



Headteacher's News

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! Whether you are joining us for the first time or returning after the summer, it is a real pleasure to welcome you and your family to our school community. As Acting Headteacher, it has been a privilege to oversee the transition of our newest pupils into school life; watching them settle so confidently and happily into full-time schooling has been truly heartening. We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to working in partnership with you to support your children's learning and wellbeing.

Harvest Service

Thank you to all our families for your generous donations of tinned food items and pound coins this half term to mark Harvest Festival. The food collected will be delivered to local food banks, supporting families in our community, while the money raised will go to the overseas hospice in Zakete, Zambia, which Holy Angels proudly supports. These acts of kindness beautifully reflect this half term's value of *generosity*, and our children have learned that 'giving away' is not just about sharing possessions, but also about giving time, love, and care to others. Your support has made a real difference - thank you.



Values for Life: Compassion

This half term, we are exploring the 'Value for Life' of *compassion*, which closely links to our core value of *love*. Compassion means noticing when someone is hurting or in need, and choosing to respond with kindness and care. Through stories, reflection, and everyday experiences, we'll be helping children understand how compassion connects with spirituality - encouraging them to think about how they can show love not just in words, but through thoughtful actions that make a difference to others. Jesus taught that we should "love our neighbour as ourselves," reminding us that true compassion involves thinking of others and treating them as we would like to be treated, with empathy and consideration.



Important Dates



School closes for
the **half term**
holiday on
Friday 24th
October at 3pm

Children back to
school on
Monday 3rd
November

School closes for
Christmas holiday
on Friday 19th
December at 1pm



Please see our
website:
School Calendar
Plus Parent &
Carers/ Term
Dates for other
important dates



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Safeguarding

This half term, in Mrs Chambers' absence, I am acting as the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), with Mrs Chinchin continuing in her role as Deputy DSL. Safeguarding remains at the heart of everything we do at Lilliput, and I want to reassure you that both of us are fully trained and experienced in this area. We are committed to ensuring that every child feels safe, supported, and valued. If you ever have concerns about the wellbeing of anyone in our school community - or if you need support yourself - please don't hesitate to reach out. We are here to listen, help, and work together to keep our school a safe and nurturing place for all.

PTFA Quiz Night

On Friday 17th October, we enjoyed a fantastic evening at the PTFA Quiz Night - full of laughter, friendly competition, and community spirit. A huge thank you to our brilliant PTFA for organising such a well-run and enjoyable event, and to everyone who came along to take part. *Back by popular demand*, I did my best as compère and quiz master... hopefully I didn't disappoint! It was a fun-filled night that raised vital funds to help enhance the school experience for all our children, and we're so grateful for your continued support. Congratulations to the winning team, 'My Favourite Parents in the Corner'!

Thank You

I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our entire school community for the warmth, encouragement, and support you've shown over the past half term. Serving as your Acting Headteacher has been the privilege of my career, and I've been truly humbled by your kind words and the confidence you've placed in me. It's been especially affirming to hear from you all how well you feel the school has continued to run in Mrs Chambers' absence. This is a testament to her exceptional leadership and her innate ability to grow the team around her. Thanks to the unwavering support of our dedicated staff, wonderful families, and resilient children, the school has made an excellent start to the new academic year. We're looking forward to a busy, jam-packed year ahead, full of learning, growth, and memorable moments.

Wishing all our families a restful and enjoyable half term break. We hope it brings time for relaxation, togetherness, and a chance to recharge. We look forward to welcoming the children back bright-eyed and bushy-tailed for Autumn 2, as we begin to gear up for the festive season and all the excitement it brings!

Very best wishes,

Mr Lloyd B Allington
Acting Headteacher

Year 2's Exciting Adventure to Corfe Castle

Our Year 2 children had a fantastic and enriching visit to Corfe Castle, bringing their history learning to life! They listened attentively to the knowledgeable tour guides, asking thoughtful questions and showing great enthusiasm throughout the day.

During the visit, the children explored key parts of the castle including the **keep** and the **bailey**, which they had been learning about in class. They were thrilled to spot **arrow slits** and **turrets**, recognising these important features from their lessons on medieval castles. It was wonderful to see their excitement as they connected classroom learning with real-life experiences.

The trip was a brilliant success, and the children represented the school beautifully with their curiosity, behaviour, and engagement. Well done, Year 2!



A Warm Welcome to Our New Feathered Friends! 🐣

This term, we were thrilled to welcome some baby chicks into our school! The children were absolutely fascinated as they watched the chicks hatch and grow, observing their transformation day by day. It was a magical experience that brought learning to life in the most delightful way.

The excitement didn't stop there though. Each class had the chance to gently hold the chicks, learning how to care for them and treat them with kindness and respect. It was a wonderful opportunity to nurture empathy and curiosity in our young learners.

We're happy to share that we kept four of the female chicks and two of them will be joining our existing hens Pip, Lilly and Ginger in the chicken coop outside.

But there's one thing left to do... they need names! Over the next few weeks, the children will be putting their thinking caps on to come up with the perfect names for our new feathered friends. We can't wait to see what they choose!



Message from our Governors

Dear Parents & Carers

Half term is fast approaching and I would like to take this opportunity to say how amazing all the pupils have been. They have been working very hard in producing some outstanding work and thoroughly deserve a half term break.

The Governing body have been meeting to discuss various items including the school improvement plan which is on track and moving in the right direction along with individual meetings with subject leaders to maintain focus on each subject.

As you will know Mrs Chambers is very unwell at the moment & first of all I would like you all to join me and wish Mrs Chambers a speedy recovery, as we send our love & prayers. Secondly, I would like to send my gratitude & appreciation from all of the governing body to Mr Allington & the senior leadership team for the amazing work they are doing with the school while Mrs Chambers is getting better. This is also extended to all of the staff at Lilliput. Lilliput is an amazing school which is a huge testament to all of you and your amazing work. Thank you.

Lastly I would like to wish you all a lovely half term break celebrating Halloween, stay safe & warm and we will see you all when you return.

Best wishes

Simon Marshall
Chair of Governors



Holy Angels Update



9th November 2025

10:45 am

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Join us for an Act of Remembrance outside,
at the front of the church around the war memorial at 10:45 am.

The Act of Remembrance will finish at around 11.10 am
and will be followed by a Service of Holy Communion in church.

Everybody welcome.

The Church of the Holy Angels, Lilliput

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