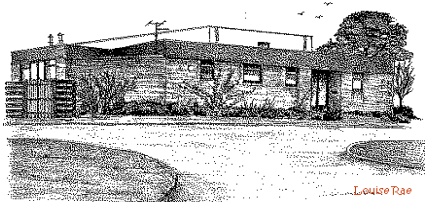


# Parrett & Axe Newsletter



## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents & Carers

This half term is a busy one with lots of exciting things happening including World Book Day, tree planting and not forgetting gunge the teacher! Don't forget to vote for the teacher you would like to get gunged on the last day of term!

Mr Smith

## PTFA

Please follow our Facebook page for all PTFA news and events

 [ParrettandaxePTFA](#)

We will be holding our Easter Bingo at school on Thursday 3rd April from 5:30pm. Please come along, the more the merrier. More information to follow

## Important Dates

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – XC Relay Races at Colfox

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Tree Planting (Whole School)

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Non Uniform for World Book Day

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Explorer Dome

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Girls Football Festival KS2

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Red Nose Day Non Uniform

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Wear odd socks/clothes for Down Syndrome Day

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Easter Service

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – PTFA Easter Bingo

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Non Uniform Day & Gunge the Teacher



### NSPCC Number Day

Thank you to everyone who donated towards NSPCC's Number Day. The children had lots of fun dressing up and taking part in maths activities throughout the day. We even had a surprise delivery of 400 ducks and an alien for Chesil class!!! In total we managed to raise £84.60 so thank you!

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### Tree Planting

We have been lucky enough to have been donated some trees for us to plant on our school grounds. Each class will be helping plant these trees on Wednesday 5th March so please could we ask all children to come to school in clothes that they don't mind getting a little muddy. Please could they also bring wellies with them to wear whilst out planting the trees. If anyone has any spades, we could borrow we would really appreciate it. If there are any parents who would like to help on the day, please let us know.

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### World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day this year children are welcome to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

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### Red Nose Day

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March is Red Nose Day and children can come to in non-uniform in exchange for £1 to help raise money for this great cause.

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### 'Stampede by the Sea' Trail

From the iconic cliffs at West Bay to the Cobb at Lyme Regis, Stampede by the Sea will feature around 50 elephant sculptures, placed across the area to create a fun and free art trail that is accessible to all. 'Bandit' will be included in the trail so make sure you go and find him!

The trail opens on 28<sup>th</sup> March and will run for 8 weeks. A perfect activity for families to try and find the elephants. You'll be able to follow the trail via a map available from their pop-up shop in West Bay, or the Weldmar Hospicecare shops in Bridport or Lyme Regis. Alternatively download their app to help you find the sculptures. Each elephant will have its very own 4-digit code for you to tap in and 'collect' each sculpture. Many of the elephants will also have treats such as money off entry to venues, or activities for children.

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### Gunge the teacher / Non uniform

To help us raise money for Weldmar Hospicecare and to ensure we get to keep Bandit we thought we would get the gunge out! Just 20p gets you a vote so that's 5 votes for just £1! Pick the teacher you would most like to see get gunged on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April. There will also be a non-uniform that day in exchange for £1.

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### Wear Odd Socks/Odd Clothes Non Uniform

In aid of World Down Syndrome Day we would like to ask children to come to school in odd socks / clothes on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March in exchange for a donation of £1 to help raise money for Tom Coggins, Jesse's Dad who is raising money for this great cause by running the London Marathon.

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### Easter Church Service

Parrett & Axe will be attending an Easter Service at 1:30pm Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at Mosterton Church. Please can we ask that you do **NOT** park in the admiral Hood car park if you are attending the service, thank you.

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### Hot School Meals

Local Food Links are our hot school meal provider. To find out about the meals they provide, please visit <https://www.localfoodlinks.org.uk/> If you haven't received an activation code letter, please ask the school office for a code which is required when you use the system for the first time. Meals can be ordered, changed or cancelled 7 days in advance.

All Corfe and Chesil Key Stage 1 children are entitled to free school meals under the Government Universal Infant Free School Meals Scheme. Meals for Key Stage 2 children are very reasonable at £2.70 each.

Please log in to your LFL account and check that meals have been ordered and that you have noted the days where you need to send a packed lunch for your child. If you have any problems ordering meals during the

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### Free School Meals, Pupil Premium

If your child qualifies for free school meals, not only will they receive a healthy meal on every school day, they'll also get

- Access to free school trips and holiday clubs
- Extra money for their school towards more teachers and activities/trips

It's easy to find out if you qualify – complete Dorset Councils confidential checker at [dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/free-school-meals](http://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/free-school-meals) or telephone 01305 221090

If your child is in reception to year 2 and you receive qualifying benefits, you could get extra £££'s for your school! Apply for the Pupil Premium at [dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/pupil-premium](http://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/pupil-premium)

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### ParentLine 5-19

ParentLine 5-19 is a NHS text messaging service which allows parents and carers of school children aged 5-19 to gain confidential advice and support from the School Nursing team for issues such as:

- Healthy eating/weight management
- Toileting
- Sleep
- Development
- Behaviour
- Emotional health and wellbeing
- School refusal

Parents/carers can send a text to the ParentLine number 07312263131 and a trained healthcare professional from the School Nursing team will respond during office hours 9-4 Monday to Friday during School term times.

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Term dates

2024/25

Spring Term 2	<b>FIRST DAY:</b> Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 <b>LAST DAY:</b> Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 <b>EASTER HOLIDAYS:</b> Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April to Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025
Summer Term 1	<b>INSET DAY:</b> Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025 <b>FIRST DAY:</b> Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025 <b>BANK HOLIDAY:</b> Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 <b>LAST DAY:</b> Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025 <b>HALF TERM:</b> Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Summer Term 2	<b>INSET DAY:</b> Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025 <b>FIRST DAY:</b> Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025 <b>LAST DAY:</b> Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025 <b>SUMMER HOLIDAYS:</b> Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> July to Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025

2025/26

Autumn Term 1	<b>INSET Day:</b> Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025 <b>FIRST DAY:</b> Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 <b>LAST DAY:</b> Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 <b>HALF TERM:</b> Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025
Autumn Term 2	<b>FIRST DAY:</b> Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025 <b>LAST DAY:</b> Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 <b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS:</b> Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026
Spring Term 1	<b>INSET DAY:</b> Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 <b>FIRST DAY:</b> Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 <b>LAST DAY:</b> Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 <b>HALF TERM:</b> Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Spring Term 2	<b>FIRST DAY:</b> Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026 <b>LAST DAY:</b> Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 <b>EASTER HOLIDAYS:</b> Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2026

Summer Term 1	<b>INSET DAY:</b> Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 <b>FIRST DAY:</b> Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 <b>BANK HOLIDAY:</b> Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 <b>LAST DAY:</b> Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2026 <b>INSET DAY:</b> Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026 <b>HALF TERM:</b> Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Summer Term 2	<b>FIRST DAY:</b> Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026 <b>LAST DAY:</b> Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2026 <b>SUMMER HOLIDAYS:</b> Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July to Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September (TBC)