

Muscliff Primary School

WEEKLY BULLETIN



Friday 9th January 2026

News and highlights



Welcome back to the new school term! It has been great to see the children this week; focused and energised to do their best!

This week has seen new texts and new topics being introduced across the school. Reception are exploring the moon, solar system and planets this week, Year 1 are uncovering the mystery of the 'mistreated vegetables' and laying traps for 'Evil Pea' (Supertato by Sue Hendra), Year 2 worked as a team to put the fire out in the houses in Brick Lane (recreating the Great fire of London), and Year 3 are learning about weather and this week aptly asking why we rarely have any snow in Bournemouth!

Year 4 had a great time during their first swimming lessons this week,

Y5 are visiting Winchester Science museum today as part of their planets topic and Year 6 have begun to read Frankenstein and will be studying the circulatory system and the heart. There is a lot going on at Muscliff Primary!



Key upcoming dates to be aware of:



Tuesday 13th January Yr 5 Boys football training
Yr 4 Swimming afternoons

Wednesday 14th January Yr 6 Boys football training

Thursday 15th January Yr 5/6 Girls football training

Tuesday 20th January 6.30pm - Friends meeting at school

The new year is thought of as a time for resolutions; a time of reflection and making changes, however when the days are dark, cold and windy, we don't always feel quite right! - This week in assembly the younger children heard the story 'Tilda tries again' and talked about being 'kind to yourself' and doing your best (whatever that may be) even when you don't feel quite right!



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Food Menu choices: You are able to order your child's food up **until February Half Term.**

Please can we ask you order by Thursday lunchtime, for the following week (at the latest) so we can order and prepare food in time.

Thank you.



On Thursday Y5 & Y6 children received a presentation from the 'Bikeability' team to promote the course. A flyer has been sent home with the children today to encourage parents to sign their child up. Being able to cycle safely on roads is an important skill for children to learn.



Something new and exciting to look forward to....

Over the coming months we are re-developing parts of our grounds, in order to provide improved outside learning opportunities for the children.

From February half term we will be working with Hannah Jones from 'Primary Forest Schools' every Wednesday to offer forest school and outdoor education across the school. She will work with different year groups each half term, as well as providing an after school club. (More information about the after school club will be sent to parents in the coming weeks.)

Over the next few weeks Hannah will be helping us to set up new outdoor areas. We are really excited by this new project.

We are in need of the following items:

- ◆ Pallets
- ◆ Wood Chipping
- ◆ Plants / Bulbs
- ◆ Old Sinks, Pots, Pans & Utensils
- ◆ Tree Stumps
- ◆ Tyres
- ◆ Planks of Wood
- ◆ Bricks
- ◆ Cable Drums



Please contact the school office or Mr Scoble, site manager, if you can help with any of the items.

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Please note, this is for St Michael's CE Primary School, Bournemouth...



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Could you make a positive contribution to a local school as a School Governor?

Are you a strategic leader?
Are you looking for a challenging new role?

Being a school governor is a rewarding way of making a voluntary contribution to the lives of local young people

We are particularly looking for skills/experience in School Governance, Education, Finance or HR, but would welcome all applicants with the drive and dedication

Let Your Light Shine

For more information please contact the Governance Manager Hayley Upton:
hayley.upton@stmichaelsprimary.bournemouth.sch.uk
The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children. Appointments will be subject to references and DBS checks.

If you need to contact a member of staff:
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General enquiries: muscliff@muscliffprimary.co.uk

Letters/Emails sent this week via Arbor:

Whole School Emails: E-Safety Newsletter, Clubs, Theatre Kidz availability, inner strength safe steps, Children's Commissioner – A Guide For Parents On Managing Children's Digital Lives, online Autism sessions

Specific children: Girls football match invitation 7th January, Year 4-6 Girls match 6th February, Guitar lessons, Violin lessons, Boys football invitation 16th January, football cancelled,

Year 6: Leavers hoodies, Bikeability

Year 5: Winchester Science Museum, Bikeability

Year 4: Swimming reminder

Year 3-6: Creative club availability, Teamtheme spaces,

Year 2: Magical starter, weighing items, Great Fire of London

Reception: School entry health questionnaire, parent craft

Term dates for 2025-26 including INSET days:	
Autumn Term 1 2025	Thursday 4th September - Friday 24th October 2025 (normal finish)
October Half Term break	Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October 2025
	Wednesday 3rd September 2025- INSET day (school closed)
Autumn Term 2 2025	Monday 3rd November - Friday 19th December 2025 (1.30pm finish)
Christmas Holiday	Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January 2026
	Friday 21st November - INSET day (school closed)
Spring Term 1 2026	Tuesday 6th January – Friday 13th February 2026 (normal finish)
February Half Term break	Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 2026
	Monday 5th January- INSET day (school closed)
Spring Term 2 2026	Monday 23rd February – Friday 27th March 2026 (1:30pm finish)
Easter Holiday	Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April 2026
Summer Term 1 2026	Monday 13th April – Friday 22nd May 2026 (normal finish)
	Bank Holiday: 4th May – School closed
May Half Term break	Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026
Summer Term 2 2026	Tuesday 2nd June – Wednesday 22nd July 2026 (1.30pm finish)
	Monday 1st June - INSET day (school closed)
	Friday 3rd July - INSET day (school closed)
Summer Holiday begins	Thursday 23rd July 2026- start of the summer holiday

Reception starters -September 2026
Deadline for school place applications is
15th January 2026

<https://www.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/Schools-and-learning/School-admissions>

Thank you for your support in settling the children back in after the Christmas break. We hope you have a lovely weekend,

The Muscliff Team