



Broadmayne First School Newsletter

Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Respectful

The value we are looking at this half term is: Truthfulness. Our HeartSmart focus is: **Don't forget to let love in**

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Things to remember:

- Angel Festival is happening next week, please see the weekly reminder for details
- FABS Christmas Fair next Friday at 5pm
- Please see the Weekly Reminder for important information about Forest School Clothing

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the days grow shorter and the weather turns chillier, our school remains full of warmth and energy. The crisp air has not slowed us down—in fact, it has sparked even more excitement as we prepare for the Christmas festivities ahead.

From classrooms to corridors, there's a buzz of creativity and anticipation. Staff and pupils alike are working together to make this season special, with joyful events, thoughtful projects, and plenty of opportunities to celebrate our community spirit.

We look forward to sharing updates, highlights, and festive plans with you in this edition. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and enthusiasm—it's what makes our school such a vibrant place to be.



Children in Need - a huge thank you!

We are also delighted to share that our recent fundraising for **Children in Need** was a wonderful success. Thanks to the generosity of our families, pupils, and staff, we raised a fantastic total of **£133.89**. Every penny will go towards supporting children and young people across the UK, and we are so grateful for your kindness and community spirit.

Your support not only makes a difference nationally, but also shows our pupils the power of coming together for a good cause.

Toys and Fidgets in the Classroom

We recognise that certain fidgets and sensory tools can play a helpful role in supporting concentration and wellbeing when agreed with the class teacher.



However, we are finding that, for the majority of pupils, small toys and teddies have become a barrier to learning and are proving distracting during lessons. To help maintain focus and ensure that all children can make the most of their learning time, we kindly ask that toys are not brought into school unless specifically agreed with the teacher. Thank you for your support in reinforcing this message at home.

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Our whole school attendance last week was : **95.71 %**

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
93.12%	99.14%	95.00%	98.21%	92.56%

Year 3 Rippa Rugby at Dorchester Rugby Club



On Monday, our Year 3 pupils proudly represented the school at the Rippa Rugby event hosted by Dorchester Rugby Club. The children were fantastic ambassadors, showing great enthusiasm and learning so much about teamwork throughout the day. Their energy and determination shone through in every game, and it was wonderful to see them encouraging one another and celebrating each success. I also had the chance to learn more about Tag Rugby myself, which made the experience even more enjoyable. Well done, Year 3—you made us very proud!

Continuing links with our local community - The Angel Festival



Following the wonderful success of our Harvest Festival, we are delighted to be taking part in another community project—**The Angel Festival**. Our children will be visiting Broadmayne Methodist Church on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th November, where they will learn about the five appearances that Angels made in the Christmas Story. This promises to be a meaningful opportunity to deepen their understanding of the season while strengthening our ties with the local community. Please look out for further details in the Weekly Overview.

Christmas Fayre - Friday 28th November



The countdown is on... our School Fayre will take place next Friday, 28th November and we can't wait to see you there! With the help of the FABS—who have been working away behind the scenes like busy little elves—the children have been decorating a sparkling Christmas tree for the competition and creating gorgeous gifts and crafts ready for you to purchase.

We'd also like to say a huge thank you for all the generous donations we've received to support the Fayre. Your kindness has helped us fill the event with festive cheer and plenty of surprises. This is always such a joyful, well-supported occasion, and we're looking forward to celebrating the start of the Christmas season together as a community.

Winter in Dorset - Free Holiday Activities for Eligible Families

We're excited to announce that bookings for the Winter in Dorset programme open at 2pm on 21 November. This initiative, funded by the Department for Education, is part of Dorset Council's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, which aims to provide enriching activities and hot meals during school holidays. Children who receive benefit-related Free School Meals (FSM) can access free places and meals during the Easter, Summer, and Christmas holidays.



What's on offer:

- A wide range of activities including sports, arts and crafts, forest school, and cultural experiences
- Nutritious meals provided at every session
- Opportunities for children to make friends, learn new skills, and have fun in a safe environment

Eligible families must **pre-register** to receive a passcode via text or email. To register, email holidayactivities@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk with your child's name, date of birth, and school, or call 01305 221157. If you registered for a previous programme, you do **not** need to register again.



NHS Dentist spaces for under 12's

Smile Dental Care in Swanage is now welcoming new NHS child patients under 12. NHS dental care for children is free, and early registration ensures access to ongoing check-ups and advice on healthy habits. Families wishing to register can contact the practice directly on 01929 427356.

Post Box

The Christmas Post Box is now open! If you would like to send cards in school, please post them in the box which is located inside the entrance to the school. Please ensure classes are clearly marked on the card.



Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 11th December



This year we will be taking part in Christmas Jumper day to raise funds for Save the Children. This is a fantastic opportunity to spread more festive cheer whilst supporting a wonderful cause. Children are invited to swap their school jumper for a Christmas Jumper. We can't wait to see everyone's festive jumpers!

Rick Whittington Pantomime - Friday 12th December

SHOWTIME



To celebrate the end of the Nativity we have organised for the children to watch a Pantomime performance of Rick Whittington Friday 12th December. We are all looking forward to watching some live acting, singing and dancing.



Disposal of real Christmas trees.

At the end of the festive season, Helen and Anita will happily take your real Christmas trees. We invite families to bring their old trees down and place them inside the carpark on the grass area by the bay marked HT. They will be repurposed to support outdoor learning and wildlife habitats. This is a great way to give your tree a second life and help enrich our school environment.

And finally....

Thank you to the fabulous Year 3 children who represented us so well at the Rippa Rugby Festival

A big thank you to Caleb, Seth, Ayaan, Arthur and Ollie G for lifting all the cones and benches to stop children walking along the path. Great team work!

Thank you to the wonderful parents who have been helping with the winter wonderland. We really do appreciate the time you take to support our school.

Best wishes,
Mrs Jordan-Gill

25-26 Dates for the diary

Date	Time	Event
Tuesday 25th November		Children visiting Broadmayne Methodist Church. Please see Weekly Reminder
Wednesday 26th November		Children visiting Broadmayne Methodist Church. Please see Weekly Reminder
Friday 28th November	5.00 - 7.30pm	Christmas Fayre Preparation: Filled jam jars. Christmas Fayre
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 - Rick Whittington
Tuesday 16th December	Time TBC	Flu immunisations