



Headteacher's Message

Safeguarding

We have been advised by Dorset Council's Safeguarding Advisor for Schools that there is a serious safeguarding concern regarding the series Spy Dogs/Pups and Spy Cat books written by Andrew Cope. These books contain a link to a website which contains highly pornographic content. The book asks children to explore the website to find more about the characters in the book. It appears the website identified (on the back or inside page) has now been compromised and takes users to a pornographic website with no age verification. We would advise you to check if these are present at home and if found, remove.

Harvest

Mass

We had a wonderful Harvest Mass, with the children reading confidently and singing with great enthusiasm. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who joined us, and to Fr Anthony for leading the Mass.

Thank you also for your generous donations to the Weymouth Food Bank. Mrs Evans kindly delivered the contributions today, and they were gratefully received.

Attendance

*A huge congratulations to **Year 4**, our **100%** attendance winners this week! The children received a well-deserved ice pop at break time to celebrate.*

Vacancies – Teaching Assistant & Cleaner

We currently have a vacancy for a Teaching Assistant (15 hours per week, Monday to Friday). For more details and to apply, please see the link below:

<https://www.jobs.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/vacancies/32690/new-vacancy.html>

We are also still looking to fill a cleaning position, as mentioned in last week's newsletter. If you are able to offer between 1–3 hours per day, either before or after school, we'd love to hear from you. The role is paid at £12.21 per hour. If you or someone you know may be interested in supporting the school in this way, please contact the school office for more information.

Volunteers

Needed

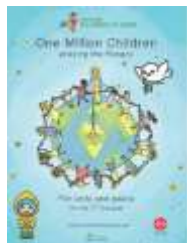
We are actively seeking volunteers to help support reading, Maths, PE, Art, the library, and snack preparation. If you have some spare time and would like to get involved, please contact the school office for more information. Thank you.

Reminder: Parents' Evening Appointments

- For **Years 3–6**, Parents' Evening will take place on **Tuesday, 14th October from 1:00–6:00pm**.
- For **Reception to Year 2**, it will be held on **Wednesday, 15th October 2025 from 1:00–6:00pm**.

You are welcome to take your child home after your appointment. Please ensure you sign your child out at the school office. Thank you.

Catholic Life



This week has been very busy. On Tuesday, we were delighted that our children became part of a global community of children praying the rosary in support of the work of the charity, Aid to the Church in Need.

Every class took time to learn more about the prayers of the Rosary and some used Rosary beads as they prayed for world peace.

On Thursday our Harvest Mass was a lovely celebration. We thank Father Anthony and Mrs Ayles for celebrating mass with us and we also thank our Mini Vinnies who led the readings and helped to collect and co-ordinate the harvest donations. As stated last week, your kind donations have now been delivered to Weymouth Foodbank. We thank you for your generosity.



Facebook

We are excited to share that we have now launched a St Augustine's official Facebook page. This will be used to share exciting things that are happening in school, brilliant examples of children's work, achievements and those who are truly living out their gospel values. We're hoping this will also provide you, our families, with the opportunity to see inside the building and to see what you're children get up to during the day!

You can find the page on Facebook, or by following this link: <https://tinyurl.com/SAFB2025> please feel free to share this with anybody who may be interested.

Please note, this page will be used to share positives from across the school community and will not be used as an official communication channel. We would appreciate your support in keeping the page positive and encouraging for our young people. For all communication with school, please contact the school office, or your child's teacher, as usual.

Story Garden – 2025 Dorset Library Summer Reading Challenge

We're proud to celebrate the following students for completing the Dorset Library Summer Reading Challenge. They have all received a certificate in today's assembly in recognition of their achievement.

Year 4

- Bethany Campos
- Felix White

Year 3

- Oscar Dennis

Year 2

- Freddie Moore
- Louis Jones
- Lucy Koniarz
- Zachary Harris

Year R

- Riley Dennis

Well done to everyone who took part and kept up their reading over the summer – a fantastic effort!

News from across the school and Home learning

Reception	Week 4 RWI Clips to support your child at home We have had a wonderful week in Reception this week. The children have really impressed us in phonics this week with learning and writing our new sounds. The children have worked hard to also start identifying the initial and missing sound in CVC words. In Maths, we have moved on to our new topic of 3D shapes. We have explored 3D shapes in everyday objects as well as learning shape names and properties. The shapes we have looked at include a sphere, cube, cuboid, cone, cylinder, and triangular prism. In RE this week, we have continued to look at our wonderful world. We have learned all about Stewardship and how we can play our role in caring for our world. The children have made some beautiful, wonderful world collages and learned all about recycling! In Understanding the world this week, the children took part in a school tour. They explored the wider environment by meeting other members of staff and seeing all the different classrooms and areas around our school! Well done Reception, what a lovely week we have had!	Home learning – see home learning sheet in your child's book bag or on the website.
Year 1	RWI Clips to support your child at home The children have worked very hard this week. With a focus on handwriting, we've worked on our down, up and over letters-r n m h b and p. The children have worked hard to form these with control over letter size and formation. In Maths we've been developing our number fluency and have been working with new maths equipment called rekenrek. These counting frames have helped us develop our understanding of number bonds. In art this week, we've been working on our final piece of work in our unit on self-portraits. The children have been working on colour mixing to create skin colours. Next week, once the paint is fully dry, we will be working with water colour paint and pencils to add facial features to our work. In RE, our focus has been on prayer. We prayed some of the prayers of the Rosary on Tuesday and have been looking in detail at the meaning of the words in The Lord's Prayer. We have also reflected on what this prayer means to us.	<u>Home Learning</u> Reading 5 times a week TTRS <u>Spellings this week</u> see bee tree three you
Year 2	Wow! Year 2 children have worked so diligently with their handwriting this week. In a short space of time, we have seen some lovely progress. In Maths the children have been practising counting in 3s. We look forward to sharing with you how your child has settled into Year 2 at the Parents' Meetings next week. The children have been learning to compose call and response rhythms in music, and we have been impressed with their musical ability. From next week, there will be a slight	Reading TTRS Spellings they hour our one won

	change to our PE days. Our class will have PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays moving forward.	
Year 3	What a great week we've had in Year 3! In Art, we added drawings of symbols and prehistoric animals to our cave paintings, using pastels and paints to bring our artwork to life with colour and texture. In Maths, we carried on adding and subtracting 1s, 10s and 100s from 3-digit numbers and started to spot some interesting patterns. We also began learning how to add with exchanges – tricky at first, but we're getting the hang of it! In English, we've been practising our cursive handwriting, working on our diagonal and horizontal joins, and learning how to add suffixes to root words. In RE, we found out more about Laudato Si' and how Pope Francis' letter teaches us to care for one another and our planet. A lovely part of our week was joining in with 1 million Children Praying the Rosary. We visited the chapel, learnt how to use Rosary beads, and prayed together for peace around the world. Well done for another excellent week Year 3.	Reading TTRS Spellings unhappy dislike unlucky displease untie disagree unusual build busy fruit
Year 4	Once again, it has been brilliant to see pupil progress over the course of this week. Your children really do you proud in the way they approach their learning. Across the whole school, we have had a focus on handwriting this week. The children have produced some beautiful cursive writing in their English books that we're hoping to see replicated once we shift our focus away from handwriting again next week. Any continued cursive practice at home is beneficial- but I appreciate that lives are busy! In Maths, we have finished our work on place value to 10,000 and next week we will be moving onto addition and subtraction. We continue to focus on multiplication alongside our Power Maths learning, and I am hoping to get a date in the diary for after half term when we can host a parent workshop about multiplication and how best to support this at home.	<u>Home learning</u> Reading TTRS Spellings: woman's child's chicken's family's group's school's company's favourite because beautiful
Year 5	As we come to then of another week we can look back over the last five days with satisfaction, both at the amount of work we have covered and the children's levels of application. We have been studying diaries and then writing our own in English, in Maths we have focussed on multi-step word problems and in RE we have looked at how sin can affect our relationship with God. In addition, we attended a beautiful Harvest Mass and thanks must go to the many Mini Vinnies in year 5 who helped plan and celebrate the service. We have started reading 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo in our whole class reading and in History looked at crime and punishment in the 19th Century. From next week, there will be a change to our PE days, with our Thursday slot moving to a Friday. PE will then be scheduled on Tuesdays and Fridays. Finally, spellings for the week should be on the right, a copy will be sent home with your child in addition, along with their marked spellings. If your child has a set of spellings different from those on the	Please read at least 5 times a week and complete a minimum of 15 minutes on TTRS. Spellings for test on 17th October: Doubt Island Lamb Solemn Thistle Knight Numb Appreciate Sufficient Curiosity

	right, then they should practise their own individual spelling list.	
Year 6	Another week in which everyone can be very happy with the work that has been produced. In our writing this week, we focussed on our handwriting. We have practiced different types of joins, with our cursive style, and linked this with our spelling words. We also re-wrote, with improvements, some work that we have produced in the past, to great effect! In Maths, we have now completed two methods for double-digit division. We have worked through long division and a method that means it can be approached in a shorter format. I am more than happy to discuss these different methods with you if that is useful. In R.E, we have discussed what it means to sin, and talked about the different virtues, while also applying them to our own lives and experiences. In our Reading, we finished 'Darwin's Dragons', which we all enjoyed, and have moved onto 'The Wild Folk.' It is a very different style, and one which I am sure we will all enjoy.	Reading Maths Worksheets <u>Spellings</u> edible reversible invincible enjoyable valuable breakable identifiable ancient apparent appreciate

Useful Dates

Autumn Term 1	
Tuesday 14 th October 1pm - 6pm	Parents' Meetings for Y3, Y4 , Y5 and Y6 (1-6pm)
Wednesday 15 th October 1pm - 6pm	Parents' Meetings for Reception, Y1 and Y2 (1-6pm)
Thursday 23 rd October at 2:40pm	Year 5 Class Assembly
Monday, 27 th to Friday, 31 st October	Half Term Break
Autumn Term 2	
Monday, 3 rd November	INSET Day – No Children in School
Tuesday, 4 th November	Children Back to School
Thursday 6 th November	Jules Arscott – Early Help Parent Drop-in 8.30-10am
Friday, 14 th November	Children in Need Day
Wednesday, 19 th November	Fraser Portraits (Individual Photos)
Thursday 20 th November at 2:40pm	Year 4 Class Assembly
Thursday 27 th November at 2:40pm	Year 6 Class Assembly
Tuesday, 2 nd December	Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday, 4 th December	Jules Arscott, Early Help, Parent Drop-in from 8.30am
Tuesday, 9 th December	KS1 Nativity Performances
Thursday 11 th December at 2:40pm	Year 3 Class Assembly
Friday, 19 th December	Carol Service & Readings at 2pm – Mini Vinnies Leading
Monday, 20 th December to Friday, 3 rd January	Christmas Holidays
Spring Term 1	
Monday, 5 th January	Children Back to School
Thursday, 8 th January	Jules Arscott, Early Help, Parent Drop-in from 8.30am
Thursday 29 th January at 2:40pm	Year 2 Class Assembly
Thursday 12 th February at 2:40pm	Reception Class Assembly
Monday, 16 th to Friday, 20 th February	Half Term Holidays

Spring Term 2	
Monday, 23 rd February	INSET Day – No Children in School
Tuesday, 24 th February	Children Back in School
Thursday, 5 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 5 th March at 2:40pm	Year 1 Class Assembly
Thursday, 5 th March	Jules Arscott, Early Help, Parent Drop-in from 8.30am
Monday, 30 th March to Friday, 10 th April	Easter Holidays
Summer Term 1	
Monday, 13 th April	INSET Day – No Children in School
Tuesday, 14 th April	Children back in School
Monday, 4 th May	Bank Holiday – No children in School
Thursday, 7 th May	Jules Arscott, Early Help, Parent Drop-in from 8.30am
Tuesday, 5 th to Friday, 22 nd May	Y2 SATs
Monday, 11 th to Friday, 15 th May	Y6 SATs
Monday, 25 th to Friday, 29 th May	Half Term Holidays
Summer Term 2	
Monday, 1 st June	INSET Day – No Children in School
Tuesday, 2 nd June	Children back in School
Tuesday, 2 nd to Friday, 12 th June	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)
Wednesday, 25 th -Friday, 26 th June	Y6 PGL Barton Hall Residential Trip
Tuesday, 30 th June	Fraser Portraits Class/Leavers' Photos
Thursday, 2 nd Friday, 3 rd July	Y6 Primary College
Tuesday, 7 th July	Transition Day
Wednesday, 8 th July	Transition Day
Wednesday, 8 th to Friday, 10 th July	Y4 Minstead Residential Trip
Thursday, 23 rd July	Summer Holidays

Masses and Liturgical Events 2025-26

All masses to take place at 9.30am in the hall at school

Please be aware when your child's class is leading Mass, you are very welcome to attend. Please come to the office 5 minutes before the Mass is due to start to sign in.

Thursday, 13 th November	Whole School Remembrance Mass – Y5 Leading
Thursday, 4 th December	Whole School Advent Mass – Y4 Leading
Thursday, 8 th January	Whole School Epiphany Mass – Y3 Leading
Thursday, 5 th February	Whole School Candlemas Mass– Y6 Leading
Thursday, 12 th March	Whole School Lent Mass – Y5 to Lead
Thursday, 16 th April	Whole School Easter Mass – Y4 to Lead

Thursday, 11 th June	Whole School Corpus Christi Mass – Y3 to Lead
Thursday, 16 th July	Whole School Leavers' Mass – Y6 to Lead