



## Message from Miss Budden

As we say goodbye to another half term, I would like to thank you for your continued support and partnership. Summer 1 is always a busy and exciting half term, full of learning opportunities and memorable experiences for the children.

We were delighted with the success of the recent Year 4 residential visit to Osmington Bay. The children represented the school wonderfully, showing independence, resilience and excellent teamwork throughout their time away. They embraced new challenges, supported one another and returned with increased confidence, fantastic memories and plenty of stories to share. I would like to thank the staff who gave their time and energy to make this experience such a success, and parents for their encouragement and support.

This half term, we have also been pleased to welcome a wide range of visitors into school, all of whom have enhanced and enriched our wonderful curriculum. These have included the Road Safety Team, Puddleducks supporting water safety, Katie from SCARF Education, and Crazy Creatures, all of whom provided engaging, high-quality learning experiences for our pupils. These visits help bring learning to life, deepen pupils' understanding and support their personal development in meaningful and memorable ways.

Importantly, all visitors consistently comment on the excellent behaviour of our children, praising their politeness, engagement and enthusiasm for learning. We are incredibly proud of how our pupils act as ambassadors for the school and demonstrate our shared values at all times.

Across the school, learning continues to be purposeful and positive. It has been a pleasure to see children motivated, curious and fully engaged in both classroom learning and wider enrichment opportunities. This was also noticed by visitors from Hamwic who came to talk to the children about how we keep safe in school. The team particularly commented on the strong positive relationships between children and staff.

As always, should you have any questions or need to speak to us, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

We look forward to having a fabulous final last term on your return, with lots of celebration and fun for all.

Thank you for your ongoing support – it truly makes a difference to the life of our school.

Miss Budden



## Water Safety Assembly

On Tuesday this week, we were delighted to welcome Puddle Ducks into school to deliver an engaging and informative Water Safety assembly for the children. The session helped the children understand the importance of staying safe around water, especially as we move towards the warmer summer months when many families will be visiting beaches, pools, rivers and lakes. The children learnt four important Water Safety rules to remember:

1. **Stop and Think** – always look carefully before going near water.
2. **Stay Together with an Adult** – never go near water alone.
3. **Float on your Back** – if you fall into water unexpectedly, stay calm and float.
4. **Call for Help** – shout loudly or find an adult straight away.
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The assembly was interactive, engaging and full of valuable advice that could one day help keep the children safe. We would like to thank Puddle Ducks for taking the time to visit our school and share these important life skills with the children.



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## Year 2 Butterflies

This term we have been learning about life cycles in Science. We have learnt about the life cycles of lots of different animals for example humans, bees and frogs. We have also learnt about the life cycle of a butterfly.

Linking to this learning we have had butterflies in the classroom. We have watched them go from chrysalises to caterpillars to butterflies. The children have absolutely loved monitoring their progress over the weeks and were very excited when the butterflies appeared. They also enjoyed releasing them into the wild.





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## Year 4 PGL

Year 4 recently enjoyed an unforgettable residential trip to PGL Osmington Bay, with every child taking part in this special experience. Across two nights and three action-packed days, the children had great fun while challenging themselves and stepping outside their comfort zones. They showed fantastic friendship values throughout, encouraging and supporting one another, every step of the way. Screams of joy could be heard for miles as they zoomed down the zip wire and soared high on the giant swing! Evenings were filled with singsongs and marshmallows around the campfire, followed by plenty of excitable night-time giggles. After three days of wonderful memory making, 61 tired children (and staff!) returned home with smiles on their faces and stories to share. We are incredibly proud of them all.



## Lewis Manning Hospice Care



We are writing to share an important opportunity for our school community to come together in support of a truly vital local charity: **Lewis-Manning Hospice Care**.

Lewis-Manning provides compassionate, specialist care to people living with life-limiting illnesses across our community. Their dedicated team supports not only patients but also their families, offering comfort, dignity, and guidance during incredibly challenging times. Many families locally have benefited from their services, making this charity especially meaningful to us.

As a school, we have been offered and accepted, to attend training in supporting children and families with loss and bereavement.

We would like to support the charity by raising funds so they can continue their invaluable work. We are therefore inviting families, if they are able, to make a voluntary donation. Every contribution, no matter the size, will make a real difference in helping provide care, equipment, and services to those who need them most.

If you would like to donate, contributions can be made directly, via their website [Lewis-Manning Hospice Care](https://www.lewis-manninghospicecare.org.uk).

We understand that not everyone may be in a position to give, and your support in simply raising awareness is equally appreciated. Together, we can make a positive impact on the lives of others in our community.

Thank you for your continued kindness and support.

## Reminders



- Please could you ensure that your child has had suncream applied to them **before** coming to school, children should not be bringing suncream into school.
- Please can you make sure that children have a named sun hat and water bottle.
- Can we remind parents that children should **NOT** be wearing smart watches to school, this forms part of our safeguarding here at Springdale. Any such devices brought in to school will be taken into safe keeping and returned to the parent.
- Hot school meals – please ensure that you have ordered all hot school meals for the remainder of the summer term, the cut-off date for ordering these will be **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May**



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## Term Dates

### 2025-2026 Academic Year

#### Summer Term

Monday 13th April to Wednesday 22nd July 2026

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

#### Inset Days

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

BCP Libraries have lots of activities during May Half Term please follow the link to read their newsletter [BCP Libraries Newsletter](#)



# BCP Council Libraries Schools' Newsletter

May 2026



**activities for children and families during May half term**  
Check individual library branch opening times before visiting



Our Library Legends challenge is still running in all our libraries. This May half term, we're challenging as many families as possible to have a go at the Team Quest.

- Watch something together that's linked to a book
- Read together for a week
- Turn a book into game to play
- Visit a library together
- Read a book each
- Go on a knowledge quest to find out about something you love



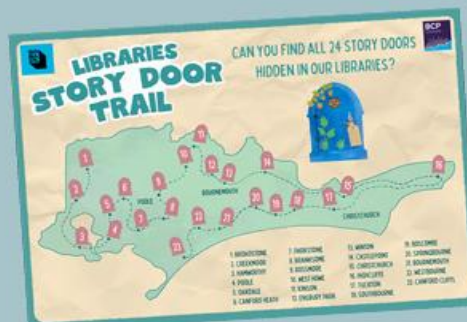
Pop into any BCP library or use the QR code above for more information.

Our Story Doors Trail is launching on May 25th.

24 local schools have each produced a Story Door based on a book they've loved. There's one in each library. How many can you find?



Click on this QR code to download your Story Door Trail map. (Available from May 25th)





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## Cross Court Padel

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