



Sandford St. Martin's

P R I M A R Y S C H O O L

20th March 2026

Holton Heath Poster Competition

Dear Parents/Carers

We have been invited to take part in a local poster competition and celebration regarding the history of the railway locally (with Purbeck Community Rail Partnership). Beryl Ezzard, chair of this committee, spoke to the children in assembly yesterday. This is part of Railway 200 (since 1825) and 110 years of Holton Heath Station. On Tuesday 21 April our school council and poster winners/runners up will be invited to a celebration afternoon at the station – there will be cake!. The winning posters will be displayed at the station for some time to come too.

The Poster may contain

- Celebration of and info about local transport (rail, bus, steam)
- Celebration of and info about local history i.e. Cordite Factory/Cordite Way
- Celebration of and info about local wildlife
- Sponsor logos (SW Railway)
- Maps and diagrams
- Drawings/images

The Poster format

- A3 (portrait)
- Title
- Clear words and drawings
- Paint, pen or crayon (full colour)
- No glitter, beads or 3D aspects (must be flat)
- Child name and age (and school)

To help your child you might

- Ask to see leaflets and information in class
- Ask for A3 paper from the teacher
- Take a family walk near the station and/or cordite way
- Visit Arne or take a local wildlife walk
- Undertake some basic research about the significance of Holton Heath (inc WWII)

The poster entries need to come back to school on Monday 13th April. They will be judged in 3 age categories (Reception-Year 2, Year 3/Year4, Year 5/Year 6) by a local artist. Winners and runners up will be invited to the celebration afternoon (21/04/26) and receive prizes.

We look forward to seeing the children's creative handy work.

Yours sincerely,

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