



Broadmayne First School Newsletter

Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Respectful

Friday 3rd October 2025
Autumn Term Newsletter 2

The value we are looking at this half term is: Thankfulness Our HeartSmart focus is: Get HeartSmart!

Things to remember:

- We will be wearing yellow on Friday 10th October to celebrate Young Minds. We kindly ask children to wear yellow for a suggested donation of £1.

Dear Parents and Carers,



As we settle into the rhythm of the new school year, our focus this term has been on *thankfulness*—especially for the small things that bring joy and meaning to our days. It's often the quiet moments that leave the biggest impact: listening to children read with pride, hearing kind words from visitors who feel the warmth of our school community, and the sound of laughing children filling the playground.

These simple yet powerful experiences remind us of the beauty in everyday connections and the importance of pausing to appreciate them. We've even set the children a special challenge: to be on the lookout for the small things they're thankful for and to share them with others throughout the week.

Email communication to class teachers

Parents and carers can contact staff via the year group email addresses:

Reception: yearR@broadmayne.dorset.sch.uk

Year 1: year1@broadmayne.dorset.sch.uk

Year 2: year2@broadmayne.dorset.sch.uk

Year 3: year3@broadmayne.dorset.sch.uk

Year 4: year4@broadmayne.dorset.sch.uk



Please note these inboxes are monitored during school working hours (Monday to Friday, 8:30am – 4:00 pm), and any messages sent outside of these times will be reviewed on the next working day. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support.



The FABS Colour Run!



What a fantastic afternoon we had at the Colour Run! It was heartwarming to see so many children and parents—both familiar faces and new reception families—joining in the vibrant fun. Laughter echoed across the field, especially during the unforgettable moment when I got well and truly gunged! A huge thank you to FABS for organising such a joyful and energetic event. Your hard work brought the whole school community together in a celebration of colour, connection, and pure delight.

Coat Swap

There is an Autumn Fair being held on 4th October at United Church Hall in Dorchester organised by the Dorchester Rotary Club - They are running a children's coat swap at the event and invite parents to attend with coats and to stay for a cuppa and a slice of cake - just take your child's coat that is now too small and exchange it for a larger one. Please see the attached flier for further details of the event.



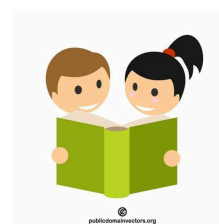
Celebrating Young Minds – Wear Yellow Day!



On Friday 10th October, we will be celebrating *Young Minds* by inviting children to wear something yellow to school—a bright and cheerful way to show support for children's mental health. If your child would like to take part, we kindly ask for a £1 donation, which will go directly to the Young Minds charity. Donations will be collected at the front of the school during morning drop-off. Thank you for helping us raise awareness and support such an important cause!

Visitors to our school - our chance to fly high!

It's been a pleasure to welcome several visitors to our school in the first few weeks of term, each bringing valuable insight and support. Emma from The English Hub joined us to support our phonics delivery and was incredibly impressed by how engaged the children were in their learning, as well as the calm, learning



environments across the school. Michael, our Educational Challenge Lead, spent time with us reviewing our School Development Plan and thoroughly enjoyed his Learning Walk, offering positive feedback that affirmed our targets and the progress we have made so far. We also welcomed Anna Lucas, founder of Super Sonicphonic Friends, who provided in-class training and was delighted to see how far the children had come since her last visit in the Spring. We love opening our doors to visitors—it's a chance to show how we fly high, and we find their feedback invaluable in helping us soar even higher!

Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA)

This term, I have been lucky enough to carry out the Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA). It has been a truly lovely experience spending one-on-one time with each of our new reception children. These moments have given me a wonderful opportunity to get to know each child individually and begin building those all-important relationships that support learning and development.

The RBA is a short, interactive assessment that helps us understand each child's starting point in early literacy, communication, language, and maths. It's not a test for children to prepare for, but rather a way for us to tailor our teaching to meet their needs.

If you'd like to learn more about the RBA, you can visit the official government page [here](#).



Attendance Matters

Our whole school attendance last week was : **96.10%**

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
96.68%	92.41%	96.67%	97.86%	97.00%

Allergy Reminder from Local Food Links

To ensure allergy diner safety, please follow the correct process when advising LFL of any special dietary requirements. Local Food Links must receive a completed allergy form (linked below) along with supporting medical evidence confirming the allergy/requirement. Please return all information to barry.dovell@localfoodlinks.org.uk.

[Allergy-Special-Dietary-Requirement-Form](#)



A parents guide to allergens is included as a link for reference [Allergen Parent Guide](#)

Calling All Handy Helpers!



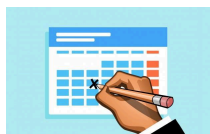
We're looking for a bit of DIY support from our school community! We'd love some help attaching two display boards to the wall in the corridor so we can expand our history timeline. We've uncovered a treasure trove of old photos of Broadmayne First School that beautifully capture how life here has changed over the years. The children are already fascinated by them, and we can't wait to share more of this visual history. If you're handy with a drill and have a little time to spare, please let us know—we'd be so grateful for your help!

Reading Rocks at Broadmayne!



A huge thank you to everyone who has bought books from our Amazon Book wish list. We are so lucky to have such supportive families as well as the local community who have donated. The wish list will continue to be updated and new books will be added to the library. If you would like to have a look at our wish list, here is the link :https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1Y97YF0C5A9V2?ref=wl_share.

Parent-Teacher Meetings



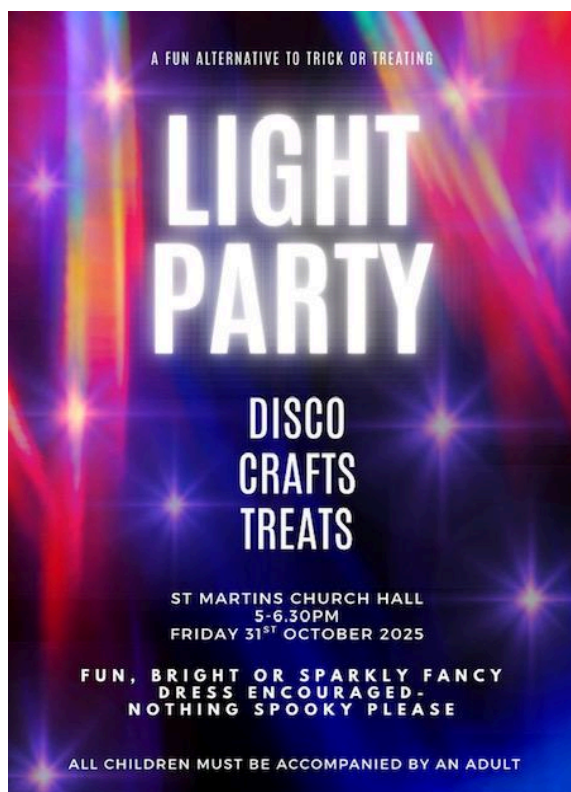
Our Parent-Teacher meetings for the Autumn Term will be on Thursday 6th and Thursday 20th November from 3.30-6pm. We're looking forward to welcoming parents for our upcoming consultations, a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and learning journey so far this term. Appointments can be booked via our Parent Booking system and information on how to access and use this system will follow in a separate email.

Bookings will open on Saturday 18th October at 10.30am. Slots are available on a first come, first served basis, so please do book early to secure a time that suits you. We're excited to share all the wonderful things your children have been achieving!

Streets of light

Amy Ciorra is organising this free community event during half term. All families are welcome.

"Some of you have joined us in previous years where we have walked a trail through the village to see the light windows, but this year I'm planning something a bit different. There will still be a "streets of light" trail around the village and I will hand out maps on the evening so that you can drive or walk around it at your leisure."



Recognising and Supporting Children with Anger

This term, we've been exploring how to help children recognise and manage their emotions—especially anger. Anger is a natural feeling, but it can be overwhelming for children who are still learning how to express themselves. We've been encouraging calm conversations, naming emotions, and using strategies like breathing techniques and quiet spaces to help children feel safe and supported.

For parents and carers looking for guidance, the NSPCC offers excellent advice on managing family tension and supporting children through emotional challenges. Their resources include practical tips on how to respond to arguments, help children feel heard, and build a more peaceful home environment. You can find more information on their website: [NSPCC – Arguments, Conflict and Family Tension](#).



And finally....

Thank you to the wonderful support we receive from our parents who come to fix, repair and tidy up our school environment. It doesn't go unnoticed and we truly appreciate your support.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Best wishes,
Mrs Jordan-Gill
Head Teacher

25-26 Dates for the diary

Date	Time	Event
Friday 10th October		Wear Yellow for Young Minds
Friday 24th October	2.30pm	Hooke Information meeting for parents of children in Year 4
Monday 3rd November		INSET DAY - Children do not attend school today
Thursday 6th November	3.30 - 6.00pm	Parent Consultations
Monday 10th November	Morning 3.30-5.30pm	School Photographer in to take individual and sibling photographs School Photographer back to take family / group photographs
Thursday 20th November	3.30 - 6.00pm	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 3rd December	2.15pm	Rock Steady Concert
Monday 8th December	2.00pm - 3.00pm	Christmas Nativity performance to parents
Tuesday 9th December	9.30 - 10.30am	Christmas Nativity performance to parents
Wednesday 10th December	2.00pm - 3.00pm	Christmas Nativity performance to parents
Thursday 11th December	9.30 - 10.30am	Christmas Nativity performance to parents
Thursday 11th December		Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 12th December	1.30	Pantomime - Dick Whittington
Tuesday 16th December	Time TBC	Flu immunisations