



Lulworth & Winfrith CE Primary School

Belief, Fellowship, Harmony
Matthew 31:32 - 33



Spring 2 Week 4 Newsletter



Dear Families,

It was great to see so many children supporting Comic Relief today and giving in donations in exchange for wearing non-school uniform. There were a lot of people wearing red and it was great to see our school community joining together to take positive steps towards helping the wider world and showing our school value of love.



You will be aware that our Lulworth and Winfrith Primary has the fantastic addition of an outside swimming pool which enables us to teach swimming during the summer months. As I am sure you can imagine, during the spring term a lot goes on behind the scenes to run a variety of safety checks and get the pool ready for use. With this in mind, I have recently met with some of the contractors involved in the upkeep of the pool and I am sorry to say that we are currently facing a very real financial challenge. Unfortunately, there are several items of equipment which need to be installed and/or repaired before the pool is safe for children to use and they will cost significantly more than anticipated. It is also important to remember that once the pool is open, further costs are required on a weekly basis to keep it in use (for example, chlorine and other chemicals, weekly visits from pool contractors to conduct their checks). In addition, further work has previously been discussed to try and improve the swimming provision and ensure it is inclusive (e.g. repairing some of the mortar along the sides of the pool, installing a handrail next to the steps, installing a solar shower).

This financial struggle has led me to reluctantly make the decision that we will need to have a 'pause' on the swimming provision for pupils this year. Previous years of swimming have ensured year groups across key stage 2 have been taught water confidence as outlined in the National Curriculum. At present, however, we simply do not have the funding to get the pool safe for our children to be able to use it. Nevertheless, I am pleased to be able to share that we are keen to formulate a plan so we can move forward with the aim to improve and open the pool ready for use next academic year.

I have recently met with members of the PTA and we have shared a very detailed discussion around the finances involved. Having spoken to other schools who are lucky enough to have a pool, it seems that they are very reliant on the funds raised by PTAs and I was keen to find out if this is an aspect we can work on as a community together. The PTA have committed to continuing their fundraising efforts and, in setting the school budget, I also intend to keep aside money to go towards repair and maintenance for the pool. Whilst these combined amounts are still not sufficient to pay for all running costs, the Central Team at Coastal Learning Partnership have agreed to support us in compiling grant funding bids to try and gain the additional amount needed to improve the pool area. I am also hoping that people reading this bulletin may know other funding streams which could help. If this is the case, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Discussions with the PTA have also led me to think that it would be really useful to capture what the wider views of the parent/carer school community are with regards to the swimming pool. The PTA are keen to ensure their fundraising goes in the direction families would like it to so I will put together a quick survey over the next week or so to give everyone the opportunity to share their views. We can then use all these contributions to refine our next steps.

We will all be disappointed that we have to 'pause' swimming for this year but I want to thank you for your understanding and support. Together I hope we will be able to raise much needed funds ... and that will start with the upcoming PTA cake and uniform sale! Please do engage with their fundraising efforts whether that is through baking cakes, bringing biscuits or buying some tasty treats!

Have a wonderful weekend,

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>

Attendance and Safeguarding

Attendance figures for this week are:

Robins: 89.9%

Woodpeckers: 98.35%

Bindon: 95.06%

Hambury: 96.71%

Worbarrow: 95.14%

Whole school attendance: 95.24%

Attendance Matters



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.

As we are reaching the end of the spring term, we will be sending out letters next week to families where a pupil has an attendance level of concern. Please be reassured that we understand there can be reasons behind absence that cannot be avoided (e.g. chicken pox or other illnesses that lead to needing to be absent from school, family holidays) however it is our responsibility to ensure we have shared clear communication through these letters.

Snapshot:

In Art lessons this half term, **Bindon** Class have been learning about the styles and techniques used in Roman pottery. They have also learnt about the modern-day ceramicist 'Grayson Perry' and his designs. They enjoyed creating their own pots decorating them inspired by the bright colours he uses.



Snapshot:

Robins Class created some beautiful pictures of Spring, of which has been displayed in St Christopher's Church, Winfrith. On Sunday 16th March, a service was held to celebrate Spring and the new life it brings. Thank you to those who attended.



PTFA Fundraiser:

We are pleased to have our first fundraiser of 2025 on Thursday 3rd April: **Cake and Uniform Sale** where we will be holding on both sites straight after school. Please do donate cakes for us to sell by bringing them to the school offices.

We would also love your preloved uniform; there are collections boxes at both Winfrith and Lulworth sites. The uniform sale will help parents save money and preloved is a great way to recycle while raising money for the PTFA!! It would also be fantastic to see lots of you there on the day to buy some snacks ready for the weekend! If you are unable to be there in person and want your child to purchase some cakes from the stall, please put some money in a clearly named envelope and ensure this is given to class teachers or the office for safe keeping until the end of the day.

For You:

Earlier this week a letter was sent out explaining the school's requirement to teach Relationships and Health Education. We would encourage you to complete our survey which closes on Monday 24th March 2025. You can find the link here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7YJN6KQ>

Red Nose Day:

Friday 21st March, the children dazzled us by wearing something red for Red Nose Day. There was a real buzz in the air as the children arrived at school with their wonderful red clothes, some with painted red noses and funky hair styles. A huge thank you to all for donating money to the school and online.



Celebrations and Achievements

This week we congratulate the following children for being awarded the Head Teacher's Award

Robins: **Alanna Clucas** for demonstrating our school value of **Kindness** in everything that you do, every day

Woodpeckers: **Benjamin Wilson-Hughes** for demonstrating our school value of **Kindness** by helping other children when they are upset in class and on the playground.

Bindon: **Beth Harding** for demonstrating our school value of **Aspiration** by being our maths superstar and approaching the challenges for the week ahead.

Hambury: **Ava Edwards** for demonstrating our school value of **Belief** for her 'I can do it' attitude in all lessons

Worbarrow: **Isaac Cruz** for demonstrating our school value of **Belief** and self confidence in all subjects

Star Reader of the Week: **Elias Barnes**. Elias has won himself the Golden Ticket earning a brand-new book to read at his leisure



Upcoming Dates

Monday 24th March	SAT's Information Afternoon for Parents (Yr.6 ONLY) Lulworth Main Hall	15.00 - 15.30
Wednesday 2nd April	Whole School Easter Service: Holy Trinity Church, West Lulworth	14.30 - 15.15
Thursday 3rd April	PTA Cake and Uniform Sale (both sites)	15.15
Friday 4th April	Inset Day (no pupils in school)	
Tuesday 22nd April	Pupils return to school (Summer Term 1)	
Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May	SATS Week: Year 6 ONLY <u>ALL</u> Year 6 pupils to be in school to complete Statutory End of KS2 Assessments	
Wednesday 14th May	PSHE and RSE Information Meeting for Parents/Carers (Lulworth)	15.30 - 16.00