

A happy school; Learning, caring, succeeding together.

As I write another final newsletter of the year, again I am amazed at the speed with which another year has passed. I know that you will all join both myself and our entire school team in celebrating all the achievements of your children; individually and collectively. Another year where your children have continued to grow in independence and confidence, demonstrating their kindness and care, their understanding and enjoyment. All of which is shaped by the adults around them both at home and school.

I hope that this end of year newsletter captures some of the many events and memories from over the year. The Year 2 final performance, as ever a highlight. A huge thank you to the immensely hardworking PFA as ever, and I have to add that this year's amount is a career first for me – QPIA is very privileged to have such community support. You can read a brief summary of the many ways in which the PFA has supported our school, our families and the children over leaf.

Thankyou for the feedback given to the school – and we will be considering, as always, what our next steps could be linked to your thoughts and comments. A new handwriting scheme will be launched school wide in the Autumn Term – Kinetic Letters – and having already seen the beginnings of its impact along with tram line writing books, we look forward to seeing even more success with Bounce and Skip our monkey friends joining each class. Physical development is such a key to handwriting success and this will also feature prominently, as ever, within the curriculum. Our EYFS outside area is also due to have a makeover to promote effective continuous provision outside. Finally our new school values will be launched – a logo has been selected that has longstanding links with the school and our “new” values capture the essence of the language we use on a daily basis with the children to help them learn and succeed.

There are more changes afoot – with the school supported by CLP – securing funds from the Government for a new boiler system – which Mr Warriner and the rest of the school are more than thrilled about. Don't be surprised to see builders on site in September putting us all back together. Finally, you will find a map in the newsletter which will show you all the new room positions for September 2025 as we commence our change to a 3 form entry infant school – our Reception classrooms will all be together with one outside shared area and Year 1 will also be moved together. As ever all the staff team will be around on day 1 to ensure that everyone finds their new classroom!

As we end the year with the Year 2 BBQ and say our final goodbyes to children, families and colleagues I wish all a safe and happy summer holiday - all the very best in the years ahead whatever and wherever you happen to be.



Mrs T. Edwards.



From Our Governors

A Message from the Local Governors

As we come to the end of another busy school year, the governors would like to say a big thank you to all the children, families, and staff for their energy, enthusiasm, and support throughout the year.

A special goodbye goes to our wonderful Year 2 children, who we know will go on to do amazing things as they move on to junior school. Your leavers' performance was absolutely brilliant — who knew penguins could be so eco-aware and so entertaining!

We hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved summer break — whether you're heading off somewhere exciting or just enjoying time to relax and recharge.

We look forward to welcoming you all back in the autumn term, refreshed and ready for another great year ahead.

With best wishes,
Your Local Governors



(From L-R: Jon Travell, Carly Joseph, Tracey Edwards, Mark Truesdale, Sussanah O'Brien, Michelle Lucas)

P.S. Interested in helping shape the future of our school? The Local Governing Board (LGB) supports the school's leadership, champions the children, and helps drive improvement. If you'd like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you — just come and have a chat!

PFA Grand Round Up

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RECEPTION— HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR YEAR

As we come to the end of a truly fantastic year in Reception, we want to take a moment to celebrate all that your children have achieved. It has been a joy to watch them grow in confidence, independence, and curiosity.

Over the past year, the children have made incredible progress in all areas of their development—socially, emotionally, and academically. Their communication skills have blossomed, and they've made great strides in reading, writing, and maths. We are so proud of how far they've come!

Our learning has been enriched by a wide range of exciting experiences that have brought the curriculum to life. From welcoming visitors such as a storyteller, a police officer, and a doctor, to going on adventures like our trip to the library and the unforgettable visit to Longdown Dairy Farm—every moment has helped the children explore the world around them.



RECEPTION

Highlights of the year include:

- Performing in the magical Christmas Nativity
 - Enjoying the pantomime and Winter Bazaar
 - Getting hands-on with Creature Teachers
 - Taking part in Forest School adventures
 - PE sessions with tennis and gymnastics coaches
- Music sessions with Miss Ali from Soundstorm



Each experience has been carefully planned to nurture the children's interests and talents, and it's been wonderful to see them thrive.

We are incredibly proud of every child and all they have accomplished this year. It has been a privilege to be part of their journey as they've become confident members of the QPIA community. We know they are more than ready for the exciting challenges of Year 1!

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

We wish you all a restful and joyful summer break.

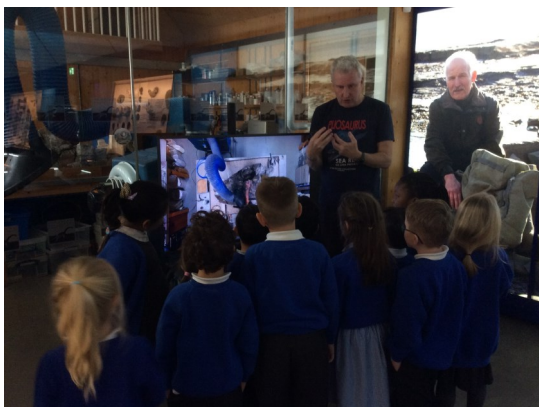
Mrs Adeney (Reception Lead), Miss Hardman, Mrs Powell, Mr Waller, Miss Lucas

YEAR 1—HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR YEAR

A Year of Discovery, Growth, and Joy!

As we come to the end of a truly memorable school year, we've taken a moment to reflect on the incredible journey our children have been on since September. It's been a year filled with curiosity, creativity, and countless moments of wonder.

We began the year by settling into our new routines and exploring our emotions with the help of the *Colour Monster*. The children learned that all feelings are valid—it's okay to feel happy, sad, angry, or confused. What matters is recognising those emotions and learning how to manage them. This emotional literacy laid a strong foundation for the months ahead.



In the second half of the autumn term, we travelled back in time to learn about Mary Anning, the famous local palaeontologist. The children were fascinated by her discoveries and inspired by her perseverance. A highlight was our visit to The Etches Collection Museum, where we stood in awe before the enormous Pliosaur skull which was featured in the *Attenborough & The Giant Sea Monster* documentary.

It was a breath-taking moment—though the sheep-spotting on the coach journey there was just as exciting for some!



YEAR 1

Spring 1 brought a harvest-themed start to the new term. We explored how bread is made, wrote our own instructions, and fully immersed ourselves in the *Alphablocks* story of *The Little Red N*—a tale so memorable that many children can still quote it today! We also embarked on our second big design and technology project, inspired by *The Giant Jam Sandwich*. The children explored ingredients, designed their own sandwiches, and had great fun making and tasting them.

In the second half of our Spring term, we stepped back in time once again to explore the Victorian era. A trip to the Museum of East Dorset brought the past to life, and the children impressed everyone with their knowledge and enthusiasm. We also shared our learning in a special class assembly inspired by *The Yellow Bag* by Maia Walczak—a beautiful, wordless story that sparked so much creativity. The children loved imagining what magical items might go into the yellow bag and what surprises might come out!



YEAR 1

As we moved into Summer 1, our focus turned to the United Kingdom. The children learned all about the four countries, their capital cities, and the seas surrounding our island. This topic culminated in our very own *Highland Games*, where we celebrated cultural traditions from across the UK. From tossing the caber in Scotland, designing lucky clovers for Ireland, and creating fiery Welsh dragons, to enjoying some lively country dancing, the children embraced it all with enthusiasm. Our UK song, complete with Makaton signs, quickly became a class favourite!

The final half term was packed with highlights: a fantastic sports day where the children showed brilliant team spirit despite the heat, and the creation of salt dough *Bog Baby* sculptures—a favourite activity for many. We hope the sunflowers the children planted are growing tall and strong, and we'd love to see photos once they bloom!



It's been a busy, joyful, and inspiring year. We are so proud of everything the children have achieved and the wonderful individuals they are becoming. A heartfelt thank you to all our families for your continued support—whether it's reading at home, helping with projects, or simply ensuring your child arrives each day ready to learn.

We wish you all a relaxing, sunshine-filled summer and a fantastic start to the new school year in September!

Mrs Wills (Year 1 Lead), Mrs Richie, Mrs Jackson, Miss College, Mrs Hardman, Mrs Brown

YEAR 2—HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR YEAR

Wow what a year it has been!

The children in Year 2 have worked incredibly hard this year and we are so proud of them. As we get ready to say goodbye to them as they continue their learning journey at their new schools, we remember



... a fantastic drama day in the Autumn term that helped us learn about the Great Fire of London.



We visited St Francis of Assisi to make Harvest wreaths..

Mr Spokes brought in his tortoise so the children could learn all about how to look after different animals.

In the Spring we learnt about the History of flight and enjoyed making our own paper aeroplanes! STEM week was great fun too and we explored making bridges and parachutes.



Who can forget the wonderful trip to Marwell Zoo where we learnt about all the animals that live in the rainforest. When we got back to school we made dioramas of all the different levels of the rainforest.

The summer term was just as busy with making fruit kebabs, learning to play the recorder, gymnastics with Leanne and sports day. Then we finally reached the end of a very busy year and worked together to tell the story of Eddie the Penguin Saves the World! The children learnt their lines, spoke with confidence and sang beautifully - It truly was a brilliant production! These children are our future and we just know that they are going to go on to do amazing things, look after our world and they will make a difference. Congratulations Year 2! You have all been amazing and we are going to miss each and every one of you!

Good luck in your new schools.

Mrs Fernand (Year 2 Lead), Mrs Sherry,
Mrs Durrant, Mrs Mansell, Mr Spokes



EDDIE THE PENGUIN SAVES THE WORLD!



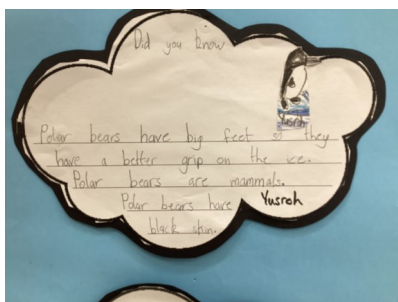
The children in Year 2 worked so hard to put together an absolutely brilliant performance!



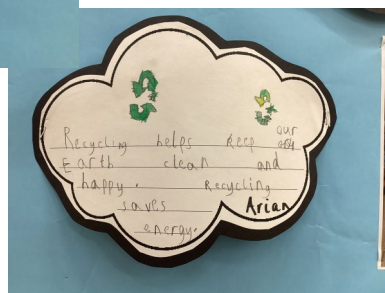
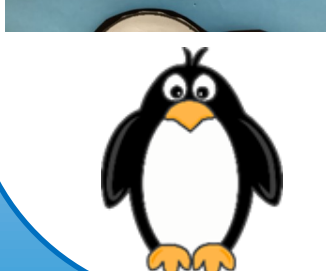
Their singing was spectacular. They learnt their lines and dance moves so well.

We were all very impressed with how clearly they spoke and projected their voices.

Well done all of you!



We were very proud of you all.



Year 2 are leaving us for new schools, and we'll miss them.



They enjoyed their Leavers BBQ last night!



We also say our goodbyes to Miss College , wishing her all the best in her new school. St Clement's is very fortunate to have her.

Finally we say goodbye and congratulations to Mrs Durrant on a most successful career. We wish Mrs Durrant the most fun filled and happy retirement. .So well deserved!

We'll Miss Each Other!

It also goes to say we are saying goodbye to some families who will no longer have children with us, some of whom have been with us for many, many years.

This wonderful cake was a huge surprise from one family.

When we took it to the staffroom the teachers didn't know whether to eat it or just admire it!

We took a photo and then enjoyed it with our tea and coffee!

Thank you for all of your words of kindness, gifts, poems and food treats. We couldn't be more grateful.

Happy Summer!



Sports News

We would like to thank all of the parents for supporting your children at Sports Day. We were certainly challenged with the weather this year and despite the two extremes of heat and rain, we did manage to complete the event for Year 1 and Year 2 children. We tried our best with Reception but sadly had to abandon the event due to rain after 3 races! Thank you so much to parents for your patience and understanding. Fingers crossed for next year!

All of the staff were extremely proud of the children who participated with perseverance, big smiles and enthusiasm! It was so lovely to hear all of their positive comments as they encouraged their team mates to keep going.



I would also like to thank the Sports Ambassadors from the Junior School and the Foundation Sports coaches who supported our children to complete the races.



The winning teams for their year groups were:

Year 1 Yellow Team

Year 2 Yellow Team

Well done to everyone!

Mrs Jackson (PE Lead)



Festival of Sport

This week, Mrs Jackson was really pleased to take 3 of our Year 2 children to represent Queens Park Infant Academy at the CLP (Coastal Learning Partnership) Festival of Sport at Oakdale Junior School in Poole. It was a wonderful morning that began with an energetic warm up delivered by professional footballers from Poole Town Football Club. The event was a fantastic opportunity for the children to participate in a range of sporting activities such as archery, cricket, quidditch, ultimate frisbee, football and softball, all delivered by professional coaches.

At snack time the children also had the chance to ask the professional footballers questions and talk about their favourite sports. The morning ended with an inter-school Tug of War tournament where the children demonstrated great determination.

Mrs Jackson was very proud of all of the children she took. They were excellent role models for our school!



Mrs Jackson with our excellent sporting role models - Maxwell, Milan and Jacob

200



Winnie The Pooh waited patiently in Mrs Edwards office. He looked after a special honey pot full of honey from Mrs Edwards's bees!

It was for the party guests to taste!

Mrs Edwards has been so thrilled by the number of children reaching **200 Reads**. She has had 5 special Tea Parties to celebrate. The last 2 parties had Winnie the Pooh as a very special guest!



Winnie The Pooh watched happily as the children played with balloons



READING CHAMPIONS



These children have achieved the maximum number of reads possible. This means that every day they have brought their reading book home, they have read at home with an adult. Since they first brought a school book home, there is not a single space in their reading diaries.

A huge **WELL DONE** to you all—and a big **THANK YOU** to the grown ups who have listened to all your wonderful reading and signed your Reading Diary each day.



Things to Do in the Summer Holidays

We're lucky to live in Bournemouth, where there are lots of things to do that don't cost too much...

If the weather stays good, make the most of the outdoors by going to the beach.



For a day out, why not take the bus to Swanage? The bus is only a few pounds and children travel free.

The New Forest is also nearby and you can get there by bus too.



Moors Valley is a great place for youngsters to climb and play. The car park is not cheap, but if you can car share you can share the cost.

When you are not out and about, why not take part in the Summer Reading Challenge? You can find out all about it at any of the libraries.



Kingfisher Barn Visitor Centre is not far away and is great for a shady walk by the river.

Supporting Your Child with Fears and Worries

Many children will be looking forward to the summer holidays as an opportunity to recharge, but some may find it challenging without the structure and support networks of being in school. The Mental Health in Schools Team have a very useful webinar for parents and carers about supporting your child's fears and worries. It can be viewed by following this link-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RviY7FzGIoc->

There is also a support booklet with lots of helpful ideas and resources that can be found here-

<https://camhsdorset.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Parent-Carer-Support-.pdf>

Staying Safe Near Water

As we head into summer and hopefully some nice weather, children and families are likely to spend more time in or near water. Although the water can be cool and inviting, it can also be dangerous and unpredictable. The stories "Safe by the Sea" and "Safe by the River" will help young children understand what they can do to help themselves stay safe, and what to do if they do get in trouble in water.

Please visit the website for more information-

<https://www.dwfire.org.uk/education/dwise-safety-stories-and-activities-library/>

Summer Holiday Activities

Please follow the link for details lots of holiday clubs and fun family activities in the local area. Some of these activities are free if your child is eligible for benefit related Pupil Premium. Do book early as places get filled quickly.

<https://fid.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/family-information-directory>

The Parks Foundation are also running lots of family sessions that you can go along to. Here are just a few. These can also be found online.

Slades Farm | July & August Programme

Meeting point: by the café



GreenFingers - Community Growing
Every Tuesday in July & Aug
Sat 12 July & Sat 9 Aug

All sessions 10am - 12pm
Enjoy the outdoors and get involved in practical conservation in your local park. Our regular sessions will have a focus on food growing in the community garden.

Volunteering



Butterfly Walk & Crafts
Tues 22 & Tues 29 July
Tues 5 & 12 Aug
All sessions 1pm - 3pm

A gentle walk around the park surveying butterflies and learning about them as we go. Afterwards, we'll do a craft activity to make and paint some of the butterflies we saw.

Free event



Scan for park information, including accessibility



To book: parksfoundation.org.uk/events

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What's On at Redhill Park Café



Tuesdays: Messy Moon

10.30am - 11.30am
Messy play session for children aged 6 months - 4 years.
Run by Over the Moon, booking required.

Wednesdays: Chatty Crafters
10am - 12pm
Bring along your latest arts and crafts creations, meet other crafters, and have a chat.
Free event. Drop-in session.

Second & fourth Thursday of the month: Carers' Café
10am - 12pm
Have a chat, share information and ideas with other carers.
Free event. Drop-in session.
10% off hot drinks.



Fridays: After School Art Club

3pm - 4.30pm
A variety of arts and crafts to enjoy each week after school.
Free event. Drop-in session.

Every other Friday: Parent Carer Coffee Morning
10am - 12pm
Drop-in informal chat with like-minded parents looking after children with disabilities.
Free event. Drop-in session.

First Sunday of the month:
Table top sale or craft fair - something different each month.

We have lots of board games, toys, and books for children and adults to enjoy any time.

W: parksfoundation.org.uk/redhill-park-cafe
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Kinson & West Howe July & August Programme



Moore Avenue & The Henry Brown Centre

GreenFingers
Tues 1, 8, 15 & 22 July | 10am - 12pm
Tues 5, 12, 19 & 26 Aug | 10am - 12pm
Help renovate the wildlife garden and look after the community growing space.

Community Litter Pick
Tues 22 July | 1.30pm - 2.30pm
Come and help clean up your local area for the benefit of the community and our local wildlife.

Volunteering

Meet at the Henry Brown Centre (B101 8DQ).

Pelhams Park

GreenFingers
Wednesdays in July & Aug | 10am - 12pm
Sat 12 July & Sat 9 Aug | 2pm - 4pm
Join our friendly volunteer group focusing on food growing.

Meet at the growing space, behind the community centre.

Community BBQ
Sun 20 July | 2pm - 4pm
A relaxed afternoon for all the community. Find out about the gardening club and help make a plan for nature for Kinson.

Kids' activities and a BBQ.

Meet at Kinson Community Centre, (B102 7JL).

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Alexandra Park | August Programme



Meeting point: by the Café

GreenFingers
Thurs 7, 14, 21 & 28 Aug | 10am - 12pm
Sat 9 Aug | 10am - 12pm

Join our friendly volunteer group to enjoy the outdoors and get involved in practical conservation and community growing in your local park.
No experience needed.

Volunteering

Nature Tots
Fri 8 & 22 Aug | 10.30am - 12pm
Fun in the park for you and your youngsters, with outdoor play, nature craft and hands-on activities.
Suitable for children aged 2-4 years.

Free event

Butterfly Walk & Crafts
Thurs 7 Aug | 1.30pm - 3pm

A gentle walk around the park surveying butterflies and learning about them as we go. Afterwards, we'll do a craft activity to make and paint some of the butterflies we saw.

Free event

Veggie Harvest
Wed 13 Aug | 10am - 11.30am

Bring your youngsters along to pick and try some of our veggies in the community growing space in the park.

Suitable for children aged 3-10 years.

Free event

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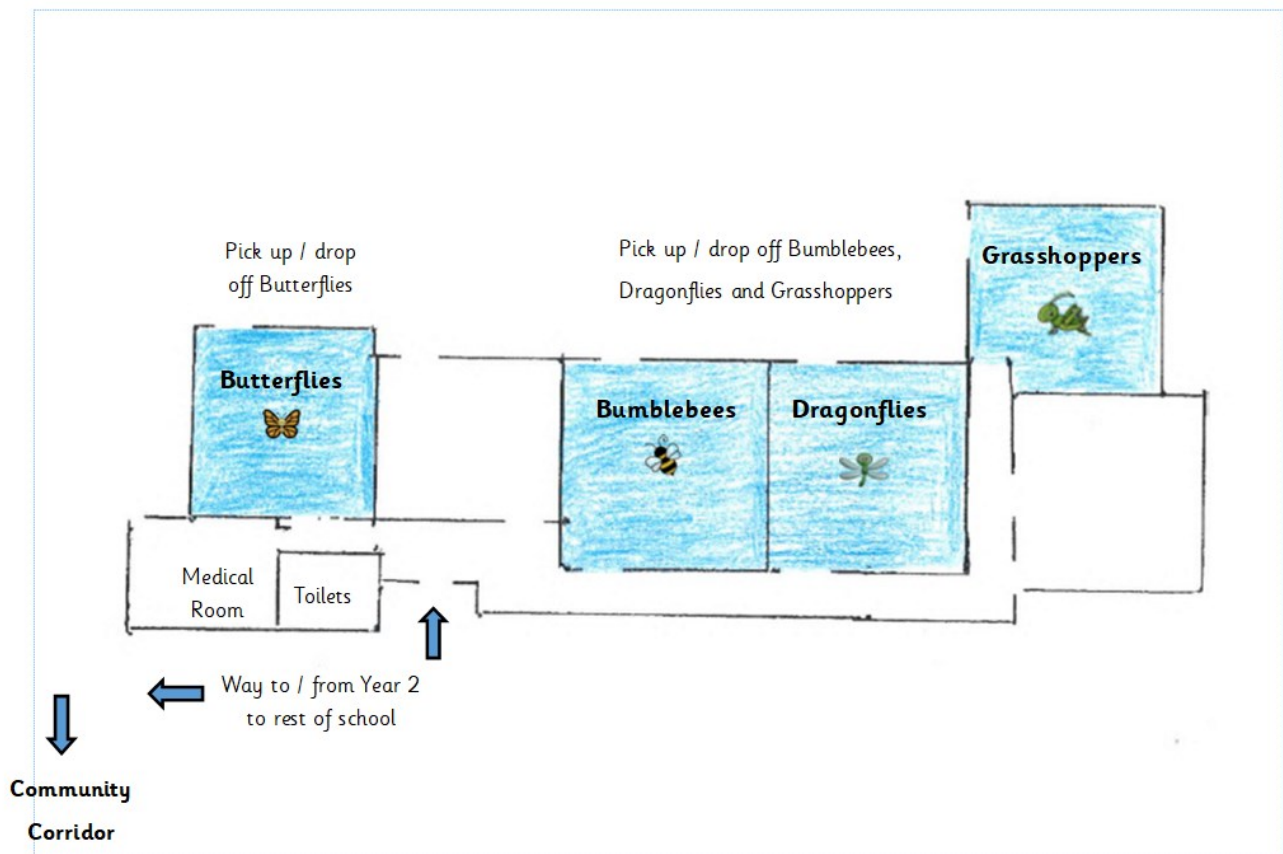
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Back to School September 2025 — Where is Your New Classroom?

Our class names are not changing in September, but many of the classes will be based in different rooms.

Please look at these maps to make sure you know where your child's new class will be and where to pick them up and drop them off.

To get to Year 2, walk right through the playground past the Pirate Ship. The Year 2 classrooms are near the fence that is between us and the juniors.



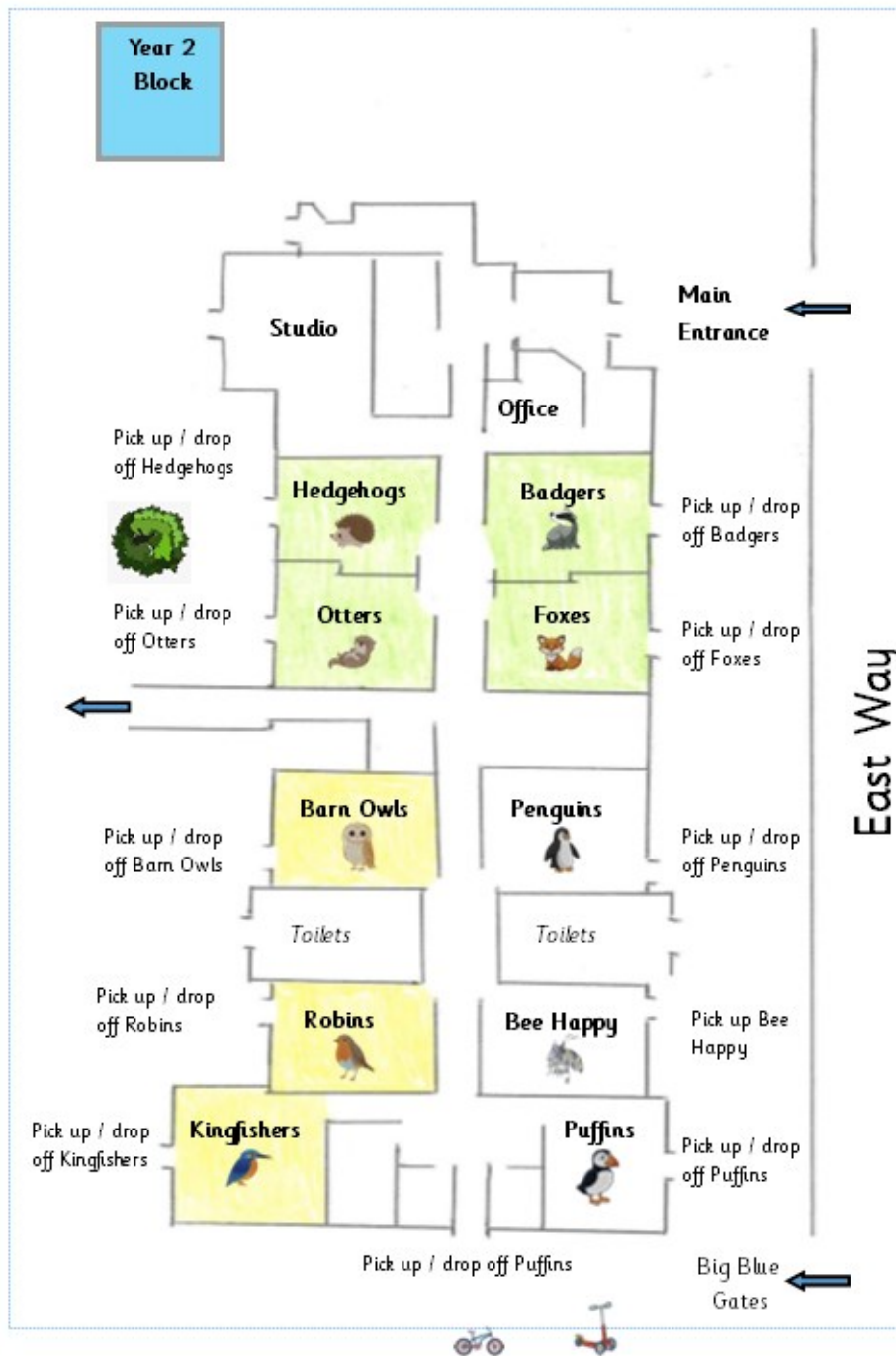
Butterflies: Miss Lucas

Bumblebees: Mrs Mansell

Dragonflies: Mrs Fernand and Mrs Sherry

Grasshoppers: Miss Webber

Reception and Year 1



Reception

Kingfishers: Mrs Adeney

Robins: Miss Hardman / Mrs Powell

Barn Owls: Mr Waller

Year 1

Badgers: Mrs Wills / Mrs Richie

Foxes: Mrs Jackson

Hedgehogs: Mr Spokes

Our Community Corridor

Our Community Corridor is where you can find...

- Clothes (school uniform, coats, shoes, wellies, dressing up clothes)
 - Information Leaflets
 - The foodbank donation point
 - The battery recycling point



Thank You!

We all know how much children love to snack, and in the summer it can be really hard for families to find the money for those 'extras' - fruit bars, biscuits, crisps and other snack foods.

If you want to give a donation for Bournemouth they are always grateful for items like tinned food, tea and coffee, but would also appreciate some extra snacks for families this summer.

The box for donations is in the Community Corridor

How to Find

The Community Corridor

The community corridor is between the Studio and Year 2.

You can get to it at the beginning and end of each school day through the playground.



In the community corridor you will also find a recycling collection point for your used batteries and clean aluminium cans.

Attendance

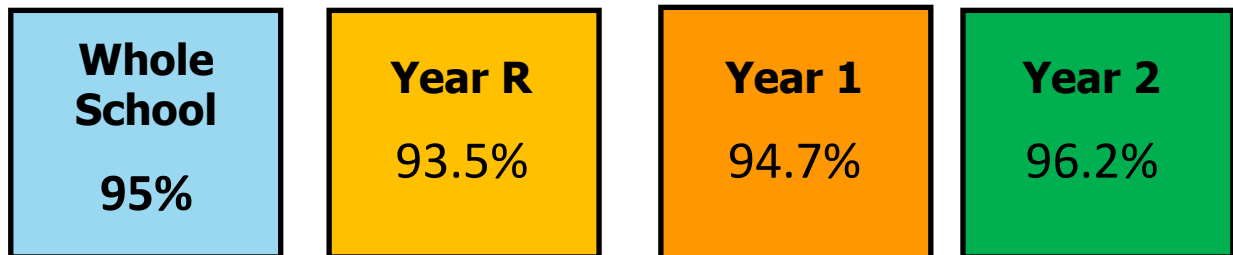
School Matters!



At QPIA we continue to work together to ensure that every child's attendance is the best it can be. Quite simply, children do better at school if they attend regularly and we aim for at least 96%.

Well done to Year 2 who have the highest attendance!

Attendance figures since September 24.



If your child has a medical or dental appointment during the school day, please let the office know in advance of the absence.

We will ask for an appointment letter to be seen.

Please remember you can speak with Mrs Parker, our Family Support Worker, if you have worries or concerns in regards to attendance and thankyou for your ongoing support.

Attendance Matters



Dates for your Diary



Autumn Term 2025

Thursday 4th September: Children back to school

Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October: Half Term Holiday

Tuesday 4th November: Children back to school

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

Spring Term 2026

Wednesday 7th January: Children back to school

Monday 16th – Friday 20th February: Half Term Holiday

Monday 23rd February: Children back to school

Monday 30th March– Friday 10th April: Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2026

Tuesday 14th April: Children back to school

Monday 25th – Friday 29th May: Half Term Holiday

Monday 1st June: Children back to school

Wednesday 22nd July School finishes for Summer Holiday 1pm

Staff Training Days 2025-2026

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Tuesday 6th January 2026

Monday 13th April 2026- CLP Trust Inset

Friday 22nd May 2026