



# Newsletter 13

01/06/2026

**Dates for your diary!**

**SUMMER TERM 2026**

16<sup>th</sup> Jun - Sports Day & Community Picnic

24<sup>th</sup> Jun - EYFS Circus Workshop

26<sup>th</sup> Jun - Armed Forces afternoon

6<sup>th</sup> Jul - Level 2 Bikeability

7<sup>th</sup> Jul - Transition day/Move up morning

8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Jul - Yr 5/6 Residential trip

17<sup>th</sup> Jul - Summer Fayre

20<sup>th</sup> Jul - Dance Festival (0930hrs)

20<sup>th</sup> Jul - Yr 6 Leavers' Speeches (1400hrs)

20<sup>th</sup> Jul - Yr 6 Leavers BBQ (1600hrs)




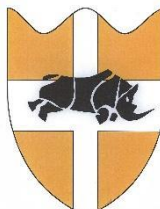
21<sup>st</sup> Jul - Last day of school term

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you and your family enjoyed the half term. What a scorcher! Slightly later than planned, here is our latest newsletter.

**Attendance**




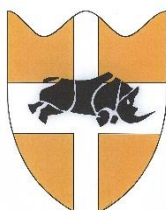
School attendance levels continue to be well above average compared to national statistics for primary schools, but it would be great to get closer to our whole school target of 97% attendance.

			
96.2% + 0.3	95.0% - 0.1	96.3% - 0.1	96.8% +0.1

The NHS offer [guidance](#) about when it is ok to send your child to school.

**House points**

Rhino have had a fantastic surge in house points recently but Kiwi are still maintaining their strong lead. With lots of events in this final term there are still many points to earn.

			
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**World Bee Day**

World Bee Day is celebrated annually on May 20<sup>th</sup> to raise global awareness about the critical role bees and other pollinators play in sustaining ecosystems, biodiversity, and human food supplies. Our infant school children have had fun learning about this.



### Cooking hot dogs at Forest school

Mrs Loveless is L3 Forest School Leader Trained and she is seen below enabling Chestnuts to enjoy outdoor cooking.



### Year 5/6 trip to The Royal Signals Museum

As a brilliant way to change gear after a busy SATs week, our Y5/6 pupil visited the excellent museum here on camp and had a very 'hands-on' experience.



### **An important message from the Children's Commissioner**

*"As Children's Commissioner, I'm writing to ask for your support in helping children take part in my new survey, The Big Future.*

*Your children can take part here: <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.*

*I want to hear from children aged 0–18 from every background, in every part of the country, and your support will help make that possible. I'm asking children about the things they enjoy, the challenges they face, the changes they want to see in their communities, and what they think a good childhood should look like today.*

*I'll publish the findings next year, and they will help shape the conversations and decisions being made about children's lives and futures at the highest levels.*

*Thank you very much for your support."*

**Dame Rachel de Souza**  
**Children's Commissioner for England**

### **An important message from Dorset Council**

*As part of our Childcare Sufficiency Assessment, we are asking parents and carers about their childcare needs. This work helps us to better understand the current and future demand for childcare across the local area, enabling us to support families more effectively.*

*This parents' survey has a prize draw of 5 x £50 Amazon vouchers*

**Survey link:** [Childcare Survey for Dorset Parents and Carers - Dorset Council - Citizen Space](#)

**Closing date:** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026

*Thank you in advance for your time and support.*

Thank you for reading.

Mr Rielly  
Headteacher

## Supporting you and your child

The school is ready and able to support your family and help every child do well in school, build confidence, and have the skills they need for a bright and successful future. We understand that from time to time, families face challenges which might require the support of other agencies. The school has strong links with **Family Help** which is a new way that Dorset Council is offering support to families who need more intensive help and support. It brings together different types of help into one service, so families don't have to keep repeating their story to several workers. You can find out more [here](#).

All staff in school are trained on matters relating to safeguarding and child protection, but the following members of the team have more specialist training and are here to listen and help if needed:

Mrs C Goodall (Designated Safeguarding Lead - DSL)

Mr J Rielly, Mrs J Loveless, Mrs Y Le May, Mrs A Robinson (Deputy DSLs)

Alternatively, you can contact the Family Support and Advice Line on 01305 228558. A friendly team member will listen to your concerns and help you decide what kind of support is right for you.

Lines are open:

- Monday to Friday: 8am to 10pm
- Saturday, Sunday and bank holidays: 9am to 10pm

Speak to a practitioner today if you have any worries or concerns about a child or young person.

Details on all of our policies, including attendance, complaints and uniform, can be found at <https://downlandsschool.org/policies/>