

# BROADWINDSOR CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

“TAKING THE EXTRA STEP IN LEARNING, KINDNESS AND AMBITION  
FOR OURSELVES, OTHERS AND OUR WORLD”



22nd May 2026

Newsletter 9

**SUMMER 2 CLUBS for KS2:**  
**Monday:**  
Running Club with Mrs McKenzie  
and Mrs Rowe 4.15pm finish

**Tuesday:**  
Homework Club with Mrs Taylor,  
4.00pm finish.  
ICT Coding Club with Mr Harris,  
4.15pm finish.  
Cricket Club with Mr Baker, 4.15pm  
finish.

**Wednesday:**  
Tag Rugby with Mrs Hall and Mrs  
McKenzie, 4.15pm finish.

**Thursday:**  
No Clubs

**Friday:**  
Football with Mr Price, 4.15pm  
finish.

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils have also been thoroughly enjoying their sessions with Mr Harris, where they have been designing and making wooden toys. The children have shown fantastic creativity, teamwork and practical skills throughout the project, and it has been wonderful to see their ideas come to life. Please do take a look at the accompanying photos showcasing some of their excellent work.



On Monday, the whole school enjoyed a fantastic assembly led by iRock, where the children had the opportunity to meet a professional musician and experience live music up close. The assembly was lively, interactive and hugely entertaining, with pupils invited to participate by trying out drums, keyboard, electric guitar and vocals. It was wonderful to see so many children enthusiastically joining in and gaining confidence performing in front of others. The session sparked a great deal of excitement across the school, and we look forward to sharing more information shortly about how children can become involved in future iRock opportunities.

Thomas Hardy Class have been especially creative recently with their writing and storytelling recently. Inspired by the story of *A Mouse called Julian*, the children have produced some wonderfully imaginative pieces of work, full of exciting ideas and thoughtful detail. It has been lovely to see their confidence growing as young authors. Alongside this, the class have also been learning about and her important discoveries along the Jurassic Coast. The children have been fascinated to learn how Mary Anning discovered fossils at a time when very few women were recognised in science, and how her findings helped scientists better understand prehistoric life and dinosaurs.

Mary Anning Class had a wonderful visit to Washingpool Farm on Wednesday, where they spent lots of time outdoors enjoying nature and meeting the animals. The children particularly loved visiting the pigs, whose playful and entertaining behaviour provided plenty of laughter throughout the day! Experiences such as these are invaluable in helping children develop confidence, curiosity and a deeper understanding of the world around them.

Yesterday, William Barnes Class visited the world-famous Stonehenge as part of their Stone Age topic. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the standing stones and learning more about this remarkable prehistoric monument. They discovered how Stonehenge was carefully arranged to align with the movement of the sun during the solstices and learned about the extraordinary effort involved in transporting the enormous stones many miles without modern machinery. The children were fascinated to hear theories about how early communities may have used rollers, sledges and waterways to move the stones into place thousands of years ago. Back in class, the children have been fully immersing themselves in life during the Stone Age by making their own Stone Age axes and spears, as well as creating some fantastic “cave paintings”. It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm for history and creativity combined.

We have also been delighted by some very special wildlife visitors who appear to have made our school grounds their home this term. Our resident pheasants have become a real talking point amongst the children, and we were thrilled to discover that the female pheasant had laid eggs nearby. We are now excited to report that the eggs have successfully hatched, and we have identified nine healthy chicks. The proud mother has been confidently parading her chicks throughout our Forest School area, much to the delight of pupils and staff alike. It has been a wonderful opportunity for the children to observe nature up close and to see firsthand the care and protection shown by the mother pheasant.

## Community News

We have been advised that the stream at the back of the school, the Little Axe, was polluted in April. Please be assured that pupils do not have access to the stream, and that we take both wildlife conservation and caring for our environment extremely seriously. In school, our dedicated Eco-Team regularly monitors sustainability initiatives and helps promote environmental responsibility throughout the school community. We check the stream frequently and, whilst at times it can appear to run almost dry, it has always appeared clear during our observations. We can also confirm that nothing has been poured into the stream by the school, nor has any site work taken place that could have caused

Dear Families

As we reach the halfway point of the summer term, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on some of the wonderful experiences and achievements our pupils have enjoyed over the past few weeks. It has been another busy and exciting start to the term, filled with learning opportunities both inside and outside the classroom.

Last week, our Year 6 pupils completed their SATs assessments. We are incredibly proud of the resilience, determination and perseverance they demonstrated throughout the week. They approached each day with maturity and positivity, and they should all feel extremely proud of themselves. A huge thank you must also go to our PTA for their very kind donation, which enabled us to provide breakfast for the children each morning. The week ended with a celebratory English breakfast on Friday, shared with their Year 5 friends, which was a lovely way to mark the end of a challenging week together.

| Diary Dates         |                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 01.06.26            | INSET DAY                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 03.06.26            | Ukelele for William Barnes.                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 05.06.26            | Chance to Shine Cricket Workshops throughout the day for all classes.<br>Collective Worship 2.50pm - celebrations - all welcome!                                                            |
| 08.06.26            | Phonics Screening Checks for Y1 and Y2 pupils held during this week.<br>Vision Screening for Mary Anning Class.                                                                             |
| 10.06.26            | KS1 visit to the SeaLife Centre.<br>Ukelele for William Barnes.                                                                                                                             |
| 11.06.26            | Jane Austen visit to Bridport Museum and river walk.                                                                                                                                        |
| 12.06.26            | Chance to Shine Cricket Workshops throughout the day for all classes.<br>Collective Worship 2:50pm - celebrations - all welcome!                                                            |
| 15.06.26            | Stuff and Nonsense Theatre Workshop for William Barnes.                                                                                                                                     |
| 16.06.26            | Stuff and Nonsense Theatre Workshop for William Barnes.                                                                                                                                     |
| 17.06.26            | Stuff and Nonsense Theatre Workshop for William Barnes.<br>Ukelele for William Barnes.                                                                                                      |
| 18.06.26            | Stuff and Nonsense Theatre Workshop for William Barnes.                                                                                                                                     |
| 19.06.26            | Stuff and Nonsense Theatre Workshop for William Barnes.<br>Chance to Shine Cricket Workshops throughout the day for all classes.<br>Collective Worship 2:50pm - celebrations - all welcome! |
| 21.06.26 - 24.06.26 | PGL Residential for Y6.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 26.06.26            | Chance to Shine Cricket Workshops throughout the day for all classes.<br>Collective Worship 2:50pm - celebrations - all welcome!                                                            |

## Taking the Extra Step...



## ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

### Broadwindsor Oak Apple Festival

Please come and join us at Comrades Hall from 10am to 1pm where Chris and Mrs Barnes will be there, ready to help make scarecrows and support our village.





## A snapshot of our term...

