# Broadmayne First School and Nursery Newsletter

**Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Respectful**

The value we are looking at this half term is: We are **Kind** when we show **Compassion**
**Heart Smart:** Don't Forget to Let Love In
**British Value: Mutual respect -** being sympathetic to others, listening and offering help

Things to remember:

Tuesday - Catch up Photo Day - please contact the office if you would like your child included

Friday: FABS Christmas Fayre!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our latest school newsletter! It has been another wonderfully busy and active few weeks here at Broadmayne First School, with our children demonstrating their fantastic 'Flying High' attitudes both in and out of the classroom. From sporting festivals and dance showcases to taking great pride in looking after our school grounds, there is plenty to celebrate in this edition. With December just around the corner, festive excitement is already building—so please read on for important updates on our upcoming Nativity, charity fundraising events, and key dates for your diary.



## Rippa Rugby event

The Year 3 children who attended the rugby session on Monday were brilliant, and we all had a fabulous time at Dorchester Rugby Club! Thankfully, the rain stayed away, and we were lucky to enjoy a full day of rugby matches alongside training. They really enjoyed playing against a variety of teams from both Dorchester and Weymouth, working wonderfully together as a team and showing excellent sportsmanship throughout the day. Following the event, the club has shared a big thank you to everyone who came along and gave rugby a go. For any children who would like to continue playing, Dorchester Rugby Club is offering a free taster session on **Saturday 6th December starting at 9:30am** so they can meet the coaches and see what the club is all about. If they decide to join, membership is £65 for the half season (Christmas to April) or £130 for the full season (September to April), which includes weekly training, matches, mascot opportunities, and kids' food after matches. For more details, you can check out Dorchester Rugby Club's social media pages or drop them a DM.

## Dance Festival at Wey Valley



Our Year 4 girls recently visited Wey Valley Academy to take part in an exciting dance festival! During the event, the children had the wonderful opportunity to work alongside Year 10 students, who taught them a fantastic new dance routine. Everyone worked so hard to learn the choreography, culminating in a brilliant showcase performance for parents at the end of the session. Once again, our children were an absolute credit to the school and truly demonstrated our 'Flying High' attitudes to learning throughout the entire festival.



## Christmas Fayre - Friday 27th November

The countdown is on... our School Fayre will take place next Friday, 27th 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.

## 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.



## 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 total of **£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.

## Dorset Council Admissions




Dorset Council is currently running a consultation regarding a proposed change to the catchment area for Conifers Primary School in Weymouth. Full details of the proposal are available to view on the Dorset Council Consultation Portal. Anyone wishing to share their views must submit their response by **Sunday 20th December**, either by email to schoolorganisation@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk or in writing to the School Admissions Team, Dorset Council, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ.




## Autism and Empathy Resources

Ambitious about Autism has launched a helpful new series of wellbeing resources designed to support autistic young people, alongside their parents and carers. By combining lived experiences with research-based advice, these guides explore often-misunderstood topics to help young people make sense of their feelings while offering practical support strategies for families. The first resource, focusing on autism and empathy, is available to read now via the Ambitious about Autism website, with two further guides covering meltdowns and shutdowns, and shame and self-acceptance set to follow over the coming weeks.

## Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 10th 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! Join in our Jolly Christmas Jumper swap by donating/swapping a preloved jumper from our rack in the foyer. Donations for Save the Children can be made via our School Money App.




## Parents Evening

Thank you so much to everyone who attended our recent Parents' Evenings. It was wonderful to welcome you into school, share your children's progress, and celebrate all of their hard work so far this term. We truly value our partnership with you and appreciate your ongoing support in helping your children thrive.

## ‘Maintenance Mates’



A huge thank you to Ollie S and Jesse for being my 'Maintenance Mates' this week! They have done a brilliant job of tidying up and sorting out all of the balls in the PE shed, which is a massive help to the whole school. If any other children would like to volunteer to be a Maintenance Mate and help look after our school grounds and equipment, please let Mrs Jordan-Gill know.



## Weldmar Reindeer Dash

We are excited to announce that the children will be taking part in the Weldmar Reindeer Dash on **Friday 11th December**! Following a brilliant assembly with Weldmar this week, we have already received our reindeer antlers and will be sending sponsorship forms home next week so we can raise as much money as possible for this wonderful local charity. To add to the festive fun, the children will also be voting for which staff member has to run in the Santa costume. I am very much hoping it will be Mr Bell, though he is currently trying his best to persuade the children that it needs to be me!

## Beauty and the Beast Pantomime - Friday 11th December



We have organised for the children to watch a Pantomime performance of Beauty and the Beast on Friday 11th December. We are all looking forward to watching some live acting, singing and dancing.



## It’s a Baby! Reception and Year 1 Nativity performance

Rehearsals are officially underway for our upcoming Reception and Year 1 Nativity, *'It's a Baby!'* The children are already working wonderfully hard learning all of the songs and getting ready for the big performance. Please keep an eye out in book bags next week, as costume letters—along with any speaking lines—will be sent home so you can help your child practise. We can't wait to share their festive hard work with you soon!

## Attendance Matters




Our whole school attendance last week was : 93.25%

| Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 |
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| 85.59% | 93.75% | 96.19% | 96.07% | 94.07% |

This places us slightly below the national average, so we are working hard to boost these figures over the coming weeks. Regular, punctual attendance is vital for children to make the most of their learning, build strong friendships, and keep up with daily classroom routines. While we completely understand that seasonal illnesses do happen, we appreciate your ongoing support in ensuring your child is in school every day they are well enough to attend. If you are experiencing any challenges getting your child into school, please do reach out to the school office so we can support you.



## RHS School Gardening Award Level 3 Achieved.

We are thrilled to share that our polytunnel is now officially finished! A massive thank you to all of the parents who generously gave up their time over the weekend to help bring this project to life—it is going to be a fantastic learning space for all of our children. Alongside this wonderful news, I am also delighted to let you know that we have achieved the **Level 3 RHS School Gardening Award**! This is a brilliant recognition of our school's ongoing commitment to outdoor learning, sustainability, and looking after our school environment.

**And finally....**

Thank you to all of the ladies who helped create the Winter Wonderland in the pouring rain. It looks fabulous and the children love it.

Thank you for your kind words as you come in and out of school. Your lovely smiles and warm wishes do make a daily difference.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Best wishes,
**Mrs Jordan-Gill**

## 26-27 Dates for the diary

| Date | Time | Event |
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| Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th November | | Class visits to Christmas Through Trees at St Martins Church |
| Friday 27th November | 1700-1930 | Christmas Fayre |
| Wednesday 2nd December | 9:15 | Jurassic Beat Drum Concert (Drum lesson families only please) |
| Thursday 3rd December | AM | Year 4 visit to Washponds |
| Friday 4th December | 9:00 | Multiplication Madness - parents are invited in to watch and take part in our focused multiplication lessons |
| Wednesday 9th December | 2:00 | Rock Steady Concert (Rock Steady Families only please) |
| Thursday 10th December | | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Friday 11th December | 1:30 | Beauty and the Beast Pantomime<br><br>FABs Reindeer dash |
| Tuesday 15th December | 9.30 | Reception and Year 1 Nativity Performance |
| Wednesday 16th December | 1.30 | Reception and Year 1 Nativity Performance |
| Thursday 17th December | | Whole School Carol Service |
| Friday 18th December | | Christmas Party Day |

# Broadmayne First School Term Dates

## 2027/28

### AUTUMN TERM 2027

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| Wednesday 1st September | INSET day |
| Thursday 2nd September | INSET day |
| Friday 3rd September | INSET day |
| Monday 6th September | All children return to school |

HALF TERM MONDAY 25TH OCTOBER - FRIDAY 29TH OCTOBER

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| Monday 1st November | All children return to school |
| Friday 17th December | 2027 term ends |

### SPRING TERM 2028

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| Tuesday 4th January | All children return to school |

HALF TERM MONDAY 14TH FEBRUARY - FRIDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

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| Monday 21st February | INSET DAY |
| Tuesday 22nd February | All children return to school |
| Friday 31st March | End of term |

### SUMMER TERM 2028

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| Tuesday 18th April | All children return to school |
| Mon 1st May | Bank Holiday |

## HALF TERM MONDAY 29TH MAY TO FRIDAY 2ND JUNE

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| Monday 5th June | INSET day |
| Tuesday 6th June | All children return to school |
| Friday 21st July | End of term |

Inset days are days set aside for teacher training.
Children do not attend school on inset days