



A happy school; Learning, caring, succeeding together.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is a bit late but to everyone Happy New Year—2025 is truly underway. Our Spring Term has certainly been marked by the cold, wet and windy month of January. On the chilly and occasionally beautiful winters days like today our year groups have been making the most of the outside including— Year 1 and Reception in Forest school and also the Year 2 Gardening club. New sheds are expected to appear this term as the better weather enables a bit of concreting and building! Thankyou Mr Warriner.



The learning themes this term have captured the children's imagination and interest across the school. You can find the key learning for each year group detailed on the school website under curriculum and in the year group star icon. We are looking forward to our Well Being Wednesday next week and STEM week the week after. We are sure the children will enjoy sharing all their scientific and mathematical thinking with you. We are very pleased to welcome visitors from different organisations across the week who are specialists in engineering and the world of science.

Reception have started learning their handwriting actions from our new scheme "Kinetic letters". We went to visit the children at St Luke's in the autumn term and look forward to a return visit from Mr Godfrey's team soon as we collaborate together on shared projects. Ask the children to sing you the songs!



The PFA and all our community are supporting the school to raise funds this year to enrich our schools offer within the world of computing and science. We are excited to say that the children in Year 2 have had the opportunity this week to use new laptops in our first new portable laptop trolley purchased jointly between the school and our community. On behalf of the school team—we thank you for all your



support. There are more exciting plans ahead which the PFA and staff team will keep you updated with.

The Eco leaders and School Councillors are busy this term—safety and citizenship in our community—roads and playgrounds, look out for their updates too and maybe one or two changes to help us all. I have also enjoyed welcoming the very first children of the year to choose their gift book for reaching 100 reads - what an achievement and I hope they love their new story books! Thank you to the families who continue to support the children in reaching this special goal.

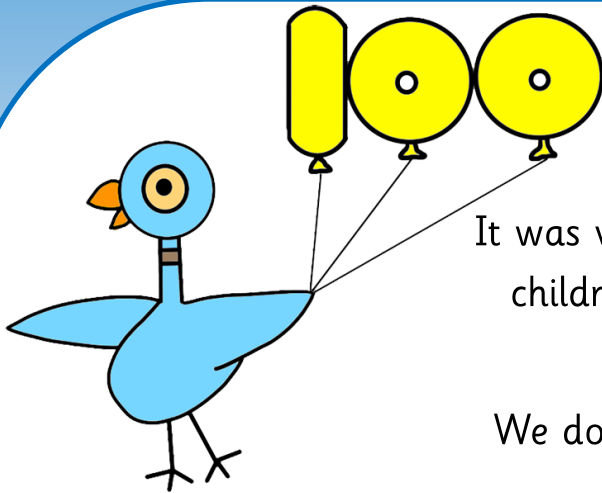
As the children themselves think about their goals and dreams, from learning to ride a bike to getting better at reading or learning to speak confidently to different people, it is clear what is important to them. They have been thinking about what and who can help to achieve this—friends, family and themselves of course!! **Persevering** was a word they could tell me all about in Assembly this week and how important we can be to help and encourage each other to keep going and not give up. This is an important area of learning that, as adults, with care and understanding, we continue to teach all our children.

Whatever the year ahead brings for any of us, I hope we all value, just as the children do, friendship and collaboration. Always important in making goals and dreams a reality.

Kind regards

Mrs T. Edwards

Headteacher



It was very exciting to welcome our first group of children to reach **100 reads** to Mrs Edward's office this week.

We do hope they are enjoying their new books.

Blackbirds Stuti

Kingfishers Beatrix

Badgers Silia, Dhruva, Vinika

Foxes Ava, Bradley, Evelyn, Francesca, Liam, Sophie, Vihana, Zayd

Hedgehogs Ryan

Otters Tabitha, Adhavram, Samantha, Kareem

Bumblebees Adam, Aiden, Alex, Amelia, Aphra, Emilia, Jack, Lily,
Luna, Matilda, Sophie, Tom

Butterflies Aiden, Callum, Charvi, Imogen, Jackson

Dragonflies Aminah, Celia, Dania, Ella S, Joseph, Lukas, Sooha, Theo

Grasshoppers Adaline, Adam, Edie, Mark



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



Reading Ambassadors



Year 2
Aphra
Adan
Charvi
Keenan



Year 1
Beck
Tabitha
Vinika
Vismay

We really enjoyed meeting with our Reading Ambassadors to agree their job descriptions.

This time we focused on the corridors and classrooms.

Mrs Mansell is going to train them up on how the library is organised in the coming weeks so that will be able to help keep our lovely space organised and tidy.

Job Description

- ⇒ Check the Supersonic Reading book trays to ensure books are in the right drawers so that children take the right books home.
- ⇒ Keep Love to Read book baskets neat and tidy with the front covers facing forwards in the corridors.
- ⇒ Check classroom reading areas are neat, tidy and inviting.
- ⇒ Label new Love to Read books with stickers



Mrs Wills and Mrs Mansell

Mental Health Week



Next week is **Children's Mental Health Week**.

At QPIA we are proud to support this annual event.

The theme this year is **Know Yourself, Grow Yourself**. The children will be taking part in activities to explore this in class.



<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/about/>

Our Wellbeing Wednesday focus will be on the importance of self-awareness, expressing emotions and forming strong connections with others.

Know Yourself, Grow Yourself will put a spotlight on how we can build emotional resilience, grow and develop by understanding who we are and what makes us unique.

The more we understand about ourselves, the better we will be prepared to manage our own mental health and social interactions with others.

By helping children to understand and accept themselves, they start to build self-awareness. This allows them to develop the skills they need to develop emotional resilience and a 'can do' attitude.

Watch this space for learning updates and photos!



School Councillors Update

Project Playground

The school council have been busy this month focussing on making the playground an even safer and more enjoyable place to be.

They started off the term by giving the playground equipment shed a thorough 'Spring Clean' and organised, untangled and tidied the apparatus wonderfully well.



At our meeting this week, the children talked about popular playground games, such as 'Duck, Duck Goose, Hopscotch, Please Mr Crocodile and 'What's the time Mr Wolf?' This term, they have decided to practice playing these games in order to teach their friends how to play too- what a great idea to help others move, listen and have fun outside!



Mrs Durrant—PSHE Lead

Forest School Update



Happy New Year to all!

Queen's Park Infant Academy

Spring term 1

Hello everyone at Queen's Park Infant Academy! My name is Hannah (Miss Jones) and I am your new Forest School Leader! I have recently joined Primary Forest School, but previous to this I have worked in primary and secondary schools as a Learning Support Assistant. In my spare time I like to stay active by playing football, going for hikes and doing yoga. I love being outdoors and spending time in nature.

On Tuesdays in Spring Term EYFS and Year 1 have been receiving Forest School sessions. First up this half term Kingfishers, Robins and Otters have been enjoying their Forest School learning. During Spring 1, pupils will cover topics which include Life Skills, Fire Safety, Tools and First Aid, all within the school woodland.

To ensure your child can access the sessions, please can you ensure your child comes into school with the following clothing:

- Waterproof rain coat
- Waterproof trousers (or a puddle suit)
- Wellies/ walking boots
- Any extra layers, hat and gloves, especially when it's colder outside



I look forward to sharing updates of all the fun your children get up to at Forest School.

Best wishes,

Hannah

Donations HELP!

To help develop our forest school area we rely on donations, rather than taking your rubbish to the tip we may need it!

If you have any from the list to hand, please email admin@primary-forest-school.co.uk

Pallets, wood chippings, old sinks, plants/bulbs, tree stumps, tyres, fire pits, planks of wood, bricks, unwanted pots/pans, unwanted utensils, cable drums, outdoor clothing, wellies, craft materials

To book on to the Forest After School Club book [Here](#)
Holiday Clubs book [Here](#)



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Eco School Update



Following on from our Environmental Review last half term, we have decided to focus on developing three key areas this year.

Transport, Marine care and Biodiversity

Here are our aims for the year as detailed on our action plan.

Transport – *To encourage more families and children to be active on their journey to school. To reduce congestion on and around our school road. To develop a travel plan.*

This half term Ceri from our walk to school scheme came to our school to talk to parents and discuss congestion outside our school during pick up and drop off times. Following this initial visit Ceri will return to us on Friday 7th February to complete a School Route Audit. The Eco leaders will support Ceri during the School Route Audit, with the hope that we come up with ideas to support families travelling to school, and help make our roads safer and less congested. Please look out for future newsletters for further information.

Marine – *To improve our knowledge and understanding of how single use plastics and rubbish can impact our marine wildlife and coasts.*

Reception children have been learning about the rubbish found in our oceans this half term. They have been inventors, imagining new machines that might suck up all the rubbish leaving the fish to swim happily. Our children have also been reusing old bottles and rubbish to create models rather than it simply ending up in landfill.

Please look out for ways you can help our environment at home, such as the 'tips for how to be water efficient in your home' page in this month's newsletter. These details our Year 2 students learnt about during the waterwise visit this half term.



Biodiversity – *To improve how we support life in our school grounds.*

We will be looking to make bird feeders this year to encourage more wildlife to our school. A long-term goal is to develop our garden area, planting flowers that can attract different insects, bees and butterflies.

Thank you for all your continued support on our Eco journey!

Mr Waller

Tips on how to be water efficient in your home

Did you know that heating water for domestic consumption is the second largest user of energy in your home after central heating?

Small changes in your home and everyday behavior can go a long way to reduce your water bills, energy bills and your impact on the environment.

Fill your kettle with only as much water as you need.



Always do full loads in your washing machine or your dishwasher.

- Take a short shower instead of a bath
- Install a low flow showerhead
- Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth
- Always put the plug in the basin when washing or shaving

If you do not have a modern dual flush toilet, fit a save-a-flush device to your cistern. See our website.

Use a bowl or put the plug in the sink when hand washing dishes or washing your fruit and vegetables.



Can you meet the challenge? Simple changes can save you money.

How much water do you use?

Calculate your household's water use by filling in the boxes below

Activity	Average amount of water used (litres)	x	Uses per day	=	Daily total (litres)
Bathroom					
Bath	80	x		=	
Power shower (with pump to increase pressure)	70	x		=	
Ordinary Shower	35	x		=	
Old toilet cistern (<i>deduct 1 litre per flush if the cistern is fitted with a water saving device</i>)	9	x		=	
New low volume cistern	6	x		=	
Hand washing and teeth cleaning (per person per day)	10	x		=	
If carried out with tap left running (per person per day)	15	x		=	
Bathroom					
Using a washing machine (full or not)	80	x		=	
If you use the half load option	60	x		=	
Using a water efficient model	55	x		=	
Using a dishwasher	35	x		=	
If you use the half load option	20	x		=	
Using a water efficient model	22	x		=	
Washing dishes by hand	6	x		=	
Cooking and drinking (per person per day)	10	x		=	

*Average use per person per day (c) = (a) ÷ (b).

Your household's daily total (a)

Number of people in the house (b)

Amount per person per day (c)*

? How does your 'score' compare to the UK average of 150 litres per person per day?

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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.

PFA Update

After some well earned rest, our PFA are starting this term's events with our regular uniform, cake and book sale which will continue to be held before every half term holiday.

This term's event will be on **Friday 14th February 2025** after school so please come along, pick yourself up some preloved bargain uniform, a nice slice of cake and support this great event.

There are also a range of uniform items available hanging on the pink rail in the community corridor. This can be accessed from the main playground during school drop off and collection. All donations for these items are welcome.

The PFA are asking for any old or unused branded school jumpers and cardigans you may have that can you can contribute to their pre loved sale. They have also started collecting children's fancy dress items that can go into our Community Corridor if you have any to donate.

Other dates for your diary:

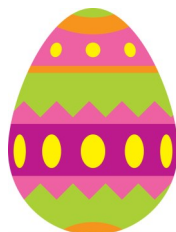
Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd April - Bunny Hop

Thursday 3rd April - Easter Egg hunt

Friday 9th May - Quiz Night (evening)

Friday 23rd May - Preloved uniform and cake sale (after school)

Friday 13th June - Summer Fayre



More details of these events, and other events happening throughout the year, will be coming soon!

General contact: qpia.pfa@gmail.com

Uniform enquiries: qpia.pfauniform@gmail.com

Dates for “An Introduction to Autism & Neurodiversity for Parents”. Available to book by emailing itsa@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.**

Date	Start time	Finish time (Approx.)	Venue name and address
Autumn term 2024			
Friday 6 th December 2024	9.30am	12pm	Somerford Arc, 20 Southey Road, Christchurch, BH23 3EH
Spring Term 2025			
Wednesday 15 th January 2025	9.30am	12pm	The Epiphany School, Shillingstone Drive, Muscliff, BH9 3PE
Thursday 27 th February 2025	9.15am	11.45pm	Talbot Primary School, Talbot Drive, Poole, BH12 5ED
Tuesday 4 th March 2025	9.30am	12pm	Corfe Hills School, Higher Blandford Road, Broadstone, BH18 9BG
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

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

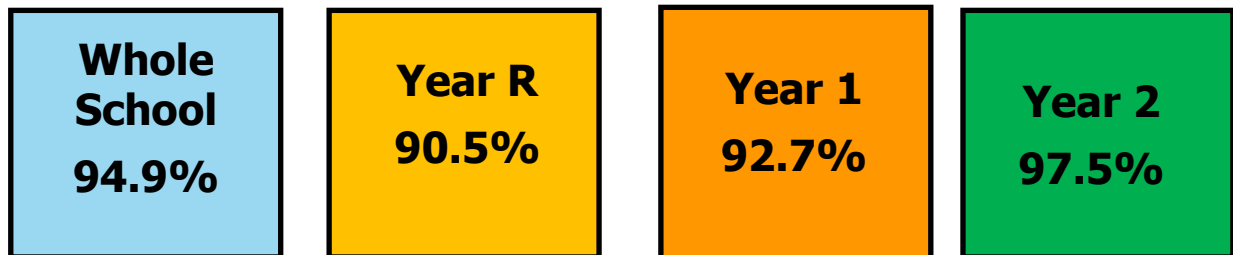
School Matters!



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 and above nation average 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:

Wednesday 8th January

Children return to school

Friday 14th February

PFA Pre-loved uniform and cake sale

Last day of term

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February Half term

Monday 24th February

Children return to school

Tuesday 25th February

Life Bus Visit—all year groups

Wednesday 26th February

Life Bus Visit—all year groups

Thursday 27th February

Life Bus Visit—all year groups

Monday 3rd March

Badgers trip to The Museum of East Dorset

Tuesday 4th March

Otters trip to The Museum of East Dorset

Dragonflies and Butterflies trip to Marwell Zoo

Thursday 6th March

Grasshoppers and Bumblebees trip to Marwell Zoo

Friday 7th March

World Book Day

Monday 10th March

Foxes trip to The Museum of East Dorset

Tuesday 11th March

Hedgehogs trip to The Museum of East Dorset

Reception parents evenings- more information to follow

Tuesday 25th March

Years One and Two parents evenings- more information to follow

Tuesday 1st April

Year One Spring Assembly- more information to follow

PFA Bunny Hop Event

Wednesday 2nd April

Year One Spring Assembly- more information to follow

PFA Bunny Hop Event

Thursday 3rd April

Last day of term

Monday 7th – Friday 18th April

Easter Holidays

Tuesday 22nd April

Children return to school

Friday 23rd May

PFA Pre-loved uniform and cake sale

Friday 23rd May

Last day

Monday 26th – Friday 30th May

Half term

Staff Training Days

CLP Trust Inset- Friday 4th April

Bank and Public Holiday

Easter Monday- Monday 21st April

May Day Bank Holiday- Monday 5th May

Spring Bank Holiday- Monday 26th May