

Stower Provost School Newsletter

12th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to my suggestion of 20th March for the Big Bag Breakfast, unfortunately, due to an unexpected situation, I am going to have to review this date – therefore it will **be Big Bag Wednesday on 18th March at 8.30 – 8.50**. My sincere apologies for having to change the date again.

Governor vacancy

We have one vacancy for a co-opted governor remaining on the board, so if you know of anyone who may be interested, or you are considering the possibility yourself, do please get in contact.

Dorset Garden Trust

Please find attached the latest Dorset Garden Trust newsletter in which we feature, showing the troughs and equipment delivered by the Blue Diamond Nursery Group. The purchases of the troughs and larger gardening equipment (forks, spades and gloves) were facilitated by a grant from the Dorset Garden Trust. The troughs have now been built and we are looking to set up a working party to clear the area at the far end of the patio outside Year 1 and 2, prior to the Beech class children putting soil in the troughs and planting them up, and then being responsible for the plants.

Therapy Dog in School



We have registered for Pets As Therapy visits and are very lucky to have Ralph joining us in school on a Tuesday along with his handler, Veronica. Ralph is a soft-coated wheaten terrier who loves listening to children read, which not only helps to boost their reading fluency, but may also increase their confidence and sense of well-being. These dogs are specially registered dogs who normally visit in hospitals, hospices, care homes etc. We are very lucky to have Ralph coming in each week. He will remain on the lead, under control at all times and is a very docile dog. If you do not wish for your child to spend any time with Ralph, please let the office know. This week, Ralph was entered into Crufts and did very well, coming second in his class. Well done Ralph!

THIS WEEK

Lego Club

This week's challenge was related to light, the children could build anything that could be used as a light source. We had joint winners this week, Henry built a robot that dispenses drinks and its face glows and Oscar built an Olympic Torch.



NEXT WEEK

Big Bag Wednesday on 18th March at 8.30 – 8.50.

As outlined above the Big Bag Breakfast will occur on Wednesday. Any last orders to be in by Monday 16th March at 15.20 please.

Parents Meeting linked to Behaviour

As outlined above the Therapeutic Thinking, Behaviour Policy and Behaviour Curriculum is due to be shared with parents and carers next week, and will take place on Friday 20th March at 14.20.

SPORTS

A reminder that all children should be wearing school PE t-shirt and school jumper, along with dark leggings or tracksuit bottoms for PE lessons.

PE days are:

Oak	Thursday	Friday
Chestnuts	Monday	Thursday (Tokes Farm)
Beech	Monday	Tuesday
Hazel	Monday	Tuesday

CLUBS

Gardening Club

My thanks to those in gardening club for planting tulips and sweet peas this week. We look forward to seeing these grow and bloom.

Please book slots using the links provided or via the school office.

Clubs	Day & Time	Year Group	Led by	Cost
Gardening Club	Mondays 15.30 – 16.30	Open	Mrs Berwick	£5 per session
Lego Club	Mondays 15.30 – 16.30		Miss Buxton	Cost per half term (see link for cost) https://kwbclubs.ecwid.com/Stower-Provost-Community-School-Monday-Dorset-Spring-Term-1-2026-Monday-p624603022
SPAG & Reading SATs Club	Mondays 15.30 – 16.30	Year 6	Mrs Clasby	Free
Orienteering Club	Tuesdays 15.30 – 16.30	Chestnut & Oak KS2 children	Prime Sports	Free - school supported
Maths SATs Club	Wednesdays 15.30 – 16.30	Year 6	Mrs Clasby	Free
Tri-Golf Club	Fridays 15.30 – 16.30	Chestnut and Oak KS2 children	Prime Sports	Free - school supported

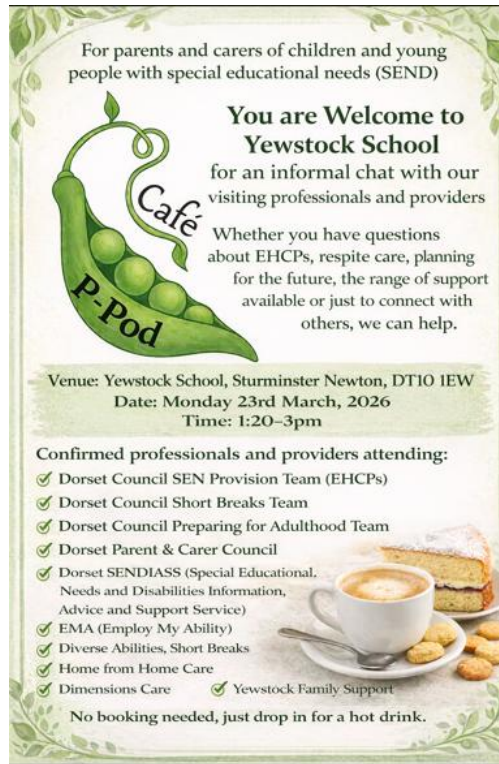
FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Duncliffe Garden Show – 21st March

Duncliffe Garden Show are having a children's section in the show. There will be 2 age groups - one under 7 and one 7- 11. There are a variety of classes including:

- An arrangement of flowers in a recycled container An arrangement of decorated pebbles
- Photograph of Spring in the country side (children and adults) black and white or coloured, unmounted, no bigger than 7" x 5"
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All entries to be in by Friday 20th March. Each entry must be clearly labelled, but hidden from the judge!



P-pod cafe – 23rd March 13.20 – 15.00 at Yewstock School

Please see above a flyer linked to this event, should you be interested in attending.

Easter Holiday Events

Please find attached flyers linked to holiday activities being run by Prime Sports. Please use the QR code to sign up.

Whole School Gym competition

Whole School Gym competition 27th March, times to be confirmed for each class.

Class News

OAK

Oak class are showing great resilience when it comes to their tests so far, with just the maths to start next week. We have also been looking at fractions, decimals and percentages (FDPs) as well as trying to speed up our multiplication work. There are still children who don't know their multiplication tables and they will need to work hard at this in the coming weeks. In English, we have started to examine the arguments for and against school uniform, ready to write a balanced argument next week in their independent writing books. And spelling tests! Yes! Lots of them, as we check to see how well our Read Write Inc spelling program is working. There are a few tests still to complete. In RE, we created our own Seder plate which followers of the Jewish faith use to commemorate Passover - it was great to see the children cleaning the classroom! Next week, we are looking forward to writing our balanced argument, and ensuring all our science work is finished!

CHESTNUTS

Chestnut Class continue to make us proud with their hard work and enthusiasm during our visits to Tokes Farm. This week the children continued with their animal care including checking on the health of the animals and feeding them. The children have begun to build up familiarity with some calves and chickens, and they have firm favourites already! They also began work in the Market Garden preparing the beds with 'black gold' (organic compost) and working as a team to distribute it along the growing beds with wheelbarrows and shovels.

In Computing, the children used J2E for the first time to create branching databases. They tested out their skills in asking closed questions and sorting objects into groups until only one object remains. J2E is free and the children can access it through the J2Data feature online if they would like to show you their new skills at home.

For Science, Chestnut Class has experimented with magnetism and exploring which materials are attracted or repelled when using magnets. They showed great curiosity and excitement during this lesson and are looking forward to learning more!



BEECH

HAZEL

This week has been an investigative week in Hazel Class. We have investigated Miss Buxton's magical power of turning white flowers blue, we have also continued our look into decay and investigated how to eat healthy. The children talked about healthy food choices and used this to make their own fruit salad, they chopped up the fruit and then selected what they wanted in their salad. They have explored pasta and how it changes when cooked, they thoroughly enjoyed eating it with tomato sauce and cheese. We have started to look at animal life cycles and animals and their offspring.

DIARY DATES

Dates in **red** have been added to the diary list this week.

Date	Time	Information
13 th March	14.55	Praise and Celebrate Assembly
18th March	8.30 – 8.50	Rescheduled Big Bap Friday Additional orders to be in from 18th March 15.20.
19 th March	AM	Chestnut Class to Tokes Farm
20 th March	AM	Entries in for the Duncliffe Flower Show
20th March	14.20	Therapeutic Thinking Behaviour Policy and Behaviour Curriculum Parent and Carer Forum.
20 th March	14.55	Praise and Celebrate Assembly
21 st March		Duncliffe Flower Show
27 th March	All day	Whole School Gymnastics Competition (class times tbc)
27 th March	14.55	Praise and Celebrate Assembly

Best wishes,

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