfast/afterschool club so that staff can access their parking. Staff carpark is only for staff or families with disability permissions.



New reception sandpit

The Arts also continue to be very important to us. We recently took year 3 and 4 to Poole Lighthouse to work with the Bournemouth symphony orchestra. It was so incredible to see and hear a full orchestra and this year we also had an opera singer. Rehearsals are well underway for our Summer production of Peter Pan for years 3 and 4 and we can't wait to see it all come together. Meanwhile our whole school singing, class 4 samba lessons, year 3 recorder lessons and the breadth of private music tuition offered, means all our children can access high quality music education. If you would like to explore private guitar, ukulele, piano lessons or any other instrument, please contact the office. There are 50% discounts for families that meet the pupil premium threshold.

We had a visit from PC Ally and police dog Sam, just before half term who is our community police officer. She talked to the children about her job and career and answered the children's questions and reminded them how the police can help keep them safe

We are committed to working in close partnership with our families to support children's personal development, wellbeing and safety.

From September 2026, all schools will be required to follow updated national guidance for Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE). As part of this, we are reviewing and updating our current provision.

We would like to invite you to take part in a consultation on our updated approach. Please keep your eye out for a letter this week giving more details of how we hope to work with you so that you are informed of the updates to our usual RSHE program. This will include a short survey, our draft updated RSHE policy and links to view teaching materials. We will also be holding an in-person opportunity to view curriculum materials and view a power point on Monday 15th June at 2.45pm. This will also be available digitally. In our first school setting the content is very much age appropriate and child centered, delivered as part of a wider personal development curriculum through an approved scheme.

We are looking forward to the next school year and will have a transition morning on the 7th of July to give everyone the opportunity to spend a morning with their new teacher in preparation for the coming year. Year 4s will spend it in their new middle school and our new reception children will join us too. This is always a fun and exciting morning and gives children that opportunity to have a taster of their year to come.

We look forward to an action-packed end of Summer with sports days, trips, plays and our FOPs colour run/fete. Please do pop your name down to help support your child's class activity. These events very much rely on everyone getting involved to enable a fantastic event for your children and families while raising vital funds that support all the extracurricular trips and opportunities that we could not attend if Fops didn't help support and cover transport costs.

Thank you for your continued support to ensure Puddletown First provides the best experiences and learning for your children.

Keep an eye on our website school calendar where all dates and info are posted.

Mrs Anna Seal

Head of school

Puddletown Preschool

Currently has some spaces for September and is now taking children from 2y6m. Please contact them if you are interested in a space.

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Year 3 home learning