



Lulworth & Winfrith CE Primary School

Belief, Fellowship, Harmony
Matthew 31:32 - 33



Summer 1, Week 2 Newsletter

Dear Families,

This week, I want to take the opportunity to shine a light on all the volunteers who contribute to our school life. We are so grateful to all of them for giving up their time and sharing their expertise in different ways.

First of all, we have a local governing body which is fully made up of volunteers. Our governors attend half termly meetings with me where we discuss many aspects of the school. From attendance to attainment, buildings to health and safety, school vision to policies, they spend a lot of time getting to know the school, asking questions and providing challenge to leaders. In addition to the full governing body meetings, individual governors also take on a lead role for different areas. For example, a person might become the Link Governor for Special Educational Needs. In order to fulfil this role, the governor will conduct various monitoring activities such as discussions with relevant members of staff, speaking to children, looking at pupil books or observing lessons. If you would like to find out more about who the governors of Lulworth & Winfrith CE Primary are, please do look on our school website.

Secondly, we are lucky enough to have volunteers who come into school during the day to listen to readers. Encouraging children to practise reading skills is absolutely crucial in enabling children to make good progress in their learning. Our pupils love reading to different people and this additional reading opportunity helps them to build skills of fluency and comprehension.

Another team of important volunteers is our PTA! Throughout the year, the members of the PTA meet together to plan various different fundraising activities including fayres, cake sales and raffles. They have raised funds to contribute to school trips and I know many families are hugely appreciative of the various events that take place. The PTA are always looking for additional helpers so please do let the office know if you would like contact details so that you can offer your services.

Finally, the children have been lucky enough to go on a number of trips this year and these could absolutely not happen without parents/carers volunteering to support on the day. Similarly, the regular visits from the Open the Book team are thoroughly enjoyed by our pupils and these fantastic people give up their time to act, entertain and teach the children new Bible stories. Again, we are extremely grateful to these people for their support and willingness to get involved!

As you can see, volunteers really do help our village school to thrive and I want to extend a huge and heartfelt thank you to them all. In addition, our staff team want to thank all the parents and carers in our community for all you do to engage positively with us. From attending workshops to chatting with staff on the gate, getting in touch when you have a question to listening to your child read at home, and everything else you do in between. Miss Hardy and myself are really enjoying getting to know every family better and we want to thank you for helping us nurture a strong home school relationship so that our children flourish.

Please remember that this weekend is extended due to a bank holiday so we will look forward to welcoming pupils back into school on Tuesday 6th May.

Mrs Griffiths
Headteacher

Minibus Entitlement

As you know, not every child is entitled to transport on the minibuses and eligibility is calculated by Dorset Council using information provided by parents/carers. I am currently working with Dorset Council to ensure the list of pupils who are entitled to free transport on a minibus to and from school is up to date and ready for September 2025. If you think you have already had your eligibility for transport confirmed, then you do not need to do anything as Dorset Council will update you if this changes as your child gets older and moves across sites.

If you have not been using your entitlement but think that your child may be eligible from September 2025, please do ensure you have submitted an application as soon as possible using the following link: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/school-transport/school-transport>

Uniform

Main uniform: Burgundy cardigan or sweatshirt with logo, white blouse, shirt or polo shirt, dark grey skirt or trousers or tailored shorts, **black shoes (no trainers)**

PE kit: Burgundy shorts, plain dark grey/navy/black joggers, yellow t-shirt with logo, burgundy sweatshirt/hooded top or burgundy school fleece/jumper with logo, trainers

Please can you ensure that your child's items of clothing are clearly labelled. We have a number of sweatshirts and cardigans without names in lost property.

Attendance and Safeguarding

Attendance figures for this week are:

Robins: 89.29%

Woodpeckers: 97.94%

Bindon: 94.87%

Hambury: 96.89%

Worbarrow: 95.14%

Whole school attendance: 95.01%

Notification of a child's absence must be reported to the school office on each day of absence. A phone call or email must be received by the school office prior to 09:00 giving the reason for absence. Attendance monitoring takes place regularly in school and a termly inspection is carried out by Dorset Council. If your child's absence drops below 90%, you will receive a letter expressing concern.

Attendance Matters



Thinking Ahead to September 2025

Due to the fact that we have a high proportion of forces families within our school community, we are politely requesting that you contact us if you know you are being posted elsewhere and will be leaving the school anytime between now and the beginning of the next academic year (September 2025). If this is the case for your children and family, please email the school office lwps.office@coastalpartnership.co.uk to share the information you currently have. Please be assured that this information will not jeopardise your child's place at the school should your planned move not go ahead. Many thanks for your help with this.

Consultation on Proposed Changes to the School Day

We have recently sent out a letter about the current consultation for changes to timings of the school day. Please refer to the Survey Monkey link, which will be open until Wednesday 22nd May 2025. Results will be shared after the May half term. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VQPMWC5>

Open the Book

On Wednesday, we had our Assembly with Open the Book. The children led with their self-written prayers and enjoyed celebratory singing



Snapshot: On Thursday, Hambury Class held an Anglo-Saxon Day! We dressed up as warriors, Kings, Queens, peasants and a monk, and took part in many activities to learn about how the Anglo-Saxons lived their lives. We learned about the Anglo-Saxon runes, and both wrote and decoded messages, we looked at how and why the Anglo-Saxons were converted to Christianity, and then we created some illuminated letters in the style of St Bede and the monks of Lindesfarne.

During the afternoon, we studied village life as an Anglo-Saxon and made 2 and 3D models of a long house, and then we made 'Royal Bread' - which was not as pleasant as our loaves today! We drank (ginger) beer and decided we would not like to live our lives eating the Anglo-Saxon fare!



Celebrations and Achievements

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Robins: **Gracie Haensel** and **Rosie Flude** for demonstrating our school value of Aspiration. They always try their best in everything that they do and are a fabulous example to us all.

Woodpeckers: **Marley McCauley** for demonstrating our school value of **FELLOWSHIP** by supporting another child in class

Hambury: **Phoebe Julian** for being a **HERO** in an emergency situation.

Bindon: **Jack Hutchings** receiving a **STAR AWARD** for showing great effort with writing.

Worbarrow: **Edward Crouch** for demonstrating our school value of **KINDNESS** and **RESPECT**.

Star Reader of the Week: **Ava Edwards**. She has won herself the Golden Ticket earning a brand-new book to read at her leisure



Upcoming Dates

Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed	
Wednesday 7 th May	Class Photos (all children to wear school uniform on this day please)	
Monday 12 th May to Thursday 15 th May	SATS Week: Year 6 ONLY ALL Year 6 pupils to be in school to complete Statutory End of KS2 Assessments	
Wednesday 14 th May	PSHE and RSE Information Meeting for Parents/Carers (Lulworth)	15.30 - 16.00
Wednesday 21 st May to Friday 23 rd May	Leeson House Residential Trip	
Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May	Half Term Holiday	
Monday 2 nd June	Pupils return to school	
Wednesday 25 th June to Friday 27 th June	Brenscombe Residential Trip	
Monday 7 th July	Sports Day (parents/carers to be invited to attend during the afternoon: Times TBC)	
Friday 18 th July	Year 6 Leaver's Service (Lulworth Main Hall)*	11.00
*Year 6 parents are invited to stay on and share a picnic lunch on their field with Worbarrow Class on this day		
Friday 18 th July	School finishes for the Summer Holidays	13.15
Monday 21 st July to Wednesday 23 rd July	Inset Days	