

Headlines



Dear Reader

As we come to the end of a short but very full Spring term, I want to reflect on just how much our school community has accomplished together.

We began with a hugely successful World Book Day, always a highlight of the year, followed by an inspiring Science Week built around the theme of 'Curiosity'. The children enjoyed competitions, hands-on investigations and visits from JP Morgan, who spoke about app design, as well as two engaging live lessons exploring building back bones and air resistance. My sincere thanks to Mrs Moore for organising such an enjoyable and enriching week.

With the weather gradually improving, it has been lovely to see the children enjoying more time outdoors and beginning to make use of the school field again and our outdoor learning spaces. We also celebrated the welcome return of our House Cup Nights, which, as always, are a great success

Last week, our annual and legendary 'Baden Market' fundraising event was another standout moment of the term. The children embraced their entrepreneurial spirit by creating, preparing and selling a varied array of items. They relished browsing and buying from one another over two glorious lunchtimes and the atmosphere was wonderful. Thanks to your generosity, over £4,300 - a staggering amount - was raised for our three chosen charities: Comic Relief, Motor Neurone Disease Association and Dogs Trust! A huge thank you goes to Mr Bush for his hard work in organising this very special event.

This term also saw the publication of pupil reports and I hope you found them informative. It was a pleasure to welcome so many of you to our parent consultation meetings to discuss your child's progress. Toward the end of the summer term, you will receive a brief update summarising your child's further progress in Reading, Writing, and Maths.

Unfortunately it was not possible to hold our Easter Service at Peter's Church so instead we celebrated this meaningful and memorable occasion in school. Thank you to Mrs Talbot and Mr Lay for directing the singing and performances.

A particular highlight this term has been the remarkable achievement of our Year 5 & 6 boys' football team, who have exceeded all expectations. Having reached the South West Schools' Finals in Bristol, they played with determination, resilience and superb team spirit, conceding no goals throughout the competition. After a nail-biting penalty shoot-out, they were crowned champions and have now earned a place in the national final, which is an unprecedented accomplishment for our school. Thank you to our supportive parents, along with Mr Paterson and a group of our teachers who helped boost morale and kept spirits alive during the competition. The team will travel to Stoke in May and we will be cheering them on every step of the way. They have truly lived out our values and represented our school magnificently.

Finally, I wish everyone a wonderful, restful Easter break. As we return for the summer term, we would like to see the children wearing their summer uniform. Please see the school website for details: www.bpsjunior.co.uk/uniform/.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Mrs Rachel Rusling
Headteacher



Governing Body

After the excitement of the Autumn term, Spring often brings a welcome sense of calm, giving children the space to really settle into their learning and fully immerse themselves in school life. It has been wonderful to see our BPSP pupils across the school getting stuck into their work, activities and friendships this term. The governors and I have been in school chatting to staff and children and watching them learn, once again being reminded of what a vibrant, happy school BPSP is. Despite a change of venue for our Easter service, the event was still a lovely moment for the school community to come together and reflect on the themes of hope and new beginnings that this season brings. On behalf of the governing body, I would like to thank staff, pupils and families for their continued support, and wish all BPSP families a happy and restful Easter break.

Gina Smith, Chair of Governors

BADGE DESIGN COMPETITION

Thank you to everyone who entered the Living Streets' Badge Design Competition 2026 - we received so many creative and colourful entries it was tricky to chose a shortlist.

Congratulations to Ella (3CT) Sienna (3PY) and Sophie (4PL) whose fantastic designs were chosen as our 3 BPSP entries.

Mrs Scroggie
WOW Champion



CLP Updates



Coastal Learning
PARTNERSHIP

All schools within the Trust will be updating their websites, so please look out for these changes during the summer term. We are also in the process of moving across to 'Insight' a new assessment and reporting platform over the coming months.

Leaders have been engaging with the forthcoming changes to SEND across the educational landscape, following the publication of the DfE's White Paper. Training for staff is scheduled to begin in September 2026, with gradual implementation expected over the next few years.

In addition, we will see the introduction of a refreshed National Curriculum in 2028 (the current curriculum was introduced in 2014). The new curriculum will place a stronger emphasis on reading fluency, speaking and listening, foundational mathematical understanding, citizenship, and enrichment opportunities for all pupils.

Eco-Warriors



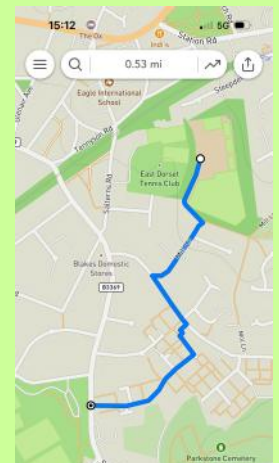
Time to Park and Stride

With the weather improving, we'd like to encourage families who currently travel to school by car to consider using a Park and Stride route next term.

Parking a short distance away and walking or scooting the final part of the journey will help reduce congestion around Mill Lane and Pottery Road, making the area safer for everyone, and helping us to arrive at school calm and ready to learn. It's also a great way to add a little extra fresh air and exercise into the day whilst also earning Travel Tracker badges!

Suggested Park and Stride locations:

- ⇒ Whitecliff Car Park - 0.5 miles away.
- ⇒ Side roads surrounding Poole Park (eg Twemlow Avenue or Orchard Avenue - 0.5-0.95 miles away).
- ⇒ Side roads off Sandbanks Road (eg Whitefield Road or Sherwood Avenue - 0.4-0.7 miles away).



Wildlife Update

We're thrilled to share the exciting news that bats have been discovered living in our school grounds!

Their presence is a wonderful sign of a healthy environment, as bats help control insect populations and contribute to a balanced ecosystem. These new bat families will be joining our already busy wildlife communities of foxes, hedgehogs and multiple bird species.

It's fantastic to know that our outdoor spaces are supporting such important wildlife, and we look forward to learning more about these remarkable creatures.



Mrs Thorne & Mrs Percy
Eco Warrior Leaders

Worship at BPSP

We have had a busy half term! Each Year Group has a beautiful prayer and reflection tree - thank you so much to the Friends of BPSP for purchasing these for us. Any child who would like to can write or draw a prayer or reflection to add to their year groups tree. Some of these reflections can then be shared in our Collective Worship.



During our Reflection Worship on Fridays, we continue to thoroughly enjoy the live music provided by our children - what a wonderful experience for all! Thank you so much to all of our young musicians.

Celebration Worship continues to be FUN! It is a great opportunity to get together and celebrate achievements and award many certificates.



As always, thank you to our regular visitors who help us provide quality daily Collective Worship for our wonderful children: Rev Mike, Elaine and Heidi, Rev Stuart and Anna and Keith Jewell.

In the Summer Term, we will be developing inspiring ways for children to reflect and develop their own understanding of spirituality within the world around us.

Clare Taylor
Worship Lead



We continue to receive complaints from local residents about inconsiderate and unsafe parking during drop-off and pick-up times. Most recently, a resident in South Western Crescent was unable to access her own driveway because a parent had partially blocked the entrance. This is unacceptable.

We must be absolutely clear: parking that blocks driveways, restricts access or causes congestion cannot continue.

All parents and carers are expected to park legally, safely, and respectfully at all times. Please ensure you are not obstructing driveways, pavements, or the flow of traffic. Our relationship with the local community, and the safety of our children, depends on your cooperation.

World Book Day 2026 – What a Celebration!

We had a wonderful time celebrating **World Book Day 2026** and the day was made even more special by the fantastic costumes worn by pupils and staff. Thank you to everyone who joined in with such enthusiasm. Walking into worship felt like stepping straight into the pages of a storybook – we were greeted by an array of characters, including some impressively well behaved dinosaurs who navigated the hall remarkably well despite their size!

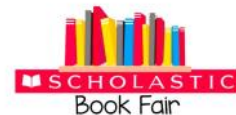
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**BOOK
DAY**

5 MARCH 2026

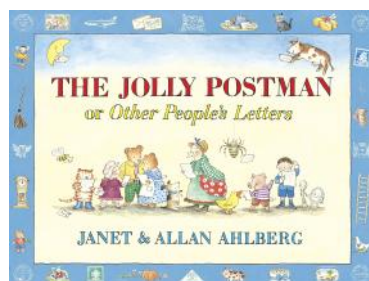


Our **Year 6 Reading Mentors** inspired us all with their recommended authors. Keep an eye out for the **Baden Book Stops** appearing in the summer term, where you'll be able to find out more about these exciting suggestions.

A big thank you also goes to **Mrs Glew** and **Miss Knowles** for organising the **Scholastic Book Fair**, which returned to



school this term. It was lovely to see so many World Book Day vouchers being put to good use.



This year marks **40 years** of **Allen Ahlberg's** much loved book *The Jolly Postman*. If you would like to create a drawing, letter, or piece of work inspired by the story, we would love to see it.

Please bring your completed work to **Mrs Hay** after the Easter holidays, by Friday 17 April. She will be sending the contributions to the **Postal Museum** exhibition, where your work could be displayed for others to enjoy. See poster for more details.

Top tips

- A5 and landscape design.
- Made from paper or card.
- No photos or personal information.
- Students' own work and ideas.

Mrs Hay
English Lead

Send us your Fairy Tale Mail



The Postal Museum is opening a new exhibition marking 40 years of *The Jolly Postman* and we'd love your school to join in with the birthday celebrations. Schools are invited to make and send us Fairy Tale Mail inspired by the book.

Post your Fairy Tale Mail to the museum and we'll sort it for display in *The Jolly Postman* exhibition. Selected artwork will also feature on our website.

We're collecting Fairy Tale Mail from schools across the UK. Every school that takes part will be sent a special thank you card.

Design your Fairy Tale Mail

Your students could make fairy tale postcards, draw their favourite character, write a letter about why they like the book, or create their own designs inspired by *The Jolly Postman*.

Send your special delivery!

To find out more about how to send The Postal Museum your Fairy Tale Mail, visit our website: postalmuseum.org/fairy-tale-mail

Entry dates

We're collecting Fairy Tale Mail throughout 2026. Send us your artwork for a chance to be part of a changing display.

Top tips to make your mail:

- A5 and landscape design.
- Made from paper or card.
- No photos or personal information.
- Students' own work and ideas.



MUSIC NEWS



Despite being a short term, the children have continued to enjoy their musical experiences and in particular, all year groups have excelled in the playing of their steel pan pieces. We look forward to showcasing the steel pans at our annual summer fair.

It has been lovely to see so many children wanting to come forward to perform in our Friday Worship. Please do encourage your child to come and speak to me, should they want to show off their talents in a Worship.

Canford Chase Care Home Visit

Last week, we had the opportunity to take some of our Year 6 children over to Canford chase to entertain the residents. Some of the children enjoyed playing their instruments whilst others spent time chatting with the residents. The compassion the children showed towards the residents made me feel incredibly proud and the care home had nothing but compliments for our children.



Emily Barden Singing Day

This term, Year 5 Vocability have been working hard in preparation for an inspirational singing day, with singer/songwriter Emily Barden. This involved learning some songs written by Emily to join with other schools across BCP for a singing day at Lighthouse, Poole.

The children had a fantastic day and represented the school with pride. The children particularly enjoyed going on stage to sing one of our own songs.

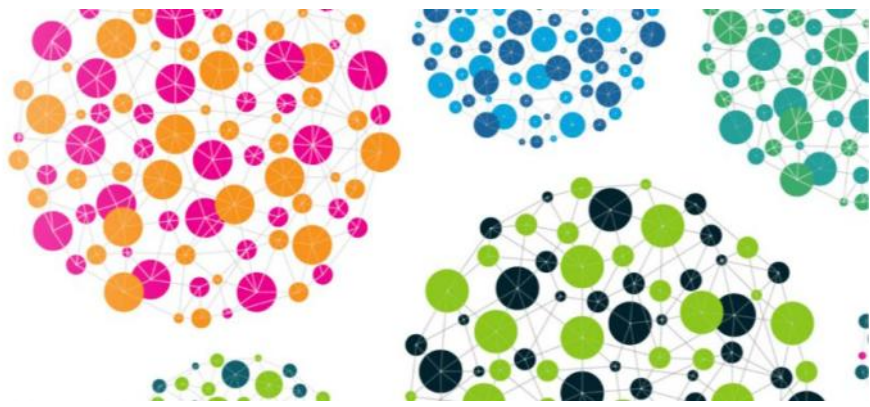
Thanks to our local music hub, Soundstorm for providing this wonderful opportunity!



Sarah Talbot
Music Subject Leader



BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK



British Science Week 2026 was celebrated from 9-13 March and saw a whole host of Science activities taking place across the school. The theme of the week this year was Curiosity - a perfect topic to encourage minds to buzz with all things scientific!

The week kicked off with a launch assembly crammed full of simple Science experiments that got the children talking. Then on Tuesday we welcomed visitors from JPMorgan who are part of an organisation called Make it Happen which encourages children to learn about and have a go at App design. They launched a competition to design a fun, educational, or otherwise useful app where the winning designs will actually be coded into a functioning app that will be shown to the children in the coming months. This competition generated literally hundreds of submissions, accompanied by fantastic illustrations and descriptions - it was wonderful to see the range of creativity displayed.



Towards the end of the week, the whole school participated in a live lesson followed by an afternoon feedback session with many other schools across the region. Years 3 and 4 learned about back bones and how the individual sections are structured to be as strong (and yet light) as possible. They followed this up by building their own vertebra sections out of rolled paper, testing their strength by loading them with books. Year 5 and 6 investigated air resistance and made milk bottle launchers to launch various paper shapes upwards. The most common comment heard was, "We hit the ceiling!".

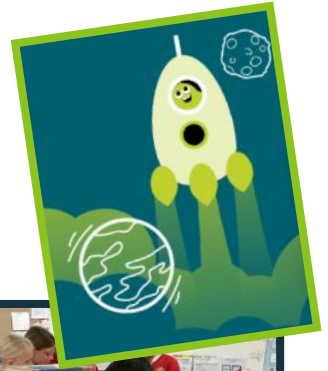
In addition, there were many other activities arranged for teachers to do with their classes at other points during the week. This covered activities from making paper and foil boats to learn about buoyancy through to simulating astronauts' urine to study hydration levels. Apologies if that one was talked about over the dinner table!



All in all, it was a fantastic week which showed the children the wide range and depth of Science in all its variety. It was great to see so many engaged and fired up with enthusiasm about their learning.

Gayle Moore
Year 5 Teacher and Science Lead





Well done to everyone who took part in the first ever Y5 STEM Paper Airplane Competition organised by Matt B.

As part of the Science Week, participants showcased great aerodynamic and aircraft design skills, turning simple sheets of paper into flying machines. We were lucky with the weather conditions that were just right for flying. The winner's prize, a book from the vending machine, goes to Hugo's "Thunderbolt" that flew the furthest distance.

Awesome flying, everyone!




**BRITISH
SCIENCE
WEEK**

**WHAT'S THE BEST
DESIGN FOR A PAPER
AEROPLANE?**

A paper aeroplane, glider or helicopter falls to the ground much more slowly and gracefully than a scrunched-up piece of paper. This is because of the forces generated by air pressing on and moving over the surface of the paper. You will discover this by creating your own paper aeroplane, glider and helicopter, sending them on a journey and seeing how they fly!

10-45 minutes



**SCIENCE
MUSEUM
GROUP**





Staffing

We are delighted to share that Mrs Boyd, one of our teaching assistants, began her maternity leave last week. We wish her good health, happiness and every joy during this wonderfully exciting time.



Last week, we said a fond farewell to our much-loved teaching assistant, Miss Wright, who has left BPSP to pursue an exciting new role at Poole High. We will miss her enormously, but we know she will continue to sprinkle her magic in her new school. We wish her every success and happiness in the next chapter of her career.



ATTENDANCE matters

Phil Ballance
Assistant Headteacher



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



FRIENDS OF BPS P

friends_of_baden_powell@outlook.com

Friends of BPS P is a group of parent volunteers who work alongside the school to organise events, build community and raise funds to support the children's experience at Baden-Powell and St Peter's.

If you would like to find out more or get involved, please contact us at Friends_of_Baden_Powell@outlook.com.

Fundraising This Year

Thank you for your continued support - the PTA has raised £6,500 so far this academic year.

This has come from a range of events and initiatives, including the Winter Fair, discos, Quiz Night, Santa Dash, uniform sales and smaller community-led activities. Some events focus on fundraising, others on bringing people together, but all contribute to a consistent and meaningful level of support for the school.



How Funds Are Being Used

We are working with the school to ensure funds are used where they are most needed. Current plans include new music cabins to replace the existing portacabins, which have served the school well but are now showing their age.

Alongside this, conversations continue to ensure support is in place for everyday needs across all year groups.

You may also have noticed the introduction of prayer trees around the school. These are now in Reception and each year area, where children can leave a short note - whether a help, thank you or sorry.

Photos can be found on our Instagram page: <https://www.instagram.com/friendsbpsp>



Wild West Summer Fair - Friday 19th June, 6-9pm

Planning is well underway for our Wild West Summer Fair, and we're looking forward to a great evening for everyone.

There will be plenty going on, including a Nerf gun battle arena, bouncy castles, a saloon bar, class stalls, favourite food vendors and live country music.





To help bring everything together, we're looking for support with:

- Sponsorship
- Tombolas
- Sheriff sweet shop
- Outlaws cakey treats
- Gold rush toy stall (hobby horses, cowboy hats, sheriff badges and bandanas)

These roles are designed to be manageable and flexible. Most PTA helpers work full time and contribute where they can.

If you are able to donate a raffle prize, we would be very grateful:
badenpowellsummerfair@outlook.com

If you would like to get involved, please join us at the **Grasshopper pub at 7:30pm on Monday 20th April.**

Other Ways to Support

There are a few simple ways to support Friends of BPSP throughout the year:

- Book your next holiday with Wendy Dunford at Not Just Travel and a donation will be made to the PTA at no extra cost: <https://notjustholidays.com/badenpowell>
- Join the BPSP weekly lottery. For every £1 ticket, 60p goes to the school and there are cash prizes to be won: <https://tinyurl.com/3hxj4ch5>
- Use Easyfundraising when shopping online to raise free donations from over 7,500 brands at no extra cost: <https://efraising.org/yIuzq7fzam>



Thank you, as always, for your support - it really does make a difference.

Charlotte
Chair, Friends of BPSP

Scholastic Book Fair



Congratulations!
THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED OUR SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR.

Together we have raised... **£542.54**
for our school to spend on **FREE BOOKS**

SCHOLASTIC

I would like to say a big thank you to all of you who came along and supported our book fair this year. I would also like to apologise to those affected by the technical issues relating to our card payment machine. They say technology is the way forward, but when it goes wrong, it's extremely stressful!

Following submission of the book sales report, our school have been awarded £542.54 in online book rewards from Scholastic. This will enable us to purchase a number of new books for our children to enjoy.

Thanks once again for your support.

Mrs Glew
Library Lead



Safeguarding

Spotlight

At our school, safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do. We take time to get to know each child as an individual, ensuring they always have trusted adults who understand and support them. Our pastoral offer includes mentoring, regular check-ins, Stormbreak, dedicated pastoral sessions, Hamish & Milo and ELSA support, all designed to help pupils feel safe, confident and ready to learn.

Help children develop...

resilience relationships self-worth self-care hope & optimism

Take part at stormbreak.org.uk

stormbreak Supported by A Million & Me Children in Need

ELSA

SCHOOL-BASED SKILL-BUILDING INTERVENTION

- Facilitate learning of coping strategies
- Support well-being and engagement

Hamish & Milo

WELLBEING INTERVENTION

We have robust safeguarding systems in place and maintain strong professional dialogue between staff, so concerns are identified and acted upon quickly. When needed, we work closely with external partners to provide the very best support for families, including BCP Early Help, Children's Services, the Dorset Police Safer Schools Team and the School Nursing service.

Together, these layers of care ensure that every child is protected, valued and able to thrive.

Miss Knowles
Deputy Head & Designated Safeguarding Lead



Spring has sprung and the work of our next 'In the Frame' celebrates all things lush, tropical and jungly. It's Henri Rousseau! The children were introduced to his strange and magical world during assembly last week so they are familiar with some of his paintings.

If your child would like to submit a piece of work inspired by Henri Rousseau, the closing date is Friday 17 April and they should give this to their class teacher. As always, their work will be displayed in the hall and on our website under Children / Challenges and Activities / In The Frame.

I am excited to see how they use the chosen artist as inspiration to create their own incredible masterpieces and am very much looking forward to seeing what they come up with this time.

Julie Poppleton
Art Lead





WELLBEING

Wellbeing & Baden Market Place

What an incredibly heart-warming few days our Baden Market created again this year – you could feel the positivity literally buzzing in the air and the outcome was astounding. The well-being benefits of running such an event are equally significant and link directly to the 5 steps to wellbeing.

BE ACTIVE – the school was certainly a hive of activity in the time leading up to and after the market place and I am sure it was the same at home: making and gathering things to sell; creating posters to advertise; moving school furniture; and collecting litter were just a few ways our children got ACTIVELY involved.

KEEP LEARNING – there was lots of learning going on: the art of entrepreneurship; calculating change; thinking about how best to throw the sponge to get the teachers as soaked as possible; and how to work as a team.

TAKE NOTICE – there was so much to see and take notice of as every stall had something different to offer: home-made bracelets; cards; pebble pets; keyrings to name but a few.

CONNECT – it was truly lovely to see the whole school out and about supporting each other and connecting on every level in our quest to raise as much money as possible for our three chosen charities.

And finally, **GIVE** – not only were you all so very generous in donating and buying sale items to raise an astonishing amount of money but everyone was also so very generous and giving of their time; as a school and on behalf of the charities, we cannot thank you enough. What a wellbeing wonder all round!!

Wellbeing On The Website

As new and different resources become available, so we upload them to our school website. There is a WELLBEING section under both PARENTS and CHILDREN where there are lots of useful articles, links and videos that may be of some support should you need it.

There are also firm favourites like the Happiness Calendar where, each month, lots of suggestions for wellbeing activities are set out. These can be a great go-to in any holiday when ideas might run dry. Putting your child in charge of organising a day of wellbeing activities for the family might be a good way to keep them happy and occupied!!

And finally

As you may now be aware, at Baden-Powell, we always dedicate the first hour back after any holiday to wellbeing so that the children can settle back into their classes before starting the new half term: both staff and pupils find this really beneficial. We will continue to think about the Zones of Regulation – another way in which we empower our children to think about their own mental health and wellbeing.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter and lots of sunny, fun-filled days.

Mrs Inns
Senior Mental Health Lead



GOLDEN TICKET

admits the following bookworm to the grand prize draw:

WINNERS!



Year 6



Year 3



Year 5



Year 4



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

Creekmoor Library	Drop-in Easter craft and colouring Easter treasure hunt	Saturday 28 th March - Saturday 11 th April
Ensbury Park Library	Children's seed planting session Make a cardboard bird	Tuesday 31 st March - 10:30 Tuesday 7 th April - 10:30
Hamworthy Library	Drop-in craft - make a bunny or a chick	Saturday 28 th March - Saturday 11 th April
Oakdale Library	Easter crafts with Altogether WI - BOOKING ESSENTIAL Drop-in Easter crafts and treasure hunt	Wednesday 1 st April - 14:30 - 15:30 Saturday 28 th March - Saturday 11 th April
Southbourne and Pokesdown Library	Drop-in bunny craft and Easter egg treasure hunt	Saturday 28 th March - Saturday 11 th April
Springbourne Library	Hello Spring make and do with Grounded Community Garden - plant a seed and craft gigantic sunflowers	Monday 30 th 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 th March - 10:30
Springbourne Library	Glass painting and children's Easter-themed craft	Tuesday 7 th April - 14:00-16:00
Parkstone Library	Drop-in Easter craft	Saturday 28 th March - Saturday 11 th 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 th March - 15:30 - 16:00 Wednesday 1 st April - 15:00-16:00
Tuckton Library	Easter Toddler Time - songs, stories and Easter craft	Tuesday 7 th April - 10:00-11:00
Westbourne Library	Baby animal hunt Drop-in craft - make a bunny mask and an Easter lamb	Saturday 28 th March - Saturday 11 th 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



PE & SPORTS NEWS



Association for
PHYSICAL EDUCATION



What a half-term it has been for PE, Sport and Physical Activity! There's been lots of exciting events going on...

HOUSE CUP NIGHTS

This half-term saw five House Cup Nights take place. These events are a chance for children to compete in their school house in a competitive but enjoyable sporting competition. Well done to all 286 children who have participated in these so far. Your effort, respect and resilience have been brilliant!

These are the results as it stands...

Football

	Brownsea	Poole	Purbeck	Studland
Year 3	24	15	15	17
Year 4	22	18	16	15
Year 5	15	16	20	19
Year 6	14	26	14	14

Netball

	Brownsea	Poole	Purbeck	Studland
Year 3	23	24	19	18
Year 4	18	19	18	16
Year 5				
Year 6				



SWIMMING

On Friday 6 March, a large group of Year 5 and 6 children made the short journey to the Dolphin Leisure Centre to compete in the Poole and East Dorset School Sports Association (PEDSSA) Swimming Gala.

They showed brilliant resilience and aspiration from the very first race and should feel proud of their 3rd place team finishes for boys and girls.

A couple of weeks later, our swimming relay teams made the longer journey to Waterlooville for the English Schools Swimming Association (ESSA) South East Primary Relay Qualifier. Fantastic times for both the mixed medley and freestyle relays were achieved – well done, everyone! We keep our fingers crossed they will be quick enough to qualify for the ESSA Primary Relay National final in Sheffield which takes place in June.



TAG RUGBY

A big thank you to Mrs Jeffery and the sports leaders at Poole High for hosting another 'Transition to Year 7' sports event. Tag Rugby was the sport of choice this time. All the adults in attendance were really impressed with the BPSP children's compassion and effort.

INDOOR ATHLETICS

On Wednesday 11 March, a group of Year 5 and 6 children competed in the PEDSSA Indoor Athletics Competition. Despite many of the children having not experienced some of their running, throwing and jumping events before, they gave it their all and performed brilliantly. Well done athletes!





GIRLS FOOTBALL

The Year 5 and 6 girls' football season has continued to progress nicely this half-term. The first day back began with the girls being on the wrong side of the scoreline in a very competitive Dorset Cup game against Talbot despite playing excellently.

The rest of the half-term saw impressive performances and wins against Lockyer's Middle, Livingstone Road Primary and BCS Prep in the league campaign.

The girls now progress to the league semi-final which takes place first week back after Easter.

BOYS FOOTBALL

It's been a busy half-term for boys' football. After three previous postponements due to the relentless rain, it was fourth time lucky on Tuesday 3 March for a Year 5 and 6 Boys Development Squad Quad Fixture. Thank you to Bearwood Primary, Talbot Primary and Bishop Aldhelm's Primary for coming over and a huge round of applause for all the boys who represented BPSP – you were superb!



Saturday 14 March will be a date that our Year 5 and 6 Boys 7aside Football team will look back upon in years to come with very fond memories! Somerdale Pavillion in Keynsham, Bristol was the venue and the English Schools FA South West Under 11s Tournament was the event.

After brilliant effort during the group stage matches, the boys went on to win a very nerve biting semi-final on penalties and then the grand final. What an achievement, boys! We are very proud of you.

As a result of this, the team now progresses to the very exciting ESFA U11s National Final which takes place at the bet365 stadium, home of Stoke City FC.



Furthermore, our boys' school 9aside team showed great attitude and determination during league and cup matches this half term and have now progressed to the semi-finals in both competitions.

CROSS COUNTRY

After postponements during Spring 1 half-term, it was great to finally get the green light for the last two cross country races of the year. A massive congratulations to the children who competed in the U11s Dorset Schools Championships at Kings Park on Friday 27 February. Your effort was outstanding in achieving 1st place teams in both boys and girls categories (for the 3rd year running!)



Our final cross country race of the year was the PEDSSA Year 5/6 races at Chapelgate. It was another brilliant display of resilience and effort from the children who ran. As a result, they made it a clean sweep of 1st place teams.

team wins with both the boys and girls teams achieving 1st placed team.

A special mention to Ellinor, Eva, Scarlett, Amelie, Albie, Edward, Lochie, Alfie for all achieving top 10 finishes.

For the third year running, BPSP have achieved a remarkable 1st placed team for both Boys and Girls. A huge congratulations to Alfie for achieving overall 1st place boy after winning two of the four PEDSSA Cross Country Races! All results are viewable on the PEDSSA website, [click here](#).

Y5 and Y6 Boys	Y5 and Y6 Girls
Team Winners	Team Winners
1 Baden Powell	1 Baden Powell
2 Stoborough	2 Emmanuel
3 Longfleet	3 St Ives
Individual Winners	Individual Winners
1 A Edmonds BP 5 points	1 E Perkins EMS 3 points
2 T Smith EMS 6 points	2 H Pope ST Michael's 7 points
3 J Ballard LMPS 11 points	3 L Kendrick. EMS 8 points



Additionally, a group of Year 3 and 4 children experienced their first taste of cross country racing outside of BPSP. Just like our Year 5 and 6s, they showed brilliant resilience and determination and also managed to achieve both 1st placed teams for both boys and girls.

A special mention to Hattie, Evelyn, Sophia, Grayson, Jack, Henry and Logan for all achieving top 10 finishes.





HANDBALL

Thank you to Canford Heath Junior School for hosting a Year 3 and 4 Handball Festival earlier this half-term. The children who attended really enjoyed themselves and learnt a lot about this exciting, end to end invasion sport.

NETBALL

On Wednesday 18 March, our Year 5 and 6 netball team went to Queen Elizabeth School to defend their PEDSSA High 5 Netball title from last year.

After many fantastic moments of skill and perseverance, they just come up short on this occasion and were unable to bring the silverware back to BPSP. Amazing effort girls and well done on your overall 4th place.



BASKETBALL

It was great to have another basketball fixture taking place this half-term (but this time in glorious sunshine!). Thank you to our friends at Lockyer's Middle School for making the journey over and well done to the children who participated – your resilience, skill and respect was excellent!

DODGEBALL

A huge well done to the 15 girls from Year 5 and 6 who took part in a Girls Only Dodgeball Festival at Parkstone Grammar School on Wednesday. You all showed great listening, respect and dodging throughout. Thank you to Parkstone Sports Leaders for running the event.



COMING UP NEXT HALF-TERM

During next half-term, children will complete some of the following units in their PE and Games lessons during next half-term:

Orienteering	Compassionate Competitors	Striking and Fielding
Tennis (Sport Education Season)	Sporting Values	My Movement Journey
Swimming	Flag Football	Athletics and Leadership
Passing and Space		

Away from PE and Games lessons, football seasons will conclude for both the girls' and boys' teams. We also have the following events to look forward to...

- ⇒ House Cup Night x 6
- ⇒ Yr 5/6 Tag Rugby Festival
- ⇒ Yr 4 This Girl Can Festival
- ⇒ Yr 5 and 6 Dynamo Cricket Festival
- ⇒ Yr 6 Sports Leaders helping at Courthill Infants School Sports Day
- ⇒ Yr 5/6 Handball Tournament

Finally, I'd like to give a huge thank you for the support the children have received this half-term from parents and other adults at sporting events – it has not gone unnoticed. A big thank you also to all our dedicated staff who continue to work hard to provide these sporting opportunities for as many children as possible.

I hope you all enjoy a relaxing Easter break.

Mr Paterson
PE Leader

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO LOOK THROUGH OUR

Weekly Reminders

that are emailed to parents/carers at the end of every week.

Copies can also be found on our website
www.bpspjuniior.co.uk/weekly-reminders

Information regarding changes/postponements of clubs and music lessons will be listed on them, as well as reminders for Whole School and Year Group events etc.

Term Dates 2025/2026

Autumn Term

3 September - 19 December 2025

Half term: 27 - 31 October 2025

Spring Term

5 January - 27 March 2026

Half term: 16 - 20 February 2026

Summer Term

13 April - 22 July 2026

Half term: 25 - 29 May 2026

Staff Training Days

3 & 4 September 2025

5 January 2026

13 February 2026

13 April 2026

22 June 2026

Term Dates 2026/2027

Dates below taken from BCP website.

Autumn Term

1 September - 18 December 2026

Half term: 26 - 30 Oct 2026

Spring Term

4 January - 25 March 2027

Half term: 15 - 19 February 2027

Summer Term

12 April - 21 July 2027

Half term: 31 May - 4 June 2027



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