



# POWERSTOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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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 and Carers,

We've had a busy and rewarding month here at Powerstock School, with our pupils participating in a variety of activities and achieving great things. Our students took part in the Cross Country event at Beaminster School, with 17 pupils (almost half the school) braving the challenging conditions. We were thrilled to see our Year 5 and 6 Boys Team finish in third place!

Swimming lessons at Bridport Leisure Centre are ongoing every Thursday, and it's wonderful to see so many pupils completing their 25m swims. We're all looking forward to the Swimming Gala later this year.

Academically, our pupils continue to excel, and our new curriculum is fostering a strong connection with the community. Seatown pupils wrote touching letters to local care homes as part of their Buddhism studies, while our youngest students penned letters to a Hindu family, sharing their insights on Diwali.

Looking ahead, we are excited to introduce Active Reading to all Key Stage 2 classes next half-term. This initiative will help us to more effectively teach essential reading skills, such as vocabulary expansion, information retrieval, summarising, and prediction. It will also allow us to provide targeted pre-teaching interventions to help pupils close the gap with their peers.

We've also implemented Learning Journey display boards in each classroom. Please keep an eye on our website for updates, as we will be uploading images of these boards at the end of each unit.

Best wishes,

Mr Harris

### KEY DATES

**27/02/2025—27/03/2025**

KS2 Swimming lessons continue.

**28/02/2025** Dance

Festival at Freshwater.

**04/03/2025** Cross -

Country relays at Colfox.

**06/03/2025** World Book Day

**12/03/2025** Cogden Tree Planting

**21/03/2025** Red Nose Day

**26/03/2025** Bronze Ambassador Training

**04/04/2025** Last day of term.

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

## **Sporting Achievements**

### **Futsal at Colfox 15.01.2025**

A team of 7 players attended the Futsal tournament at the Sir John Colfox school. The children played on the astro turf and competed against other local primary schools. The children displayed great determination and team spirit. Peter Merritt was presented with a medal for his goalkeeping.



### **Individual Cross Country at Beaminster 23.01.2025**

A team of 17 children took part in a cross-country event at Beaminster Secondary School. The course was muddy, and the children had to run through a large, pond of water. Despite the conditions, the children ran fantastically well. Powerstock competed against teams from 8 local primary schools. A particular mention to Archie, Joseph H, Charlie and Augustus who achieved a bronze medal in the Year 5/6 boys' event. An outstanding achievement.



## School Events & Activities

### Vet visit to Burton

Burton Class was incredibly lucky to have Becky and her lovely dog, Lizzie, pay us a visit. Becky chatted to the children about her role as a vet, shared her knowledge showing them various models and x-rays and answered all the children's amazing questions. Lizzie sat beautifully as she had her foot bandaged, and the children had an opportunity to pat her. Thank you, Becky and Lizzie.



### Local Food Links Taster Session

We are thrilled to report that the recent taster session by Local Food Links was a resounding success. The food provided was absolutely scrumptious! We encourage anyone interested in ordering hot school meals to contact the school office for more information.





# School Events & Activities

## Forest School

Cogden and Burton classes have both been exploring our unit topics in Forest School.

Cogden have explored art by making picture frames (excellent knot tying practice) before carefully placing them in the woods to frame the changing seasons. As we move through the seasons we will update you with some more photos through the frames! They have also taken inspiration from Andy Goldsworthy to create art in nature. Alongside their art focus Cogden have also been thinking about habitats and the challenges wildlife faces, in response they have made bird feeders to help sustain the birds through the winter – these proved to be extremely popular indeed with the local bird population!

### Burton Class

When learning about Diwali, Burton class created their own Rangoli patterns using shells, leaves and sticks and the children also made Diya lamps using mud. In Art, they used natural materials such as fossils and shells and pressed them into mud to make imprints and they also looked at and created footprints in mud and used plastic animals to create footprints.



## BBC Tiny Happy People

### Tiny Happy People

The Tiny Happy people website can help you develop your child's language and communication skills, so they get the best start in life.

It shows you why and how you can bond with your child, before they're born and throughout their early lives – it's never too early to start.

The ideas and activities are easy to build into your daily routine. They're quick and inspiring, but they're also based on expert advice and evidence, and are proven to help your child's development.

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