



# Piddle Valley CE First School

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**Trust** in each other, **Respect** one another,  
**Shine** for yourself!

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## Newsletter 05.06.2026

### Note from Mrs. Moore

What lovely weather we had over half term! I know I certainly enjoyed the warm sunshine and spending time at the beach. I hope you all had a wonderful break and were able to make the most of the beautiful weather too.

We have had a fantastic and jam-packed week here at Piddle Valley. On Tuesday, the children enjoyed a wonderful piano concert performed by some of their fellow classmates. It was a pleasure to see their confidence and musical talents on display.

Today, the children took part in an Instrumental Musical Roadshow featuring musicians connected with Wessex Music. The session was both inspiring and engaging, giving the children an opportunity to experience a variety of instruments and musical styles.

This morning, we held a fantastic Stay and Play Forest School session and were delighted to welcome a number of new families to Piddle Valley. It was wonderful to see so many children and families enjoying the outdoor learning environment together.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported

### Whole School News

**PE Days** - Thursday and Fridays

**Forest School** - Fridays

**Facebook:** Please follow our school Facebook page, **Piddle Valley CE First School**, where we will share regular pictures and updates.

**Easy Fundraising** - Please remember to keep supporting us via **Easyfundraising** every time you shop online. There are over 8,000 retailers that will donate to us for FREE every time you use #easyfundraising to shop with them. These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us - it is completely FREE

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/piddle-valley-ce-first-school/?utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=pmc&utm\\_content=gs-fb1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/piddle-valley-ce-first-school/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-fb1)

**Clothes recycling bank:** If you are having a clear out, please remember to use the clothes recycling bank in our school car park. The school will get a donation each time for the amount recycled.

**Reminder:** Please **DO NOT** send your child into school with anything containing nuts.

**PiddleFest.** The music was fantastic, the atmosphere was wonderful, and thankfully the weather held out for us! Events like these are only possible because of the support of our school community, so thank you to everyone who helped make it such a success.

If you get the chance, please take a look at the foyer mural as it continues to take shape. Tracy is doing an amazing job and it is already attracting attention. We have been contacted by *Dorset Wildlife* magazine, who are keen to feature the project in their August issue. We are also hoping that a representative from the Dorset Wildlife Trust may be able to officially open the area once it is completed.

A reminder that the Phonics Screening Check for some children in Ocean Class and the Multiplication Tables Check for our Year 4 pupils will take place next week. Let's work together for one final push and give our children plenty of encouragement and support. Good luck to everyone taking part!

Finally, school staff will be at the Piddletrethide Fete tomorrow. The children will be singing at **1:30pm**, so if you are attending, please make sure you arrive before then. We would also love to see you at our stall, where we will have a lucky dip, lolly tree and tombola, to name just a few attractions.

Let's hope the weather holds for us once again!

**Have a wonderful weekend.**

#### **Attendance:**

Overall school attendance for this week: **92.4%**

Preschool: **100%**

Reception: **93.8%**

Year 1: **95%**

Year 2: **87.5%**

Year 3: **85%**

Year 4: **97.9%**

#### **TT Rockstars**

Evie

Polly

Flo



### Forest Class

This week in Forest Class we celebrated Dinosaur Day, which is a special occasion to celebrate the history of our planet. We first looked at some dinosaur facts and learnt about the different species of dinosaurs and what they eat. We learnt that there are special scientists who look for dinosaur fossils. We then went on a hunt for dinosaur bones around the classroom and tried to piece them together to make a dinosaur fossil. We also made some dinosaur crafts within our junk modelling.

In Literacy we started reading our new text, 'I Will Not Ever, Never Eat a Tomato'. We started the unit of work by tasting some different fruits and vegetables, and talking about foods do we like, don't like, and foods that we would never ever eat.

Have a lovely weekend.



### Ocean Class

This week Ocean Class started their new writing unit, which is all about painting. We had a go at making paintbrushes using natural materials we collected outside, then used them to create our own artwork. Then, once we had finished, we practiced using apostrophes to title our work and write about it - a very fun first day back! Then, we planted tomatoes so hopefully they will grow this time and be ready to take home at the end of term so that everyone can have a lovely harvest throughout the summer. We wrote instructions and drew each step too.



Also, we put into practice our British Values by deciding on a whole class reward goal upon collecting 700 House points. The children put forward their ideas and decided on a PJ Day with a little class disco. As they have worked so hard this week, we are already well on the way to achieving the goal!

We were very lucky to have 3 members of Ocean class perform as part of the piano performance, which was lovely to see, well done!

Just to remind you all, spellings have been sent home so please check your child's bag. Reading books are changed on Mondays - please make sure to log your child's reading online and ensure their book is in their bookbag ready to be changed.

We are collecting junk modelling resources for our DT projects and end of term crafts so please send in anything like cardboard tubes and packaging - thank you! 😊



### Amazon Class

A great week in Amazon Class this week. The children have returned ready for the final term.

The children continue to enjoy playing instruments in Samba with Miss Roberts. We were also treated to a piano concert on Tuesday and entertained by Wessex Music on Friday with a showcase of different instruments.

They are beginning to start practicing events for sports day in PE.

They have been learning about and creating soundscapes in English using our senses to



create these. They have then created poems using their soundscapes.

In Maths they have been looking at angles, lines, and symmetry. They have been using words perpendicular, parallel, horizontal and vertical to describe shapes.

In history we are learning about Anglo Saxon and what life was like during these times in history.

The Year 4s had a visit from staff at St Mary's Middle school to support the children with their transition to year 5.

I also wanted to say thank you for supporting the children with their multiplication at home.

This makes a huge difference to their confidence and achievement, and I hope this will be reflected in the MTC tests.



### Dates for your Diary

Please keep an eye on this section each week. More key dates will be added as they arise.

#### **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

Piddletrenthide Fete - Children Singing 1pm

#### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

Whole School Trip - Longleat

#### **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

Art Exhibition and Mural Grand Reveal -  
2.30pm

#### **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

Sports Day (AM)  
Colour Run (PM)

### Clubs for Spring Term 1

Breakfast and all After School Clubs are to be booked and paid for via Arbor.

Lunchtime clubs can be joined on the day by informing your teacher.

#### **Breakfast Club**

Open every day from 8.00am  
(Sessions must be booked before 4pm the day before the club is required)

#### **After School Club**

4.30/5.00/5.30pm pick up options  
(Sessions must be booked before 7am on day club is required)

#### **Monday - Artist Club**

3.15-4.15pm - £3.50 per session  
(All sessions must be block booked)

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**  
Year 4 Leavers Assembly

**Tuesday - Storyline Club**  
3.15-4.15pm - £3.50 per session  
(All sessions must be block booked)

**Wednesday - Crafts**  
3.15-4.15pm - £3.50 per session  
(All sessions must be block booked)

**Thursday - Kick Boxing**  
3.15-4.15pm - £8 per session  
(Payable via Kickstart Vitality)

**Friday - Forest School**  
3.15-4.15pm - £4.50 per session  
(All sessions must be block booked)

**Lunchtime Clubs**  
Monday - Shine Squad  
Friday - Gardening Club

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