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Newsletter

Principal's Message

Well done everybody for a fantastic World Book Day. The costumes were incredible, and the potato characters were truly something else — the imagination and creativity on display were out of this world! A huge thank you to Mrs Clarke and Miss West for organising the day's events.

We also loved having the ducklings in Nursery. Thank you to Mrs Lands for organising this wonderful experience. I know the parents who joined us for the craft afternoon had a marvellous time too.

I was extremely proud of all the children during our recent visit from 13 Headteachers. They spent time looking in books and visiting classrooms, and they were very impressed with what they saw. They commented on the exemplary behaviour and could clearly see that our EPIC values are deeply embedded — the children truly were EPIC.

We are looking forward to supporting Red Nose Day next week. Remember: wear something funny (back to front, inside out, mismatched... anything that makes you smile!) and bring a donation for the charity.

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the end-of-term parties and discos — a great chance to relax and have some fun with your teachers and TAs.

Thank you again, everyone, for your continued support.

Upcoming Events

Thursday 19th March - Year 3 Egyptian Workshop

Friday 20th March - Red Nose Day

Thursday 26th March - End of term discos

Friday 27th March - Last day of term

Monday 13th April - Pupils` first day back

Reminders

Water Bottles: Please ensure all children bring to school a labelled refillable water bottle.

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Nursery







This week in Nursery we've been learning all about growing on the farm! The children explored lots of different seeds and talked about how farmers help plants grow strong and healthy. We then put our learning into action by planting seeds in our brand-new vegetable patch!

Everyone had so much fun sowing the seeds, digging in the soil, and making sure each one had a cosy spot to grow. The class is very excited to become gardeners and can't wait to look after their plants over the next few weeks.





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Reception

This week in Reception we have continued our learning about Jack and the Beanstalk!
We were lucky enough to have a visit from Jack himself! We had lots of questions for him and found out all about his adventures up the beanstalk!







We have been doing some food tasting in class! We tasted different fruit and vegetables and described what we thought about them. It was very much enjoyed by all!

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Year 1 have had a busy few weeks trying to look for signs of spring. They explored the school grounds and found some lovely flowers. They were also lucky enough to go visit the two ducklings in Nursery. They have also been monitoring how much rain we have had using their rain gauge, using their measuring skills from maths to read the scale accurately.















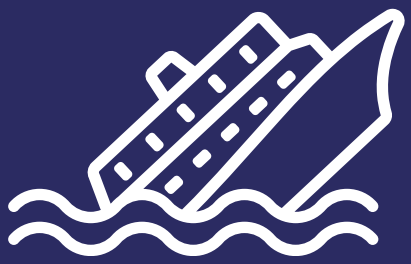
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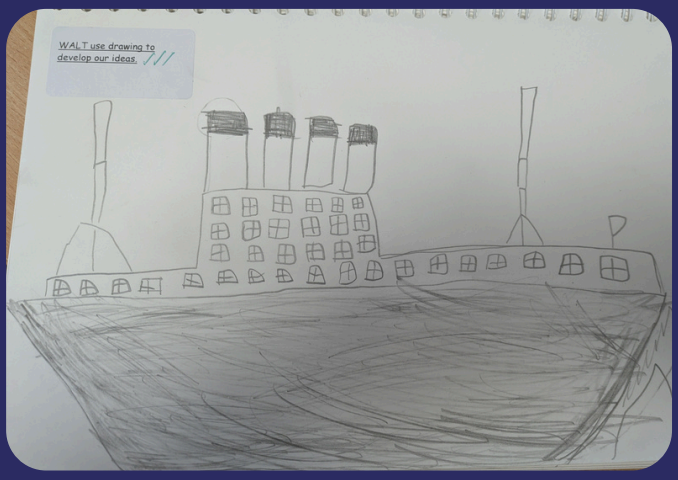


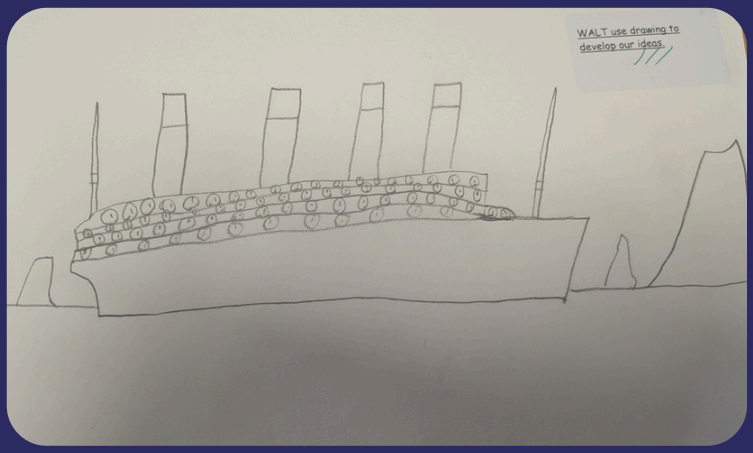
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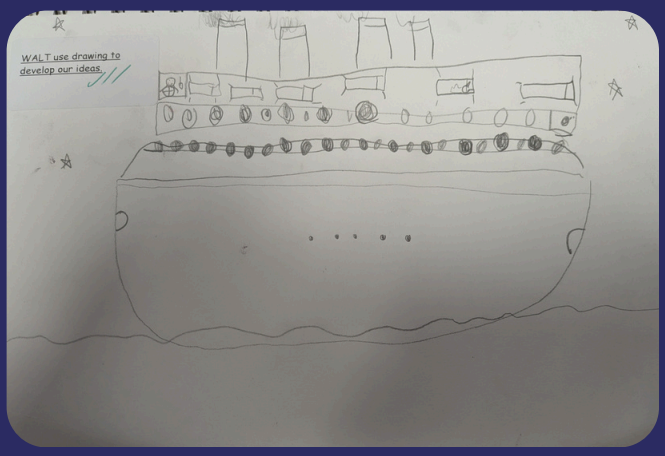


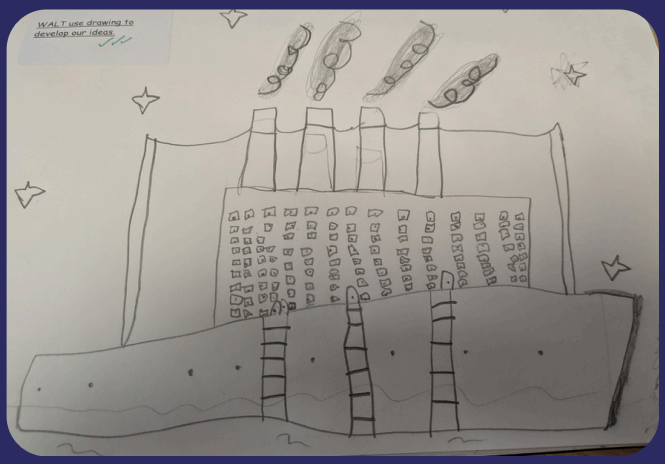
Year 2

Year 2 have been carrying on their history learning about the Titanic. They have carried this learning across into other subjects and have completed some fantastic sketches of the Titanic in art.









Year 2 also enjoyed World Book Day and enjoyed making their own class book character and writing a story about him. Everyone meet Gary the rainbow giraffe who went on a space adventure.







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Year 3



Year 3 have been creating their own Egyptian papyrus paper in Art. They used the weaving technique to weave the strips of paper together, creating a solid piece of papyrus paper. Once they were dry, they were able to use the oil pastels to get creative! They even added Egyptian hieroglyphics!















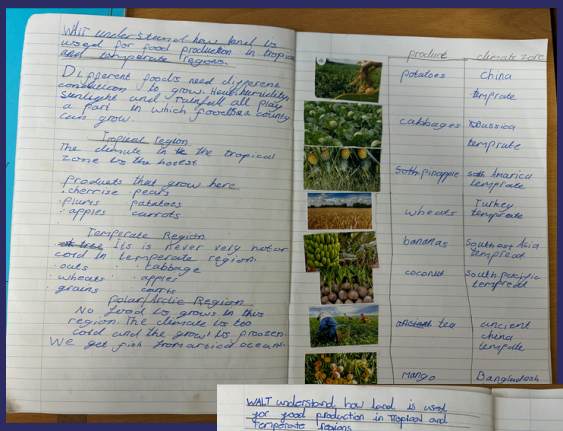
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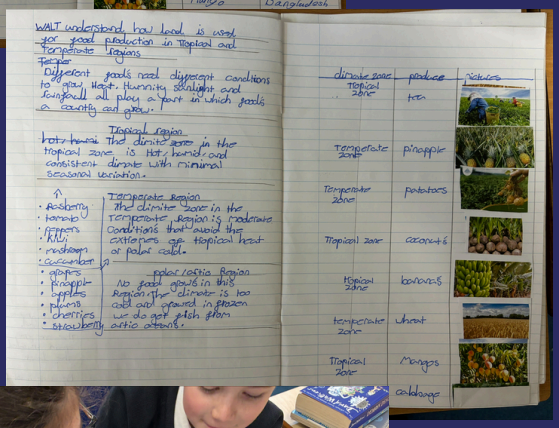
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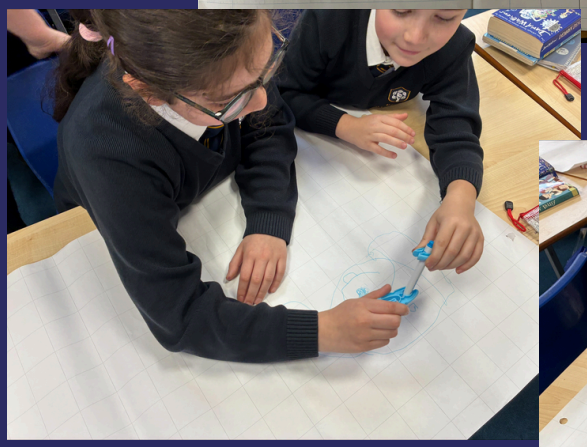
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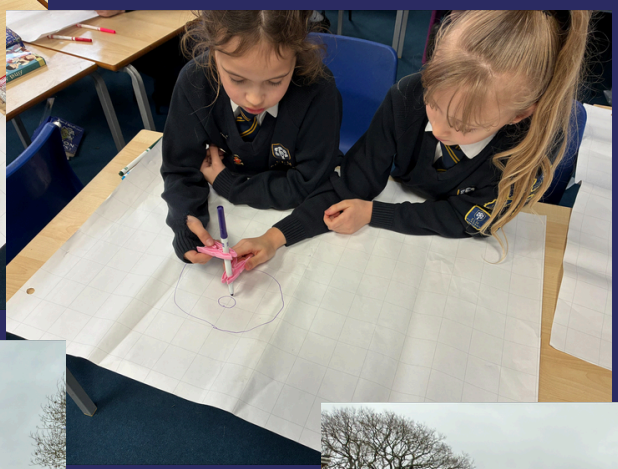
Year 4





Year 4 have enjoyed celebrating Science week this week. We have used team building skills to draw pictures. We learned about aerodynamics with paper aeroplanes and helicopters. Earlier this week, we took part in the BBC Teach lesson about light.









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Year 5

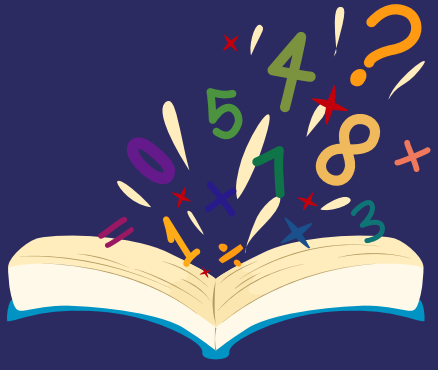


In Year 5, the past fortnight has been incredibly busy!

Last Monday, the children took part in Careers Day, sharing their aspirations for the future and exploring a range of exciting job roles. Thursday brought the fun of World Book Day, and our class loved creating their imaginative potato book characters.



In Maths, we have been converting decimals into fractions, while in English the children are writing short narratives, developing plot and dialogue inspired by *Varjak Paw* by SF Said. In Science, we have been comparing the life cycles of hedgehogs and peregrine falcons, noticing both similarities and fascinating differences.







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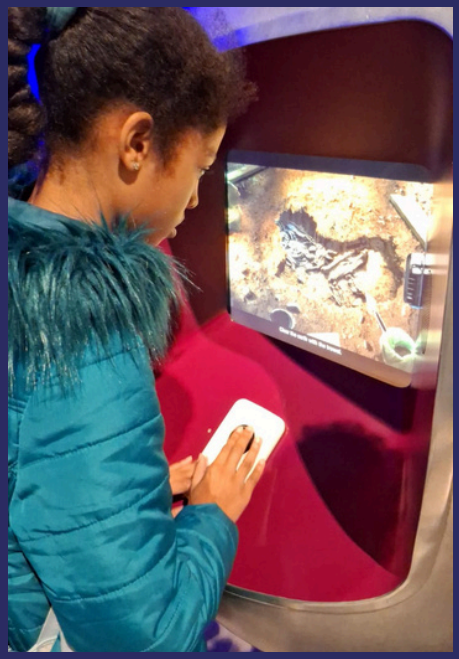
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Year 6

THE POWER OF SCIENCE

On Monday, Year 6 had a brilliant trip to London visiting the Science Museum. They explored the different areas such as, Space, Mathematics, Engineering, Technology and Adaptations which links to their current topic.















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SHINE

On the 28th February, the Year 6 children participating in Shine at Canford School took part in a drama session. They also enjoyed PE on Canford's lovely grounds in the much awaited sunshine. While at Canford the children are also treated to a delicious breakfast. The next sessions for the Shine students are on the 14th March and 21st March.













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World Book Day

We had an EPIC day celebrating across the school and sharing a story together with other children from another year group! It was lovely to see KS1 and KS2 mixing together to share their favourite books!

















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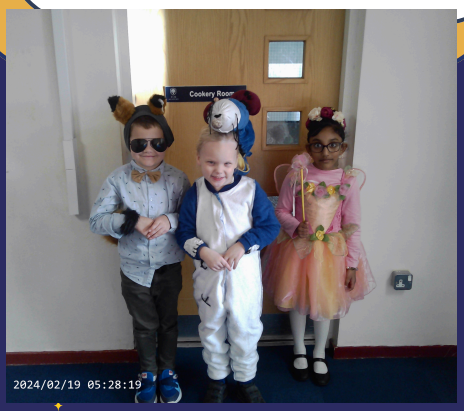
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World Book Day

Congratulations to our costume and potato winners on World Book Day!



















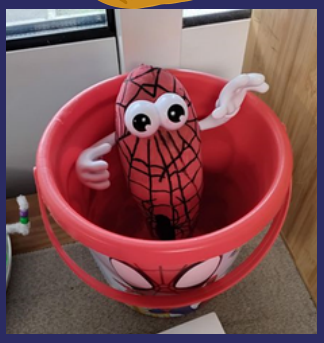


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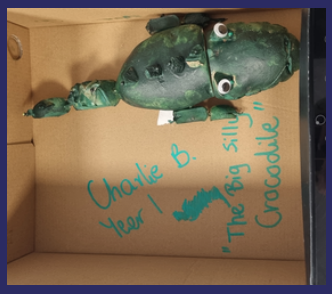






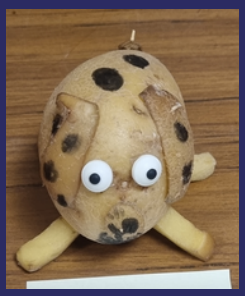


















Well done to everybody who dressed up and decorated a potato! They truly were fantastic and made judging very difficult!

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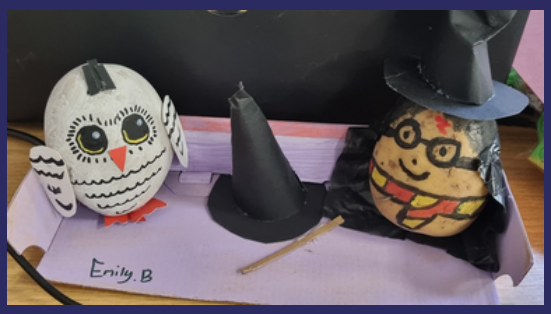


















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Careers Week

'What I would like to be when I am older'

It was wonderful to see some brilliant costumes and to begin thinking about our future ambitions. What an EPIC way to kick-start Careers Week!







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Friends of Elm

END OF TERM DISCO

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH

£4 A TICKET

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON PARENT PAY

THERE WILL BE A TUCK SHOP FOR CHILDREN TO PURCHASE REFRESHMENTS AND SNACKS DURING THE DISCO!







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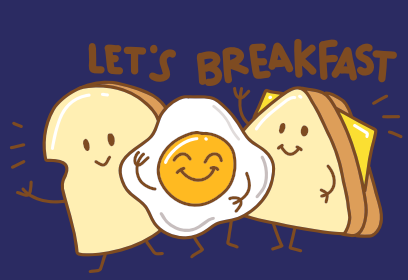
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A reminder that our free breakfast club doors open at 8.20 am and will close no later than 8.25 am.
All children must be accompanied by an adult to the doors.
If your child arrives after this time they will not be allowed in and you will have to wait until 8.40 am for the gates to open.
Please see below for our weekly menu





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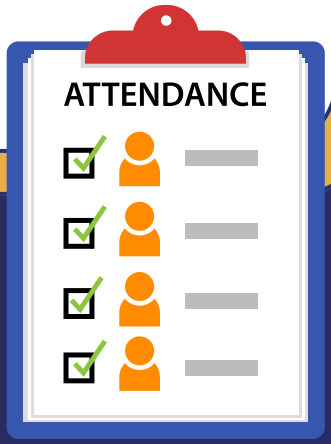
Attendance



Attendance 26th Feb to 12th March

Hedgehogs - 94.4%
Squirrels - 97.8%
1TB - 94.2%
2JC - 96.4%
3KW - 94.3%
3LS - 94.2%
4CJ - 98.5%
4LL - 97%
5AH - 96.2%
5JD - 96.6%
6AC - 94.5%
6BH - 94.1%
6ET - 98%

Whole School - 95.43%



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Please can we remind you that Elm Academy is a NUT FREE School.

We have multiple children at our school with severe nut allergies.

Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a serve, potentially life threating allergic reaction. If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a serve reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

We can NOT have NUTs at Elm Academy in any form. So please check that your children have NO NUT products in their lunch boxes or brought into the school as a treat.

The following items should not be brought into Elm Academy:

- Packs of nuts
- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (students allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Cakes made with nut

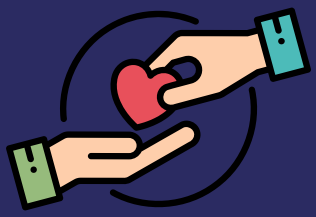
Please ensure you always check the packaging of any food items brought into school. If the packaging says the following words, these items should not be brought into Elm Academy:

- Not suitable for nut allergy sufferers
- This product contains nuts
- This product may contain traces of nuts

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

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Useful Information

MYTIME YOUNG CARERS

Is your child a Young Carer?

A young carer is a 'child under the age of 18 who helps to look after a member of their family or a friend who is ill, disabled or living with a Mental Health condition or who misuses substances'.

If your child is a Young Carer they could benefit from support in school and MYTIME Young Carers can

Give young carers something to look forward to amidst challenging circumstances

Create much-needed breaks for young carers and safe spaces where they can be themselves

Offer social opportunities for young carers to connect with one another

Empower young carers with new skills, confidence and self-worth

Identify training opportunities and pathways to employment for young adult carers

Educate schools, local authorities and communities to increase support and understanding for young carers

Provide support to young carer parents, siblings and other family members

If you feel your child is a Young Carer please contact Mrs Stevenson (Pastoral Support) for more information.

HOPE FOR FOOD

Many people are struggling due to the current cost of living. If you require support with essential food items please contact Mrs Stevenson in the Inclusion Team to request a Food Hamper or complete the Microsoft Form below for a six week referral. These are delivered to school weekly by Hope for Food.

Request for Food Hamper from Hope for Food – Fill in form

Please See below link for the BCP Access to Food Map showing community Food Support in your area

Access to Food Map | Tableau Public

BCP Council

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NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT HUB

Do you know where to go for help and support?

Everyone welcome

Drop-in to our Neighbourhood Support Hub for free advice and support on cost of living, health and wellbeing and more.

MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2025 12PM – 2PM	MONDAY 9TH MARCH 2026 12PM – 2PM
MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2025 12PM – 2PM	MONDAY 11TH MAY 2026 12PM – 2PM
MONDAY 12TH JANUARY 2026 12PM – 2PM	MONDAY 13TH JULY 2026 12PM – 2PM

HENRY BROWN CENTRE, CUNNINGHAM CRESCENT, BH11 8DU

BCP Council · WEST HOWE Community Enterprises · NORTH BOURNEMOUTH PRIMARY CARE NETWORK

Chat with local services

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Behaviours that Challenge Us Information Sessions

NHS Dorset

Action for Children

"I implemented one of the strategies the next day with great results!"

We are pleased to be able to offer Free one-off sessions for parents living in Dorset to understand more about 'Child Behaviours that Challenge us'

For parents with children between the ages of 5 and 11

The session is delivered by a Child Clinical Psychologist and an Action for Children Parenting Practitioner

Wednesday 4th March
10:00am – 12:00pm
Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

Wednesday 15th April
10:00am – 12:00pm
Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

"I found it really useful to know about why the behaviour occurs, even if you can't always change it, having the understanding makes it easier for me to cope with"

These are one-off sessions so you only need to attend one event

Places are limited and can be booked via our website using the QR code or by visiting: www.actionforchildren.org.uk/dorset

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MOORDOWN & SOUTHBOURNE YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

RECRUITMENT DAY!

25TH APRIL 2026 9.30AM - 12.30PM

@ ST. PETERS PRIMARY SCHOOL B'MOUTH BH7 6RG

Moordown & Southbourne Football Club are currently looking for players to join their exciting teams ready for the 2026/27 season.

If your child is currently aged 6 to 11 years old and they are looking to join a fantastic and friendly football club, then scan the QR code below to register your interest in joining our fun filled recruitment day packed with exciting football based games, activities and maybe even an ice cream van - just get there before the coaches do!

www.facebook.com/MoordownAndSouthbourne

www.instagram.com/moordownsouthbournefc

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Useful Numbers

National Domestic Abuse Helpline- 0808 16 89 111
Citizens Advice- 0808 27 87 939
SHOUT Text Service (Mental Health Support)- Text 85258
KOOTH (Mental Health Support 11-18 years)- 08000 55 555
NSPCC Helpline- 0808 800 5000
NSPCC Helpline Under 18- 0800 1111

Information regarding Head lice

Head Lice:

- Can't fly, jump or swim
- Are very unlikely to be spread by objects such as hats, combs and pillows
- Don't have a preference for dirty, clean, short or long hair
- Only affect people and can't be caught from animals

Once detached from the hair, head lice will usually die within 12-24 hours.

Preventing head lice

It's very difficult to prevent Head Lice. You may want to consider regular detection combing on a weekly basis. Lotions and sprays don't prevent Head Lice and should only be used if a live louse has been found in your own, or your child's hair.Staying off work or school and washing clothing and bedding on a hot wash is unnecessary, as it's unlikely to help prevent the spread of Head Lice. It is also Ideal if your child has long hair to wear it up to lessen the chance the lice attach.