



Message from Miss Budden

What a fantastic half term it has been! The children have been full of energy, curiosity and enthusiasm, and it has been a joy to see them growing in confidence and enjoying their learning.

With the sunshine finally beginning to appear, there's a real sense that spring is on its way. The brighter days have lifted everyone's spirits, and the children have loved spending more time outdoors—exploring, playing, and discovering the first signs of the new season.

Across the school, we have seen wonderful teamwork, creativity and perseverance. Whether in the classroom, on the playground, or during special activities, our pupils continue to impress us with their kindness and positive attitudes.

We have celebrated World Book Day, enjoyed listening to a brilliant concert by Rock Steady and some budding Springdale musicians. Year 2 walked to Broadstone High Street and asked our community a range of questions, Year 1 visited Broadstone Library. All these events continue to enrich our curriculum and enable the children to experience new opportunities and possibilities, opening new interests that they may wish to pursue further.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our recent Parents' Evening. It was wonderful to celebrate the children's successes with you and to share the progress they have made this year. I always really enjoy walking around school listening in to the conversations that are happening and hearing how well all the children are doing. We also appreciate the thoughtful conversations around the targets set for next term; working together makes such a positive difference to every child's journey.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another lovely half term ahead as we move further into spring.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Easter and I look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 13th April for what will be another busy term.



Warmest wishes,

Miss Budden

Fond Farewell....

We would also like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to **Mr Gosney**, who will be retiring at the end of this term. He has been our dedicated Site Manager for many years and has played a vital role in keeping our school safe, tidy, and welcoming for children, families and staff alike. His hard work behind the scenes has ensured that countless school events have run smoothly.

Mr Gosney will be greatly missed by us all. His warm presence, reliability, and commitment to our school community have made a lasting impact, and we know that many children and families will remember him with great fondness. We wish him the very best for a happy and relaxing retirement.



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Special Easter Assembly

We were delighted to welcome Liz from **PACE** into school recently to lead a special Easter assembly for the children.

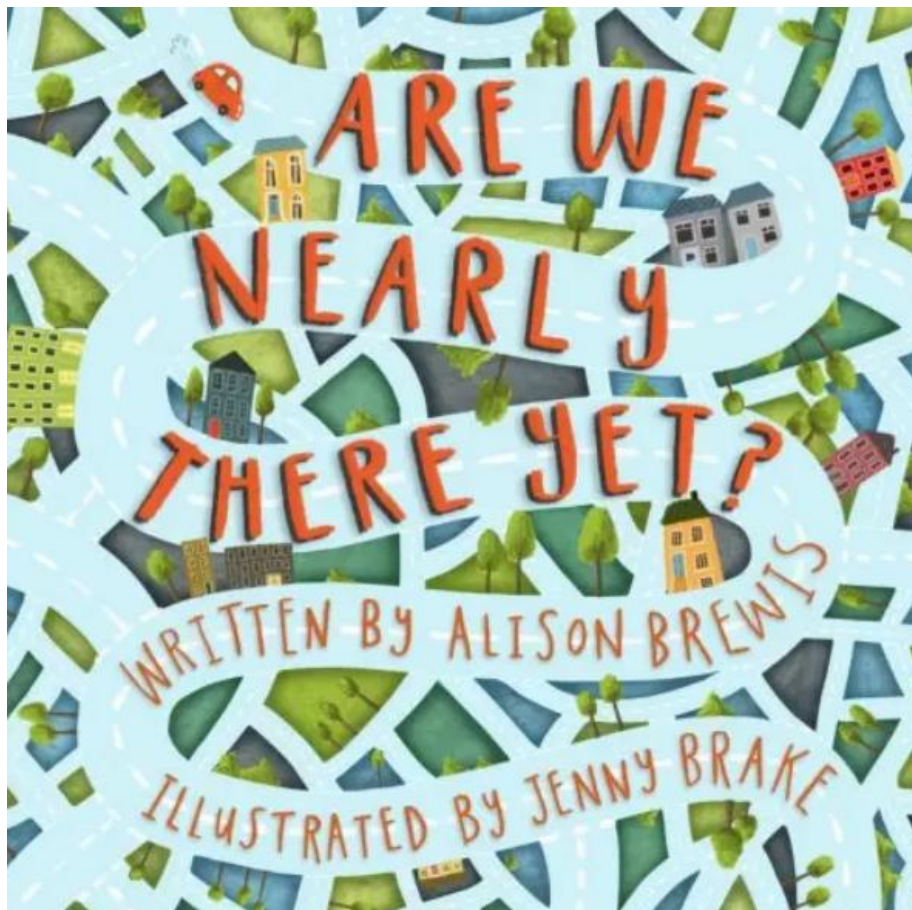
Liz centred the assembly around the book *“Are We Nearly There Yet?”*, which tells the story of Easter in a fun, engaging and child-friendly way. Through the story, the children were taken on a journey through the key events of Easter, helping them understand why this time of year is so important to Christians around the world.

The assembly was full of interesting props and visual aids, which Liz used brilliantly to keep the children engaged and involved. The props helped bring the story to life and made it easier for the children to understand the meaning behind the events of Easter.

Liz also explored some questions the children often ask about Easter. She explained why Good Friday is called “good”, helping the children understand its importance in the Christian story. The children were also fascinated to learn that Easter eggs used to be hollow, symbolising the empty tomb after Jesus rose again.

It was a thoughtful, interactive and memorable assembly, and the children listened beautifully throughout.

A big thank you to Liz for taking the time to visit us and for helping the children learn more about the meaning of Easter in such an engaging and accessible way.





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Basketball Festival at Corfe Hills

Our Year 3 and 4 girls recently had a fantastic opportunity to visit Corfe Hills School to take part in a friendly basketball festival against two other local schools. The event focused on developing skills, building confidence and, most importantly, having fun. The format of the games was designed to encourage teamwork and learning. Players were allowed to pass and shoot, but rather than traditional defending, children could only intercept the ball when it was passed. This helped everyone concentrate on developing their passing, movement and shooting skills while keeping the games fast paced and enjoyable.

There was plenty of laughter, encouragement and excitement throughout the afternoon, and it was wonderful to see the girls supporting one another and playing in such excellent spirits. Every team showed great enthusiasm and determination, and it was clear that the focus on enjoyment made the event a real success.

One particularly lovely moment came when one of the girls shared that she was now interested in joining a basketball club outside of school — a real highlight and a great sign of how inspiring the experience was!

We would like to say a big thank you to Russ Dominey and the team at Corfe Hills School for kindly allowing us to use their Sports Hall, and to the parents who helped transport the girls to and from the event. Your support made this opportunity possible. Well done to all the girls who represented the school so brilliantly! 🙌



Year 3 and Year 4 Castle Ball at Corfe Hills

Springdale recently visited Corfe Hills School to take part in a Castleball tournament. Castleball is very similar to dodgeball, and the games were played in a fun, non-competitive spirit. There was plenty of throwing, dodging and ducking as everyone got involved, with lots of laughter throughout the matches.

The children showed great teamwork and enthusiasm, making it an enjoyable event for all. A big thank you to Miss Cribb for organising the tournament, and to the parents who helped transport the children and came along to support them. 🏀👏



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Year 1 Trip to the Library

This half-term Year 1 went on a trip to Broadstone Library and spent time reading and exploring a variety of books. A librarian showed us how the library works, including how books are organised and how to borrow and return them. We also learnt about the important rules that help keep the library quiet, tidy, and enjoyable for everyone.

It was a great way to boost our love for reading! A massive thank you to our volunteers that gave up their time to help us.



Year 2 Trip to Broadstone High Street

On Friday 20th March, we went to Broadstone High Street to conduct some fieldwork for our Rural and Urban unit in Geography.

As part of our fieldwork we:

- Asked people why they had visited Broadstone High Street.
- Conducted a vehicle survey to see how many different transport types there were.
- Looked at the different types of shops you can find on the High Street.



During our visit, we discovered that there were lots of cars, lots of cafes and lots of people were visiting them too. The children were brilliant at carrying out their research and very respectful and polite when asking people why they were visiting the high street.

Many thanks to the volunteers who gave up their time to help on the trip.

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Year 2 Science Dome

This term, we had a visit from the Science Dome. During our session we got to explore the night sky learning how pirates and smugglers used this to navigate. We learnt about the difference between pirates, privateers and smugglers (the children were very good at the sound effects for each!) and also got to learn about a famous pirate (Harry Payne) and a gentle smuggler (Isacc Gulliver).

The children loved their visit from the Science Dome and it brought their history knowledge to life!



Science Week

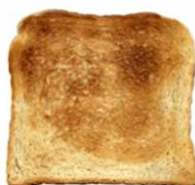


This term, we have celebrated Science Week. This year's theme was Curiosity – what's your question?

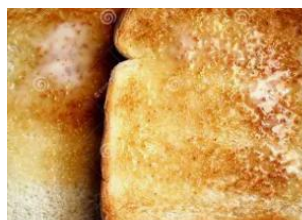
We started the week with an assembly exploring what questions we would like to ask about any scientific topic. We also explored how people who use science within their jobs ask questions to help them. For example thinking about the questions a vet might ask to find out what is wrong with an animal or the questions a geologist might ask to find out more about rocks.



Throughout the rest of the week, each class carried out an experiment to determine if toast lands buttered or non-buttered side down. This was based on the work of scientist Matthew Roberts who won the Nobel Prize for his research into this.



Most classes found that the toast landed buttered side down, however, one class found the opposite! Having completed the experiment children then came up with questions they would like to ask based on their results. For example, what would happen if you put the butter on the other side, does it matter what type of bread you use and what would happen if you put jam on the toast instead of butter.



It was really lovely to see so many super scientists at work throughout the week and hear lots of their curious questions too!



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We are Recruiting

Please see below our vacancy for a Site Manager. If you are interested or know of anyone who might be please click on either link below to view the complete advert, job description, person specification and application form.

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Site Manager

Springdale First School



Location:	Springdale First School
Contract:	37 hours per week, <i>52 weeks a year</i>
Salary:	Between £31,537 to £34,434 per annum (actual)
Application deadline:	20 th April 2026
Interview date:	28 th April 2026
Start Date:	As Soon as Possible, to be discussed

Springdale First School is an '**outstanding**' (**Ofsted October 2024**) school, in a beautiful setting, situated in the Broadstone suburb of Poole. We are a two-form entry school for children from Reception to Year 4 (age 4+ to 9+).

Springdale is a child centred, caring school with high aspirations for all. We are outstanding in all areas because of the hard work and enthusiasm from staff, governors and children.

Our motto, "Imagine, Believe, Achieve", reflects our "commitment to encouraging creativity, self-belief, and ambition in every child. As a school, we place a strong emphasis on developing confidence and independence in learning, creating a safe and inclusive environment as well as ensuring that we are preparing children for future educational success.

You will be joining a dedicated team that is passionate about making a difference. As a member of our team, you will have the opportunity to shape learning experiences that are creative, inclusive, and meaningful. We are committed to the professional development and wellbeing of our staff. We offer high-quality training, mentoring, and opportunities for career progression.

Springdale First is in the Hillary Partnership of Hamwic Education Trust (HET); a large, fast-paced multi-academy trust with currently 37 schools across the South Coast: Portsmouth, Southampton, Poole and Dorset. The Hillary Partnership is a multi-academy partnership based in Poole and Dorset. This enables us to work closely with other schools, enabling staff to develop alongside other colleagues beyond our school, sharing joint professional development opportunities and leadership networks.

Role Summary:

Springdale First School is seeking to appoint a proactive, motivated, and skilled Site Manager to join our friendly and dedicated team. This is an exciting opportunity for someone with strong practical abilities and a commitment to maintaining high-quality learning environments.

This varied and rewarding position involves working 3 days a week at Springdale First School and 2 days a week supporting other nearby schools within the Trust.

You will play a key role in ensuring that our school sites are safe, well-maintained, and welcoming. From coordinating repairs to upholding health and safety standards, you will help create an environment where our pupils can thrive.

We warmly encourage prospective applicants to arrange a visit so you can experience our school in action and meet the team. If you are a highly motivated individual who enjoys practical work, being part of a collaborative team, and is ready for a new challenge, we would be delighted to receive your application.

Springdale Newsletter

March 2026



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Term Dates

2025-2026 Academic Year

Autumn Term

Wednesday 3rd September to Friday 19th December 2025

Autumn Half Term Break: Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025

Christmas Holiday: Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026

Spring Term

Monday 5th January to Friday 27th March 2026

Spring Half Term Break: Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026

Easter Holiday: Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026

Summer Term

Monday 13th April to Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Summer Half Term Break: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026

Inset Days

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Friday 10th October 2025 * Extra Inset Day*

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Friday 6th March 2026 *Extra Inset Day*

Monday 29th June 2026

2026-2027 Academic Year

Autumn Term

Tuesday 1st September to Friday 18th December 2026

Autumn Half Term Break: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027

Spring Term

Monday 4th January to Thursday 25th March 2027

Spring Half Term Break: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027

Easter Holiday: Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April 2027

Summer Term

Monday 12th April to Wednesday 21st July 2027

Summer Half Term Break: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027

Inset Days

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Monday 2nd November 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Thursday 25th March 2027 *Extra Inset Day*

June 2027 Inset Day TBC



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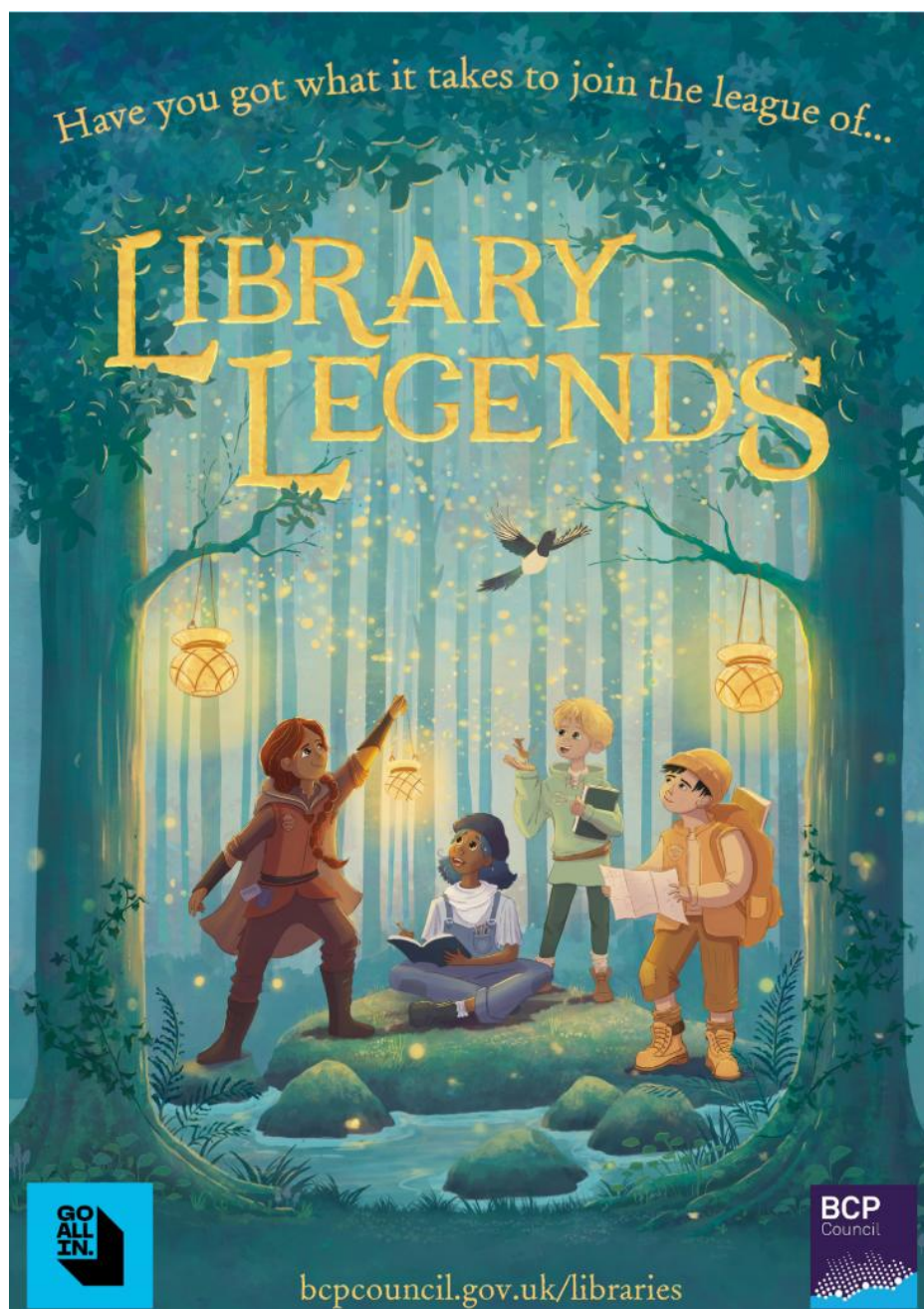
BCP Libraries

2026 is a National Year of Reading so BCP Libraries have designed a challenge to help us celebrate.

- **It's a big challenge but you have the whole year to complete it.**
- **It is split into 5 quests.**
- **Work together with your family and friends to see how many of these you can complete.**
- **Earn stickers, collectors' cards and, if you complete all the quests, a medal and certificate.**

[BCP Libraries Newsletter for Parents](#)

[Library Legends Power Point](#)





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Your School Lottery

You could be taking home a Roomba 405 Plus combo vacuum and mop for carpets and hard floors, and a Lawnmaster Ocumow to keep the garden under control! Of course, there's always the **£1,000 cash alternative** too - or our winner can choose to go green, and **plant 1,000 trees!** Scan the QR code to enter!

A large green graphic with white and yellow text. The text reads: "Enter our Super Draw WIN A HOME ROBOT BUNDLE! OR £1,000 CASH PRIZE". Below the text are images of a black Roomba 405 Plus robot vacuum and an orange and black Lawnmaster Ocumow lawnmower. In the bottom left corner, there are three logos: a purple "YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY" logo, the Springdale First School logo, and the Friends of Springdale PTA logo.

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