



Broadmayne First School Newsletter

Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Respectful

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

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Autumn Term Newsletter 3

Things to remember:

- Monday 3rd November is an INSET day. Children return to school on Tuesday 4th November.
- There will be no weekly reminder this week due to our first week back being Safe and Healthy Me Week. Please refer to the handout emailed yesterday.

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the leaves turn golden and the days grow cooler, it's been lovely to see our children settle back into school life with such enthusiasm and positivity. This half term, we've focused on building new relationships, establishing happy routines, and setting our sights on our Flying High expectations – and what a fantastic job everyone has done!

We've spent lots of time in classrooms reinforcing our Flying High attitudes to learning and reminding everyone what it means to be ready to learn. Every day, we see children showing:

✨ Super Sitting – ready and focused to learn.

👂 Lovely Listening – showing respect and attention.

👁️ Luscious Looking – using their eyes to learn and engage with what's happening around them.

It's been wonderful to see so many pupils showing pride in their learning and striving to do their very best. This is what we call 'Lightbulb Learning'.

A huge congratulations to our Reception children, who have settled in so beautifully. They've shown such confidence, kindness, and curiosity – already becoming fantastic role models for the rest of the school. We're so proud of how they've started their journey and can't wait to see all the exciting things they'll achieve this year.

As we come to the end of this first half term, we want to say a big thank you to all our children, staff, and families for your hard work, support, and smiles. We wish you all a well-deserved, relaxing half term break – enjoy some rest, autumn adventures, and special family time.

We cannot wait to see everyone back, refreshed and ready to keep 'flying high' next half term.





The lovely Mrs Foyle is retiring!

Next half term, we also say a very fond farewell to Sally, who is taking early retirement after many wonderful years at our school. Sally has been such a valued and much-loved member of our team – her warmth, dedication, and hard work have made a lasting difference to so many children, families, and colleagues over the years. We will miss her terribly, but we are so grateful for everything she has given to our school community. On behalf of everyone, we want to say a huge thank you to Sally for her incredible commitment, care, and positivity. We wish her every happiness as she begins this exciting new chapter – she truly deserves it! We will of course be planning some farewell events for our much loved Mrs Foyle towards the end of term - Watch this space!

Attendance Matters

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Our whole school attendance last week was : **95.06 %**

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
97.56%	94.76%	94.23%	93.89%	95.32%

Half-termly attendance certificates will be coming home today for each child. Please speak to Mrs Wooldridge in the school office if you have any questions.

Pumpkin carving competition



Yesterday's pumpkin carving competition was a true showcase of imagination and talent! From eerie bats and creepy spiders to magical Harry Potter designs and roaring dinosaurs, the creativity on display was nothing short of extraordinary. Each pumpkin told its own story, and I had an incredibly tough time choosing the winners. If I could, everyone would have won!

After much deliberation, a handful of standout entries were selected, and the winning children were celebrated in this week's assembly with special prizes for their efforts. Well done to everyone who took part — your spooky masterpieces made this Halloween one to remember!

Parking and Speed Awareness Reminder



We kindly remind all families and visitors that the school car park is reserved exclusively for registered badge holders. This ensures safe and accessible parking for those who need it most. Additionally, we've noticed some vehicles travelling at

inappropriate speeds around the school grounds. For the safety of our children, staff, and families, please drive slowly and carefully at all times. Let's work together to keep our school environment safe and respectful for everyone.

Today's visit to St Martin's Church.

Today's visit to St Martin's Church was a truly special experience. The children thoroughly enjoyed their walk down into the village, chatting happily and taking in the autumn sights. Once inside the church, they were absolutely amazing — calm, engaged, and full of enthusiasm.



We spent time learning about the importance of harvest and how it reminds us to be thankful for the food we have and the people who help provide it. It was a joy to hear the children sing Big Red Combine Harvester, filling the church with cheerful voices. Each class also shared their own poems, songs, and artwork, which they presented with pride and creativity.

A huge thank you to all the parents and families who donated so generously to our harvest collection — your kindness will make a real difference to those in need. The children were a true credit to the school, beautifully demonstrating our values of being kind, safe, and respectful throughout the visit.



WE ARE HIRING

Job Vacancies for the New Year

We're excited to share that Broadmayne has two fantastic opportunities to join our team:

- **Receptionist** – This part-time role covers **Mondays and Fridays**, supporting the smooth running of our busy school office.
- **System Support Manager** – A key role working **three days a week**, helping to maintain and develop the smooth running of our administrative, financial and operational functions.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining our friendly and dedicated team, please visit the **Dorset Council website** for full details and how to apply. We look forward to welcoming new members to our school community!

Honesty Around Absences

We understand that families may occasionally need to take time away from school, but we kindly ask that all absences are reported truthfully. When children are on holiday but marked as ill, it can place them in a very uncomfortable position —



especially when staff or friends ask if they're feeling better. This not only encourages dishonesty but can also cause unnecessary confusion and stress for the child. We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a culture of honesty and integrity across our school community.



Next Half Term's Focus: Democracy, Truthfulness & Heart Smart Values

As we head into the next half term, our assemblies will centre around the British value of **Democracy** — exploring what it means to respect all members of our community and to trust each other's words and actions. We'll be encouraging children to think about how their voices matter and how listening to others helps build a fair and inclusive environment.

We'll also be focusing on our school value of **being safe**, with a particular emphasis on **truthfulness**. Being honest helps us build trust and ensures that everyone feels secure and supported.

Our **Heart Smart** value for the term is *Don't Forget to Let Love In* — a reminder to be open to kindness, friendship, and care from others. It's a powerful way to help children grow in confidence and compassion. Let's make it a term full of respect, honesty, and love!

Safe and Healthy Me Week – Starting Tuesday 4th November

We're excited to launch our annual *Safe and Healthy Me Week* beginning Tuesday 4th November! Mrs Crumbleholme has been working hard behind the scenes to organise a fantastic line-up of visitors, including the local police force, the mental health support team, and the Life Education service, all of whom will be helping us explore important topics around safety, wellbeing, and healthy choices. As part of the week's activities, we'll also be practising our fire drill and lockdown procedures to ensure everyone knows how to stay safe in an emergency. For full details, please refer to Mrs Crumbleholme's letter sent out earlier this week.



Wear Yellow Day – Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our **Wear Yellow Day** — the school was glowing with sunshine shades and positive energy! It was wonderful to see so many children and staff embracing the theme to help raise awareness and support a great cause.

Thanks to your generosity, we raised **£97.78!** Every penny will go towards making a difference, and we're so proud of our school community for coming together in such a cheerful and meaningful way.

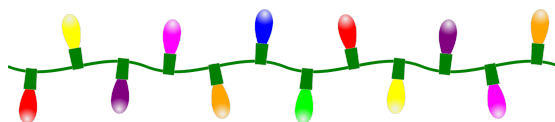
Toys in School

We kindly ask that children do not bring toys into school unless it is for a designated **Show and Tell** session. Unfortunately, we've had several instances of toys going missing during playtimes and lunchtimes, which can cause upset and distraction. To help keep belongings safe and ensure focus during the school day, please keep toys at home unless specifically requested by the class teacher. Thank you for your support!



Thank You FABS for the Halloween Party fun

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for the Halloween Party last night — it was a fantastic evening filled with fun, dancing, and some truly impressive costumes! If you're looking for a different way to celebrate on the 31st, don't forget that St Martins Church is hosting a *Light Party*, offering a warm and family-friendly alternative to traditional Trick or Treating. Attendees will receive a map of all the homes participating in the *Streets of Light* trail, and we're thrilled to be part of it — we can't wait for you to see the school's glowing contribution!



And finally,

Thank you to Mrs Crumbleholme for all of her hard work planning our exciting Safe and Healthy Me Week.

Thank you to all of the FABS Team for their hard work organising the Colour Run, Pumpkin Competition and Halloween party.

Have a restful break,

Best wishes,
Mrs Jordan-Gill

25-26 Dates for the diary

Date	Time	Event
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