

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last year we ended the Spring Term with blue skies and sunshine, but this week has been a return to cold winds and grey sky—I know which I prefer!

These last few weeks have seen much drama and excitement across the school. From visits to the Church in Year 1, a Road Safety Assembly, making sandwiches and fruit kebabs in Key Stage 1, an eco hour, and of course the energetic Bunny Hop.

We were all so proud of the Year 1 children at their Spring Assemblies showcasing all of their learning—their English, Design and Technology, Science and safety 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 continues to make a tremendous difference with the children's reading 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 high numbers and I am now planning in all 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 £750 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.

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. After the holiday we welcome visitors into school to look at just how we keep our school community safe and to also reflect on the teaching and learning in Mathematics—the successes and next steps for our children.

Happy Holidays!

Mrs Edwards



*A happy school; learning, caring, succeeding together*



# TROPHIES



Our new 'Be Successful' trophies were awarded for the first time at the end of last half term. The proud recipients—Reeva, Rex and Olivia all took the trophies home and have been looking after them for the whole of this half term.

Today they have been given to our next 3 successful stars! Liliana in Otters,

Kiara in Grasshoppers and Ella in Barns. New photos on their way!





## 100 READS

SO MANY children have reached 100 Reads this term. Mrs Edwards now has to have 2 sessions each week to give out book choices from the special cabinet outside her office. If you haven't got to 100 Reads yet, don't worry—there are lots of super books left to choose from when you do!



## 200 READS

Soon some children will be reaching 200 Reads! This means that they will have read at home almost every day since September!

As soon as you reach 200 Reads, you will get a VERY special invitation to a Tea Party with Mrs Edwards.

The first Tea Party is going to have a Paddington Bear theme, so keep reading, and you might be joining them!!





Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, Friendship

Katie from SCARF came to visit our school again to give workshops to the children on building resilience and regulating and developing positive mental attitudes.



All our children were able to visit the Life Tent to see Katie and her familiar friends: Harold the Giraffe, Kiki the Kangaroo and Derek the Penguin.



In one session  
Harold was  
carrying a heavy  
bag of  
uncomfortable  
feelings.



With help and support from the children Harold was able to  
explore each emotion and



Katie and her friends talked  
about how it can be frustrating  
learning a new skill and ways to  
encourage resilience, to bounce  
back when things feel tough and  
that challenges are part of  
growing and learning.

We all learned about how  
important it is to be  
gentle and kind to each  
other, and to ourselves!



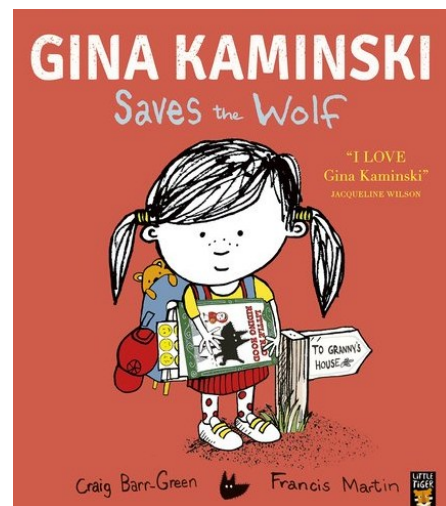
Mrs Mansell—P.S.H.E. Lead

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# Vocabulary Comes to Life at QPIA!

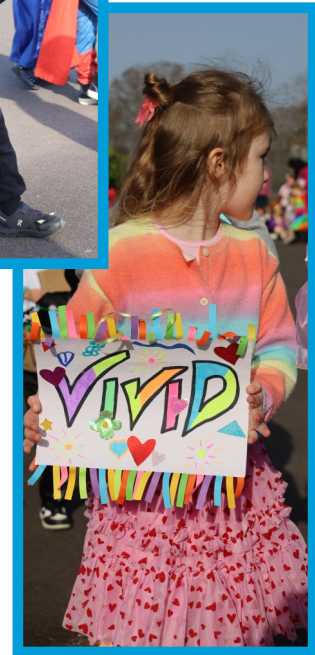
What a fantastic **World Book Day** we had this year! The school was absolutely *buzzing* with excitement as children arrived dressed not as characters... but as **words**! From “*sparkling*” to “*mysterious*”, “*gigantic*” to “*whimsical*”, the corridors were full of walking, talking vocabulary — and we loved every minute of it.

Our special story of the day, *Gina Kaminski Saves the Wolf*, inspired lots of brilliant discussions about storytelling, imagination, and being wonderfully unique. Each class visited our Library to enjoy a lively, prop-filled storytelling session with their teacher — complete with plenty of giggles and gasps along the way, particularly when the teachers solved one of the problems by eating the cake for Grandma!



The creativity on display for our **Vibrant Vocabulary Parade** was truly amazing. Children showed off their words with such pride — whether attached to hats, capes, plant pots or umbrellas! Thank you to all families for helping to create such joyful, imaginative costumes.

# Vocabulary Comes to Life at QPIA!



To top off the week, the children visited the PFA's **Book Bonanza**, choosing a book to take home and treasure. A huge thank you to our wonderful PFA — it made the event an absolute treat for our budding readers!

World Book Day reminded us once again that stories don't just live in books... they live in *us*. Here's to another year of imagination, words, and the magic of reading!

Mrs Wills (Literacy Lead)



# EYFS—A GOLDEN EGG!

Reception children were amazed last week when they discovered a mysterious golden egg perched on top of the bike shed! Where had it come from? We had a few ideas, especially as we've been enjoying *Jack and the Beanstalk* in class.



When we carefully brought the egg down, we realised it could open – and inside was a note from the Giant himself, asking for his egg back!



The children were full of imaginative ideas and quickly set to work writing letters in reply. Some of the boys in Barn Owls even built a rocket launcher to send the egg safely back to the Giant.



Meanwhile, other children eagerly searched the playground for clues of a giant visitor, spotting 'footprints' and even pieces of a possible beanstalk.



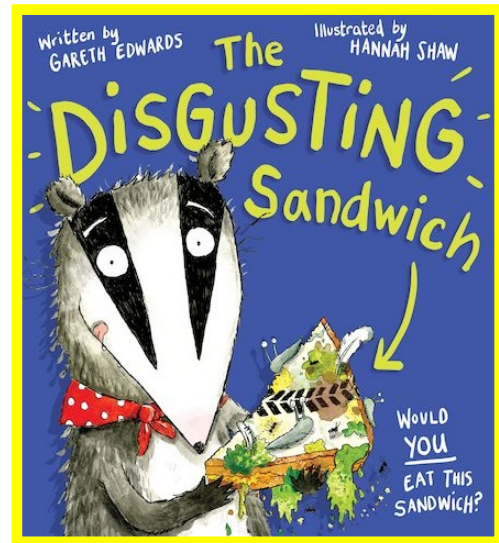
The EYFS Team



# Super Sandwich Scientists -Year 1

This half term we have become Super Sandwich Scientists, and we have learned so many amazing things about sandwiches – who knew there was so much to discover?

In English, we read the story *The Disgusting Sandwich* and then used our imaginations to think about what we would put in our own disgusting sandwiches, combining two ideas using 'and' and thinking of some compound words to add interest. Some of our ideas were extremely smelly and very silly!



In Science and PSHE, we learned about the importance of good hygiene. We carried out sandwich experiments to investigate how different variables affect how quickly bread goes mouldy. We discovered some very disgusting results, and it taught us why washing our hands properly and cleaning surfaces is so important. We have been washing our hands very thoroughly ever since!



You can see this line of mouldy bread as you walk down the corridor! YUK!!

In Design and Technology, we designed our own sandwiches by following the three stages of design, make and evaluate. We carefully chose flavours that would go well together, the type of bread we wanted, and whether we wanted our sandwich to be



In Week 3, we made our sandwiches, learning knife safety skills and how to spread and cut with care. They were a great success! We enjoyed lots of classroom picnics while tasting our creations. Afterwards, we talked about what we liked best and what we would change next time



The Year 1 Team



We have really enjoyed being Super Sandwich Scientists and hope you enjoyed finding out all about our learning in our Year 1 assembly.

# Year 1 Visit the Church

It was wonderful to see our Year One children visit St Francis Church recently to explore the themes of Easter. We spent time reflecting on the season's message of new life and how we can show love and kindness in our daily lives which are values shared by people of all beliefs around the world.



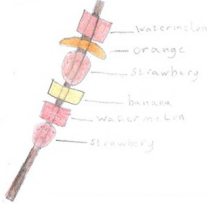
During the visit the each class planted a small spring garden to bring back to school to care for. The colourful plants linked to the theme of new life and the changing seasons celebrated at this time of year. The children also sowed cress seeds in individual pots. They will be able to care for their seeds and see how quickly they grow, mirroring what is happening in nature around them as the season changes and the weather becomes warmer.

Our thanks go to everyone at the church who give their time and thought, working closely with us to provide an interactive and memorable visit for the children.



Mrs Ritchie—R.E. Lead

# Year 2 Fruit Kebabs

Name: Algie Hill	Date: 9/9/20
What I am designing: A fruit Kebab	
What fruit I will use: Watermelon orange strawberry banana	What equipment I will use: A Knife A chopping board A plate A skewer stick
My design looks like this: 	

Year 2 have really enjoyed designing, making and eating a healthy fruit kebab this term. We learnt about how to use a knife safely and how to be hygienic when preparing and eating food.



The children also wrote some amazing instructions in English about how to make a fruit kebab.

Mrs Fernand—Year 2 Lead

20.3.20 I can write commands.  
1 Have an idea in your head which fruit you need. ✓  
2 Then get your mum or dad to buy the right fruit. ✓  
3 Gather all of the equipment and wash your hands super duper clean! ✓  
4 Make sure you look on both sides because one end is sharp. ✓  
5 Put the fruit on the skewer slowly and carefully. ✓  
6 Cut very carefully before you put the fruit on the skewer. ✓  
Warning  
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# FROM OUR ECO TEAM



## Eco Update

Walk to school - February was a fantastic month for the children of Queen's Park Infant Academy, as we topped the BCP leaderboard in the Walk to School challenge. Even more impressively, we placed 32nd out of more than 1,000 schools nationwide. Thank you to everyone who continues to walk, scoot, or ride to school (even in the rain!).

**LEADERBOARD- BCP**

1.	Queen's Park Infant Academy
2.	Canford Heath Junior School
3.	Mudford Junior School
4.	Stanley Green Infant Academy
5.	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Christchurch
6.	Baden-Powell and St Peter's Church of England Junior School
7.	St Walburga's Catholic Primary School
8.	Kingsleigh Primary School
9.	Winton Primary School
10.	Old Town Infant School and Nursery

**WOW** the WALK TO SCHOOL challenge  
**TOP TEN**  
LIVING STREETS LET'S WALK TO SCHOOL  
SPRING 2026  
#WOWTopTen

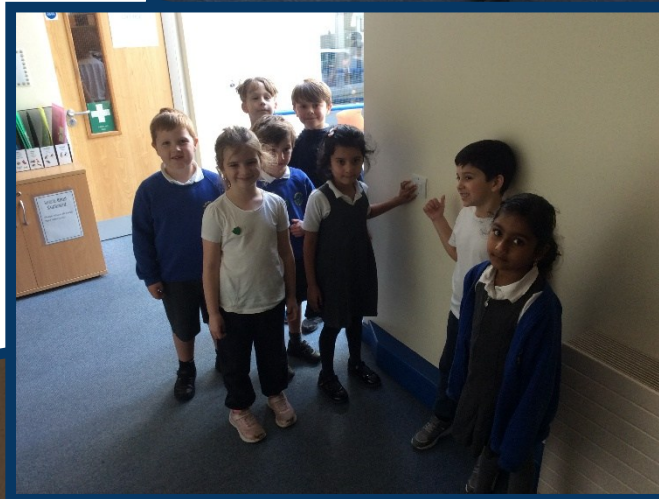
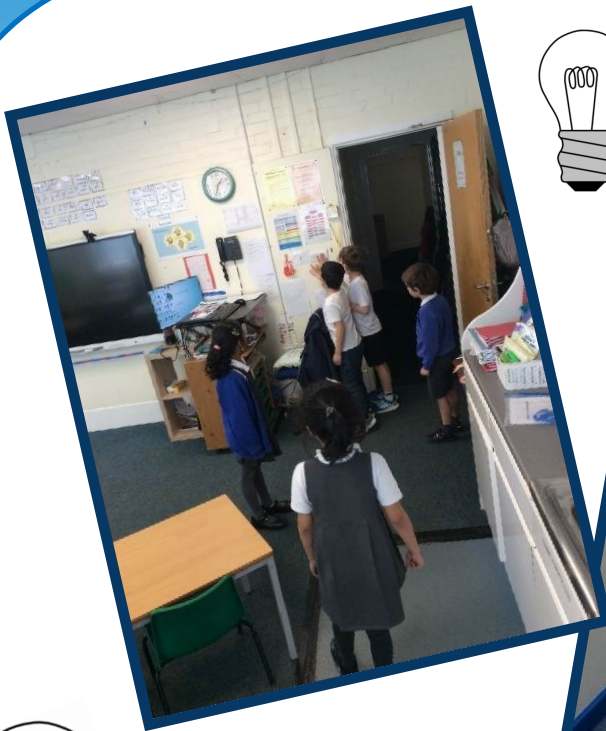


**Earth Hour** – This year we decide to participate in Earth Hour as a school. Earth Hour is an annual event, taking place globally. It is organized by The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). The hour encourages individuals, schools, businesses and communities to switch off their lights to help limit the amount of electricity used, helping minimize the Earth's carbon footprint. Although Earth Hour takes place globally on the final Saturday of March each year, we did our part to support this cause on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. From 1.30 – 2.30 children and teachers turned off as many lights and electrical items as they could. The Eco Leaders had decided that Mrs Edwards couldn't turn off the lights in her office because she had to work! If you would like to learn more about Earth Hour please visit the WWF website <https://www.wwf.org.uk/earth-hour>



Meeting with Mrs  
Edwards to propose our  
plan





The Eco team made sure we switched our lights off. We saved a lot of electricity!

Everything we do makes a big difference, however small it seems.



# PFA BUNNY HOP



What fabulous bunnies our PFA are!! This week, they are in school helping us hop and bounce our way around the playground!



# SUPPORTING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

You may find this webinar useful. It's always good to learn ways in which we can look after ourselves, and our children.

The poster features a teal header with social media icons for Facebook and Instagram, the handle @DORSETMHST, a logo with letters M, H, S, T, and the text 'Dorset Mental Health Support Team in Schools'. On the right, it displays the NHS logo and 'Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust'. The main title 'PARENT/CARER WEBINAR' is in a teal rounded rectangle, followed by 'HELPING YOUR CHILD MANAGE BIG EMOTIONS' in large black text. Below this is a paragraph: 'Is your child finding big feelings hard to manage? Are they becoming upset, angry or worried, or finding it hard to calm down after things go wrong? The MHST might be able to help. This pre-recorded webinar is suitable for parent/carers of children up to 12.' A bulleted list follows: 'In this 1 hour session we will: • Explore emotional regulation • Understand triggers and early warning signs • Share ways to support your child to calm and cope • Offer practical strategies you can try at home'. To the right is a 'WATCH NOW' button with a cursor icon and a QR code. At the bottom, a teal bar contains the URL: 'to watch now: https://forms.office.com/e/TxhWjE7tza'.

Please remember that our Family Support Worker, **Mrs Parker**, is happy to help if you have any concerns that may affect your child in school. Small things, like changes in routine or illness in the family, can often impact on children, so it's good to share with us in order that we can offer our support and understanding.

## Stay Well Dorset

Bringing you the best local health and care advice from Dorset's NHS, councils and, voluntary organisations.

visit: [staywelldorset.nhs.uk](https://staywelldorset.nhs.uk)

- ✓ Primary care
- ✓ NHS 111
- ✓ Urgent health advice
- ✓ Dental care
- ✓ Vaccinations
- ✓ Hypertension
- ✓ Digital healthcare




### Not sure if it's an urgent dental problem?

You can still get an urgent dental appointment by calling NHS 111 - even if you don't have a regular dentist:

- ✓ Broken or lost filling or crown
- ✓ Toothache that's not getting better
- ✓ Broken tooth that's causing discomfort
- ✓ Sensitivity or swelling in the mouth
- ✓ Gum problems causing pain or bleeding

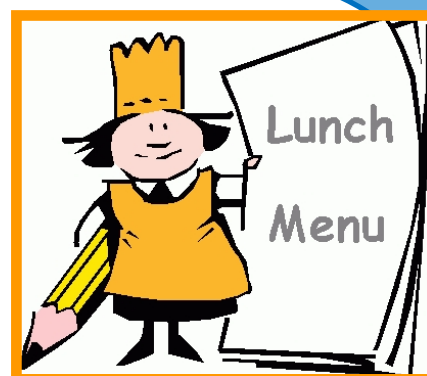
You'll be assessed and directed to a local dentist for the right treatment. Urgent appointments are there to help manage these problems quickly - before they get worse.

 Call NHS 111 or visit [111.nhs.uk](https://111.nhs.uk) for urgent or unscheduled dental care



# CHARTWELLS—SCHOOL LUNCHES

There is a **new menu** after the Easter Holidays. Delicious menu choices for the summer term! Please make sure you look on the **Chartwells** website for details and to place the orders for your child's lunches.



Deadline to Place Order	For Week Commencing
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2026	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (No Bookings Required)</b>	<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (HALF-TERM HOLIDAY)</b>
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026</b>
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2026	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2026
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2026
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2026 (No Bookings Required)</b>	<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2026 (SUMMER HOLIDAY)</b>
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2026 (No Bookings Required)</b>	<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2026 (SUMMER HOLIDAY)</b>
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2026</b>	<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026</b>
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2026	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2026
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2026	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2026
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2026	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2026
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2026	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2026
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2026	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2026
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2026	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2026
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2026	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2026

Please remember that lunches need to be booked well in advance!

Above are the cut off dates for ordering for next term.

# Easter Fun at Your Local Library



## BCP Council Libraries Schools' Newsletter

March 2026



**FREE!** activities for children and families during the Easter holidays.

Check opening times for each library before visiting - [bcpcouncil.gov.uk/libraries](http://bcpcouncil.gov.uk/libraries)



## LIBRARY LEGENDS



There's still plenty of time to join our Library Legends challenge. Have a go at some quests to earn stickers, collector cards and perhaps even a medal. It's free to join. Just ask for a booklet at any BCP library.



Bournemouth Library	Easter wreaths and bunny masks	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March - Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> April
Broadstone Library	Draw your favourite place in Broadstone - competition	1st April - 25 <sup>th</sup> April
Broadstone Library	Easter Bunny pop-up craft and Easter egg trail	1st April - 8 <sup>th</sup> April
Canford Heath Library	Kids' drop-in games afternoon	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 14:15 - 16:15
Canford Heath Library	Drop-in Easter chicks craft Drop-in seed planting	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> April - 10:00-12:00 Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April - 10:30 - 12:30
Castlepoint Library	<u>Drop-in crafts</u> : make a bunny rabbit with a wooly scarf, a wooly sheep decoration and chicken bunting	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March - Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> April
Castlepoint Library	Easter egg hunt Seek-a-bunny	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March - Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> April Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April - Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
Christchurch Library	Drop-in Easter Bunny headbands and crafts Design your own Easter egg - competition	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March - Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> April

Creekmoor Library	Drop-in Easter craft and colouring Easter treasure hunt	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March - Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> April
Ensburry Park Library	Children's seed planting session Make a cardboard bird	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March - 10:30 Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April - 10:30
Hamworthy Library	Drop-in craft - make a bunny or a chick	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March - Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> April
Oakdale Library	Easter crafts with Altogether W I - BOOKING ESSENTIAL Drop-in Easter crafts and treasure hunt	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April - 14:30 - 15:30 Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March - Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> April
Southbourne and Pokesdown Library	Drop-in bunny craft and Easter egg treasure hunt	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March - Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> April
Springbourne Library	Hello Spring make and do with Grounded Community Garden - plant a seed and craft gigantic sunflowers	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March - 14:00 - 16:00
Springbourne Library	Author talk with children's author Adam Topham based on his book 'A Fossil To Die For'	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March - 10:30
Springbourne Library	Glass painting and children's Easter-themed craft	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April - 14:00- 16:00
Parkstone Library	Drop-in Easter craft	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March - Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> April
Rossmore Library	Winnie the Pooh and the Easter Hunt - storytime special Winnie the Pooh and the Easter Hunt book-themed crafts drop-in	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March - 15:30 - 16:00 Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April - 15:00- 16:00
Tuckton Library	Easter Toddler Time - songs, stories and Easter craft	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April - 10:00- 11:00
Westbourne Library	Baby animal hunt Drop-in craft - make a bunny mask and an Easter lamb	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March - Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> April

**Most libraries will have free activities for children and families during the Easter holidays.**

**If your local library is not on this list, give them a call to see what they're up to or have a look on their Facebook pages.**



**The National Year of Reading 2026**



There's always something to do at the library!

# FROM THE OFFICE TEAM...

## If your child needs to be picked up during the day...

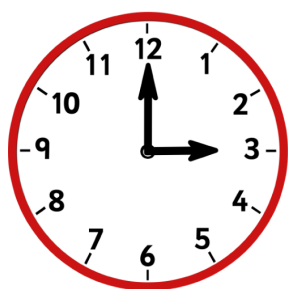
Please **let the office know** if you have to pick up your child during the school day for any reason (dentist, GP or other appointment).



If you arrive to collect your child and we are not expecting you, it might take us some time to locate them and this may delay you.

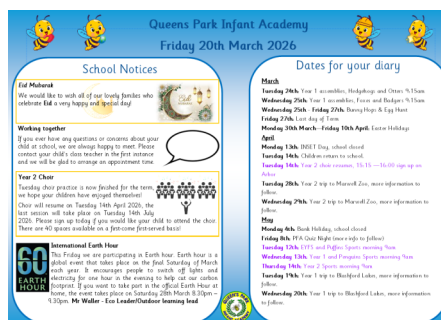
Class teachers are very busy in the mornings, and it is always easier to **come to the office and let us know** about appointments. We will make sure that the class teacher is aware..

## Your Weekly Reminder!



At about 3pm every Friday, the **Weekly Reminder** pops into your in box. Please open it over the weekend as it will give you all of the information you need for the week ahead!

If there are special events, changes to P.E. days, home learning ideas or important pieces of whole school information, you'll read about it in your **Weekly Reminder!**



# 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.

## 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

There is lots of pre-loved uniform in the Community Corridor. You can get to this through the doors next to the studio in the playground. Just ask if you're not sure how to get to it!



## Parking Outside School

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



## 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 re-unite them with the right person if they are lost.

# Thank you!

# THE COMMUNITY CORRIDOR

The community corridor has had a make over!



We have had a good sort out and there are LOTS of wonderful books, toys and items of clothing—all free!

It's easy to visit the Community Corridor after school—you can get to it through the doors next to the studio.

If you have anything to donate to the community corridor—uniform, or good quality books or toys, there is a basket there for donations too.

## The new place to find pre-loved uniform!

Please visit the community corridor, where you can find lots of good condition preloved uniform!

All items are free, and every item that is used again saves clothes from landfill, as well as saving money.



The uniform rail is run by the PFA, so please consider making a small donation if you are able to, to help fund outside shelters for the playground. Donations can be given to the school office.

If you can't find the items you need on the rail, please email: [qpia.pfauniform@gmail.com](mailto:qpia.pfauniform@gmail.com) as we have plenty in stock.

**Many thanks for your support!**

# Dates For Your Diary



## April

**Monday 13th:** INSET Day, school closed

**Tuesday 14th:** Children return to school

**Tuesday 28th:** Year 2 trip to Marwell Zoo  
(Butterflies and Bumblebees)

**Wednesday 29th:** Year 2 trip to Marwell Zoo  
(Dragonflies and Grasshoppers)

## May

**Monday 4th:** Bank Holiday, school closed

**Friday 8th:** PFA Quiz Night

**Tuesday 12th:** EYFS and Puffins Sports morning 9am (more information to follow)

**Wednesday 13th:** Year 1 and Penguins Sports morning 9am (more information to follow)

**Thursday 14th:** Year 2 Sports morning 9am (more information to follow)

**Tuesday 19th:** Year 1 trip to Blashford Lakes (more information to follow)

**Wednesday 20th:** Year 1 trip to Blashford Lakes (more information to follow)

**Friday 22nd:** INSET Day, school closed

**Monday 25th—Friday 29th:** Half Term Holiday