



# POWERSTOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## - December 2024 -

Learning together to be the best that we can be ~ for every child, life in all its fullness. *I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. John 10:10*

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*Dear Parents, Carers and Powerstock Family,*

*As we approach the festive season and the end of this half-term, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and engagement. Our students have been working incredibly hard and it is wonderful to see their progress. Let's keep the momentum going as we look forward to an exciting few months ahead!*

*Our students have shown tremendous dedication and enthusiasm in their studies, extra-curricular activities and homework projects. From outstanding performances on the sports field and the arts to impressive academic achievements, each student has contributed to making our school a vibrant and dynamic place to learn and grow.*

*Looking ahead to the New Year, we are excited to announce that we will be setting up a Breakfast Club from 8:00 to 8:45 each morning. The job description and advert have been approved by the Local Authority, and we are advertising for two positions. If interested, please visit the Dorset for You website or check the School Notice Board for more information. While the club will not be starting immediately, we will endeavour to fill the positions and get the club up and running as soon as possible.*

*We will also continue the development of our curriculum by aligning our subjects so that all pupils in school will be studying the same subject at the same time. This is intended to further deepen their knowledge and understanding through shared, rich vocabulary and concepts both inside and outside of school.*

*As we look forward to the Christmas break, I am excited about the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead in the new year. Let's continue to work together to make Powerstock School a place where every student can thrive, succeed and be the best that they can be.*

*Wishing you all a joyful and restful Christmas holiday.*

*Warm regards,*

*Nick Harris  
Headteacher*

### KEY DATES

**06/01/2025** Inset Day

**13-16/01/2025** Mock SATS week

**15/01/2025** Futsal at Colfox Years 3 & 4

**16/01/2025** KS2 Swimming starts today

**23/01/2025** Individual Cross Country at Beaminster Years 3,4,5, & 6

**10/02/2025** Parents Evening.

**14/02/2025** Last day of term

Please note: All holiday dates and Inset days can be found on our school website.

**Our school value for this half-term has been Respect.**

## Sporting Achievements

### **Individual Cross Country Race held at Colfox - 6.11.24**

14 children from KS2 (Years 3-6) took part in this event. A challenging course and a large field of competitors (over 100 children took part). We had a number of finishers in the top 20 with Annabelle Lloyd finishing 10th overall in her event and Henry Raybould finishing 15<sup>th</sup> in the year 3 boys' event.



### **Netball Tournament at Colfox - 12.11.24**

A squad of nine (9) KS2 children took part in the Hi-5 Netball tournament. The children played wonderfully well and finished in third position overall.



### **Kenway Cup Football Tournament 26.11.24**

A team of 9 players, from years 5/6, competed in a round-robin tournament at Bridport Primary School. A fantastic afternoon of skilful and competitive football. 7 schools entered the event and Powerstock finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall with 4 wins and 2 losses. Charlie Williams received a special mention for his impressive goalkeeping skills



### **Bronze Ambassador Leadership training**

8 children have been chosen from Year 5/6 to foster leadership skills. This event was due to take place on Thursday 21st. Unfortunately, it was cancelled due to the snow. The event is to be rescheduled in January 2025.

Congratulations to all our athletes! Keep up the fantastic work!

## School Events & Activities

Powerstock School has been busy participating in lots of festive events in the run up

### Christmas trees

Powerstock School has been very lucky to receive 3 Christmas trees this year.

They have been kindly donated from (left to right):-

- Gavin Dixon Finance Solutions via Groves Nursery
- Palmers Brewery
- Mr Victor Crutchley



### Christmas Cheer

More than half of our pupils graced the annual Christmas Cheer in Buckydoo Square with their enchanting performances. Our three Christmas carols mesmerised the audience, filling the air with festive magic!





## Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair was a resounding success! It was heart-warming to see so many members of the local community, along with former pupils, gather at the school to revel in an evening brimming with Christmas spirit. Together, we raised nearly £700, spreading joy and goodwill!



## Nativity

Our nativity play, 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel,' was an absolute delight from start to finish. Every pupil shone brightly, playing their parts with exceptional talent and singing beautifully, leaving the audience in awe.



**Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!**

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