

BROADWINDSOR CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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



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Newsletter 11



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support. It has been an incredible year, full of memorable experiences, exciting opportunities and moments that remind us just how special our school community is.

July has certainly been a month to remember! Our Sports Day had the perfect weather and children enjoyed participating in a range of activities. Our talented young musicians treated family and friends to a fantastic Ukulele Concert, confidently showcasing the skills they have developed throughout the year. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and growing confidence as performers.

Children also enjoyed a truly inspiring Royal Opera and Ballet Society Dance Workshop, delivered in partnership with UNICEF. The workshop gave pupils the opportunity to express themselves creatively while learning about the importance

of children's rights through dance and movement.

One of the highlights of the month was undoubtedly Pea Fest. William Barnes Class organised an afternoon of singing, making and growing, supported by their families and members of our wonderful PTFA. We are incredibly proud that the event raised £143.30 for UNICEF, helping to support children living in war-torn areas of the world. It was a wonderful example of our children demonstrating compassion, responsibility and a desire to make a positive difference beyond our own community.

A huge thank you also goes to our PTFA for organising Freeze Pop Fridays, which have been greatly enjoyed by the children during the recent hot weather.

The month ended in spectacular style with our Colour Run. There was laughter, colour and smiles everywhere as children, staff and families came together for an afternoon of fun. We are enormously grateful to our PTFA for organising such a fantastic event and to our local Fire Brigade, whose support helped make the afternoon even more memorable. Community events like these remind us how fortunate we are to have such wonderful support around our school.



Yesterday, we held our annual Celebration Day, beginning with a special service in church where we reflected on the year and celebrated the exciting new chapter that awaits our Year 6 children. Back at school, our Year 6 pupils enjoyed some special treats from Mrs Barnes before taking to the bouncy castle! The celebrations then continued as every child had the opportunity to enjoy the bouncy castle—a well-deserved reward for all of their hard work and achievements throughout the year. Our sincere thanks go to the PTFA for generously providing this wonderful treat.

Today has been a day filled with both celebration and emotion. This morning we took the opportunity to thank our dedicated volunteers and governors, whose time, care and commitment make such a significant difference to our school. Their support behind the scenes is invaluable, and we are incredibly grateful for everything they do.

We also said farewell to several much-loved members of staff: Mrs Banner, Mrs Lancaster, Mr Davis, Miss Young and Mrs Taylor. Each of them has made a lasting contribution to Broadwindsor Primary School through their kindness, dedication and unwavering commitment to our children. They have each touched countless lives, and while we are sad to see them leave, we wish them every happiness and success in their new adventures. They will always remain part of the Broadwindsor family, and we look forward to hearing all about the exciting opportunities that lie ahead for them.

This afternoon, we said a final farewell to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. They have been exceptional role models and have left a lasting legacy within our school. During a special presentation, each child received a small gift to remember their time at Broadwindsor, along with a treasured copy of the Bible that has accompanied them throughout their years with us. We hope these gifts will remind them not only of their time here but also of the values, friendships and memories they will carry into the future.

The day concluded with our traditional Clap Out. As always, it was an emotional occasion, filled with proud smiles, laughter and more than a few tears. Watching our Year 6 children walk through the guard of honour formed by staff and pupils is always a poignant reminder that while we are sad to say goodbye, we are incredibly excited to see what they will achieve next.

Diary Dates	
01.09.26	INSET DAY
02.09.26	INSET DAY
03.09.26	RETURN TO SCHOOL
04.09.26	PTFA welcome picnic at 2.50pm until 3.45pm - come and make new friends at the start of our new year. No Celebration Assembly this week.
10.09.26	Swimming for Jane Austen
11.09.26	2.50pm - Collective Worship - Celebrations - all welcome.

As we close the school gates for the summer, I would like to thank our pupils for their enthusiasm, curiosity and resilience; our staff for their tireless dedication; our governors and volunteers for their unwavering support; our PTFA for the countless opportunities they create; and you, our parents and carers, for working in partnership with us every single day. It has been a privilege to share this year with you all. I wish every family a safe, restful and happy summer holiday.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, ready for another exciting year of learning, friendship and new adventures.

With warmest wishes,

Mrs Barnes



Taking the Extra Step...



ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

A snapshot of our term...



Parent Information

Information from the Department of Education,
10.07.26:

Great British Summer Savings

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural

As part of this campaign, we have launched an **attraction finder** website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.



Dorset council offer a variety of support services for families. For further information, go to [Family Hub - Dorset Council](#)

Free Parenting App: EasyPeasy

Support your child's development with the EasyPeasy app. Available for free to all parents and carers of children aged 0 to 5 in Dorset.

This easy to use app brings together the best ideas, advice, and inspiration from a diverse community of parents, experts, and brands supporting families and their 0 to 5 year olds during the crucial early years. Parents can access thousands of simple, fun, and educational parenting tips and activities, tailored to their child's age and development stage, designed to use everyday materials that families already have access to at home.

The app includes information, activities, and tips on a range of topics including:

- wellbeing
- bedtime
- nutrition
- speech and language
- mindfulness

Residents can download the EasyPeasy app from the App Store or the Google Play store on their mobile devices now and enjoy free, premium access as part of this partnership.

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Dorset Family Information Service

Dorset Family Information Service (FIS) is a free, impartial information service for parents and carers of children and young people aged up to 19, or up to 25 years for those with [special educational needs or disability \(SEND\)](#).