Ocean Wave
July 2026

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another incredible academic year, I want to take a moment to reflect on everything we have achieved together. First and foremost, a massive **well done** to all of our children. The progress we have witnessed this year - whether looking through their books, watching them shine in lessons, or listening to their confident pupil voices - has been absolutely terrific. They should all feel incredibly proud of themselves.

A very special mention must go to our wonderful Year 6 cohort. They have been exemplary role models for the rest of the school this year, leaving behind a rich legacy for the next year groups to pick up and carry forward. Their recent WW2 show was nothing short of spectacular - a perfect showcase of their talent, hard work, and impressive capabilities. We wish you the absolute best of luck as you take your next steps into secondary school. Please do keep in touch and let us know how you are getting on!

It has been an incredibly busy and vibrant term across the whole school. Here is a look back at some of the brilliant events our pupils and families have enjoyed:

- **Our Summer Picnic:** A huge thank you to everyone who joined us - it was a wonderful afternoon and raised **over £900** for the school!
- **The Book Fair:** Another roaring success, raising **over £400** to help us buy new resources for our pupils.
- **Learning Links, Sports Days, and World Music Day:** It has been wonderful to see so many of you in school celebrating our children's diverse talents and learning.

- **Freeze Pop Fridays:** These seem to have been a very popular addition and we will keep this running next year (in the Summer).
- **Trips & Discos:** Year 3 had an inspiring visit to the Winchester Science Centre, and the children danced the night away at our two school discos.

Friends of Ocean Academy

- We are delighted to announce that a brand-new CPTA model has been officially voted in: Friends of Ocean Academy!
- Following an incredibly passionate speech that proved just how much she cares about our children, parents, and staff, Marianna Webb has been appointed as Chair. We are absolutely thrilled to welcome Marianna into this role and are very much looking forward to collaborating closely with her on our upcoming community engagement events for 26/27. Our next step is to bring together a team of parents who would like to get involved and be a part of this exciting new chapter. Look out for details on how you can join us in September!

Have a Wonderful Summer!

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, the trickier parts of our leadership transition are now officially complete. I am absolutely thrilled about our next steps, which will be much less policy-heavy and far more community-focused. We have a truly great school and an outstanding community, and I can't wait to see what we can achieve when we return!

Behind every successful school is a supportive community of staff, governors, parents, and carers. Thank you for your continued partnership, trust, and enthusiasm this year.

I hope you all have a safe, happy, and restful summer break. Enjoy the sunshine, make some wonderful memories, and we look forward to welcoming you all back, refreshed and ready, in September!

Kind regards,

Mr West
Principal

Staffing Update

As the academic year draws to a close, we are saying a fond farewell to Mr Haley. He is going on an adventure travelling around the world – good luck and thank you!



In September we look forward to welcoming Mrs Manston. She will be working in Year 5 as a class teacher for Thursday and Friday – welcome to Ocean Academy!



Uniform for September

Although September seems a long way away – if you wish to purchase uniform, please do so by visiting PMG uniform suppliers in Poole High Street. You can try on items and collect it at the same time. We are phasing out using Brigade online. We have a small stock in school so please call 01202 606888.
Please can we respectfully remind you to adhere to the uniform dress code as outlined below.

Pupils should NOT wear boots or trainers in school and NO LEGGINGS should be worn.

- A grey blazer, with island blue braiding and the Ocean Academy logo
- A black v neck jumper A white long or short sleeved shirt (**not polo shirt**) and blue clip or full-length tie must be worn all day
- Black trousers or skirt
- Black shoes (no trainers, open toes or high heels or black boots)
- In warmer weather children may wear black formal shorts



- Blue and white gingham checked dresses in summer term only
- Blazers must be worn to and from school every day
- Only school approved badges should be worn on lapels of blazers
- Earrings should be one individual stud or a pair of small studs (and should not be worn on PE days)
- Hair bands should not be overly decorative and should be discreet
- Tights should be plain black
- Socks can be long or short and should be plain black
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- **PE**

- School house colour t-shirt and plain black shorts
- Plain black tracksuit may be worn in cold weather
- Trainers are best for games skills indoors or out
- An optional Ocean black drawstring PE bag can be purchased or other plain drawstring named bag.
  Hair must be tied back for all PE and games lessons

Thank you for your support with this!



School Office reminders

As our year ends, we would like to send our best wishes to our departing Year 6 children. We wish you and your parents well as you move to your next school. To all our other children we hope you have a great summer, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you in September in your new year! If you are moving over the summer or changed your mobile number, please update Arbor accordingly - your data needs to be accurate. We hope you have purchased your uniform if you require it for September. If you are looking for preloved blazers, please contact Mrs Fudge in the school office. you need anything. Have a super summer. Thank you for all your support! Mrs Burry and Mrs Fudge.



School Grid – lunch reminders

School Grid as you know is the updated lunch ordering platform. Please ensure you book in time if you want a hot meal for your child for the first week in September. You have your login. The deadline for bookings is Saturday night at 9pm.

Free School meals – September 2026

As you are aware the whole FSM system is changing. They have expanded the scheme so that if you are in receipt of Universal Credit, you should be eligible. If you currently are entitled to FSM or you think you maybe you HAVE to re-apply. Please re-apply and apply if you think you may be entitled in time for September - https://www.bcpcouncil.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/support-with-education/free-school-meals.

School Games Mark

The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the **School Games Platinum Mark Award** for the 2025/26 academic year. This is the highest level of the school games and, as part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

We look forward to applying once again in 2027!

Year 3 Updates

Wow! What a great Summer Term we have had.

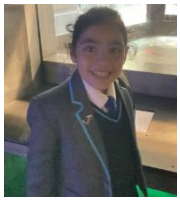
Year 3 had a fantastic trip to Winchester Science Centre, where the children explored a range of interactive exhibits and discovered more about the world around them. They took part in hands-on activities, investigated scientific ideas, and enjoyed learning through play and exploration. The visit supported our science learning and inspired lots of curiosity and thoughtful questions.

We were delighted to welcome Cathy into school for a special music session. The children had great fun using Boom whackers to create rhythms and melodies before performing together as a class. They demonstrated excellent listening skills, teamwork, and confidence, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed making music together.

In Maths, we have been learning about 3D shapes. The children have explored the properties of cubes, cuboids, pyramids, prisms, cylinders, cones, and spheres. They have been identifying faces, edges, and vertices, as well as building their own 3D models, out of spaghetti and marshmallows, to deepen their understanding. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and problem-solving skills during these practical activities.

What a great year we have had in Year 3 and we would like to wish all of you a fabulous summer. Relax, enjoy and we look forward to seeing you in September.









The Year 3 Team

Year 4 Updates

It has been an incredibly busy and exciting summer term for Year 4! In the classroom, the children have let their imaginations run wild, thoroughly enjoying crafting their own adventurous stories inspired by *How to Train Your Dragon*. In maths, they have sharpened their data analysis skills by learning all about different types of graphs, while in computing they have been putting their problem-solving to the test by mastering coding.
Our creative and practical projects have also been a huge hit; the children loved getting their hands messy using clay in art, and they put their engineering skills to work in DT by learning how to use levers to design and build their very own catapults.
Our learners also took part in valuable internet safety workshops delivered by Bournemouth FC, which provided them with fantastic skills for staying safe online. Outside of the classroom, the energy has been just as high; the children have loved developing their teamwork and striking skills through cricket and rounders in PE, all culminating in a fantastic, action-packed Sports Day where everyone showed wonderful team spirit.

Year 4 Team



Year 5 Updates

It has been another busy and enjoyable half term in Year 5, with the children continuing to work hard and approach every challenge with enthusiasm.

In English, pupils have explored a range of writing styles, including product reviews, newspaper reports and biographies. Alongside this, they have developed their grammar knowledge by learning about features such as colons and the passive voice. Our reading lessons this half term have had us studying The Jungle Book, Beowulf, We Refugees and The Wind in the Willows, which have led to some fantastic discussions and thoughtful reading.

In Maths, we have tackled a wide variety of topics, including decimals, percentages, algebra, fractions, money, volume and line graphs. The children have shown resilience when faced with some challenging concepts and have continued to build their confidence through regular reasoning and arithmetic practice.

Our History topic has focused on the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. The children have enjoyed learning about Viking life, longships, Norse beliefs, Alfred the Great, Sutton Hoo and the events leading up to 1066. It has been wonderful to see them making links between different periods of history and asking thoughtful questions about how Britain has changed over time.

As the school year comes to an end, we would like to say how proud we are of everything the children have achieved. They have grown in confidence, maturity and independence throughout the year and they are well prepared for the exciting challenges of Year 6.

We wish all of our Year 5 families a wonderful summer holiday. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We look forward to seeing all the children continue to thrive in Year 6.

Best wishes from the Year 5 team.

Year 5 Team



Year 6 Updates

It has been an action-packed last half term for year 6, full of trips, events, show practices and learning.

The half term kicked off with a successful residential to Buddens, which judging from the comments from the children, was very much enjoyed by them all. Those who remained at Ocean also enjoyed their programme of activities, including arts, sports, and technology challenges. This was, however, only the first of several events! We had a great day at Bovington Tank Museum, which served as a great introduction to our World War II topic, and we also enjoyed our trip to Bournemouth University to explore the different types of careers we might be interested in for the future. In all these instances, the positive feedback from the organisers regarding the behaviour and knowledge of the children was wonderful to hear – they did us proud!

Our learning has, of course, continued too! We have written some great pieces in English, including persuasive arguments about a proposal to build a car park on a greenfield site, and – linked to our World War II topic – some powerful and emotional diary entries and letters from evacuees reflecting on the experiences they were having. In maths, we have taken the opportunity to prepare the children for the next stage of their learning by doing some initial looking at some secondary topics. These have included use of scientific calculators to explore the concepts of square roots, Pi, powers and factorials, as well as time spent introducing ways to graph equations and some future life skills, linked to budgeting and salaries.

We have also been busily engaged in several creative activities. The children have created a hearty soup using a World War II recipe, explored coding using Microbits, developed their ukulele skills further and created some great cartoon drawing how-to guides. We have, of course, also been hard at work preparing our end of year show, “A Tale Of Two Childhoods”. At the time of writing, we are busily putting the finishes touches to several dramatic scenes, high energy dances and enthusiastic sing-alongs, and we are very much looking forward to our performances on 15th July! We are so impressed with the ways in which the children have thrown themselves into this, and are excited to be putting on the inaugural performances within the “Porthole Theatre”! A massive thank you to Mr Chamberlain and everyone else who is currently involved in the creation of our transformed performance space! We hope you love it!

And so, we reach the end of these children’s incredible Ocean journey! Truly, this has been the most amazing year group. We are so proud of everything the children have achieved over these past four years, and they should all feel very proud of themselves too. Their hard work, determination and commitment has enabled them to make some fantastic progress in so many subjects over their time here, and we know they are ready to head off to secondary school now and that they will go on to achieve great things in the future. Thank you all too, so much, for all your support over this time too – it really has been so appreciated. We are very aware it is a partnership between us all that enables the children to be the best they can be. We look forward now to celebrating all their achievements and giving them a good send-off over the coming days.

Year 6 Team

Attendance

Year	Class	Attendance %
Year 3	Dolphins	97.25
	Seahorses	93.89
	Sharks	96.87
Year 4	Penguins	92.51
	Turtles	96.31
	Jellyfish	96.61
Year 5	Orcas	91.08
	Seals	96.09
	Piranhas	93.05
Year 6	Barracudas	95.38
	Swordfish	94.91
	Stingrays	92.02

Thank you for your continued support!

The figures are taken from this half term. Well done the Dolphins class this half term closely followed by Turtles, Jellyfish and Seals!



Online Safety

Please take a look at the poster. Over the summer holidays children may spend more time online.

Please keep them safe by communicating and setting boundaries.

Setting up parental controls on devices and positioning screens in shared family spaces are easy ways to ensure their digital summer stays safe and fun!





School Fair

A big thank you for supporting our Summer Picnic on Friday. We are pleased to announce we raised £961.78. This includes our weekly Freeze Pop Fridays!
An enjoyable afternoon was had by all especially our 'Soak the Teacher' volunteers – Mr Haley, Mrs Turner and Mr Fletcher. Watch this space for more events in the next academic year!





We would like to wish all of the year 6 children our very best wishes as they start their next journey in their chosen secondary school in September. Good luck and do pop back and visit!

Have a safe and relaxing summer! We look forward to seeing you in September. Thank you for your support this year!



Diary Dates

3 September	Autumn Term starts – welcome!
14 September	Clubs start this week
28 September	Individual photos
23 October	Inset day – school closed for pupils
22-30 October	Half term
2 November	Return from half term
23 November	Last week of clubs
27 November	Inset day – school closed for pupils
30 November	Inset day – school closed for staff and children
18 December	Term ends – 1.00pm finish
4 January	Inset day – school closed for pupils
5 January	Start of term – Spring term 2027

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2026-27

Autumn Term 2026

INSET Day – School closed to children	Tuesday 1 September 2026
INSET Day – School closed to children	Wednesday 2 September 2026
First Day of School Term	Thursday 3 September 2026
INSET Day – School closed to children	Friday 23 October 2026
Half Term	Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October 2026
Return to school after Half term	Monday 2 November 2026
INSET Day – School closed to children	Friday 27 November 2026
INSET Day – School closed to staff and children	Monday 30 November 2026
Last Day of Term for Christmas	Friday 18 December 2026 (1pm finish)

Spring Term 2027

INSET Day - School closed to children	Monday 4 January 2027

First Day of Term	**Tuesday 5 January 2027**
INSET Day – School closed to staff and children	**Friday 12 February 2027**
Half term Holiday	**Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February 2027**
Return to school after Half term	**Monday 22 February 2027**
Last Day of term for Easter	**Thursday 25 March 2027 (1pm finish)**

Summer Term 2027

First day of Term	**Monday 12 April 2027**
Bank Holiday	**Monday 3 May 2027**
Half term Holiday	**Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June 2027**
Return to school after Half Term	**Monday 7 June 2027**
Last Day of term for Summer Holidays	**Wednesday 21 July 2027 (1pm finish)**