

A happy school; Learning, caring, succeeding together.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last year we ended the Spring Term with wind and rain, today we finish with blue skies and sunshine—what a difference and I know which I prefer!

This last two weeks has seen much drama and excitement across the school. From police visits for the EYFS children, visits to the Church in Year 1, the Year 1 Spring Assemblies which show cased all their learning across the term, a Road Safety Assembly and of course the Bunny Hop.



We were all so proud of the Year 1 children—their English, Art, Music and History learning particularly featured! So much learning remembered and shared with their families.

I would very much like to share all the children's ongoing success with reading—as all the teachers stop and look at the children's progress in phonics and reading at this time of the year. The reading at home is making a tremendous difference with the children's reading fluency—I myself have listened to some children in Reception read this last week and I am delighted to hear the children blend sounds and read whole words with fluency. Please talk to your class teachers after the holidays if you need to know more about your child's next steps with sounds to learn or reading fluently. Well done to all the children who have hit their 100 reads in such numbers and I am now planning in my tea parties for the 200 reads that are now being achieved. Paddington Bear will be the theme for the first one in May.



The sponsored Bunny Hop this week has once again left the school team amazed, with an astonishing £1,000 raised by the community to date. The children bounced and hopped their absolute best around the playground with lots of smiles and laughter. The Easter egg hunt, of course adds that little extra egg-citement with all our children today getting a chocolate gift as we say good bye to this term and start the holiday.

Today has also included a visit from the Mayor of Bournemouth who was welcomed and looked after by the School Councillors.

The PFA have been immense in their support and I thank all the parents/carers involved for giving up their time to plan, coordinate and carry out these fundraising events with the children –which everyone enjoys.

As the Head teacher I am proud of how we all work together to keep children safe and happy in so many different ways, and to be a part of a school community that respects the care and happiness of children now and for their future.

Happy holidays everyone!

Mrs T. Edwards
Head teacher





Congratulations to these children who have
read at home 100 times!

We hope you are enjoying your book from Mrs Edwards.

Barn Owls Michael, Joshua, Shivansh, Tia, Yaren, Neil, Ozan, Aditi

Blackbirds Aarnika, Sharvi, Liliana, Mia, Berkin

Kingfishers Adaline, Sebby, Jamie, Daris, Siddharth

Robins Odysseus, Kenan, Prarthana, Zuzanna, Nidhulan

Badgers Marlon

Hedgehogs Antek, Emily G, Vismay, Tristan

Otters Krithick, Tyler, Amine, Ezra, Isla-May, Alex

Bumblebees Ela, Arabella, Sebastian, Olivia,

Butterflies Alexandra, Atrin, Rutendo, Judith, Erin, Aaron, Cody

Dragonflies Olivia, Yusroh, Varunan, Pratheek, Layla, Eva

Grasshoppers Gabriel, George B, Thevjan, Annie, Elian

One way in which you can help your child get better at reading is through lots of practice. By hearing your child read aloud at home each day, you can help them improve. Reading is an invaluable life skill and we encourage parents to hear their child read regularly (at least three times a week, daily is even better!) to supplement what we do in school as it makes a real difference.

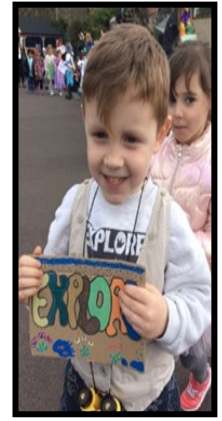
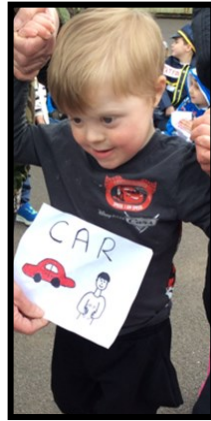
Little and often is far better than one long extended reading session. Please speak to your class teacher if you need any support



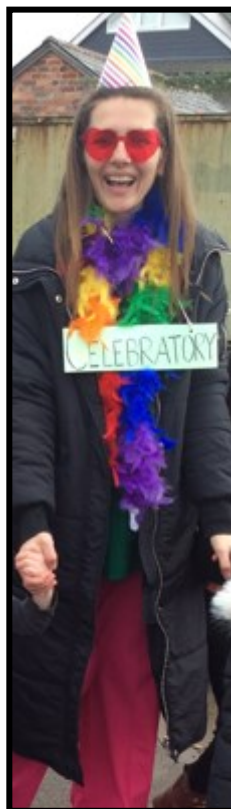
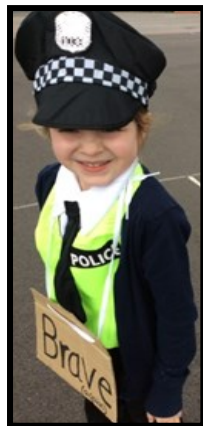
World Book Day

On Friday 7th March we celebrated world book day at QPIA.

It was fantastic to see children and staff all dressed up as different words. What a great way to learn the meaning of new words!



In the afternoon we held a vocabulary parade where all the children gathered in the playground and each year group walked around to show the rest of the school their outfits and words.



Thank you so much to the reading ambassadors who supported us in this by taking photos and picking out their favourite words.

Mrs Mansell

Reading Ambassadors



The reading ambassadors have been busy keeping our books tidy and in the right place around the school.

We have also been able to relabel some of our love to read books that have lost their stickers.

We have spent time in the library putting books in the right place as well as choosing books to put on display that we think other readers might like.

On World Book Day they helped by taking pictures and picking some of their favourite words.



Year 1



Year 2

Thank you for your help reading ambassadors!

Mrs Mansell and Mrs Wills.

Spring arrives in Year One

Earlier this half term, Year One visited St Francis Church to celebrate the arrival of Spring. Whilst there the children looked at some early signs of Spring, and talked about new life and beginnings.

You will no doubt have seen the beautiful Spring gardens that the children created. We hope that these gardens are growing well at home. There were many budding green fingered gardeners when we returned to school!

As always, we are very grateful to all the volunteers at the Church who prepare and resource all that is needed to make our visits memorable and a valuable learning experience.

"It was nice to make a garden and take it home. We can keep them alive at home."
Jagoda

"I liked making the garden. It was fun and I like watching things grow." *Alfie*

"I'm really creative so I liked making the garden." *Tristan*



PFA Update

We are thrilled to announce that our school has recently been awarded a generous Nationwide colleague grant of £9,720.00!

This funding will be used to enhance our ICT suite with the latest IT equipment, providing students and staff with access to cutting-edge technology. The investment will not only improve the learning experience of our young learners but also support our efforts to integrate digital tools into everyday teaching and learning.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Nationwide for their support in helping us create an even more dynamic and effective learning environment.

PFA Bunny Hop Event



The children have had so much fun participating in the Bunny Hop this week!

The current total is £1,000 with donations still to be counted. We are blown away at the level of both your generosity and support.



Thank you to the PFA for organising and supporting

Forest School Update

The decision has been made to end our contract with Primary Forest School after three years of working together. We would like to thank Primary Forest School for their work with all of our children over the last few years.

Their sessions have helped to develop curiosity and excitement in our outdoor learning, which the staff at Queen's Park Infant Academy will now continue to build upon.

Outdoor learning is an important aspect of what we do at our school and our new QPIA Nature School sessions will continue to be run by teachers within our school setting.

Mr Waller
Outdoor Learning Lead

Fully funded Easter holiday activities



The Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) is a Department for Education funded programme providing holiday club places (with a hot lunch), for **school-aged children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.**

A range of fantastic holiday clubs are available this Easter across BCP including sports, Easter egg hunts, Easter-themed art and crafts, food workshops and much more!

There are three new HAF sites for 2025 – SC holiday club at Manorside Academy, STARS at Bayside Academy and BH Live Active at Sir David English.

More info and the full list of Easter HAF providers across BCP Council can be found on the Family Information Directory below.

[HAF information for parents and carers](#)

Hot School Lunches

Just a reminder that all hot school lunches need to be ordered by midnight Sunday two weeks prior to when they are currently due.

Here is a chart for all of the order deadlines; the menu is now live so you can order from now until the end of the summer term.

Deadline to Place Order	For Week Commencing
Sunday 30th March 2025 (No Bookings Required)	Monday 14th April 2025 (EASTER HOLIDAYS)
Sunday 6 th April 2025	Monday 21 st April 2025
Sunday 13 th April 2025	Monday 28 th April 2025
Sunday 20 th April 2025	Monday 5 th May 2025
Sunday 27 th April 2025	Monday 12 th May 2025
Sunday 4 th May 2025	Monday 19 th May 2025
Sunday 11th May 2025 (No Bookings Required)	Monday 26th May 2025 (HALF-TERM HOLIDAYS)
Sunday 18 th May 2025	Monday 2 nd June 2025
Sunday 25 th May 2025	Monday 9 th June 2025
Sunday 1 st June 2025	Monday 16 th June 2025
Sunday 8 th June 2025	Monday 23 rd June 2025
Sunday 15 th June 2025	Monday 30 th June 2025
Sunday 22 nd June 2025	Monday 7 th July 2025
Sunday 29 th June 2025	Monday 14 th July 2025
Sunday 6 th July 2025	Monday 21 st July 2025
Sunday 13th July – Sunday 10th August 2025 (No Bookings Required)	Monday 28th July – Monday 25th August 2025 (SUMMER HOLIDAYS)
Sunday 17 th August 2025	Monday 1 st September 2025
Sunday 24 th August 2025	Monday 8 th September 2025
Sunday 31 st August 2025	Monday 15 th September 2025

Kind regards

The Chartwells Team



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Fire Safety



DORSET & WILTSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE

This year there have already been a number of devastating outdoor fires in Dorset, including Moors Valley Country Park this week. With the school holidays soon to start, and lovely weather forecasted, we wanted to remind everyone of how to stay safe when enjoying the outdoors.

- ◆ If you see a fire in the outdoors, do not try to tackle the fire:
 - Get to a safe place;
 - Note the fire location (apps such as What3Words can help if you're not sure);
 - Call 999;
 - If there is an adult present, meet the Fire & Rescue Service at the access point, if it is safe to do so.

- ◆ Avoid having open fires or using barbecues in the countryside. Disposable barbecues and campfires are actually banned in many parts of Dorset.
#BringAPicnicNotABarbecue

- ◆ If you're at the beach, don't set off flares, have campfires or light barbecues as these can easily lead to gorse and foliage on the cliffs catching fire.

- ◆ Extinguish smoking materials properly, and don't throw cigarette ends on the ground or out of car windows.

- ◆ Take your litter home.

- ◆ Most children do not play with fire, but please keep matches and lighters out of reach and talk to your children about the danger of playing with fire.

For further advice please visit [Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service | Amber wildfire alert extended](#).

Thank you
Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

SEND

SENDiass4BCP have workshops and drop-in sessions available for you to ask questions, and get free and impartial information and advice.

Take a look at our latest What's On post by clicking this link:

<https://sendiass4bcp.org/2025/03/27/whats-on-in-april-2/>



LINWOOD TRAINING, SUPPORT & ADVICE

Dates for “An Introduction to Autism & Neurodiversity for Parents”. Available to book by emailing ltsa@linwood.bournemouth.sch.uk No diagnosis is necessary. No charge to attend. 1 or 2 spaces per family available. Please note these sessions are available to BCP families. **PLEASE CLEARLY STATE WHEN EMAILING TO BOOK, WHETHER YOUR CHILD ATTENDS THE SCHOOL THAT IS HOSTING THE SESSION. THIS IS TO ENSURE WE ALLOCATE YOU EITHER AN INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL SPACE ON THE SESSION AND THEREFORE KNOW HOW MANY OF EACH SPACE WE HAVE LEFT.**

Friday 28 th March 2025	9.30am	12pm	Somerford Arc – 20 Southey Road, Christchurch, BH23 3EH
SUMMER TERM 2025			
Tuesday 29 th April 2025			The Grange School, Conference Room, Redvers Road, Christchurch, BH23 3AU
Monday 19 th May 2025	9.30am	12pm	Moordown St John's School, Vicarage Road, Moordown, BH9 2SA
Tuesday 17 th June 2025	9.30am	12pm	Oakdale Junior School, 3 School Lane, Oakdale, Poole, BH15 3JR.
Monday 7 th July 2025	9.30am	12pm	Virtual delivery via Zoom



FAMFIT



MR JACKSON'S SUMMER HOLIDAY BEACH CAMP

WHEN

Monday 21st July – Friday 25th July
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

WHERE

SANDBANKS BEACH
Drop off and pick up from Sandbanks beach car park by the play park/crazy golf.

WHAT

A whole day of sport, fitness and fun, including: Beach Football, Tag Rugby, Tennis, Guidditch, Cricket, Volleyball, Rounders, Dodgeball, Tug of war, Orienteering, Team building games, Crazy Golf and more!

COST

£25 per day
£100 Full week
(Price includes £5 cost for Crazy Golf).

All sports equipment and coaching included.

WHY

- Play fun sports and learn new skills!
- Make new friends and be part of a team!
- Enjoy fresh air and have fun!
- Increase cardiovascular fitness!
- Improve strength, speed and stamina!
- Improve agility, balance and coordination!

WHAT TO BRING

A packed lunch, snacks and water bottle to last the day (drinks bottle can be refilled with water at the beach)

A towel and sun cream.
A set of warmer clothes.

SEE YOU THERE!
MR. JACKSON

CONTACT

Email: FAMFITUK@GMAIL.COM
Text: 07427182252

Please contact me to book your child's place or for any enquiries. Good idea to book early as limited places.

Mr K. Jackson BSc PGCE. Qualified P.E teacher since 2008.
Fully insured.



BOURNE TENNIS

Friday 28th March 2025

Dear parent/guardian,

Over the past 5 weeks Bourne 4 Tennis have been delivering tennis sessions to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes during their PE lessons. I hope these sessions have been enjoyable for the children and I would now like to invite them to take part in one of our Beginner Red Youth courses.

The course of lessons will commence on Wednesday 23rd April and will run for 5 weeks. If you would like to sign up for the course, please visit the following website: <https://bourne4tennis.co.uk/session/red-youth/>. When you sign up you will receive a confirmation email with a link where you can choose to purchase a junior tennis racket and set of balls for just £4.99. Spaces are limited so please make sure you book early to avoid disappointment. If you find the course is already fully booked then join the waiting list so we know more courses are required to run.

Children attending will need to wear general sporting attire and will need to bring a drink and their tennis racket if they have or have ordered one. If your racket has not arrived before the start of the course, don't panic we have rackets available to borrow.

The Beginner Red courses will offer the opportunity for the children to further improve their tennis in a fun and social environment. These courses are aimed at players who have played very little tennis before. If your child has played before, or has completed a similar course already, then our normal Red Youth groups are for you. Red Youth is for children aged 5-8 years, more information can be found on the Red Youth page. See link above.

Looking for something to do during the Easter Holidays, then why not check out our Easter Camps at <http://bourne4tennis.co.uk/events/>? The camps are great for socialising, team building, developing physical skills and having lots of fun. Jam packed with a selection of multi sports, and a ton of tennis drills and games, the children are guaranteed to enjoy the day.

If you are just interested in finding and playing at your local courts, visit: <https://www.tennisbournemouth.co.uk/tennis-in-the-park/> for more information.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to drop me a message or give me a call.

We look forward to seeing you soon,

Kind regards,

Matt Cole

Bourne 4 Tennis
Programme Co-ordinator / Head Coach
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Email: matt@bourne4tennis.co.uk
Web: www.bourne4tennis.co.uk

Road Safety



Walking, cycling and scootering to school with your child is a great way to teach them about road safety and check their understanding of the road and possible dangers.

It is important that your child stays close to you at all times.

If they are on a bike or scooter they should also wear a well fitted helmet to keep them safe.

The Green Cross Code



Whether walking to school, or using a bike or scooter, it is likely you will need to cross a road at some point. You can do this safely together with the help of the Green Cross Code.

1. **Think**– Find a safe place to cross the road.
2. **Stop**– Stop at the edge of the kerb, making sure you can see the traffic. Never stand on the road.
3. **Look and listen**– Check around for traffic, looking to your right-hand side first, then your left-hand side, and finally to the right again. Listen for oncoming traffic too.
4. **Wait**– Don't cross until it's safe to do so and if you're at a pedestrian crossing, wait until all the vehicles have come to a standstill.
5. **Look and listen (again!)**– Once you think it's safe, look and listen one last time before crossing the road.
6. **Cross safely**– Walk across the road making sure not to run or skip as you could fall over.

Our Community Space

Just a reminder about our 'Community Corridor'.

It is located between the medical room (next to Dragonflies class) and the Studio. You can access it through the big playground during drop offs and pick ups.

In this area you can find pre loved uniform, coats, shoes, wellies and other donated items, as well as free books for you to take home and share with your children.

Here you will also find a community kitchen where you can collect groceries to help top up your weekly shopping– we currently have lots of cereal boxes!

Supporting our Community



MOST NEEDED

UHT MILK 🐄

UHT MILK 🥛

TINNED FISH 🐟

TINNED FRUIT 🍎

CHOCOLATE BARS 🍫

CONFECTIONARY 🍬

Did you know we also have a collection point for Bournemouth Food Bank in our community area?

You are welcome to drop donations off at the beginning or end of school. All items should be 'cupboard food items', no fresh food please.



In this area you will also find a recycling collection point for used batteries and clean aluminium cans.

After School Clubs

QPIA Bee Happy

We offer a secure, fun and caring after school childcare environment exclusively for children who attend Queen's Park Infant Academy, from 3.10-5.30pm

For new reception children and for all new enquiries, please send an email with your child's name and class. I will then send out a welcome letter including details of how to book sessions for the new term. Reception children can only be booked in from their first full school day on 16th September.

Please can all payments for Bee Happy sessions be made at the time of booking as follows:

For online payments: top up is required before booking.

For childcare voucher payments: Please transfer childcare vouchers, (we are registered as Queens Park Infant Academy), at time of booking. You will also need to advise Miss Abel by email, of the amount sent along with the date transferred. This can then be verified and added to your account.

Email address is: bee.happy@coastalpartnership.co.uk

New parents using childcare vouchers: please advise Miss Abel on the above email address if you are using Bee Happy for the first time and wish to pay using childcare vouchers. She can then adjust your child's account so you can book sessions while waiting for the payment to arrive.

Foundation Sports

An award winning and Ofsted registered childcare provider.

After-school Club: A specific sport each day

15.15pm - 16.30pm £6.50

Mondays- Football

Tuesday- Gymnastics

Wednesday- Multi sports

For more information and to book please click the link below;

<https://www.foundation-play.com/qpia>

Forest School After School Club– Year 2 Only

Forest school runs on Tuesday straight after school, until 4.15pm, to book please click the link below.

<https://www.primary-forest-school.co.uk/bookings>

Office Reminders

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.

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

Please email the PFA for all second hand uniform enquires 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

Thank you to those that have signed up for the Parent Portal already.

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.

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 school.



Attendance

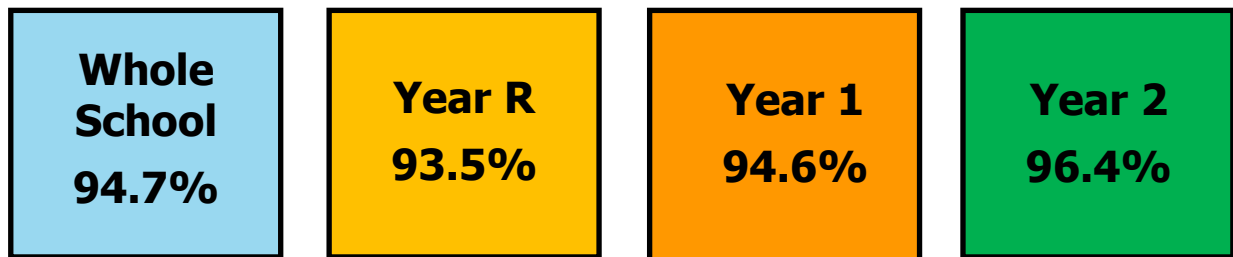
School Matters!



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



2025

Spring Term:

Thursday 3rd April

PFA Easter Egg Hunt

Last day of term

Monday 7th – Friday 18th April

Easter Holidays

Summer Term:

Tuesday 22nd April

Children return to school

Tuesday 29th April

Reception library visit—more information to follow

Thursday 1st May

Reception library visit—more information to follow

Friday 9th May

PFA Quiz Night at 7pm—letter to follow

Friday 23rd May

PFA Pre-loved uniform and cake sale

Last day

Monday 26th – Friday 30th May

Half term

Monday 2nd June

Children return to school

Friday 13th June

QPIA Summer Fair

Tuesday 17th June

Public Health Nurse drop-in session for Parents

9am-10:30am

Wednesday 18th June

Reception and Puffins visit to Longdown Dairy Farm—more information to follow

Tuesday 22nd July

Last day—1:00pm finish

Staff Training Days

Friday 4th April - CLP Trust Inset

Bank and Public Holiday

Monday 21st April - Easter Monday

Monday 5th May - May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 26th May - Spring Bank Holiday