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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

It's been a busy week...



On Monday we remembered the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. Sharks and Porpoises were led into church by a standard bearer from the Royal British Legion in Blandford. After songs, prayers and the Last Post, we walked out of church with the bells ringing in our ears and went to lay our poppy cross at the war memorial. One of our governors, who had remained dry-eyed through several services on Sunday, was moved to tears by our children. They did sing beautifully. I do hope it is a moment they will remember for the rest of their lives. Many thanks to all the governors whose contributions made this such a special event. More photos on the school blog.



Meanwhile, Dolphins and Seahorses were getting up close with the wildlife at Marwell Zoo. All the children came back fizzing with excitement at the things they saw – it was clearly a hugely inspiring trip.





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On Tuesday, I took our Tag Rugby team to play against Pimperne. They played brilliantly – lovely, flowing, passing rugby that was a joy to watch. Hopefully we'll be able to organise a few more games with local schools. Many of the same children then came to the orienteering event on Tuesday after school. It was great to see them all flying round the grounds. Thank you to Mrs (and Mr) Riley for helping with the organisation.



Wednesday was quiet, but Thursday saw some of us going to see Ben Fogle at Bryanston. We met him by the side of the Stour where, after looking at some of the mini beasts who live there, he talked about his adventures in Africa and the Amazon. He was very impressed by our children's knowledge (of course!) and by their thoughtful questions. Many, many thanks to Bryanston for inviting us.





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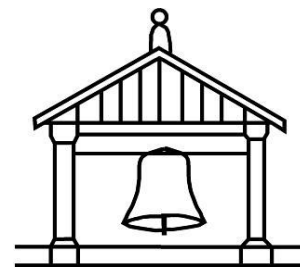
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Today is individual photos and Children in Need! Expect spotty children at the end of the day. Thank you to everyone who has brought in cakes for the cake sale – we have been very impressed. And don't forget the Christmas shopping event this evening at 7pm in the village hall.

Not many people were able to attend Parent Forum– well only two in fact! I do understand that people who had intended to come were seduced by the attractions of the Little Shop of Horrors and Knighton fireworks. We did discuss bullying and minutes will be on the website shortly.

Attendance

Class	Attendance this week (should be 96% +)	Whole school this week	Whole school this year (we need 96%+)
Starfish	89.71%	95.27%	96.54% 😊
Dolphins	96.30% 😊		
Seahorses	99.14% 😊 😊		
Sharks	95.83%		
Porpoises	95.27%		

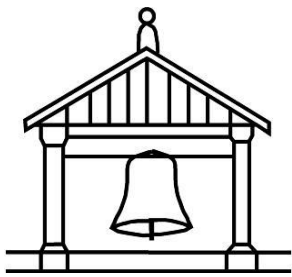
Next week...

Everyone's off to Salisbury Cathedral to think about Advent. The children always enjoy visiting the cathedral and the education department organise great workshops. We've got a netball match, more orienteering and more tag rugby and...

Just a reminder that next Friday (23rd) is Mufti Day ; children may come to school wearing non-school uniform in exchange for a donation for the Christmas fayre raffle. As a school, you always impress us with the amazing array of bottles, gifts, smellies and chocs you bring in and the PTA then work their magic creating some wonderful hampers which are a delight to win at the fayre. Please give generously as every penny we raise at our Christmas Fayre comes straight back to benefit your children. Thank you in advance from your PTA team.

And finally...





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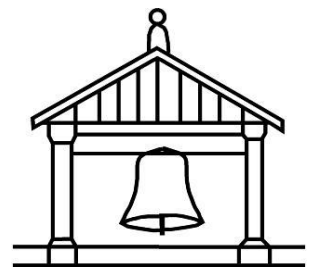
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A lovely photo of the church taken on Monday morning by Mrs Bingol. What talent!



Enjoy the weekend everybody!

Nicola Brooke

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 23rd November

Thursday 29th November, 9.15am

Friday 30th November, 2.30pm

Saturday 1st December, **12pm – 3pm**

Tuesday 18th December

Tuesday 18th December, 2pm

Wednesday 19th December, 6pm

Friday 21st December, **1pm**

Mufti Day for the Christmas Fayre

Starfish Class Assembly

Open Afternoon

PTA Christmas Fayre

Starfish and Handy Paws Christmas activity morning

Dolphins and Seahorses Nativity

Sharks and Porpoises Carol service

END OF TERM





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Alice in Cuckoo Land Panto

Oh no, it isn't! Oh yes, it is! Join us for an exciting pop-up Panto in the Library! Suitable for ages 5 and above.



Blandford Library

Saturday 17th November

11.00am - 12.00pm

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**WEDNESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER
4PM**

Everyone welcome



