

— Spring 1 2026 —

Newsletter

A newsletter contributed to by the staff and children of Hayeswood and Colehill First Schools



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Message from Mrs Staddon

Dear Families,

As we reach the end of this half term, I find myself looking out the window at yet another downpour! It has certainly been an exceptionally wet start to the year, and I want to thank you for ensuring the children arrive well-equipped with coats and sturdy shoes. Despite the grey skies, the atmosphere inside the school has been bright, purposeful, and full of energy.

In September, we started a small school group called the Small Schools Cluster (SSC) with Colehill, Hayeswood, Pamphill, Witchampton and St John's. Because of this, we were able to secure a Teaching and Learning Lead, Inclusion Lead, PE specialist and Fresh Air club.

Message from Mrs Staddon

As we reflect on this, midway through the year, we can begin to see the benefits of this arrangement. It is certainly something we are committed to and keen to develop even further, for the benefit of all the children.

One of our SIP actions this year is to develop Teaching and Learning through learning walks and coaching dialogue. Our recent Learning Walks have been a real highlight for the Senior Leadership Team.

It is a privilege to see the children so engaged in their studies. During these visits, we've paid particular focus to:

Phonics: Our youngest learners are making fantastic strides in their reading journey, showing great confidence in blending and decoding.

Multiplication: There is a real buzz around times tables across Key Stage 2 as pupils prepare for their checks and build their mathematical fluency. Work is already well underway in Year 2 to ensure a firm foundation is laid.

We also recently held our Progress Meetings, where teachers sat down to review every child's journey. It was wonderful to see so much growth, both academically and socially, identify gaps and look at how to fill them.

We are delighted to be working with our student teachers. It is a pleasure to mentor these aspiring educators; they bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to our classrooms, and our children always enjoy the extra support and different perspectives they offer.

Despite the mud, our sporting calendar has been packed! Our team showed incredible sportsmanship and grit during recent matches. From Handball to Netball and Rugby, the children continue to represent the school with pride.

"Everyone matters: Every day counts"

"A school where everyone is nurtured and empowered to be their best selves."

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Fresh Air Club remains a firm favourite, proving that there is no such thing as "bad weather," only "bad clothing"! The children have loved being outdoors, learning through play and exploration.

We were pleased to welcome our CEO for a visit recently. She was incredibly impressed by the calm environment and the high standard of work on display, which is a testament to the hard work of our staff and children.

As part of our INSET on 23 February, we will continue to develop our knowledge and understanding of how we can improve the learning environments even more to ensure all children have a calm, purposeful area to work (hence the arrival of 'Skip'!) We would welcome healthy plants in order to help us with this if you are greenfingering. While I am asking for your help, if anyone has skills in design and printing we could really use your help to print out our new Personal Development Passports.

Finally, looking toward childcare and enrichment, there is an exciting update regarding HAY They have successfully launched a new extended after-school provision, which is currently running brilliantly. We are in active discussions to hopefully offer this as an option for Colehill families soon, providing more flexibility for our working parents.

I hope you all have a wonderful, restful, and—fingers crossed—dry half-term break. We look forward to seeing the children back, refreshed and ready for the second half of the Spring term.

Kind regards,

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Wraparound Update

Shelley at Sport 360

Since being welcomed in September, we have thoroughly enjoyed providing both Breakfast Club provision and, more recently, afternoon wraparound care for pupils at Hayeswood. Sessions have included Dodgeball, Construction Club, Baking and Cooking, alongside a variety of engaging team games, all delivered within a structured and supportive environment.

Alongside our school provision, we run popular holiday camps. Our upcoming February Half Term camp will take place at Wimborne First School, with highlights including Crazy Golf and Pancake Making. Childcare vouchers and Tax-Free Childcare are accepted, and bookings are now open. (See poster attached)

We also continue to deliver Mini Movers sessions at Colehill Nursery and our well attended Dodgeball Club at Colehill First School. We are currently gathering expressions of interest from Colehill parents who may wish to access our Hayeswood-based afternoon wraparound provision ahead of the Summer Term. Please complete our Google Form to register your interest'

Google Form- <https://forms.gle/9P9pM1JNcWFJesBZ7>

Thanks,
Shelley

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Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)

Mrs Dawson and Mrs Carter

'Ubuntu'- I am because we are

We have been embracing more rain this half term and we have spent most play and lunchtimes outside. We have loved splashing and playing in the huge puddles that have appeared and as a whole school, at Colehill, we worked together to create a GIANT obstacle course!



PE: Sporting prowess - Netball

Mrs Dawson

A handful of our wonderful Year 4 children, from both Hayeswood and Colehill, took part in a netball festival at Queen Elizabeth's School last month. They participated in a variety of skills such as passing, defending and shooting. They then had the chance to play small, friendly matches against other schools. Our schools either won or drew every game!

Sporting prowess - Rugby

Twenty lucky Year 4 pupils had an exciting opportunity to take part in Dorset and Hampshire Schools' Tag Rugby Festival. This was a whole day event run by coaches from Rippa Rugby and Bournemouth Rugby Club, whereby the children played small games against different schools in the Dorset and Hampshire area.



Trips and events

Boudicca's Revolt

The legendary Kestrels of Colehill, produced an unforgettable performance filled with historical humour, delightful dancing and superb singing! The parent feedback was phenomenal. Huzzah you amazing pupils!

Boudicca's horde



Roman Senate



Trips and events

Safer Internet Week 2026

All week the children of CFS have been discussing how to stay safe online and who to talk to if there is a problem. The Kestrels have also been looking at digital etiquette and how they can use positive posting to make the internet less toxic!



Trips and events

Year 1 had a wonderful trip to the Museum of East Dorset's Toy Museum! The children enjoyed making gingerbread men, visiting a Victorian schoolroom, handling old toys and playing traditional games. It was a fantastic hands-on experience that brought history to life and sparked lots of curiosity and excitement.



Year 1 at Colehill had an amazing time visiting the Museum of East Dorset on their school trip this half term. We learnt so much about toys from the past and how school used to be. We enjoyed making our very own old toy of a thaumatrope, holding old toys, playing traditional games and even pretending to be children in Victorian times going to school!



Trips and events



Hayeswood's Office Hours



Please note a temporary change to the office hours at Hayeswood to enable us to support colleagues in other schools. The office will be open from 08.50-14.40 on Wednesday and Thursdays after half term, until May 21st. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause, and thank you as always, for your patience and understanding.

Safety at Drop off and Pick ups Hayeswood

We are very aware of the eyesore that is the current car parking area at the front of Hayeswood School. There have been ongoing plans with Dorset for some changes over a number of years but recently these have drawn to a close. This allows us the opportunity to review how we would like the car park area to look, and to get an appropriate plan in place.

It is likely that any work that needs to be done, will be carried out during the summer holidays.

In the meantime, there is a lot of traffic coming through the gate and the STAFF car park is being used by non staff. This creates an increased and unnecessary risk to children and their families as they approach and leave the school site.

Dorset Police are working with us to ensure that your children are safe. You may well see them at drop off and picks off monitoring and policing the area, if you haven't already done so.

Please only use the car park if you have been given an access pass from the office. This should be clearly displayed on the dash.

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Digital Lives

I would like to share a new guide from the Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, titled What I wish my parents or carers knew: [A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives.](#)

The guide highlights the growing challenges parents and carers face in managing children's online lives and balancing access to digital spaces with keeping children safe. It focuses on everyday online habits and the importance of clear, protective boundaries.

Written with direct input from children and young people, the guide shows that many value firm, informed limits around smartphone and online use and feel safer when adults take the lead in setting boundaries.

We encourage you to use this guide as a practical resource to support conversations at home about online safety and wellbeing.

School Values

Our school values of Ready Respect Resilient are well embedded and known to the children. They have become much better at articulating WHY they got a token over recent months and are always very proud as they drop their token into the appropriate House Jar, with that lovely tinkle! These work alongside our LEARNING values of READY, RESPECT, and ENGAGED.

We will be reviewing our Behaviour curriculum and guidance during the half term and will share the updated version with you.

By linking everything back to our goal of learning to be the best version of ourselves, we hope to encourage respect (for ourselves others and the world around us) in all areas of school life and beyond.

Everyone Matters, Every Day Counts

Vision: A school where everyone is nurtured and empowered to be their best selves.

Article 29 of the UN Convention of the Rights of a Child:
"All children have the right to be the best they can be."

School Values : Respect, Reflect, Resilient

These values help us to be respectful, engaged and ready to learn

Mental Health and Awareness Week

We celebrated Mental Health Awareness week with the children enjoying a special Be Yourself Day, wearing something that makes them feel happy and comfortable. Throughout the week, classes have taken part in activities focused on expressing feelings, celebrating individuality and supporting wellbeing.

Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

The older children have been really focussing on their times tables and have steadily improved on the speed and accuracy of answers. This is such a fantastic life skill and makes Maths learning so much easier, removing some of the cognitive load. Please continue to practise these at home, in the car, walking in the wood - anywhere and everywhere. I promise it will be time well spent!

In Year 4 the children currently complete a test online towards the end of the year. To pass the child must get all the answers correct in the time given. I have been so impressed with how the children have worked on improving their own personal best, thus making small steps of progress over time and the resilience shown by all. Keep it up!

NEW! Donate on Arbor
You can now make donations to the school using the usual systems of payments on Arbor

Attendance

‘As we move through the academic year, I want to take a moment to discuss two of the most significant factors in your child’s success: attendance and punctuality.

We understand that every family faces unique challenges, particularly for our students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) or those supported by Pupil Premium funding. We are here to partner with you to ensure these barriers don't stand in the way of your child's bright future.

- Good timekeeping isn’t just about following rules; it’s about reducing anxiety and maximising learning. The "Settling In" Period: The first 10 minutes of the day are often when teachers outline the lesson's goals and provide crucial instructions.
- Social Connection: For many children, especially those with SEND, arriving on time allows for a calm transition and social interaction before formal learning begins.
- Cumulative Impact: Being just 5 minutes late every day adds up to 3 full days of lost learning over a school year.

There is a direct correlation between being in the classroom and achieving the grades needed for the next step in life. National statistics show a striking "attainment gap" based on attendance levels:

95% - 100% Attendance

High

Children often achieve one grade higher in every subject.

Below 80%

Significant Risk

Only 35% of students in this bracket achieve 5+ "strong passes.

Our school attendance is currently at 97.8%

Thank you for your support to keep this high during these wet, dark months as we fight the constant viruses and bad weather, making journeys difficult. The effectiveness of the school is partly measured by this figure. Keeping our children healthy and having a good attitude to school attendance is proven to support them in later life.

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DUMPTON SCHOOL WIMBORNE

Dumpton Talks Week
Monday 23rd February -
Friday 27th February
2026
8.30am - 9:30am

Location: Dumpton School, Recital Hall.
Open to the local community.

We look forward to welcoming you to our popular
DUMPTON TALKS WEEK.
Talks are FREE of charge.

Places are limited- booking is essential.
Book now via the link in our bio/ our website
under COMMUNITY/Dumpton Talks.

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Dumpton Talks

Monday 23rd February
8.30am - 9:30am

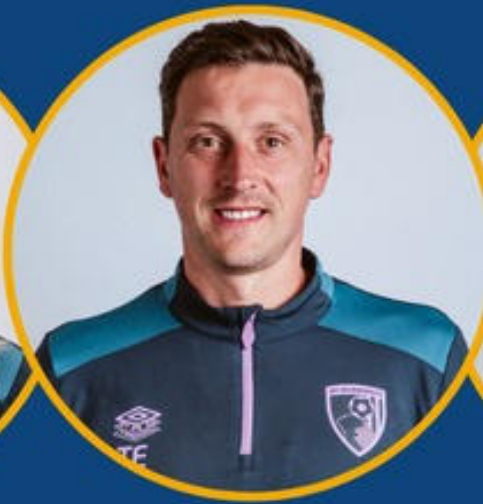
Location: Dumpton School, Recital Hall
This is a free event.
Open to all in our local community.

'Nurturing Sporting Potential in Children'

In conversation with AFC Bournemouth:
A perspective from professional sport.



Helen Bleazard



Tommy Elphick



Bruce Suraci

With insight and wisdom from a panel of three leading figures from Bournemouth AFC, this conversation will explore how best we can nurture and support talented children on their sporting journeys, and the crucial role that parents play.

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Dumpton Talks

Tuesday 24th February
8.30am - 9:30am

Location: Dumpton School, Recital Hall

This is a free event.

Open to all in our local community.

Entrepreneurial Spirit- what it looks like,
and how we can cultivate it in our children.



Dodge Woodall

This conversation with successful and passionate entrepreneur, Dodge Woodall, will explore what it takes to start and run a successful business, and what qualities we might want to encourage in our children from an early age.

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Dumpton Talks

Wednesday 25th February
8.30am - 9:30am

Location: Dumpton School, Recital Hall

This is a free event.

Open to all in our local community.

'The Power of Play'



Kate Gingles - Norland Nannies - Early Years Lecturer

Play is more than fun.

It is, as Einstein once said, “the highest form of research”.
Through play children develop essential emotional, social and cognitive skills. They literally build their brains. Find out how to support and enable this to set your child up for success in school and beyond.

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Dumpton Talks

Thursday 26th February
8.30am - 9:30am

Location: Dumpton School, Recital Hall
This is a free event.
Open to all in our local community.

'Working in teams:
understanding ourselves and others '



Chris Wheeler - Headmaster Canford School

An engaging workshop in recognising personal bias, understanding its impact, and communicating more effectively.
By fostering empathy and self-awareness, we can strengthen relationships and achieve happier, more constructive outcomes.

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Dumpton Talks

Friday 27th February
8.30am - 9:30am

Location: Dumpton School, Recital Hall

This is a free event.

Open to all in our local community.

'Thinking about AI and AI that helps our children's thinking:
Empowering parents and teachers
in the age of AI'



**Carrie Marsden - Assistant Head of Teaching & Learning,
Bryanston School**

In the advent of AI our children's futures look increasingly complex. This workshop aims to empower parents and teachers to engage both positively and critically with AI, so that we are best placed to support, nurture, and guide our children towards their next steps.

WhatsApp Support Service

We believe everyone should have someone to turn to for support.

If you are worried about your children or your family life, message us on WhatsApp



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Colehill First School Parent Calendar Dates 2025/26

16.02.26 - 20.02.26	HALF TERM
23.02.26	INSET DAY
24.02.26	Pupils return to school
25/02/26	Police Officer/Car Visit to Reception Class - pm
02.03.26	Chance to Shine Cricket
03.03.26	Reception (Hedgehogs) Phonics Screening Parents Meeting @ 9am
05.03.26	World Book Day
06.03.26	Local Author visiting school to read to pupils
12.03.26	Young Carers' Action Day
17.03.26	Mad4Animals Visit to Col - Year 1
17.03.26	Starting School September 2026 - Stay and Play Session
17.03.26	Parent Consultations 3.30pm - 6pm
18.03.26	Samba Concert - YEAR 3 ONLY
19.03.26	Parent Consultations 3.30pm - 6pm
20.03.26	Comic Relief/Red Nose Day
25.03.25	Easter Service at School - PUPILS ONLY
26.03.26	Trip to Marwell Zoo - Year 4 ONLY
26.03.26	Easter Egg Hunt
27.03.26	Tennis Roadshow
27.03.26	Last day of term
30.03.26 - 10.04.26	EASTER HOLIDAYS
SUMMER TERM	
13.04.26	INSET DAY
14.04.26	Pupils return to school
04.05.26	BANK HOLIDAY
08.05.26	National Childhood Measurement Programme - Year R ONLY

11.05.26	Pond Dipping trip to Dumpton School - Year R ONLY
13.05.26	Iron Age Day - Years 3 and 4 ONLY
14.05.26&15.05.26	Bikeability - Years 3 and 4 ONLY
20.05.26	Trip to The Lighthouse, Poole - Years 3 and 4 ONLY - tbc
22.05.26	Sponsored Walk
22.05.26	Last day of term
25.05.26-29.05.26	HALF TERM
01.06.26	Pupils return to school
03.06.26	Trip to Winchester Science Museum - Year 4 ONLY
03.06.26	September 2026 Reception Class Parents Evening
17.06.26	Class Photos
18.06.25	Trip to Hengistbury Head - Year 2 ONLY
22.06.26	SPORTS DAY
26.06.26	Transfer Day
29.06.26	BACK UP SPORTS DAY
06.07.26	CFSA School Summer Disco
10.07.26	Wimborne Minster Leavers' Service - Year 4 & Children ONLY
10.07.26	End of Year Reports sent home
10.07.26	Summer Fair
16.07.26	Celebration of Learning
17.07.26	Year 4 Leavers Assembly and Banquet
22.07.26	Last day of term
23.07.26-02.09.26	SUMMER HOLIDAY

Hayeswood First School Parent Calendar Dates 2025/26

23.02.26	INSET DAY
24.02.26	Pupils return to school
24.02.26	Yr1 Phonics Parent Workshop Meeting 2.50-3.15
26.02.26	Mad 4 Animals Workshops
05.03.26	World Book Day
06.03.26- 15.03.26	British Science Week
10.03.26	Trip to Larmer Tree Gardens - Year 4 ONLY
10.03.26	Stay & Play Session for Children Starting School In September 2026. 9.15-10am
12.03.26	Young Carers action day
13.03.26	Rainbow Raffle Mufti Day
17.03.26 & 19.03.26	Parent Consultations 3.30pm - 6.30pm
20.03.26	Red Nose Day
23.03.26	HSA Easter Egg Hunt
25.03.26	Bikeability 3:15 - 5:15 - Year 4 ONLY
26.03.25	Marwell Zoo trip - Year 4 ONLY
27.03.26	Last day of term
30.03.26 -10.04.26	EASTER HOLIDAYS
SUMMER TERM	
13.04.26	INSET DAY
Summer Term (exact date TBC)	Iron Age Day
14.04.26	Pupils return to school
17.4.26	HSA Quiz Night - Adults only
30.04.26	Class photos
04.05.26	BANK HOLIDAY
5.5.25-8.5.25	Travelling Book Fair
18.05.26- 19.05.26	Brenscombe Residential - Year 4 ONLY

22.05.26	Break the Rules day
22.05.26	Last day of term
25.05.26-29.05.26	HALF TERM
01.06.26	Pupils return to school
04.06.26	New Reception Parents Evening
08.06.26	Pond dipping trip to Dumpton School - Year R ONLY
19.06.26	HSA Mufti Day - Bottle Tombola
24.06.26	SPORTS DAY
26.06.26	Transfer Day
29.06.26	Hengistbury Head Trip- Year 2 ONLY
01.07.26	BACK UP SPORTS DAY
04.07.26	HSA Summer Fair
10.07.26	Wimborne Minster Leavers' Service - Year 4 & Children ONLY
10.07.26	End of Year Reports sent home
16.07.26	Celebration of Learning
17.07.26	HSA Colour Run/End of Year Disco
20.07.26	Year 4 Leavers assembly and tea party
22.07.26	Last day of term
23.07.26-02.09.26	SUMMER HOLIDAY