



7th March 2025

Newsletter

Dear Parents,

It was lovely earlier in the week when the first signs of Spring are showing and the sun is shining. Our daffodils have started to bloom and it won't be long until the warmer days arrive I'm sure. This week in school has seen the SCARF workshops. Not knitting something for the chilly mornings, but a PSHE focus we undertake each year with age-appropriate lessons on relationships. In Year 6 the children were looking how text messages can be misinterpreted, a common issue raised with children using social media. Again, there has been a call to ban smart phones for children under the age of 13 and although I would agree with this call as I see the impact social media has on children, the plans have been watered down by government and this is unlikely. Please do keep tabs on your child's use of social media, they are learning to use these adult tools and would benefit from your intervention.

Easter Egg Monday

On Monday we have a non-uniform day to collect Easter eggs for the Easter Raffle and the Bunny Bingo prizes. Your support and participation is greatly appreciated.

Bunny Bingo

If you haven't bought your tickets yet, there are a few remaining. This is such a popular event and the hall is packed so please do come and join us if you are able to. The PSFA raise valuable funds for your children at this event, as well as having a good time.

Assessment Week

Next week sees our Year 6 pupils taking their assessments. We are trying to keep this as similar to the week of the SATs as possible which is why the Year 6 are taking their tests a week early. The following week, the rest of the school will be taking their tests. During these weeks, if your child is feeling anxious, please do let us know. We will look to reduce the anxiety of tests as much as possible, but the reality is that in life we will face adversity and we are building resilience in our children to face these with confidence.

NO TOAST NEXT WEEK BECAUSE OF THE MOCK SATS

Hair bands

If your child has long hair they must have it tied up for school. This prevents hair getting into their faces and it also cuts back on the spread of nits, which is a bane of school communities. There have been a number of outbreaks across the school and tying your child's hair back will reduce the spread.

Parking / Road closure

Thank you for those of you who park and walk your children to school. Last week a child from Lytchett Minster was run over at the crossing on Dorchester Road. Fortunately, I believe that he is ok, but we need to prevent this from happening to one of our children. Some people are still choosing to stop on the zigzags at the bottom of St Martins Road, which is not only an offence that we will report to the Police, but puts children's lives at risk.

Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Road Closure Steward. If you want to help us keep our children safe at the beginning and end of the day, please do get in touch. It may be that you can't do both sessions or every day of the week, but we'd love to hear from you if you are able to support us with this.

Red Nose Day

This national event will be taking place on Friday 21st March and we are participating as a school. Miss Verran has included a note about this in the newsletter.

Photographer

Tuesday 18th March sees the school photographer in taking class photos. Children will need to wear their full school uniform rather than PE kits on this day. I will send out a reminder on the Monday evening.

And finally, I have been made aware of some rumblings on your WhatsApp pages. I am not party to these and cannot respond. If you have a concern, please do come and let me know. I am more than happy to listen to any concerns you have and if we have done something that we shouldn't have, or didn't know about, I happy to put up my hands, take responsibility and work with you to put things right. We're not going to get everything right, so you need to come and tell us and work with us to make sure we get things right for your child.

Have a great weekend,

Tony



Red Nose Day for Comic Relief – Friday 21st March 2025

On this day we are asking that your children wear non-uniform (including RED coloured clothing) in exchange for a donation of £1.

If your child has PE on this day, please ensure they are wearing suitable shoes. Thank you.



We are again working with Sturminster Marshall Golf Club & Mike Dodd Golf Academy to offer golf to the children at our school. Mike himself will be coming in later in the year using funding from England Golf to deliver tri – golf to all the pupils in school.

Every year the golf club partakes in the national scheme to offer a **FREE** session in their academy to try golf. They have again signed up to the national program Girls Golf Rocks to offer girls from local schools a chance to try golf. There is a **FREE** taster day to sign up for on Sunday 27th April 1-3pm at Sturminster Marshall GC. Boys will be able to try a **FREE** session on the same day 3-5pm.

From the taster days there are some subsidised organised 6 week sessions to continue the experience if you enjoyed the **FREE** taster.

We look forward to working with Mike again and offering more children the chance to get into golf.

Simply Email Mike mike@sturminstermarshallgc.co.uk to book in for your **FREE** taster at the club.

Bunny
BINGO

THURSDAY 13 MARCH
6PM FOR 6.20PM START

£5 PER BOOK OF 5 GAMES

Egg Bundle Prizes

Interval Flyer with a Cash Prize (£1 entry on the night)

Fun for all the family!
Refreshments Available
Cash Only

UJS PSFA Fundraising Event

TAG, TOUCH & CONTACT RUGBY COACHING & GAMES

DESIGNED TO DEVELOP CORE RFU VALUES OF SPORTSMANSHIP, TEAMWORK, RESPECT, DISCIPLINE AND ENJOYMENT.

For children ages 4-13 years old.

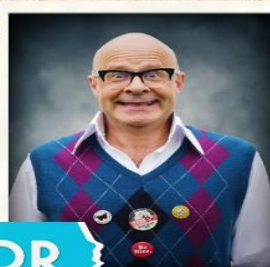
ONLY
£4
PER CHILD*

*School subsidy may apply.

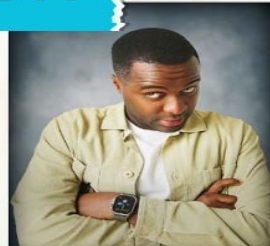
TO BOOK YOUR SPACE
VISIT RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK
EMAIL STUART@RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK
CALL STUART ON 07899 268265



OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PARTNER



JUNIOR BAKE OFF



JOIN THE CLASS OF 2025!

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

... IS LOOKING FOR BRILLIANT BAKERS, AGES 9-15 FOR THE NEXT NEW AND EXCITING SERIES!

APPLICATIONS CLOSE
SUNDAY 23RD MARCH

APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK



NEW CLASSES OPENING NOW!

POOLE, BOURNEMOUTH,
CORFE MULLEN

FREE TRIAL

- ✓ Expert Instruction
- ✓ Character Development
- ✓ Positive Reinforcement
- ✓ Fun and Engaging Classes
- ✓ Build Confidence
- ✓ Goal Setting



KIDS 3-6yrs

JUNIORS & FAMILY 7yrs+

ADULTS 12+



matt fiddes south

<https://Facebook.com/mfsouth>

WWW.MATTFIDDES.COM

FREE TASTER LESSON at Hamworthy School Pool

Individuality
SWIMMING & FITNESS

We are excited to offer a **FREE taster lesson** on **Thursday 20th March** lessons running from **4.10pm - 6.40pm**.

This is a fantastic opportunity to:

- Meet our friendly and professional swimming team.
- Experience **Individuality Swimming**, our award-winning swimming school, firsthand.
- Gain valuable feedback on your child's swimming skills.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Please call us on 01202 031701 to book your spot today!
Availability is limited.



Contact us on:

01202 031701

individualityswimmingandfitness.co.uk
info@individualityswimmingandfitness.co.uk



individualityswimmingandfitness.co.uk



JUMBLE SALE



@ Upton Methodist Church Preschool

Dorchester Road, BH165NN

Saturday 15th March
10am – 12pm

Free Entry
All Welcome

Children's clothes, toys, and books

Refreshments in the kitchen

Prices from 20p

Donations welcome at preschool until
Thursday 13th March

