

# Broadmayne First School Newsletter

Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Respectful

The value we are looking at this half term is: **Respect**. We show Respect when showing Perseverance  
Our HeartSmart focus is: Too much selfie isn't healthy!  
Our British Value is: Mutual Respect - supporting and encouraging each other to succeed.

Friday 30th January 2026  
Spring Term Newsletter 2

Things to remember:

- Breakfast and Cool Kids bookings for next half term will open on Thursday at 4pm.  
Please allow enough time to draw down your childcare vouchers.

Dear Parents/Carers,



Despite the recent downpour that has turned our playground boundaries into muddy puddles, the rain certainly hasn't dampened our spirits here at Broadmayne. If anything, it has brought out the very best of our community: children arriving with big smiles and bigger wellies, staff adapting plans with their usual creativity, and classrooms buzzing with energy and curiosity.

As we move through the term, it's been wonderful to see how resilient, enthusiastic, and ready-to-learn our pupils remain—whatever the weather throws our way. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.

## Sports Ambassadors

Our Sports Ambassadors have had a fantastic first week in their new roles, bringing energy, creativity, and real leadership to every activity they've organised. From setting up engaging lunchtime challenges to encouraging younger pupils to get involved, they've shown real maturity and enthusiasm. It's been brilliant to see so many children taking part so positively, and we're excited to keep building on this momentum with even more fun and active opportunities over the coming



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weeks. A huge thank you to all the children for their hard work, teamwork, and brilliant attitudes—you've made this first week a real success.

### Workshops

Over the last fortnight, our wellbeing focus has also been incredibly positive, with both the Mental Health Support Team's workshop on anxiety and Mrs Dunford's regulation workshop being very well received by our families. The MHST session offered practical, child-friendly strategies that helped demystify anxious feelings and gave parents confidence in recognising and managing them. Mrs Dunford's workshop built beautifully on this, providing clear, accessible tools for emotional regulation that children have already begun using in class. It's been encouraging to see such strong engagement and thoughtful discussion across the school, and we're grateful to everyone who took part and supported these important sessions.



### Well done Mrs Dunford!

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Mrs Dunford has been promoted to Assistant Headteacher. This is a thoroughly deserved achievement that reflects her dedication, expertise, and the positive impact she has on pupils, staff, and families across the school. Her leadership in wellbeing, inclusion, and emotional regulation has already strengthened our provision, and we are excited to see her continue to shape and support our whole-school development in this new role. Congratulations, Mrs Dunford—an achievement to be incredibly proud of.



### Goodbye Mr Senior



After many, many, many years of dedicated service, Mr Senior will be hanging up his football boots at the end of the Spring Term. His Friday Football sessions have become a much-loved fixture of school life, and his expertise has played a huge part in helping our teachers deliver high-quality, confidence-building PE lessons. His passion, encouragement, and unwavering commitment to our pupils have left a lasting legacy that will be felt for years to come. While we will miss him enormously, we wish him all the very best as he begins to slow down and enjoy a well-earned semi-retirement.

### Welcome Mrs Protopsaltis - Harding

We are very pleased to welcome Toula Protopsaltis-Harding to Broadmayne as our new School Systems Support Manager. Mrs Protopsaltis will be with us on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and her work will focus on key areas including Finance, Health and Safety, and HR. We are delighted to have her expertise and warm professionalism joining the team, and we look forward to the positive impact she will bring across the school community.



## Attendance Matters



Our whole school attendance last week was : 94.60%

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
93.84%	96.40%	93.84%	95.20%	93.55%



## No Waste Wednesday's

As part of Miss Felgate's ongoing mission to reduce waste across the school, we are excited to introduce **No Waste Wednesdays**. On these days, children will be encouraged to bring any lunchtime rubbish home with them, helping us cut down on the amount of waste produced in school and prompting important conversations about recycling and re-use. Alongside this, Miss Felgate will soon be recruiting a team of enthusiastic Eco Warriors 'The Green Team', to support her in driving forward our sustainability goals and championing greener habits across the school. We're looking forward to seeing the positive impact this initiative will bring.

## INSET Days 2026 - 2027



Our INSET days for the 2026–2027 academic year have now been confirmed, and the full list is attached to this newsletter and our school website for your reference. Thank you for taking the time to note these in your calendars and for your continued support with our staff training and development programme.



## Bournemouth Writing Festival

The Bournemouth Writing Festival is inviting schools and home-educated children across Dorset to take part in its **FREE dog-themed writing competition**, designed to inspire young writers to celebrate their four-legged friends. With free classroom resources and a special video from charity partner *Waggy Tails Rescue* to spark ideas, children are encouraged to create poems or short stories about dogs finding a loving home. Entries close on **15th March**, and the Hengistbury Head writers' group will be judging the submissions. Winners will receive prizes, a certificate, and an invitation to a celebration event during the festival in April—where a few furry guests may even join the fun. The festival itself offers over 100 events from 24th–26th April, including free drop-ins and workshops for children on Saturday 25th April. Full details and downloadable resources can be found on the festival website: [Bournemouth Writing Festival](https://www.bournemouthwritingfestival.com)

And finally....

Thank you to our Sports Ambassadors who have done a brilliant job of getting our children active at play times.

Well done to Sofia in Year 2 who persevered with her gymnastics and explained her talents during assembly.

Have an enjoyable and restful weekend,

Best wishes,  
Mrs Jordan-Gill

### 25-26 Dates for the diary

Date	Time	Event
FEBRUARY		
16-20 February		HALF-TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 23 February		INSET DAY - Children do not attend school on this day
MARCH		
Thursday 5 March	15:30 - 18:00	Parents Consultations
Wednesday 11 March	14:15	Rock Steady Concert for Rock Steady families only
Wednesday 18 March	Time TBC	Year 4 Music Concert at Thomas Hardy School
Thursday 19 March	15:30 - 18:00	Parents Consultations
Wednesday 25 - 27		Year 4 Trip to Hooke Court
30 March - 10 April		EASTER HOLIDAYS
APRIL		

MAY		
4 May		BANK HOLIDAY
19 May		Class photos & Year 4 Leavers Photos
20 May		Year 3 Class Trip to Poole Lighthouse Theatre
22 May		Year 4 Class Trip to Wessex Wild
25 - 29 May		HALF-TERM HOLIDAY
JUNE		
2 June		Year 3 Kingfisher Award Visit
15 - 19 June		SPORTS WEEK
19 June	13:00 - 15:30	Sports day
JULY		
Tuesday 21 July	0930	Year 4 Leavers Assembly