Broadwindsor CE VC Primary School

NEWSLETTER

October 2026

Broadwindsor Business...

Dear Families,

As we reach the end of our first half term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a very busy, eventful and rewarding few weeks at Broadwindsor. The children have embraced a wide range of opportunities, and it has been lovely to see them learning, growing and making memories together as a school community.

A busy start to the year!
This half term has certainly kept us on our toes, including an Ofsted visit, which has been an important part of our school journey. Throughout everything, the children have continued to work hard, show and demonstrate our school values of courage, creativity, perseverance, kindness and responsibility. I am very proud of the way they have approached the term.

Harvest Festival – kindness in action
Our Harvest Festival at the church was a wonderful opportunity to come together and reflect on the importance of gratitude, generosity and helping others. We were overwhelmed by the kindness of our families, who donated an incredible number of boxes and bags of food for the food bank at Prout Bridge. These donations will make a real difference to people in our local community, and they are a lovely example of our children learning what it means to care for others and put kindness into action. Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped to make our celebration so meaningful.

Sporting success and teamwork
Our children also enjoyed taking part in a tag rugby festival, where they had the opportunity to develop their sporting skills, work as a team and demonstrate determination and good sportsmanship. Events such as these help our children build confidence, learn to support one another and enjoy being active beyond the classroom.

A fitting finale of fun!
Our choir had the pleasure of visiting the elderly residents at Broadwindsor House to sing their Harvest songs. It was a lovely opportunity to share our music, spread a little happiness and bring different generations of our community together. The children sang beautifully, and we hope they brought a smile to everyone's faces.

Fortunately, the storm didn't ruin our fun this week, although lessons were a little different when we found ourselves without power! Our staff and children adapted brilliantly, showing flexibility and a positive attitude despite the unexpected challenges.

In the evening, we finished the half term in spooktacular style with our renowned PTFA spooky disco! It was fantastic to see over 40 pupils and their families supporting the event. There was a wonderful atmosphere, plenty of Halloween fun and a real sense of community. Thank you to our fabulous PTFA and to everyone who came along and helped make it such an enjoyable end to a very busy half term.

Looking ahead to the next half term
I hope that all our families enjoy a restful and enjoyable half-term break. The children have worked hard and certainly deserve some time to relax, recharge and enjoy time with their families.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, encouragement and commitment to Broadwindsor CE VC Primary School. Our school is at its best when children, staff, parents and the wider community work together, and this half term has provided many wonderful examples of that partnership in action.

I look forward to welcoming everyone back for the next half term, ready for more learning, new opportunities and plenty of exciting experiences together.

With warmest wishes,

Antoinette Barnes

Headteacher

Keeping safe as the evenings get darker

With the clocks going back this weekend, the evenings will become darker much earlier. Please remind children about the importance of staying safe when travelling to and from school, particularly if they are walking or cycling.
Where possible, please consider providing children with luminous or reflective clothing, hi-vis belts or reflective accessories so that they can be seen more easily by drivers and other road users. Please also encourage children to use safe routes, cross roads carefully and remain alert to traffic.

Reading at home

Reading is crucial to being able to access the whole of the curriculum and a life skill that many adults take for granted. Children will be bring home reading books and reading records and so we would greatly appreciate your support by sharing stories and listening to them read on a daily basis. Please ensure that these are signed daily to show your support.

Autumn weather – please bring a coat!

Autumn has certainly arrived, and the weather is becoming colder, wetter and more unpredictable. We aim to get the children outside whenever possible, whether for playtimes, outdoor learning or other activities, so please ensure that every child comes to school with a suitable coat each day. As the weather changes, warm, waterproof clothing will help the children remain comfortable and enjoy their time outdoors.


ENQUIRE into the character of Muhammad as the 'seal' of the prophets
Responsibility











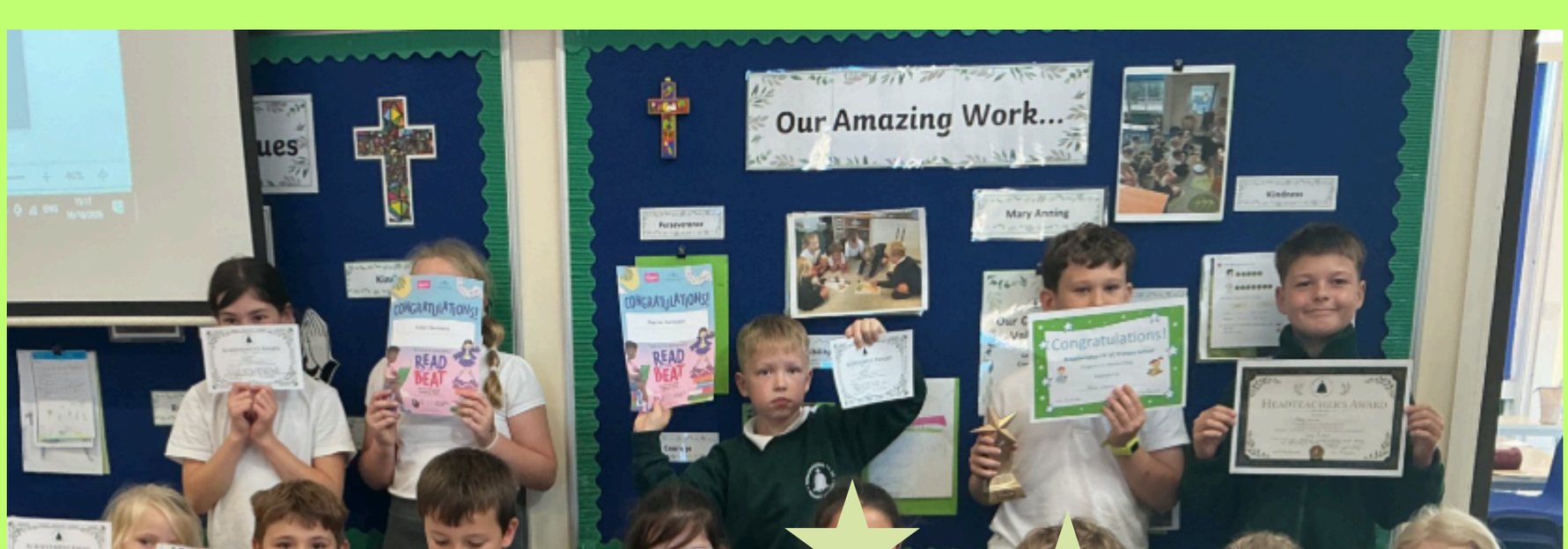




Achievements

Taking the Extra Step...







Diary Dates

Date	Event
02.11.26	INSET DAY
03.11.26	Return to school
06.11.26	Celebration Assembly 2.50pm - All welcome.
09.11.26	Mary Anning - Washing Pool Farm Visit
10.11.26	2:00pm - 3:00pm - Rememberance Service at the church (children only).
11.11.26	Cross country races at Colfox School (invited children).
13.11.26	CHILDREN IN NEED NON-UNIFORM DAY + DONATION. Celebration Assembly 2.50pm - All welcome.
13.11.26	PTFA - Mary Anning Class After-School Youth Club
19.11.26	Bronze Ambassadors Training (invited children) at Beaminster School.
27.11.26	Crazy Hair/Odd Socks Day with hamper donations
01.12.26	STEM roadshow for Years 4, 5 & 6 at school.
02.12.26	Y6 height and weight measurement clinic
03.12.26	9:00 am Ukulele Concert - William Barnes
04.12.26	PTFA Christmas Jumper Day