



Love

kindness → compassion
gentleness → humility
patience → forgiveness

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Learn Love Laugh

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

Newsletter 02 30/01/2026

Dear Parent / Carers,

Welcome to the 2nd Newsletter of this term and this new calendar year. It feels like January has been the l o n g e s t month ever doesn't it!?

There are lots of lovely events to get involved with thanks to the PTA so do read on for Disco and Mother's Day information.

We are currently recruiting for a couple of posts (SEND Hub lead and a KS1 Teaching Assistant) and Millie College (Holton Lee) are also in need of mealtime assistants. The links for these roles are also in this edition.

We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to Mrs Wessely at half term. Her last working day will be Friday 13th February after nearly 13 years at the school. Mrs Wessely has worked hard in a range of roles and duties, not least supporting Ash Class, Art projects, Purbeck Arts Week and fantastic Forest School sessions school wide. Good luck in your new role Kim!

With my best wishes,

Mr Beveridge
Headteacher

Attendance

Whole School

93.2%

Top 3 Classes

Ash 98.5%
Pine 96.5%
Oak 95.8%

Friday 23rd January 2026 – Thursday 29th January 2026



Dear Parent / Guardian,

Autumn Term - Book Fundraising Results

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our book fundraising initiatives last term - we raised a phenomenal **£296** extra books - what a fantastic result! This brings our overall book fundraising since partnering with Pop-Up Bookshop to **£703!** We have invested all of this money back into a brilliant selection of class set titles to support our curriculum learning - extra books for school so all pupils benefit!

National Year Of Reading - Let's Go All In!

You may have heard about the 2026 National Year Of Reading government-backed collective campaign to promote the joys of reading for pleasure, see the official website here: <https://goallin.org.uk> Pop-Up Bookshop will soon be launching an **exciting new community fundraising campaign** bringing together local businesses, families and schools... more details to follow soon!

Reading Rewards

We are working with Pop-Up Bookshop to deliver book discount vouchers to support our school Reading Rewards. To encourage children to develop **consistent reading habits** at home and a love of reading for pleasure, our Reading Rewards celebrate reading at home milestones with **fun prizes**, including **stickers, bookmarks** and a **£5 book voucher!**

Check out our school page on the Pop-Up Bookshop website which details the milestones, Reading Rewards and supplementary discount vouchers, plus curated lists of brilliant books for each year group ideal for children to explore at home: <https://popupbookshop.net/sandford-st-martins-primary-school>

We help to monitor home reads at school and provide the children with the prizes. When your child reaches each Reading Reward milestone, you can claim the Pop-Up Bookshop discount vouchers via the online form on our school page: <https://popupbookshop.net/reading-rewards> We will also send your child home with a sticker containing a QR link to this form at each milestone. **Keep up the great reading efforts!**

www.popupbookshop.co.uk



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SAPLINGS NEWS



Seasons Walk

A few weeks ago we went on a seasonal walk to look for signs of winter.

It was a very chilly morning but we wrapped up warm and had a great time!

Y1 & 2 NEWS

We've had great fun making fruit kebabs and the children showed us their amazing cutting skills.



Y6 NEWS

Pine Class had a fantastic time last week.....

Holiday brochures – the children have planned and begun writing persuasive brochures, and the ideas are already brilliant.

Maths – working confidently in their new maths groups, focusing on measures, including converting between different units.

Taskmaster Afternoon – an epic afternoon packed with hilarious challenges, teamwork and determination (photos attached!).

Fit Friday – some truly fantastic dancing and lots of energy to end the week on a high.

Class novel – Holes – we're starting to piece together the clues, although it's been an emotional week... #RIPSamTheOnionMan

Art - Stunning artwork inspired by the artist Rockwell Kent, with a real focus on mood and atmosphere.

Science – investigating light and learning how shadows are formed, with some great scientific thinking on show.



SPORTS EVENT

Our Year 6 Football team played against Bovington this week.
Everyone played amazingly well.

The score was 1-1 in this Purbeck cup match.

We await to hear about other schools' results to see if we advance...

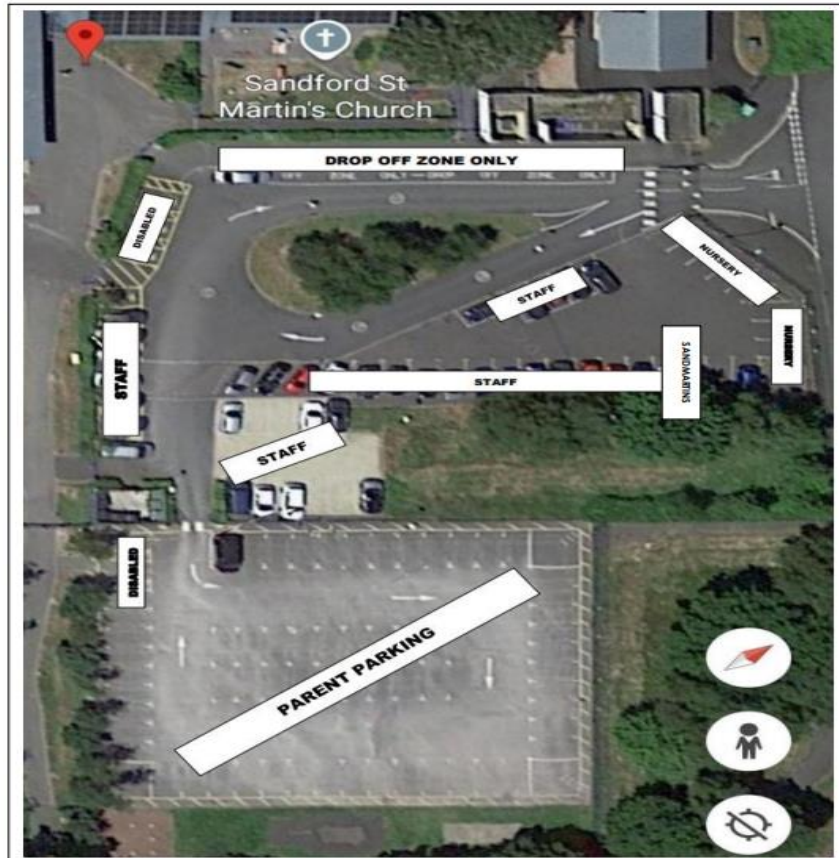


CAR PARK

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.

PTA NEWS



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

Can you spare 30mins or so to help at our events?

The PTA are looking for volunteers to help with stalls and events that we do....no meetings you have to attend, just volunteer to help and come along and that's good enough! We need help with events like the summer fayre, school discos, Christmas fayre, Sales like Mother's Day, Father's Day and Elfridges etc.

If you think you can spare some time, let us know via the office or catch one of the active members. Technically you are a member too having a child at the school 😊

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Cakey Friday

2026

Dates for your Diary

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.

SANDFORD PTA PRESENTS

SCHOOL DISCO

Tuesday 10th February

RECEPTION 2:30-3PM

Take disco clothes in a named bag in the morning and collect children from classrooms at normal end of school

YEARS 1, 2 & 3 3:15-4:15

Take disco clothes in a named bag in the morning and collect children from classrooms at 4:15

YEARS 4, 5 & 6 4:30-5:30

Come to the main school doors for drop off and collection

TICKETS SOLD IN THE LIBRARY AT LUNCHTIMES, INCLUDES DRINK, CRISPS AND SWEETS

£2 ON FRIDAY AND MONDAY, THEN ON TUESDAY THEY WILL BE £2.50 EACH

**TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE FROM FRIDAY 6TH FEBUARY.
PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR MONEY IN UNTIL THEN.
ALL MONIES SHOULD BE IN EITHER A
NAMED ENVELOPE/ PURSE/WALLET.**

YEAR 6 LEAVERS HOODIES



'26 LEAVERS HOODIES

We are super excited to have been chosen to create your 2026 Leavers Hoodies.

Price - £25

Colour options - Navy, Red & Sapphire Blue



Each hoodie will have the '26 logo on the back with all the childrens names, and you choose the name you'd like on the front (first name/nickname).

Sizes

9-11yrs 32/34" 12-13yrs - 34/36"
Adults Sm (37/38") Med (40")
Lge (42") XL (44")

To order, click below:

drop me a msg on my FB page with name & size required

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100075811543161>

Alternatively you can email me on Bespokebyboo@gmail.com

Last date for orders is 31st January 2026. After this date, hoodies can be ordered but P&P will be added.

www.bespokebyboo.com

COLOUR OPTIONS



Purple:



Chocolate:



Burgundy:



Sapphire :



Baby Pink:



Baby Pink:



Kelly Green:



Red:



Black:



Sport Grey:



Navy:



Sky Blue:

DEADLINE 31ST JANUARY

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.

We currently have the following school Vacancies, please follow the links for more information:

SRP HUB LEAD:

<https://www.jobs.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/vacancies/33924/srp-hub-lead-at-sandford-st-martin-s-ce-primary-school.html>

TEACHING ASSISTANT:

<https://www.jobs.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/vacancies/33894/teaching-assistant--sandford-st-martin.html>

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 9th February 26 is midnight on Monday 2nd February 26.

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

Please remember we are a "**NUT FREE**" 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 2nd Feb **HOT LUNCH ORDERING DEADLINE FOR W/C Monday 9th February 26**

Tue 3rd Feb **Y3 Ancient Egypt Day**

Wed 4th Feb

Thur 5th Feb

Fri 6th Feb **Y5 Cakey Friday**

Mon 9th Feb **HOT LUNCH ORDERING DEADLINE FOR W/C 23rd February 26**

Tue 10th Feb **School Disco**
Reception 2.30-3pm / Y1-2 3.15-4.15pm / Y4-6 4.30-5.30pm

Wed 11th Feb

Thur 12th Feb

Fri 13th Feb

HALF TERM

Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

FIRST DAY BACK

Monday 23rd February

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

16th January
23rd January
30th January
6th February

Sandford St Martin's
Church & School

Email: fny.sandford@gmail.com



WHAT'S GOING ON

Free community session: 'An Introduction to Autism'



What is the session about?

The session was co-developed with parents of autistic children, a SENCo, Dorset Parent Carer Council and Specialist Teachers and Educational Psychologists from Dorset Council.

It will help you to:

- Understand what autism is and how it may impact young people and families
- Learn some practical strategies to support an autistic child/young person

Please note, this is a general information session, so we won't be able to discuss individual children or schools.

The session will be delivered by either an Educational Psychologist or a Specialist Teacher from Dorset Council

Who can attend?

Anyone from the community, this could include people:

- with an autistic child
- with a child undergoing an assessment for autism
- who are interested in learning more about autism

Where and when?

Purbeck Youth and Community Centre (PYCF) Wareham Family hub,
Worget Road, BH20 4PH (behind The Purbeck School)

Wednesday 11th February 2026 at 10-11.30am.

Event Registration

Scan the QR code or use the link below to register:



Registration Link: [Click here to book](#)

Magic James

presents his

MAGIC SHOW



at **SANDFORD ST. MARTIN'S
Primary School Hall**
Tuesday 3 February
6.15-7.15pm

Admission: **Children £5.00**
Adults £5.00 each at the door



FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

THE SHOW IS NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 3 YEARS OF AGE



Worgret Road, BH20 4PF
www.purbeck.wessex.ac
mbeale@purbeck.wessex.ac

The Purbeck School Science Fair 2026

Saturday 28th February 1-4pm

FREE! and no need to book, simply come along on the day!

"We had lots of hands-on fun and learned so much!"

All ages welcome! A fun and educational afternoon for the whole family.
Come and take part in an exciting range of free, inspiring scientific activities featuring:

Dorset Coast Forum • Dorset Wildlife Trust • The Tank Museum • Health Sciences University
Dorset County Hospital • National Trust • Butterfly Conservation • Etches Collection
Exeter University • Royal Navy • Urban Heaths Partnership • STEM Ambassadors
Swanage Medical Practice • CEFAS • Institute of Physics • Lotek • ACS

And interactive workshops from our very own science staff and students
Geology Rocks • Craft a Creature • Chemical Reactions • Fantastic Physics

ONCE AGAIN *The Amazing Science Dome* (ticket entry £1 cash on the day)

NEW THIS YEAR 'Teacher Creatures'

Café Open serving hot & cold refreshments

This event is kindly sponsored by



**The Charlotte Hosker
Scholarship Trust**

Supporting Disadvantaged Students in STEM





Dear Parents and Carers,

December 2025

We hope you and your children are enjoying their time at our after school sports clubs. We are writing to let you know about an important change to our pricing structure.

As our company has continued to grow, we are now required to pay VAT on our services. Unfortunately, this means we must adjust our session fees to reflect the additional costs. The VAT adds 80 pence per session, so the price of each after school club session will change from £4 to £4.80.

We understand that any increase, even a small one, can have an impact on families. We have therefore introduced a monthly instalment option to help make payments more manageable. This allows you to spread the cost over the term.

We remain committed to providing high quality, engaging and affordable sports coaching for all children. Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we make the adjustments required to keep delivering the best possible service.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Kind Regards,

Aaron Merredew



Dear Parents and Carers

Please see below details of the clubs that I will be running for the Spring term. New members are always welcome.

Please copy and paste this link to your browser to book on via our new app. Once on the app, head to the schools tab, find your school and club and complete the registration form. We also now offer a 3 month subscription to spread the cost.

<https://aim-club-finder-8715b9ea.base44.app>

To add your app to the home screen:

1. Open the app link in your mobile browser.
2. Tap the **Share** icon (the square with the arrow pointing up; on Android, this may appear as three dots).
3. Tap **Add to Home Screen**.
4. Edit the shortcut name if you want, then tap **Add**.



Clubs will start at 3.15pm and finish at 4.15pm. The aim of the clubs is to have fun whilst improving your child's sporting skills. If you have any questions at all, please do let me know.

Regards

Aaron Merredew - BSc Sports Coaching

Mobile: 07875 108666 Email: ajmsportscoaching@hotmail.co.uk

Club	Eligible Year Groups	Start Date	End Date	Duration of club	Total cost	Please tick
Multi Sports	Y1,Y2,Y3,Y4,Y5 and Y6	Tues 13 th Jan	Mon 24 th Mar	10 weeks	£48	
				Total due		

Virgin, sort code 82-19-74, account number 30012000, account name AIM Sports Limited **PLEASE STATE CHILD'S NAME AS REFERENCE**

Please ensure that your child has appropriate sports kit and plenty of water.

Febuary Half Term Holiday Programme

MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY - SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2026



Wetside Activities

Intensive Swimming Lessons

Monday 16th February - Thursday 19th February
9:00-9:30 - Early Steps 1
£25.80
Suitable for ages 3yrs +



Private Swimming Lessons

Monday 16th February - Thursday 19th February
9:30-10:00 & 10:00-10:30
£20 for 1 person per session
£22 for 2 people per session
Suitable for ages 3yrs +



Fun and Floats

Session running daily from
Monday 16th February - 13:30-14:30
Wednesday 18th February - 13:30-14:30
Friday 20th February - 13:30-14:30

A family swim session including all the foam mats, toys and large floating crocodile! Normal pool admission fees apply.



Pool Inflatible Swim Sessions

Tuesday 17th February - 13:30-14:30
Thursday 19th February - 13:30-14:30
Saturday 21st February - 15:00-16:00
£5.50 per person

Participants must be able to swim 25m unaided to take part. Under 8's must be accompanied by a participating adult.

Dryside Activities

Junior Functional Training

Monday 16th February & Thursday 19th February
16:30-17:15
£5.25
Suitable for ages 12-15 yrs



Bouncy Castle Fun

Wednesday 18th February
9:30-10:30am - 3-7 years
10:45-11:45am - 8-12 years
£5 per person



Football Fun Day

Tuesday 17th February & Thursday 19th February
9:00-15:00
£25
Suitable for ages 6-14 yrs
Book directly with Aaron - 07875 108666



Tennis

Wednesday 18th February
14:00-17:00
£17.50
Suitable for ages 4-14yrs
Book directly with Neil Darragh ndarraghtennis@gmail.com



Laser Tag

Wednesday 18th February
12:30-13:30
£8.35
Suitable for ages 7-12yrs



Nerf Gun Fun

Wednesday 18th February
13:45 - 14:45
£8.35
Suitable for ages 7-12yrs



Coach Tarbs

Monday 16th February & Thursday 19th February
9:00-15:00
£30 - (£25 for siblings or repeat booking)
6-13yrs
Book directly with Will - coachtarbs@gmail.com



Terms and Conditions

- Payment must be made at the time of booking.
- Sessions are subject to cancellation if minimum numbers are not met.
- Instructors subject to change based on availability.



Contact reception on
01929 500000
sports_centre@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

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



ASPIRE LIFE SPORTS FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY SPORTS CLUBS

ASPIRE
LIFE
SPORTS

HELD AT:

LYTCHETT MINSTER SPORTS CENTRE

HELD AT:

Lytchett Minster Sports Centre
Post Green Road
Lytchett Minster
Poole
BH16 6JD

DATES:

Monday 16th Feb
Tuesday 17th Feb
Wednesday 18th Feb
Thursday 19th Feb
Friday 20th Feb

COST:

£24 per child
1 x Sibling 25% off

TIMES:

08:00-12:00 / 13:00-17:00 / 09:00-15:00

Early drop off (AM) and Late pick up (PM) available



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DORSET TENNIS ACADEMY



FEBRUARY HALF-TERM HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS



Mini Tennis for children 4-8 years old
Tennis for children 9-14 years old

WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY
THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

9.30am – 12.30pm

At St Osmund's Sports Centre, Barnes Way, Dorchester, DT1 2DZ

What's on offer

A fantastic, fun session of tennis including:-

- Great coaching from an LTA qualified and accredited instructor
- Fun games, competitions and prizes
- Rackets provided if you don't have one
- Indoor facilities in case of bad weather

What to wear/bring

- Sports kit, trainers/tennis shoes, a coat if wet
- Snacks and drinks



SESSION(S)	PRICE
Per day	£17.00
Both days	£32.00

To book a place, please visit the Dorset Tennis Academy website using the following link or google 'Dorset Tennis Academy Holiday Camps':-

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/DorsetTennisAcademy/Coaching/Camps>

For more information, please contact Neil Darragh, DTA Manager/Head Coach on ndarraghtennis@gmail.com or 07788 973259

Happy New Year, Purbeck Goes Wild Tribe!



Winter blues?.....

Well, we have plenty on offer to help you beat the blues!

Fancy doing your own thing?

- Try a family litter pick at Studland (kids weirdly love it!)
- Mark the Spring Equinox sunrise and sunset – a beautiful way to start and end the day together.
- Take on the Purbeck Goes Wild challenges with the Wylder app – turning tech into a tool to reduce screen time and boost nature connection. Pick a challenge and give it a go!

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Plans for 2026

We're already dreaming big: School Campouts. Big canoe trips. Picnics at Corfe Castle. Tractor-trailer rides & Farm Tours. Reptiles. Puffins. Slow-worms, nightjars & Bats in Caves and Castles. It's shaping up to be our biggest and best year yet.

Look out for our Spring & Summer newsletter & Calendar landing towards the end of March.

More Info go to
planetpurbeck.org
/QR code



Winter Nature Events

FREE Events!



Event	Date	Time	Location	Detail	How to book
 Roots and Shoots	Sunday 25 th January	10am – 4pm	West Holme, Holme Nurseries Ltd, West Holme, Wareham BH20 6AQ	Join Trees for Dorset to plant a thick native hedge at West Holme Farm. Hot soup, tea and coffee provided	planetpurbeck.org
 Storm Walk	Saturday 7 th February	10am – 11:30am	Discovery Centre, Knoll Beach, Studland	Blow the cobwebs away and join Alex to search for evidence of storms on Studland beach!	planetpurbeck.org
 Wild at Heart	Monday 16 th February	10am – 11:30am	St Nicholas Churchyard, Worth Matravers BH19 3LQ	Join us at St Nicholas Churchyard, Worth Matravers for a 'Tiny Treasure Hunt' and then the Village Hall for refreshments and make our own 'Green Hearts' (using what we have found)	planetpurbeck.org
 Wild Games & Family Scrub Bashing	Tuesday 17 th February	10am – 12:30pm	Durlston Country Park Learning Centre – Lighthouse Rd, Swanage BH19 2JL	Join a Durlston Ranger to play some wild games, before breaking out the saws and loppers for some scrub bashing	planetpurbeck.org
 Family Litter pick	Saturday 14 th March	10am – 1pm	Discovery Centre, Knoll Beach, Studland	After a quick intro – spend time as a family on Studland beach removing any litter you can find	planetpurbeck.org

All events are free for families living in the Purbeck area

Book now:



Shaftesbury Millie College

Just up the road at Shaftesbury Millie College (a specialist education setting for young people aged 16–25 with learning and physical disabilities) we are looking for a number of caring and reliable **Mealtime Assistants** to join our team.

Working **Monday to Friday** between **11.30am–1.30pm, term time only - £12.65 per hour**

This role involves supporting students with their lunch and midday care routines - ensuring they have a safe and positive experience.

Care experience is desirable but not essential as all training will be provided.

If you have a compassionate and caring attitude and are committed to making a difference, we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact Cenán Chappel for a Job description and application form at:

CChappell@victoria.poole.sch.uk

or call

01202 625562

for more information.