

Dear Parents and Carers,

So, here we are at the end of another busy, exciting week, and indeed half term— November is on its way.

This newsletter announces our new Eco leads and our elections for school councillors in Years 1 and 2 have also just taken place. The announcements will be made official today in Super Star Assemblies and added to the website under latest news. I look forward to hearing the voting outcome later today. Reception's elections will take place in early December.

Our Bee Values continue to be reflected in all we do and now we can share our brand new stickers with you—some for our weekly super star assembly, where we celebrate success in all its many forms, and some for lunchtime, where the children also show respect and kindness to each other .



I also wanted to take this opportunity to share with you the school's main priorities for the school in the year ahead. There are articles in the newsletter that tell you more.

English- to continue to prioritise phonic and early reading provision to improve phonic outcomes for all children, working as ever closely with all our families.

To introduce our Kinetics letters programme to improve handwriting skills and letter formation as part of our writing development

Maths— to develop fluency and automatic recall of number

So now we begin to look forward to other events for the children and also for you as parents, as we head into winter and the Christmas season. This includes planning additional events with the PFA – these events can only happen with parental support. Please do get involved if you can– I hope to see many of you at our Quiz event November 7th—I know the letter has gone out!

Your children have worked hard in so many different ways over this half term and I thank all families for attending the parents evenings and for your support that ensures the best possible progress. If you have not added comment to the CLP parent survey yet, please do—the QR code is here for you to have your say.

The school team have continued to ensure that key learning is fitted into meaningful and exciting themes. Please remember curriculum learning for each subject area for each year group can be found on our website. I wish you all well in the weeks ahead and remember if you need to talk about your child we are here to listen. Happy half term—stay well, and enjoy the family time together with your children.

Very best wishes

Headteacher





OUR NEW ECO LEADER TEAM



We are proud to introduce you to our Eco Leaders for
2025—2026



Reeva



Zack



Sophie



Seb



Tanvi



Tyler



Santino



Alfie

The team will be working with Mr Waller to remind us all of the importance of having respect for our environment and the world we live in.





MATHS



Last month we learned about Fluency Bee,
this month read all about Numbots

Maths Home Learning for Year 1 and 2

Numbots!

As a school we are delighted to announce we are relaunching Numbots again for this academic year! NumBots is designed to support children with their early mathematics and develop their fluency. It is fun, engaging and motivating – we know from last year children enjoyed climbing the leader boards!

Children in Year 2 will have experience from using Numbots from last year but for our Year 1 children it will be brand new! The children will be bringing home a letter with their log in and password. Please keep their password safe. Numbots is available to play via their website or mobile app, so your child will be able to learn maths at home or on-the-go, whenever suits your family. We recommend a few minutes every day or more if they want to! This week your child will come home with a letter containing their password so they can get started. Please keep their password safe.

Mr Spokes

Maths Lead





HANDWRITING



Introducing... Kinetic Letters

The Kinetic Letters program is the way we teach handwriting at QPIA. We think it is a well planned and fun scheme, and we are enjoying introducing the two monkeys – Bounce and Skip, who will help us learn how to form our letters and numbers easily and neatly.

Kinetic Letters is more than just handwriting practice. With our young children we focus, too, on developing their physical strength, as we know poor writing may be due to poor strength.

As part of this we have been doing lots of activities that will make our bodies stronger for writing. You could try some of these activities at home as well!

- We do some of our writing lying on our tummies, resting on our elbows with our legs out straight; we call this our **lying lizard position**.
- You can do lots of climbing on apparatus to make children's shoulders strong. You could do this by going on the monkey bars at the park. We are also becoming experts at the 'plank' position and floor and chair push ups.

To make our 'three friends' (thumb and first two fingers on our writing hand) strong we have been doing lots of *Funky Finger* activities; pinching and squeezing activities using rubber bands, pegs, play dough, beads, tweezers and threading activities.

We hope you have fun at home practicing!

Mrs Wills (English Lead)





FRIENDSHIP WEEK and CHILDREN IN NEED



The week beginning Monday 10th of November will start our **Friendship Week** and at the end of this week on Friday 14th we will celebrate **Children in Need Day**.



On Monday 10th we ask children to wear **odd socks** to school with their uniform to recognise we are all unique.

On Friday for Children in Need day , children do not have to wear school uniform and can wear **spots, yellow or anything Pudsey related**.



The theme for Children in Need this year is 'Challenge Yourself to 25' – where we will be encouraging children to think about 25 acts of kindness.



Mrs Mansell, Mrs Parker and Miss Hardman



IMPORTANT LESSONS FROM THE DORSET FIRE SERVICE

Year 2 have been learning all about the Great Fire of London this half term. We have learnt about how people had to work to put the fire out using water from the River Thames.

We had a really interesting visit from the Dorset Fire Service who taught us all some really important things about keeping safe today.



The story of 'Sleep Safe Dragon' taught us that there are things our grown ups can do to keep us safe, like testing smoke detectors regularly.

The message 'Get Out, Stay Out, Call 999' taught us that the most important thing is to make sure we are safe before we call 999 for the Fire Service.



Year 2 Team

A VISIT FROM SOUNDSTORM

Through our partnership with Soundstorm, this half term Year 1 and 2 had a visit from two musicians—Tammy and Polly. After explaining to the children how woodwind instruments are played, they then played us some music on the Oboe, clarinet and flute.



It was an enjoyable and hopefully inspirational time for any budding musicians we may have.



Mrs Mansell

BIG EMOTIONS

At QPIA we support children to express and regulate their emotions.

One of the ways we do this is by providing calm boxes in every classroom to use alongside our Zones of Regulation.



Everyone can feel dysregulated sometimes – those feelings are normal! Calm boxes are a great tool to help children regulate their body and mind and build emotional resilience. They are intended to encourage independent play and self-regulation. Activities should have a sensory focus - feeling, hearing, doing.

We even teach the children to practise calm breathing techniques.

Why not have a go at creating a box at home?

Keep it simple- pop its and fiddle objects and mindful colouring are perfect.

Don't forget to include a favourite cuddly toy!



SUPPORTING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

Parent Drop In with the School Nurse

If you have any concerns about your child's health, please sign up for the Parent Drop In session with the school nursing team.

Just let the office know you are planning to attend. Thank you.

School Nursing Team
0-19 CYP Public Health Service

Parent drop-in

NHS
Dorset HealthCare University
NHS Foundation Trust

Your school nursing team can provide non-judgemental and confidential support and advice about:

Your next drop-in will be on:

Thursday 27th
November 2025
9am – 10am

Topics for support:

- Healthy lifestyle advice
- Emotional health and well-being support
- Bedwetting and toileting
- Nutrition and growth
- Sleep advice
- Signposting to various services
- Parenting advice
- Behaviour support

You can contact us via

- School nursing admin hub on 01929 557 558
- Parentline advice 5-19 texting service on 07312263131
- Website at www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/school-nursing

Follow us on social media:

- DorsetHealthCare School Nursing
- dorsethealthcare_schoolnursing

We provide a confidential service. This means that you can discuss personal information in confidence. We will not discuss your personal information with anyone else without your permission. This includes parents and teachers. We would only pass on your information in order to protect you or someone else from serious harm. Whenever possible we would discuss this with you first.

We hope that if you need family support during term time you can chat to Mrs Parker, our Family Support Worker. School holidays are often stressful times when routines go and family demands are different. If you need support during half term, can we point you to the.....

BCP Council Family Information Service

The BCP Council Family Information Service is a really helpful website, which can offer you all sorts of information and links to services.

The [Family Information Directory](#) can provide information on local childcare, services and activities, and much more!

On the website you will find a contact telephone number and email address.

The website can be translated into many languages.

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES AT BOURNEMOUTH LIBRARIES

Whichever library is nearest to where you live, there is something for everyone this half term holiday...

Half Term Fun in BCP Libraries

There are lots and lots of **FREE** activities taking place in BCP libraries this half term. They are for everyone - whether you're a library member or not. Come and join us for some spooky fun.

Please check [individual library opening times online](#). Further information can be found on BCP libraries social media or by contacting the libraries.

Boscombe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a witch's cat with moving eyes - all week • Spooky treasure hunt - all week
Bournemouth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Paterson Marionettes puppet show and puppet performance workshop (Saturday 25th October 10:30 - 11:30 - booking required) • Halloween scratch-art and concertina crafts - all week
Branksome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halloween-themed treasure hunt - all week • Take-away Halloween craft (limited number)
Broadstone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Musical shaker craft. (Wednesday 10:30 - 11:30) • Halloween decoration station - all week
Canford Cliffs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halloween-themed craft station (Wednesday)
Canford Heath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spooky Halloween drop-in craft (Thursday 10:30 - 12:00) • Fancy dress Wiggle and Rhyme (Friday 10:30 - 11:00) • Green Libraries Week book exchange. (Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday)
Castlepoint	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Freedom Then and Now in conjunction with Poole Lighthouse and artist Holly Spillar. Create pieces of art from recycled materials. (Monday drop-in 10:00 - 13:00) • Design a Jack O'Lantern to add to our gallery - all week • Make an autumn gnome and go on a Halloween treasure hunt - all week
Charminster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fang-tastic fun making a paper haunted house and a rocking witch - all week • Spooky Storytime for under 7s. Listen to stories and make a paper owl. (Thursday 10:30 - 11:30)

Christchurch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Freedom Then and Now in conjunction with Poole Lighthouse and artist Holly Spillar. Create pieces of art from recycled materials. (Tuesday 11:00 - booking required) • Halloween craft and treasure hunt - all week
Creekmoor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halloween craft activities and treasure hunt - all week • Crafty Crew art club - firework art (Saturday 1st November 10:30 - 12)
Ensbury Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halloween treasure hunt - all week • Discover Military Communications with the Royal Signals Museum (Tuesday 10:30 - 12:00)
Hamworthy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3D scary paper pumpkins - all week • Halloween craft and treasure hunt - all week • Lego Club - (Saturday)
Highcliffe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monster-themed activities including monster magnets (Monday) and junk model monster making (Friday) • Pumpkin and bug house crafts - adult drop-in session (Friday 14:00-16:00)
Kinson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Freedom Then and Now in conjunction with Poole Lighthouse and artist Holly Spillar. Create pieces of art from recycled materials. (Friday 9:30 - booking required) • Make a monster-grabber and enjoy a monster treasure hunt - all week
Oakdale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halloween crafts (Wednesday 14:30 - 16:00)
Southbourne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mummy's Curse craft pack. Create your own spooky masterpiece - all week • Halloween treasure hunt - all week
Springbourne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Batty Bats children's crafts - all week • Halloween treasure hunt with sweets - all week • Chess and Lego drop-in sessions (Saturday)

Parkstone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spooky paper decorations - all week • Halloween pumpkin picture hunt - all week
Poole	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Freedom Then and Now in conjunction with Poole Lighthouse and artist Holly Spillar. Create pieces of art from recycled materials. (Wednesday 10:30 - booking required)
Rossmore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Freedom Then and Now in conjunction with Poole Lighthouse and artist Holly Spillar. Create pieces of art from recycled materials. (Friday 13:30 - booking required) • Explore Learning - A Squire's Journey workshop Wednesday 10:30 (Booking required via Eventbrite or contact the library) • Scavenger hunt - all week
Tuckton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sid of the Sand Dunes - visiting author event for children aged 7 - 12. Free copy of the book for children attending the event. (Thursday 10:00 - 11:00) • Treasure hunt - all week
West Howe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half Term of Horrors in conjunction with the Henry Brown Centre. Spooky Stories, Beastly Bookmarks, Poem Poetry and a Monster Mystery trail. (Monday and Thursday - booking required) • Crafternoon - adult craft open to all (Thursday 14:00 - 17:00) • Chess and Lego drop-in (Saturday)
Westbourne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a hedgehog, autumn leaf or paper plate scarecrow - all week • Autumnal wool crafts and treasure hunt - all week
Winton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a bat finger puppet, hunt the pumpkins in the library and win a Spooooky Bookmark! - all week • Decorate a pebble in the library garden. (Tuesday 10:30)

Libraries West
BCP Libraries Facebook
BCP Libraries Instagram

Brigade Uniform Discount!



If you need new school uniform for your child, make sure you get an order in over half term and you can take advantage of a 10% discount.



Promotion Details:

- **Discount:** 10% off
- **Promo Code:** PUMPKIN10
- **Live From:** Friday 31st October at 12am
- **Ends:** Sunday 2nd November at 11:59pm

The Community Corridor

We are trying to promote our community corridor as a great place to find lots of free things—clothes, books and toys.

We hope you and your family will visit the community corridor regularly to see what you can find. You could use it as a lending library—borrowing a few books each week and swapping them the next—there are so many to choose from!



You can, of course, also donate things to go into the community corridor. Our general rule is that it should be something you would happily give to your best friend - nothing worn out, dirty or broken please!

It's also a space where you can drop off donations for Bournemouth Foodbank—they will be grateful for donations of cereals, tinned food, long life milk etc.

FROM THE OFFICE TEAM

The Late Book

If you arrive at school after the gates have been locked and enter through the main office please sign your child into school by completing the late book. We will take them to their classrooms

Medication

If your child needs to take a dose of prescribed medicine during the school day, (4 x a day only) please come to the main office where you will need to fill in a form with one of our first aiders. Please do not send medicine into school in book bags.

Please be aware that we are unable to administer Calpol to children unless prescribed as part of a medical plan.

Named Clothing

Please can all items of clothing including: School uniform, hats, coats, PE kit, lunch boxes, drink bottles etc be clearly named.

It makes it much easier to reunite them with the right person if they are lost.

Bikes and Scooters



The school cannot accept liability for bicycles and scooters left on the school grounds. The gates and bike sheds are locked during the day between 9am and 3pm, but at all other times they may be insecure and unattended, so please take bikes and scooter home at the end of each day.

Please remember bikes and scooters are not allowed in the playground unless being carried by an adult.

Second Hand Uniform

Our PFA have lots of good quality second hand uniform which can save you lots of money! Please email them on qpia.pfauniform@gmail.com

Parking Outside School

To keep children safe & healthy, please **turn your engines off** when parked on the road outside school.



ARBOR—Parent Portal

Please make sure that you have signed up for the Parent Portal.

Did you know on the Arbor Parent Portal you can:

- Check the contact details we have registered for your child
- Amend contact details
- Add dietary requirements
- See your child's attendance
- Pay for trips online
- Book Bee Happy After School Club

It is best, once you have registered via the Arbor website, to then download the App onto your phone with notifications activated, as you can also receive messages via the App.

If you need the register email re sent, please email the office on

gpia.office@coastalpartnership.co.uk

Important Information Regarding Absence Messages

If your child is unwell and going to be absent from school please telephone the school office and leave a message on the absence line.

The phone number is **01202 528805** and choose Option 1. Please leave your child's name, class and reason for absence.

You can also send an SMS via Arbor to let us know.

If no explanation for absence is received, you will be sent a text via the Arbor system. You can then either respond to this text or phone the



Dates For Your Diary



Some key dates for next half term...

Autumn Term 2025

Monday 3rd November: INSET Day (school closed)

Tuesday 4th November: Children back to school

Wednesday 12th November: Individual School Photographs

Friday 14th November: Children In Need

Thursday 27th November: School Nurse Drop-In 9am-10am

Tuesday 2nd December: Kingfishers Nativity 9.30am

Wednesday 3rd December: Robins Nativity 9.30am

Thursday 4th December: Barn Owls Nativity 9.30am

Wednesday 10th December: Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 11th December: Carols with the Band

Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January: Christmas Holidays

Staff Training Days 2025-2026

Monday 3rd November 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Tuesday 6th January 2026

Monday 13th April 2026- CLP Trust Inset

Friday 22nd May 2026