BPSP WEEKLY REMINDER

Monday 14 September 2026

GENERAL REMINDERS: WHOLE SCHOOL / MUSIC / CLUBS

Deadline for ordering Hot School Meals - (from Chartwells via Dorset Meal Selector | Home)

Please note Chartwells will not take late orders via email/phone after the deadline. Summer term menu and allergens are available via school website: https://www.bpspjunior.co.uk/hot-school-meals-provided-by-chartwells

Advance Dairy Date Notice: ISP (Individual Support Plan) Meetings for SEN pupils & parents (formerly PLP – Personal Learning Plan meetings) will take place on **Monday 5 October 2026**. Further details to follow.

Mon	14	• **Clubs start this week** – except: ▪ Dance & Drama (Mondays) – starts next week (21/9/26) ▪ Yr 3/4 Netball/Hi-5 (Tuesdays) – starts in 2 weeks (29/9/26) • **NO Music Lessons this week** – lessons start **w/c 21 Sept**. Timetabling will take place at the start of the Autumn term and children will be informed of their lesson time and day. The balance of fees will be requested in early September. • **Fraser Portraits in school for Individual Photo Day** (day 2 of 2) **for 4CV, 4PL and all of Year 6.** ○ Please ensure that correct Winter school uniform is worn ie. white collared shirt & school tie. All children will need to wear a BPSP jumper/cardigan (not fleece) for the photos. ○ Children will be reminded that hair, shoulder-length or longer, should be fully tied up whilst at school and only plain, discreet hair bows/bands are to be worn (in red, black or white). Only small, plain gold/silver studs are suitable as earrings for school. ○ Any child who was absent on Thursday 10 Sept and missed their photo slot can have it taken today – if they are wearing PE kit, please ensure they have top half of uniform in school. • **Sibling Photos - Drop-In Sessions** for parents to accompany their children (including siblings from other schools) will take place in the Sports Hall **today, Monday 14 Sept (8.00-8.45am).** Photos will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis – no appointments. • **Sibling Photos – in-school session (Mon 14 Sept)** - If you wish for your BPSP children to have the opportunity to have their photographs taken with their BPSP sibling(s) during the school day today, please complete this online form by 9.00am. Siblings will not be called for photos during the school day unless this form is completed.
Tue	15	•
Wed	16	•
Thu	17	•
Fri	18	• **Inter-House Cross Country Autumn Race (at BPSP) 9.00am-12.30pm –** all pupils to wear PE kit into school today. Unfortunately, no parents can attend.

YEAR 3

Mon	14	•

Tues	15	•
Wed	16	•
Thurs	17	•
Fri	18	• **Inter-House Cross Country Autumn Race (at BPSP) 9.00am-12.30pm –** all pupils to wear PE kit into school today. Unfortunately, no parents can attend.

YEAR 4

Mon	14	• **Fraser Portraits in school for Individual Photo Day** (day 2 of 2) **for 4CV & 4PL**. See details above.
Tues	15	• **Swimming lessons start for 4DP and 4KL** - please refer to letter sent last term for full details.
Wed	16	•
Thurs	17	•
Fri	18	• **Inter-House Cross Country Autumn Race (at BPSP) 9.00am-12.30pm –** all pupils to wear PE kit into school today. Unfortunately, no parents can attend.

YEAR 5

Mon	14	•
Tues	15	•
Wed	16	•
Thurs	17	• **Yr 5/6 Boys Football 7-aside Friendly v Talbot Primary (at BPSP) 3.45-4.45pm** – participating children aware. Parents can attend.
Fri	18	• **Deadline for responding to parent/carer scone making help via online form is 9.00am today.** • **Inter-House Cross Country Autumn Race (at BPSP) 9.00am-12.30pm –** all pupils to wear PE kit into school today. Unfortunately, no parents can attend.

YEAR 6

Mon	14	• **Fraser Portraits in school for Individual Photo Day** (day 2 of 2) **for all of Yr 6**. See details above.
Tues	15	•
Wed	16	•
Thurs	17	• **Yr 5/6 Boys Football 7-aside Friendly v Talbot Primary (at BPSP) 3.45-4.45pm** – participating children aware. Parents can attend.

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Welcome to BPSP from Friends of BPSP (the PTA)!

Thank you for having your say!

Thank you to everyone who voted in last week's WhatsApp poll about a PTA social for next spring. We had 99 people vote across the school years, with 77% choosing a Family Foods of the World Evening and 23% opting for a Spring Ball.

It's lovely to see so much interest! Your feedback will help shape our plans, and we'll share more as they develop.

Stay connected

Our year group WhatsApp groups are a great way to keep up with news and reminders. If you haven't joined yours yet, please use the links below:

- Join Year 3
- Join Year 4
- Join Year 5
- Join Year 6

You're also welcome to share relevant news, parent initiatives and businesses of interest to our school community on the Friends of BPSP Facebook group.

SAVE THE DATE: WELCOME QUIZ NIGHT
Friday 16th October | Maidment Hall

Mr Bernard is dusting off his mortarboard and we've begun sharpening the pencils.

That's right, our monumental general knowledge extravaganza returns to Maidment Hall on Friday 16th October!

You won't want to miss this evening, so please save the date. Details will follow shortly!

Charlotte, Lilly, Lesley, Petra, Nicola & Lois
Friends of BPSP Committee

Poole High School

To build Character
To discover your Passion
To foster Ambition

Expressly Academic



Registration deadline is approaching

Poole High School is one of a small number of schools nationally that can offer partial academic selection for up to 10% of our intake.

Whilst the vast majority of our pupils are admitted through standard admission criteria, we do offer a single Expressly Academic class for up to 32 academically able pupils.

Children outside of our usual catchment area are also able to gain a place at the school if successful through the testing route.

For Year 7 admission in September 2027, the Expressly Academic Testing date is Saturday, 03 October 2026.

Applications must be received no later than **Friday, 18 September 2026**, at 23:55. We will not be able to process applications that are submitted after this date.

https://poolehigh.co.uk/Admissions/Expressly-Academic-Testing/

Register now



Frequently Asked Questions

Is the Expressly Academic route right for my child?

The Expressly Academic route is specifically intended for pupils with academic ability. We recommend that you explore the Expressly Academic route should your child consistently achieve EXS (Expected Standard) and above across their Key Stage 2 reporting.

What does Expressly Academic Testing involve?

The Poole High School Expressly Academic Testing is based upon the Key Stage 2 National Curriculum. All questions in the assessment are multiple-choice, which makes it fair and consistent for all children, regardless of their background or circumstances.

The overall testing comprises three short discrete tests:

- **English Testing**: Questions are based upon the Key Stage 2 English curriculum, and the testing is 25 minutes in length.
- **Mathematics Testing**: Questions are based upon the Key Stage 2 English curriculum, and the testing is 25 minutes in length.
- **Reasoning Testing**: Questions consist of verbal reasoning and mathematics-based logic questions. *(Our assessment does not include diagrammatic or pictorial non-verbal reasoning questions).* This testing is 40 minutes long.

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Thursday, 10th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Grammar Stream 2027 at The Cornerstone Academy

The Cornerstone Academy are currently celebrating the best results ever with many key measures well above national average. We are therefore writing to invite your child to be part of this success story with the launch of the Grammar Stream cohort for 2027.

At The Cornerstone Academy, we believe every child deserves an outstanding education that enables them to achieve their full potential. Recognising that students learn in different ways and benefit from varying levels of challenge, we provide a range of opportunities to meet all individual needs.

One of these opportunities is our Grammar Stream, which offers a grammar school-style curriculum within our comprehensive, co-educational setting. Our aim is to help students achieve exceptional GCSE outcomes and prepare them successfully for Post-16 study and university. Students in the Grammar Stream engage with more challenging content, studied in greater depth and at a faster pace, while continuing to benefit from the inclusive ethos of the Academy.

As a non-selective school, The Cornerstone Academy welcomes all students to sit an eligibility assessment for the Grammar Stream. There are currently 30 places available in each year group.

We recognise that academic development is not fixed at age 11. Some students may benefit from joining or leaving the Grammar Stream as their strengths and needs develop. To support this, all students complete assessment points twice each year, allowing us to identify those who may be better suited to the programme at different stages of their secondary education.

As Grammar Stream Coordinator, I oversee students' academic progress, ensure they are appropriately challenged and supported, and work closely with parents and carers to celebrate success and promote continued achievement.

Alongside academic excellence, we encourage Grammar Stream students to engage fully in the wider life of the Academy through opportunities such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, leadership roles, volunteering, enrichment activities and supporting school events.

Our goal is to develop confident, ambitious and successful young people who are equipped to excel academically and make a positive contribution to their communities and future careers.

We invite you to apply for your child to take the Grammar Stream entrance assessments, taking place on **Saturday, 10th October 2026**. Applications can be made via our website:

https://www.cornerstoneacademy.org.uk/academy-life/grammar-stream.

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The assessments consist of NGRT and MidYis tests, which measure reading ability, aptitude and potential. The application deadline is **Tuesday, 6th October 2026**.

We would also be delighted to welcome you to our **Open Evening** on **Tuesday, 22nd September 2026** where you will have the opportunity to meet both our Principal, Mr Phillips, and me, and learn more about the Grammar Stream and life at TCA.

If you would like to get in touch sooner, please do not hesitate to contact me:

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Yours faithfully

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