

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 13th February 2026
Spring Term Newsletter 3

Things to remember:

A reminder that Monday 23rd February is an INSET day. Children return to school on Tuesday 24th February.

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's hard to believe quite how quickly this term has whizzed by. With the days getting a little lighter and spring just beginning to show itself, we now find ourselves officially halfway through the academic year. It's a milestone worth pausing for, and a moment to celebrate everything our children have achieved so far.

Across the school, pupils have continued to show real perseverance — tackling challenges with determination, trying new things with confidence, and pushing themselves to keep improving. Whether in the classroom, on the playground, in clubs, or outside during PE, they have flown high and embodied our school values so beautifully.

Their kindness, their commitment to keeping themselves and others safe, and their consistently respectful attitudes have shone through in countless small and significant ways. We are incredibly proud of them.

Mid-Year Snapshots



Children will be bringing home their **half-way-through-the-year snapshots** this week. These provide an overview of how well they are achieving against the age-related expectations for their year group, as well as the progress they are making. The snapshot also includes information about their attitudes to learning and their attendance so far this year.

If you have any questions after reading your child's snapshot, please do discuss these with us at the forthcoming Parents' Evenings.

Book Week - Monday 2nd March - Friday 6th March

We are very much looking forward to celebrating Book Week, with a whole host of exciting activities planned to inspire a love of reading across the school. Throughout the week, children will enjoy *The Masked Reader*, *Pick a Teacher for Storytime*, *Paired Reading*, and plenty of surprise book-themed moments, including each class contributing to our whole-school story project. Reception will begin writing a story, and every year group will continue it on, adding their own ideas, twists and creativity. We can't wait to read the finished stories together at the end of the week.



As part of our *Read to a Relative* event, children are invited to bring a relative into school on Tuesday 3rd March at 2.30pm to share a book together. This is always a lovely opportunity to celebrate reading in a relaxed and joyful way.

On Thursday 5th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. This year, children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We look forward to seeing the imagination and enthusiasm that this day always brings.

Parents Evening



Our upcoming Parents' Evenings will take place on **Thursday 5th March** and **Thursday 19th March**. To help us keep appointments running smoothly — and to safeguard our staff — all meetings will be held in the school hall. Parents are kindly asked to enter and exit via the office foyer, where you will be directed to wait in the hall until your appointment time.

Each meeting is scheduled for **10 minutes**, and we ask all parents to support us by keeping to this timing. If further discussion is needed, we will be very happy to arrange a follow-up appointment at a later date.

Parents' Evening booking slots will go live on Monday 16th February @ 7pm.

Attendance Matters



Our whole school attendance last week was : 95.10%

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
93.86%	96.66%	93.90%	95.39%	95.53%



Headteacher Awards

Sadly, I wasn't in school today to hand out our Headteacher Awards. These will now be presented on the first day back, and I am very much looking forward to celebrating our recipients then. It is always a joy to see children wearing their star badges with such pride as they walk around school — a lovely reminder of their hard work, kindness and determination.

Maths Monday – Monday 9th March

We are delighted to invite parents into school for Maths Monday on 9th March at 9.00am. This year, we are working incredibly hard to deepen our understanding of times tables, exploring not just recall but the reasoning and patterns behind them. We would love you to come and learn alongside your children and see the strategies they are using in class. Mrs Brake is on a mission to ensure every child leaves Broadmayne confident and fluent in their times tables, and your support makes a real difference.



Phonics Workshop - Reception and Year 1 - Tuesday 17th March

We will be holding a Phonics Workshop for parents on Tuesday 17th March at 4.30pm. During the session, we will explore the foundations of early reading — from recognising sounds (phonemes) and blending them to read simple words, through to building fluency, accuracy and confidence as children progress. We will explain how these early skills are carefully sequenced in school and how they develop over time to prepare children for the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check.

The workshop will also share practical strategies you can use at home to support your child's reading journey. We hope many of you will join us for this informative and supportive session. If you would like to attend this session please let the office know.

School Nurse Drop-In Sessions - Thursday 19th March

Our school nurse is offering **bookable drop-in sessions** for parents who would like advice or support. She can help with a wide range of topics, including sleep routines, anxiety, toilet training, behaviour and general wellbeing. If you would like to attend one of these sessions, please let the office know and they will provide you with an appointment time.



Mental Health Support Team

We are pleased to share that the Mental Health Support Team will be offering a parent-led group for families whose children may be experiencing anxiety. The programme will run weekly over a six-week period and is designed to equip parents with practical strategies and skills to support their child at home. Research shows that parents and carers are best placed to support their children due to the strength of these important relationships. The sessions will begin after Easter. If you are interested in taking part, please let your child's class teacher, Mrs Jordan-Gill or Mrs Dunford know.

World Book Day Short Story Competition – Get Writing!

We're excited to share a wonderful opportunity for our young storytellers. As part of this year's World Book Day celebrations, children are invited to take part in a Short Story Competition organised by Local Food Links — a brilliant chance to let their imaginations run wild and showcase their creativity.



Whether your child dreams of becoming the next Laurence Anholt, J.K. Rowling or Roald Dahl, or simply enjoys inventing characters and adventures, this is a fantastic way to celebrate the joy of writing.

How to Enter:

Children are invited to write a short story of up to 250 words on any theme they choose. Entries can be typed or handwritten and submitted in one of the following ways:

- Email: Send your story to comps@localfoodlinks.org.uk (Word, PDF or in the body of an email are all accepted)
- Post: Natasha Elliott, Unit 17 St Michael's Trading Estate, Bridport, DT6 3RR

Please remember to include your name, school, year group and age with your entry.

Fantastic Prizes:

Winners will receive:

- A beautiful signed book by children's author *Laurence Anholt*
- A £10 Lifestyle Voucher to spend at a shop of their choice

Deadline:

All entries must be received by Wednesday 4th March 2026.

We can't wait to see the amazing stories our pupils create. Good luck to all our budding authors—happy writing!

And finally....

As we come to the end of this half term, we want to say a heartfelt **thank you** to all of our children. Their perseverance, positivity and hard work over the past few weeks have been wonderful to see, and we are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved.

We wish all of our families a **happy and restful half term break**, filled with special moments and memory-making. Enjoy the time together, recharge, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in a week's time, ready for another exciting term of learning and adventure.

Best wishes,
Mrs Jordan-Gill

25-26 Dates for the diary

Date	Time	Event
FEBRUARY		
Monday 23 February		INSET DAY - Children do not attend school on this day
MARCH		
Monday 2nd March		Book Week
Tuesday 3rd March	14.30	Read to a Relative - Relatives are invited to come and read with their children in class.
Thursday 5th March		World Book Day - Dress as your Favourite book character
Thursday 5 March	15:30 - 18:00	Parents Consultations
Monday 9th March	9.00	Maths Monday. Parents are invited to join in with maths lessons.
Wednesday 11 March	14.15	Rock Steady Concert for Rock Steady families only
Tuesday 17th March	16.30	Phonics Workshop for Reception and Year 1 parents

Wednesday 18 March	Time TBC	Year 4 Music Concert at Thomas Hardy School
Thursday 19th March	9.00am	School Nurse Drop in Appointments - please book a time at the school office.
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