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Look out for our sports news on our Facebook page.

Pimperne School Prayer

(Written by Year 6 leavers 2014)

This is our school

Let it be full of learning and laughter

Let the classrooms be filled with encouragement and joy

Let us be safe, surrounded by our friends

May God be with us, and shine upon us with love

And let us remember to respect each other

As many hearts make a family

So many hearts make a school

And many hearts make Pimperne

Amen

Our School Values

Perseverance
Compassion
Courage
Trust

Forgiveness
Selflessness
Justice
Respect

Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term 18/9/2026

Head Teacher's Update

Congratulations to Our New House Captains This week, our children across the whole school took part in a democratic process to elect their new House Captains. Y6 Candidates presented their ideas via video message to win the support from their electorates. Then house members cast their votes. We would like to congratulate all those who put themselves forward and particularly those who were successfully elected. Congratulations to **Noah and Alfie for Longmore**, **Sean and Harvey for Sherwood**, **Evie and Liliana for Redwood** and **Amelie and Amelia for Sagano**.

Many visitors ask about our house names and their connection to our school tree theme. Each house is named after a famous forest from a different part of the world:

- **Sagano House** takes its name from the beautiful bamboo forests of Sagano in Japan, Asia, known for their towering bamboo and peaceful pathways.
- **Redwood House** is named after the majestic Redwood forests of California, North America, home to some of the tallest trees on Earth.
- **Longmore House** takes its name from Longmore Forest in South Africa, it lies at an at an elevation of approximately 331 meters above sea level.

Sherwood House is named after the historic Sherwood Forest in Nottinghamshire, famous for its ancient oak trees and links to the legend of Robin Hood.

Together, these forests remind us that, like trees, we all grow stronger when our roots are well nurtured and when we are part of a thriving community. We look forward to seeing our new House Captains lead with enthusiasm, integrity and teamwork throughout the year ahead.

A Wonderful Start to Reading This Year! We were delighted to welcome a phonics hub expert into school this week. It was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the strong foundations already in place across our classrooms and to showcase the excellent learning behaviours that help our children become successful readers. The visitor was particularly impressed with the positive attitudes, focus and enthusiasm shown by children throughout Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, enabling phonics to be taught effectively and learnt successfully. Reading is an essential for every child and with new sounds learned every day, no one can afford to miss out. It has been wonderful to see such determination, effort and pride from all of our readers, from our very newest Reception children taking their first steps into reading, right through to our experienced Year 2 pupils who are building fluency, confidence and a genuine love of books. We are incredibly proud of the way our children embrace challenges, celebrate success and support one another in their learning journeys.



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Our Early Reading Lead, Mrs Nix, and Reception teacher, Miss Humphrys, will soon be sending an invitation to a **Reception Parent Reading Meeting for 2pm-3pm on Wednesday 30th September**. We strongly encourage all Reception families to attend, as the session provides essential information about how children learn to read, how phonics is taught in school and, most importantly, how you can support your child at home. Later in the term, we will also be holding reading sessions for families in other year groups. These meetings will explore the increasing complexities of reading in Key Stage 2 and offer practical advice on supporting children as their reading skills develop beyond decoding words and into deeper understanding, inference and comprehension.

Attendance Matters! A huge congratulations to our Reception class who achieved an incredible **98.6% attendance** last week and proudly won our attendance award. What an amazing achievement for the youngest members of our school community! Come on classes – who will win this week's attendance?

Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in ensuring children achieve their full potential. Every lesson builds upon previous learning. When children miss school, they miss valuable teaching, experiences and opportunities that cannot always be fully replicated. Missed learning can create gaps in knowledge, and gaps can lead to rocky foundations. We would never intentionally place barriers in the way of our child's education, so please help us ensure your child attends school every day. Every day really does count.

Harvest Collection - Week Beginning 5th October - As part of our Harvest celebrations, we will once again be collecting donations to support **Nourish Blandford**, a local charity that provides food and practical support to individuals and families experiencing hardship within our community. During the week beginning **5th October**, we invite families who are able to do so to donate non-perishable food items and household essentials. Harvest is a wonderful opportunity for children to learn about generosity, compassion and helping those around us. We are always overwhelmed by the kindness shown by our school community, and we thank you in advance for your support. More information will come out shortly.

Ready, Respectful, Safe

Our three school rules are simple but incredibly important: **Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe**. Being Ready means arriving at school prepared to learn, listening carefully and giving our best effort in every lesson. Being Respectful means showing kindness, good manners and consideration towards others, even when we may have different opinions or experiences. Being Safe means making sensible choices that help everyone feel secure, valued and able to thrive.

Lost Property: The Mystery of the Wandering Jumpers!

A small but important announcement from our Lost Property Department (currently staffed by several puzzled adults!). Over the past week, a couple of jumpers have been discovered enjoying unexpected adventures outside in the playground and even taking a trip to the Village Hall park. While we admire their independent spirit, we suspect their owners may be missing them!

Our lost property collection can be found outside the Year 6 classroom as you enter the playground. We would be very grateful if families could take a moment to have a look, as there have already been a number of unnamed jumpers, cardigans and coats waiting to be reunited with their owners. Unclaimed items always seem to multiply at an astonishing rate, and before long we fear they may be planning a takeover of the playground! A quick name check on clothing and a regular peek at the lost property rail can save both money and favourite items from becoming permanent residents in school. Thank you for your help in solving the mystery!

A Quick Safety Reminder About the School Drive

A gentle reminder that the school drive is **not a footpath** and should not be used by pedestrians at the beginning or end of the school day. There is clear signage in place stating "**No Pedestrians**", as there is no designated footpath and visibility can be limited when vehicles are moving. We work hard to teach our children about making safe choices, and many of them are now excellent at reminding adults that the drive is not for walking on! To avoid being corrected by a six-year-old safety expert, please use the designated pedestrian routes whenever you come to and from school. By setting a good example, we help reinforce the important safety messages we teach every day and ensure everyone arrives at school safely and happily.

Autumn Term Begins

The gates swing open, smiles shine bright,
New books, new friends and pure delight.

Pencils ready, minds awake,
So many exciting memories to make.
Leaves will tumble, days grow cool,
As children learn and grow in school.
With kindness, effort, courage too,
There's nothing that our children cannot do.
Here's to a term of fun and wonder,
Working, learning and growing together.
Let's make this autumn one to remember!

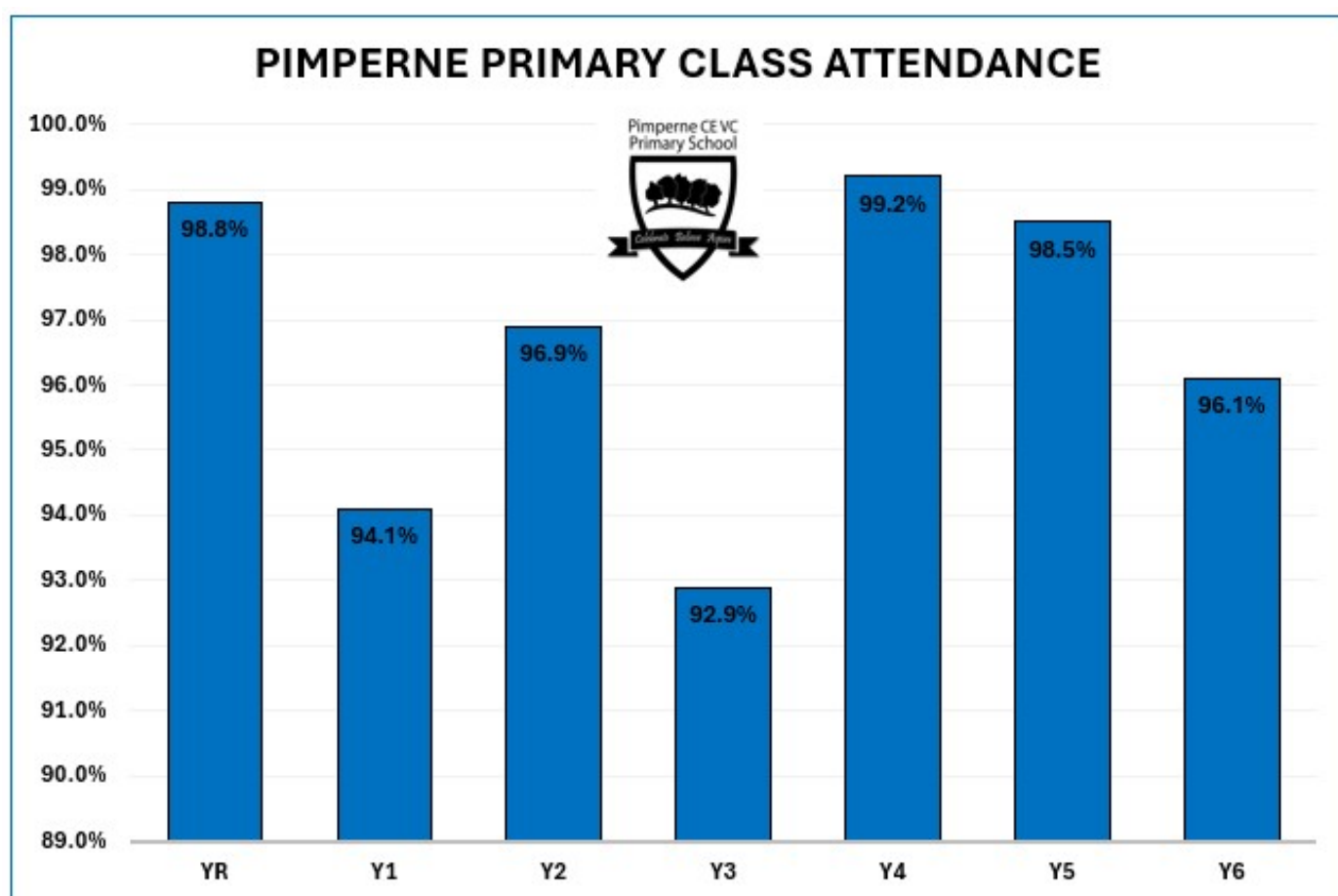
Calendar

Please note there are some dates on our school calendar on the website for those of you that like advance warning of productions, photographs, parent evenings etc. We try not to change them but do run a upcoming dates in the weekly newsletter too.

Fiona Waller

(Headteacher)

Class Attendance



Well done to all of our children who were awarded Hot Chocolate Friday!

We are incredibly proud of your hard work, positive attitudes, and fantastic efforts. Keep shining and setting such wonderful examples.

Enjoy your well-deserved treat!





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WE ARE SEEKING TO APPOINT AN ENTHUSIASTIC AND COMMITTED MIDDAY SUPERVISOR ASSISTANT

≡ to join the team. ≡



You will need to be self-motivated and enjoy
working with children, to encourage positive behaviour.

THE ROLE WILL INCLUDE:



Preparation
of the hall



Serving of
hot food



Supervision of
children whilst
they are eating
their hot school
meals or
packed lunch



Playtime
duties



Engaging
children in play



TO APPLY VISIT OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE:
WWW.PIMPERNE.DORSET.SCH.UK/JOB-VACANCIES



RESPECT



KINDNESS



RESPONSIBILITY



TEAMWORK

WEEKLY DATES

Monday 21st September

PE—Years 1 & 3

KS2 French Club 3-4pm

Tuesday 22nd

PE— Years R & 5

Year 5 Bikeability (*parents aware*)

Alex Bett Guita Lessons

Wednesday 23rd

PE—Years R,1 & 6

Year 6 Swimming

Multi-sports 3-4pm

KS1 French 3-4pm

Thursday 24th—Flu Immunisations

PE—Years 2,3,4,5, & 6

Bridget Riggs Piano Lessons

Gymnastics Club 3-4pm

KS2 Outdoor Blast 3-4pm

Creative Art Club 3-4pm

Friday 25th

PE—Years 2 & 4

Year 5 Bikeability (*parents aware*)

Rocksteady

Harry Malabar Drum Lessons

SAFEGUARDING

If you have any concerns around the safety of a child, call Children's Advice and Duty Service (ChADS) 01305 228866

Or if a child is in immediate danger call 999

Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Mrs Waller, Mrs Hayward & Miss Tatham

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COMING UP—REMINDERS!

WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER—RECEPTION PARENT READING MEETING 2PM-3PM

FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER—INSET DAY

TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER—SEPT 27 STARTERS OPEN MORNING

WEDNESDAY 13TH OCTOBER & WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER —PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

(INFO TO FOLLOW)

MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER -INDIVIDUAL PHOTO DAY (SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR ALL CHILDREN)



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Whole School Term Dates 2026-2027

Autumn Term 2026-2027

Term begins Y1 – Y6: Thursday 3rd September 2026

INSET DAY – Friday 2nd October 2026

Half term: Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2026

INSET DAY – Monday 2nd November 2026

Term ends: Friday 18th December 2026

Christmas Holidays – Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January 2027

Spring Term 2026-2027

Term begins: Monday 4th January 2027

Half Term: Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February 2027

Term ends: Wednesday 24th March 2027

INSET DAY – Thursday 25th March 2027

Good Friday – Friday 26th March 2027

Easter Holidays – Monday 29th March – Friday 9th April 2027

Summer Term 2026-2027

Term begins: Monday 12th April

May Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May 2027

Half Term: Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2027

INSET DAY – Monday 7th June 2027

INSET DAY – Friday 2nd July 2027

Term Ends for ALL: Wednesday 21st July 2027 at 3pm

Reception Class September 2026

3rd & 4th – Group A only (8:30-11:30)

7th & 8th – Group B only (8:30-11:30)

9th – All YR (8:30-11:30)

10th – All YR 8:30-1pm (incl. lunch)

11th – All YR 8.30-1pm & optional 1-3pm

INSET DAYS

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Friday 2nd October 2026

Monday 2nd November 2026

Thursday 25th March 2027

Monday 7th June 2027

Friday 2nd July 2027

Inset Days may change but as much advance notice as possible will be given



Class Email Accounts

Don't forget that class email accounts are not checked daily & not checked between 7.45-3.30. If a message is important please send to the office to ensure the class team receive it.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

These clubs are becoming increasingly busy so it is important that you book sessions well in advance. We are not able to guarantee adding children to the registers last minute, but please do phone the School Office to request a space and we will do our best!

All Breakfast and After School Club bookings need to be made using ParentMail 2 days in advance from the day that you require the provision. Last minute bookings will be subject to a £2.50 administration charge, charges also apply to cancellation or administrative changes inside 48 hours.

Drop off and Parking for Breakfast Club is in the Village Hall car park. Please DO NOT use the School Drive.

Walking in/out of School

A quick reminder that the school drive is a roadway and the entrance way is a blind corner. It is safest to use the pedestrian pathway to enter and leave the school site.

Absence Reporting

It's really important to remember to report your child's absence to school by 8.30 so that the registers are accurate. This is part of our safeguarding process. You can report your child's absence by leaving a message on our telephone absence line or via ParentMail.

Uniform

**Please name all school uniform & PE kit to make lost items easy to locate!
If you are unsure about the uniform guidance this is available on our website.**



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