



# March 2025 Newsletter



Exploring Possibilities Together  
*'Love one another, as I have loved you'*

## Diary Dates

- 1 April—Easter Immersive Event
- 4 April—PTFA Easter Egg Raffle to be drawn
- 4 April—Last day of the Spring Term
- 22 April—Start of the Summer Term—Pupils back to school
- 23 April—Easter Church Service at the Church
- 25 April—Chance to Shine Cricket Event
- 5 May—May Day Bank Holiday
- 12 May—Year 6 SATS English Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Papers 1 & 2
- 13 May—Year 6 SATS English Read
- 14 May—Year 6 SATS Mathematics Papers 1 & 2
- 15 May—Year 6 SATS Mathematics Paper 3
- 19 May—Sports Day—further details to follow
- 20 May—Reserve Sports Day
- 22 May—Year 6 Visit to Weymouth Outdoor Centre
- 23 May—Year 6 Visit to Weymouth Outdoor Centre
- 26 May to 30 May inc.—Half Term Holiday
- 2 June—Inset Training Day—Children not in School
- 7 June—PTFA Summer Fete
- 9 June—11.45 am to 14.45 pm Acers & Oaks Swimming
- 10 June—Oaks Visit Travellers Rest Farm—further details to follow
- 16 June—11.45 am to 14.45 pm Acers & Oaks Swimming
- 23 June—11.45 am to 14.45 pm Acers & Oaks Swimming
- 24 June—Acers Visit Travellers Rest Farm—further details to follow
- 30 June—11.45 am to 14.45 pm Acers & Oaks Swimming
- 1 July—Sturminster Newton High School & Shaftesbury School—Year 6 Transition Day
- 3 July—Sturminster Newton Year 5 Step Up Day
- 7 July—11.45 am to 14.45 pm Acers & Oaks Swimming
- 8 July & 15 July—Acers Class to visit Larmer Tree—further details to follow
- 8 July—Year 5 Taster Day at Shaftesbury School
- 14 July—11.45 am to 14.45 pm Acers & Oaks Swimming
- 16 July—Local Academy Committee Meeting at 4.00 pm
- 23 July—Last day of the Summer Term
- 8 September—Start of the Autumn Term—all pupils back to school
- 27—31 October inc. —Half Term
- 18 December—Last day of the Autumn Term

## Headteacher's Message

As we come to the end of the Spring term it does really feel like we are leaving winter behind, finally. The sunny days have been lovely and has meant that we have been finally able to spread out again and use the field at break times.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to Parents Meetings this week. It was lovely to see everyone and be able to share what the children have been doing.

Over the last week or two, the children have been busy making butterflies which will be on display this Saturday at St Nicholas Church as part of their Carnival of Colour celebrations. There are lots of activities for the children to do for free.

May I also take this opportunity to remind you about parking, Please do not park on the zig zag and double yellow line areas as it is not permitted.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter Holiday when it arrives.

## After School Gym Club Display

Congratulations to the After School Gym Club for their impressive display performed to the parents and children at the beginning of March. Their dedication and hard work certainly paid off as they showed us their skills and the precision in their movements learnt in Gym Club.

Well done everyone!



## **Portals to the Past—Tudor Day**

**Acers and Oaks were visited by an ancient Greek hoplite, who shared his knowledge of the warring city states, the birth of democracy and Greek legends, Alexander the Great and Greek culture. The children came to school dressed in a period costume and took part in a mixture of activities which included role play, studying artefacts and had a lot of fun which brought the history of Ancient Greece alive! We would like to thank the P7 SA who made this visit possible by their kind class donations.**

## **World Book Day 2025**

St Nicholas marked World Book Day on Wednesday, 5 March 2025.

Our theme in school this year was 'Bedtime Stories'. Children were invited to come to school dressed in their pyjamas/onesies. They were allowed to bring in one small teddy and their favourite bedtime story book. All the classes participated in fun book themed activities during the day and the children had the opportunity to share their bedtime story with a child from another class.

At the end of the day children were able to take home a free book from the books on display outside the school hall.



We raised £121.56 for our 80's themed/red clothes day on Friday. Thank you for all your contributions

## **Football Tournaments** **Updates**

**Congratulations to our football teams on their recent tournament achievements.**

**10 March—Year 5/6 Tournament—2nd**

**17 March—Year 3/4 Tournament—3rd**

**24 March—Girls Tournament—3rd**



### **Easter Church Service—23 April 2025**

Our Easter Service will be held in St Nicholas Church in the village on Wednesday, 23 April 2025. Parents should drop their children off at the church at **8.45 am**—there will be members of staff there to greet them.

Those children who are booked into The Raft Breakfast Club will be walked to school by school staff. Parents are welcome to join us at the Church if they would like.

### **School Closes at 1.30 pm—Friday, 4 April 2025**

Children should be collected from school at **1.30 pm on Friday, 4 April 2025**. If your child is booked into The Raft After School Club they can remain in School until **3.15 pm** when collected by The Raft staff.



# **THANK YOU**

Thank you to our wonderful PTFA Committee who have been busy this term running events and raising additional funds to enable the children to access a broader curriculum within School.

These included:

Years 1, 2 & 3 Disco	Supporting class trips & visits with funding
Years 4, 5 & 6 Disco	Easter Egg Raffle
Reception Class Event	Second Hand Uniform
Cake Sale	

## **Child Protection & Safeguarding**

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead in school is Ms Jill Watson (Headteacher).

Mrs Belinda Bolar and Mrs Sarah Salisbury are our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.

If you have any concerns related to child protection/safeguarding issues please contact them through the school office.



**Celebration Assembly—Fridays at 2.45 pm everyone welcome**