

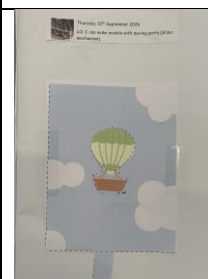
PUDDLETOWN VC CE FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Reception Autumn fine motor skills and exploring



September 2026



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REMINDERS

Welcome Back.

It is always so exciting to start a new school year and reconnect with all our pupils to hear tales of holidays, new pets and lost teeth! The children all looked so smart and seemed so happy to return. They have all settled into their new classrooms and routines very quickly and have already embarked on their new year's learning journey. We extend a very warm welcome to all our new Reception families and new families that have joined us. We look forward to working with you to support your children to have the best experience here at Puddletown first.

Fops have kindly supported us to provide extra books for classrooms and for each KS2 child to take home through the 'Book Buzz' scheme. This scheme supports older children with the skills to choose books they enjoy as they become more independent readers. Fops are always keen for new families to support the work they do with ideas and practical help to enhance the children's opportunities in their time with us. Find them on Facebook under friends of Puddletown school.

Our Vicar Rev Sarah is moving on to pastures new and the 8th October, our church Harvest service, will be her last one. We hope that many of you can join us to thank her for her service and wish her well in her next chapter.

**Our school rules are Be
Ready, Respectful and
Safe.**



Class 3 have already undertaken their first class to trip to enhance their learning on the stone age. They visited Cranborne ancient technology centre and had hands on practical experience of activities such flint knapping and fire lighting. They had a fantastic day. Thank you to our parent helpers who supported the class on the trip.



As a Church of England school, our Christian distinctiveness is reflected in the values, vision and caring ethos that underpin everything we do. We warmly welcome children and families of all faiths and none. The vision and values of the school need reflecting upon every few years to see if they are still pertinent, memorable and lived. We will shortly be sending out a short survey to gather your views in this area as we engage in this process and would appreciate your time in completing the short survey to help us shape our next steps.

Thank you for all families with allergies for working with us to write your child's allergy health plan as we implement 'Bendicts law'. For us, most aspects were already covered by our existing medical plans however it has enhanced our current practice. In light of this, with much consideration and in line with most schools, we have taken the decision that as a school we are unable to accept food items that are given by parents to share with others in the class or school. This includes sending items in for birthdays.

Fops cake sales will continue as children are with their adults when purchasing items however please be aware it cannot be guaranteed that any cakes have been made in a nut, wheat, dairy etc free environment. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

We have also spent time trying to resolve the backpack /book bag dilemma as we have noticed that this year many children have returned to school with backpacks. As a school we have two priorities. **1.** We want the books and work we send home to remain in good condition and not get wet, bent or squashed. **2.** We have limited space with the peg spaces for each class. We understand that for many children having everything in one backpack makes it easier for them to carry however we simply do not have room for 30 backpacks, coats and PE kits on our class pegs. A simple blue book bag (easily available to buy) enables books and homework to be kept flat and neat and can be stored in classrooms for ease of access for reading. It should also be easier for parents to access books to read with their child at home. Please do not put drinks bottles, lunch boxes etc in the book bags effectively using them as a general bag as this defeats the point of using them. Children only need a coat which they can wear, a book bag and a drinks bottle. Some children also bring a lunchbox many of which have a handy side pouch for putting the drinks bottle in which makes carrying easier.

Car Parking.

Please park in the Rec carpark opposite the school to drop off and pick up your children. Our school car park is for staff, buses and disabled permit holders only. We have many staff, and 4 large coaches in our school car park already!

Children have access to water during the day and can fill up empty water bottles so very large ones are unnecessary and difficult to carry.

We have as ever, an action-packed term. All dates and upcoming events are on our calendar on our school website. [Puddletown CE VC First School - Our School](#)

I am on the gates most mornings, for any quick issues or do just come and say hello. Staff can be contacted via the office or afterschool on pick up for minor queries.

Mrs Anna Seal

Head of school and DSL