



Sandford St. Martin's

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learn Love Laugh

"And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them together in perfect unity." *Colossians 3 v14*

Love

kindness → compassion
gentleness → humility
patience → forgiveness

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Newsletter 05 28/11/2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

It feels like the Christmas countdown is properly beginning as neighbours (and some staff, apparently) houses have decorations up – children are learning carols and making their own decoration for our 'school hall hoops' too. I hope you can come and enjoy the **PTA Christmas Fayre today** and that your child enjoys Image Musical Theatre's performance of **Dr Dolittle on Tuesday**. Aren't our PTA just wonderful for our children and us all? Please thank them when you see them – they do work so hard!

Please can I also draw attention to '**festive' dates list** that was sent out earlier this week (by Dojo) and is also repeated on p18 of this newsletter... there's a lot going on as it really is the "most wonderful time of the year!"

Term finishes at **1:30pm on Thurs 18th December** and restarts at **8:45 on Tuesday 6th January 2026**.

Many Thanks
Mr Beveridge

Attendance

Whole School

94.2 %

Top 3 Classes

Hazel 99.1%

Olive 96.3%

Pine 96.1%

Friday 21st November 25 – Thursday 27th November 2025

ATTENDANCE DROP IN SESSION

We'd love to see you at our upcoming drop-in sessions! Attendance is important as these sessions are a great opportunity to:

- **Discuss any concerns** you may have
- **Share ideas** for improvement
- **Connect with others** in an open and supportive environment

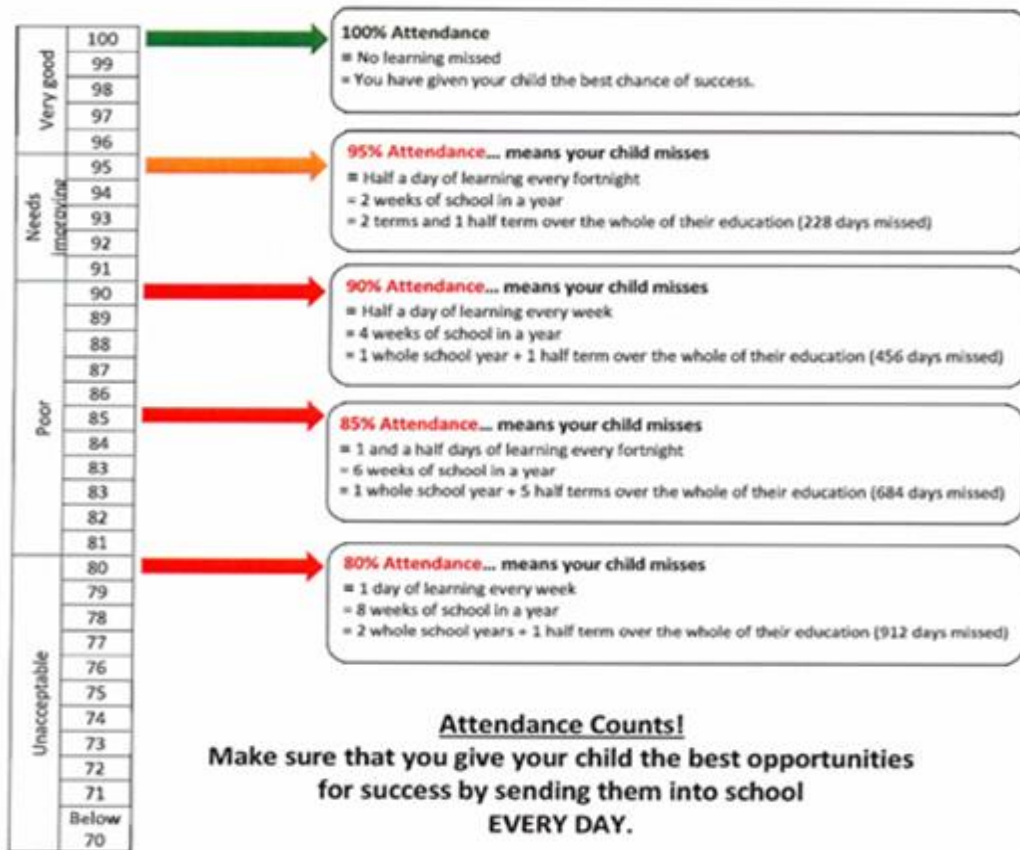
There will be **two sessions available**, so you can choose the time that works best for you. Your input matters, and we're excited to hear your thoughts!

Details:

Dates: 1st Dec at 2,30pm in the church and 3rd Dec at 8.45am with Mrs Pampin in the church.



ATTENDANCE FLOWCHART



Attendance Counts!
 Make sure that you give your child the best opportunities for success by sending them into school **EVERY DAY.**

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Since beginning our new School Councillor roles this term, we have been very busy representing our school and supporting our classmates.

On Remembrance Day, we visited the Sandford War Memorial where we proudly represented the school at the community service led by Hillary. It was a thoughtful and respectful occasion, and we were honoured to take part.

For Children in Need, we had the exciting job of judging the cake competition, as well as running the "Guess the Number of Sweets in the Jar" game, pin the patch on Pudsey and the raffle. It was great fun helping to raise money for such an important cause.

We are now getting ready for a busy December! We'll be judging the Christmas cake-decorating competition and helping with the school post box by emptying, sorting, and delivering Christmas cards each day. We're looking forward to spreading some festive cheer throughout the school!





TOTAL RAISED £788.86
A MASSIVE THANKYOU TO
YOU ALL

CAKE ENTRIES



And the
"WINNERS"
are.....

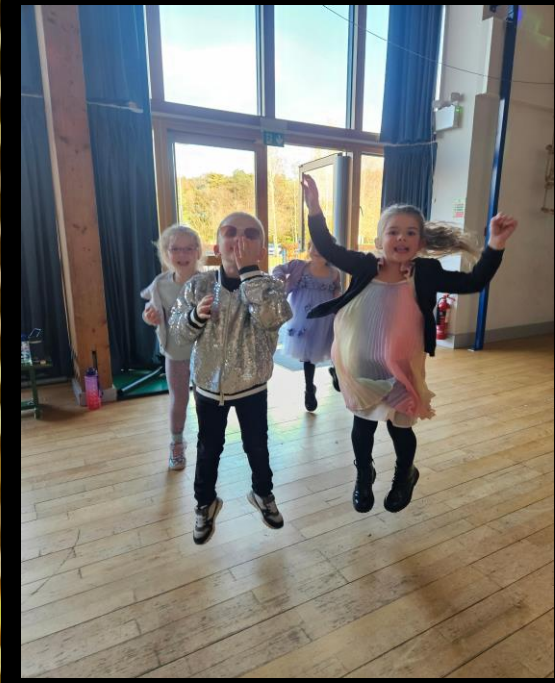


Mrs Benko Robbins



Porsha & Reuben

DISCO



Y4 NEWS

ROMAN DAY



We had a wonderful day exploring all things Roman - this included preparing for battle, a Roman banquet, lots of building shields and even being renamed a Roman name for the day. Thanks for taking part, everyone looked amazing!





There is still time to order your School Christmas Dinner.

Please place your order via
Wisepay
before midnight on Monday 1st December.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to take orders after
this date as the ingredients are pre ordered from
the butcher's!!

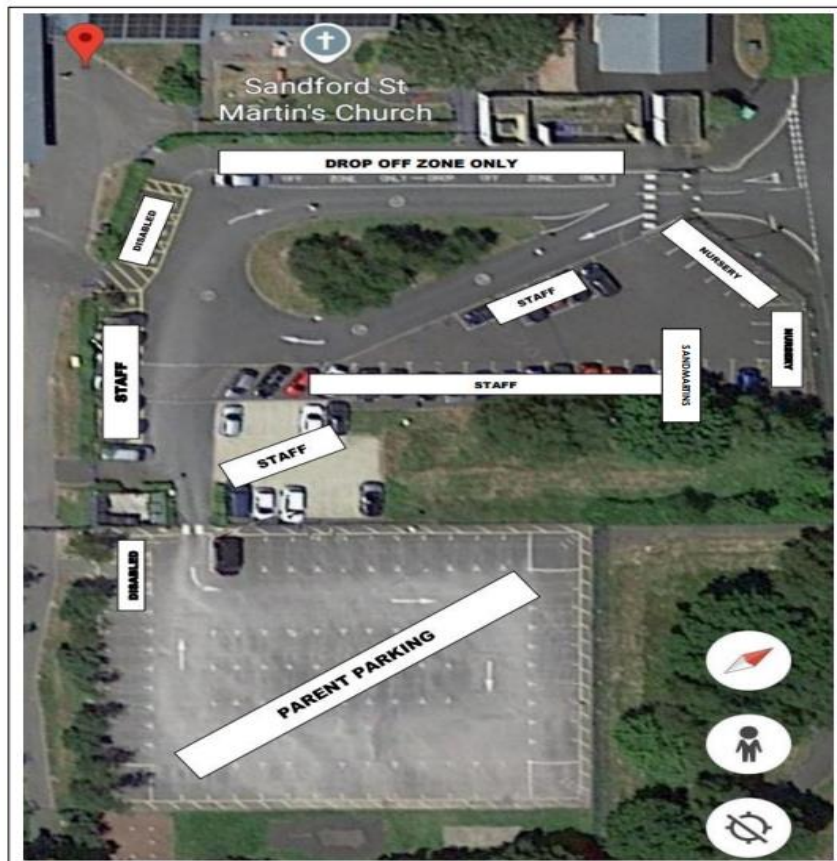


CAR PARK

Parents / Carers we please ask that you **ONLY** Park in the designated parking bays in the **Parent Carpark** as shown on the car park layout below and **NOT** in the Staff or Nursery parking bays.

Please **DO NOT** park in the **Drop Off Zone**, this is only to be used for dropping off your children.

The zebra crossing **must be kept clear at all times** and please **DO NOT** double park along the access road.



Please can we ask that you only park in the Parent Car Park and not in the Staff or Nursery spaces as shown on the map above.

Please only use the **DROP OFF BAY** if you are dropping your child/dren off, there should be **NO CARS PARKED IN THIS AREA** or left **UNATTENDED** at anytime.

Can we also ask that the approach road is **kept clear for 2 vehicles to pass each other** and that the **no one parks on the corner by the main entrance** as cars cannot pass and are having to reverse onto the zebra crossing which is going to cause a serious accident.

Meet the Governors



Jane Eyre I started out in administration working mainly in the language schools in Bournemouth. After my own children were born I became interested in their education and after a few years of volunteering at their schools became a TA in 1988. I decided to qualify as a teacher so began a degree course at the age of 38 and started work in local middle schools in 1996, mainly KS2.

My grandchildren attend Sandford and once fully retired I began volunteering in Y6 and the library. I was approached by the chair of govs about joining the governing body. Having the time to commit I signed on as a (grand) parent gov in October 2024. I hope in some small way that I can support Sandford school and staff to achieve their vision for each child to reach their full potential, learning along the way to become well-rounded and happy individuals.

In my spare time I enjoy gardening and walking in the lovely Purbeck countryside. I also enjoy singing and have performed in several different guises in the local folk scene.



Dear Parents / Carers,

Our Stock Take is upon us again, which will involve a temporary 8-day closure of our warehouse. This process is not only a legal requirement but, by maintaining accurate stock figures, it also ensures we can provide accurate information to both schools and parents/carers.

Stock Take will take place from Thursday 4th to Friday 12th December 25.

During this period, we will continue to accept orders, but they will not be processed or dispatched until after the stock take is complete. If you'd like to place any orders in advance, feel free to do so and we will do our very best to dispatch them before the closure.

We will also be sending a notification to those parents and carers that use our online service.

Thank you for your support and understanding and if you have any queries please don't hesitate to get in touch."

Kind regards
Debbie

Debbie Daykin
Account Manager

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www.price-buckland.co.uk



Good afternoon,

We are delighted to share that **Smile Dental Care in Swanage** is currently **welcoming new NHS child patients under 12.**


We understand that finding an NHS dentist for children can sometimes be a real challenge, and we're very pleased to be able to help make access to dental care a little easier for families in our community. This opportunity is being extended especially to families with children attending schools in Swanage and the surrounding areas.

At Smile Dental Care, our friendly and experienced dental team is passionate about helping children build positive experiences at the dentist. We believe that good oral health habits start early, and we aim to make every visit as comfortable, educational, and enjoyable as possible. From routine check-ups to preventive care and advice on brushing and diet, we're here to support children on their journey to a healthy smile.

Why register your child with an NHS dentist?

- Regular dental visits help spot and prevent tooth decay early.
- NHS dental care for children is **free of charge.**
- Provide tailored advice to help children develop lifelong healthy habits.
- Early registration ensures your child has access to ongoing care when needed.

If your child is not currently registered with a dentist, we encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity.

 **For further information or to register**, please contact the practice directly on **01929 427356**. Our team will be happy to answer any questions and help guide you through the simple registration process.

Kind Regards

*Practice Manager
Smile Dental Care Swanage*

PTA NEWS



GET INVOLVED

JOIN THE PTA

If you are interested in joining our
School's PTA or helping in anyway
please send
Mel Bolt an email

PTA@sandfordprimary.dorset.sch.uk



Letters To Santa

The PTA have organised a special postbox to Santa at the school. All your child(ren) have to do is write their letter to Santa (blank letters to use will be handed out in class and also available from reception) and post it in the school postbox in reception. Santa will get their letter and write a special reply to them. Letters must be posted by Wednesday 10th December so Santa has time to reply to everyone for the last week of term.



From Monday 1st December we will have our Christmas Post Box in the foyer for you to post your Christmas cards. Please make sure you put names & class name on your envelope.



Post your Xmas cards in the post box in the foyer & they will be delivered round to your friends in their classroom. Make sure you have their name & class on the envelope!!



Sandford St. Martin's Primary School

Elfridges Christmas

Sale

Wednesday 3rd and

Thursday 4th December

Pocket money prices from just 50p
a gift up to a maximum of £3.50

Let your child pick their own gifts
for family and friends

Can you get to Christmas without
them telling you what they have
got you?



**Don't forget to bring your pennies
in a named envelope / purse or wallet
on the day(s)**



JOIN US ON THE

Christmas Parade

Sunday 7th December

Sandford St. Martins Primary School PTA will be having an entry and we would love for you to join us with your festive spirit.

Decorate your scooter and ride with us.

Meeting point is along North Street (normally near the Italian Bakery) at 4:15pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Cakey Friday

This year 2025/2026

Dates for your diary

Year 1 & 2 - Friday 10th October

Year 3 - Friday 7th November

Year 4 - Friday 9th January

Year 5 - Friday 6th February

Year 6 - Friday 6th March

Saplings - Friday 17th April

Please note, dates may change last minute at teachers discretion. If this happens, we will communicate the date change.

SCHOOL OFFICE REMINDERS

End of Day Pick Up

We only allow Y5 & Y6 children with express permission to walk to and from school without a responsible adult. Please do not ask these older children to pick up their younger siblings. Children in Y4 and younger should be collected by a responsible adult from the class door. This is an important part of our agreed safeguarding arrangements.

Absence Reporting

This is polite reminder that all absences from school MUST be reported to the school office by **9am** on each day of absence either via the absence line, phone or email, office@sandfordprimary.dorset.sch.uk

Please make sure you child's name, class and the reason for absence is clearly stated

SAFETY

Please can we ask that when dropping & collecting your child at school that they stay close with you at all times. We have been a few incidents where children have been hurt by other pupils or been injured on the play equipment. Please remember that children should not be on the play equipment before or after school.

HOT SCHOOL LUNCHES

Hot School Lunches are now available to book via your child's Wisepay account.

The deadline for ordering hot lunches for week commencing Monday 15th December is midnight on Monday 8th December.

Hot lunches for the new Spring Term will be live from Monday 1st December at midday.

Please **DO NOT** send your child to school without a booked hot lunch or a packed lunch from home.

Please remember we are a **"NUT FEE"** school.

Our Safeguarding Team



Designated
Safeguarding Lead
Mrs. Pampin



Deputy
Safeguarding Lead
Mr. Sampson



Deputy
Safeguarding Lead
Mr. Beveridge

Dates for your Diary/Calendar

Mon 1 st Dec	HOT LUNCH ORDERING DEADLINE FOR W/C Monday 8th December
Tue 2 nd Dec	Image Musical Theatre – Doctor Dolittle Production – Whole School
Wed 3 rd Dec	PTA Elfridges Sale
Thu 4 th Dec	PTA Elfridges Sale
Fri 5 th Dec	Planet Purbeck Cakey Friday with a twist 3pm after school
Mon 8 th Dec	HOT LUNCH ORDERING DEADLINE FOR W/C Monday 15th December
Tue 9 th Dec	
Wed 10 th Dec	CHRISTMAS LUNCH (please order via Wispay by midnight 1st December) Christmas Jumper Day with Non Uniform
Thu 11 th Dec	Saplings Christmas Play “A Bundle of Joy” 9.30am & 2pm
Fri 12 th Dec	
Mon 15 th Dec	Y3 & Y4 Crafternoon & Festive Songs 1.30pm-3.45pm (Parents/Carers welcome) Y1&Y2 Christmas Performance “A Christmas Cracker” 5PM (to Parents/Carers)
Tue 16 th Dec	Y1&Y2 Christmas Performance “A Christmas Cracker” 2PM (to Parents/Carers) Y5 & Y6 Christmas Carol Service @ Lady St Mary’s Church Wareham 4.30pm – 5.30pm (to Parents/Carers)
Wed 17 th Dec	

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL “Thursday 18th December”

★ SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30PM ★

INSET DAY - Friday 19th December School Closed

Christmas Holidays Monday 22nd December 25 - Friday 2nd January 26

INSET DAY - Monday 5th January 26 School Closed

FIRST DAY BACK Tuesday 6th January 26

FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH

Suggested donation
£1

Indoor games
Outdoor games
Snacks & drinks

For young people in
school years 6, 7 and 8
Fridays 6.30pm - 8pm

7th November

14th November

21st November

28th November

5th December

12th December

No FNY on 19th December - Inset Day

Sandford St Martin's
Church & School

Email: fny.sandford@gmail.com



WHAT'S GOING ON

Wareham SEN SUPPORT Group

Face to face support group for families with children who have neurodiverse needs - diagnosed or undiagnosed
In partnership with - NHS Public Health Nurse, DPCC and Dorset Council

What's on?

- Mon 29th Sept - Parent Support Group 11.30am-1pm
- Wed 29th Oct - SEN Sensory Stay n' Play - 10.30am-12.30pm (children aged 1-8yrs)
- Fri 7th Nov - Parent Support Group 11.30am-1pm
- Fri 5th Dec - Parent Support Group 11.30am-1pm
- Mon 22nd Dec - SEN Sensory Stay n' Play 10.30am-12.30pm (children aged 1-8yrs)

Parent Support Group - no need to book - FREE!
SEN Sensory Play sessions - FREE! siblings welcome! Please book by calling 01929 552 934 or emailing office@pycf.org.uk

where?

 Wareham Family Hub PYCF (behind Purbeck School)
Worgret Road, Wareham, BH20 4PH



Coffee Morning



OPEN TO ALL

Come along and have an informal chat and a coffee with our Youth and Community Worker Mel and find out more about what our Family Hub has to offer

Thursdays 10.00am - 11.30am

No booking required just drop in.



EVERY THURSDAY
FROM 10.00AM AT
WAREHAM
FAMILY HUB.
BEHIND PURBECK
SCHOOL.



Wareham Family Hub

01929 552 934
office@pycf.org.uk
pycf.co.uk
BH20 4PH





We are delighted to invite you to a

CHRISTMAS CAROL CELEBRATION

Saturday, December 20th
4pm
Sandford St Martins Church
Sandford Primary School



SandMartins
Activity Club

Ofsted
Outstanding
Provider



Thursday 18th December 2025

Sandmartins will be opening
earlier on Thursday 18th December
as Sandford St Martins Primary is
closing at 1.30pm for the start of the
Christmas Holidays

Afternoon Session

1.30pm to 6.00pm

£15.00

Tree & Table Decorations

Followed by

Hot Chocolate & nibbles

To book a place please email

val@vbowbanks.plus.com



SandMartins
Activity Club

Ofsted
Outstanding
Provider

Monday 5th January 2026

Sandmartins will be open from

7.30am to 5.30pm

Cost Full Day session £30.00

Half Day session £21.00

Button Bead



&

Feathers Day



To book a place please email

val@vbowbanks.plus.com





SWANAGE PIER CHRISTMAS 2025

Support the Pier – Light Up a Life Today

- Father Christmas
- Reindeer and Donkeys
- Live Music
- Family Entertainment



swanagepiertrust.com/events





Find out more:
dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/winter-in-dorset

Winter in Dorset

Get ready for...

Festive sessions and events such as sports, arts and crafts, cooking, live shows and much more.

Lots of exciting experiences to enjoy with friends and family.

Tasty meals at activities and tips for how you can eat well from home.

'Tis the season for fun, food and festivities!
 With high quality, accessible and affordable holiday activities for children in Dorset



All Winter in Dorset activities are free for children who are eligible for benefit based free school meals.
 Register for your Winter in Dorset passcode by visiting:
dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/winter-in-dorset
 Contact us ☎ 01305 221157 or ✉ winterindorset@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk



FRIDAY FOOTBALL CLUB

- Skills & Ball Techniques
- Fun Games & Matches

£54 for 12 Weeks Coaching



DOWNLOAD THE CHAMPION APP TO BOOK



FIRST SESSION

Friday 12th
September 2025
3:15pm - 4:15pm

LAST SESSION

Friday 12th
December 2025
3:15pm - 4:15pm

SANDFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Football Afterschool Club - Term Time - Every Friday
All bookings via the Champion Player Pathway App
Shin pads / Football Boots / Drink Required

PAYMENT BY BANK TRANSFER
PLEASE USE PLAYERS FULL NAME AS A REFERENCE
Account Name: Champion
Account Number: 82191154

For more information please contact us -
Tel: 07834 465566 info@championfootball.club



KARATE SESSIONS



MONDAY Carey Hall, Wareham
BH20 4BG

WEDNESDAY Edith Lyle Hall
Poole BH15 1JF

THURSDAY Bournemouth School
for Girls BH8 9UJ

SATURDAY Twin Sails School
Poole BH15 4AX

FROM 4 YEARS
All abilities welcome



VICKY SHUREY 3RD DAN 07809 636845

Part of ISMAA: www.ismaakarate.co.uk



Sandford Coffee Club

Keysworth Dr, Sandford,
Wareham BH20 7BD



A welcoming and friendly environment for adults to enjoy a stress free coffee whilst the kids play and make new friends



Open to all, every
Wednesday 9am-12



The Lighthouse Family Church

LITTLE LIGHTS

Baby and Toddler Group

EVERY THURSDAY DURING TERM TIME

AT THE LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH

10.00AM TO 11.30AM

£1.00 DONATION
PER FAMILY

D22, Admiralty Park,
Holton Heath, Poole,
BH16 6HX



THELIGHTHOUSE.ORG.UK

LIGHTHOUSE LITTLE LIGHTS BABY & TODDLER GROUP



“CAKEY FRIDAY — with a twist!”

Hosted by Planet Purbeck

The twist? The cake is FREE — in exchange for your ideas! 💡

FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER

👉 After school, from 3:00 PM onwards!

Where: The usual spot outside the school

Why come along?.....

Discover your Autumn–Winter Survival Plan!
Find out more about *Purbeck Goes Wild* — a programme
for local families offering free &
low-cost outdoor activities, plus free entry to local nature sites to
help your family enjoy Purbeck’s great outdoors
this autumn and winter.

Have your say!

Tell us what would help your family enjoy
Purbeck’s great outdoors even more.

Looking forward to enjoying a chat and some cake!

