

Muscliff Primary School

WEEKLY BULLETIN



Friday 23rd January 2026

News and highlights



You might have seen some changes in the far corner of the field (hills area). This is the start of 'Forest Schools' at Muscliff.

What is 'Forest school'?

Forest School is a child-centred inspirational learning process, that offers opportunities for growth through regular sessions. It is a long-term programme that supports play, exploration and supported risk taking. It develops confidence and self-esteem through learner inspired, hands-on experiences in a natural setting.

There are many benefits of doing 'Forest School' activities for children; developing confidence and independence, social skills/working as a group, promoting language development (and self-esteem), developing physical skills (gross and fine motor), learning about the environment.

Hannah Jones, our allocated Forest Schools teacher, will be in every Wednesday from half term to work with different year groups, starting with Year Five. She will continue to build the outside area, alongside the children.

We are delighted to have the support of the 'Friends of Muscliff' on this new project, who are fully funding the start up tools and resources as well as putting forward £3000 to get the sessions up and running. Thank you so much!

We are still in need of pallets, planks of wood, bricks, old pots/pans etc so please continue to donate! Thank you.



Key upcoming dates to be aware of:

Tuesday 27th January Year 4-6 Girls Football Match

Wednesday 28th January Year 6 Boys Football training

Thursday 29th January Year 5/6 Football training

Monday 2nd February Girls Football match

Tuesday 3rd February Year 5 Boys Football training

Wednesday 4th February 9:10-10am Rainbows Parent Craft
Year 6 Boys Football match

Thursday 5th February Year 5/6 Girls Football training

Friday 6th February Year 4-6 Girls Dorset League Round Robin

Monday 9th February: 'Come as yourself' day - non uniform as part of Children's Mental Health week



Friends update:

The Friends of Muscliff will be running a competition for World Book day this year (6th March) - look out for information before half term.

Save the date: Outalimits Easter Discos
Thursday 26th March Y1/2: 3.15-4pm,
Y3/4: 4.15-5.15pm, Y5/6 5.30-6.30pm
- Tickets on sale from 9th March

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A message from our school council:

Children's Mental Health Week will take place from Monday 9th to Friday 13th February, with the theme "This is my place", focusing on helping children feel safe, valued and that they belong.

Throughout the week, children from the school council have created activities, that will take place during the school day, linked to the theme "This is my place."

On Monday 9th February, we will be having a "COME AS YOURSELF DAY."

Children are invited to come to school wearing an outfit that makes them feel comfortable, confident, and truly themselves.

This could be cosy clothes, cultural dress, favourite colours, or something meaningful to them. Please ensure that children wear appropriate footwear suitable for a normal school day, as they will still be taking part in their usual activities.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us promote positive mental health and a strong sense of belonging.

Term dates:

Spring Term 1: Tuesday 6th January – Friday 13th February 2026
(normal finish)

February Half Term break Monday 16th February – Friday 20th
February 2026

Spring Term 2: Monday 23rd February – Friday 27th March 2026
(1:30pm finish)

Easter Holiday Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April 2026

Summer Term 1: Monday 13th April – Friday 22nd May 2026 (normal
finish)

Bank Holiday: 5th May – school closed

May Half Term break Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026

Summer Term 2: 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

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

Please see the email that was sent on 14th January regarding ordering.



Thank you.

Letters/Emails sent this week via Arbor:

Whole School Emails: Teamtheme Holiday Club, lunch choices

Specific children: Year 5/6 Girls Football dates and match transport information, Year 3-6 creative club space, Speech and Language sessions, Year 6 Boys Football training cancelled, Football kit, Bikeability

Year 6: Year 6 Height and Weight check

Year 1: Farmer Palmers trip

Reception: Parent craft,

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We hope you have a lovely weekend,

The Muscliff Team