

# Hermes

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Autumn Term

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## *Autumn (Leaves) ... or Arrives!*



## *Form 4 off to Maiden Castle*

Dear Parents

I write tonight's Hermes fortified by a wonderful PTFA wine tasting evening. Expertly organised by Carol Krosnar and tutored by the undoubted skill and expertise of Mark Banham and Stephen Spurrier, the evening was a great success. A late night team even continued the soiree at the Vivo Lounge (other hostelryes are available) though they did express regret when I saw them this morning!



We tasted some wonderful wines from some famous regions of France and Italy. The Chablis Premier Cru was my favourite and I have (fictionally) arranged for it to replace our normal vin blanc that we have with Friday lunch.

Do remember that the PTFA AGM will be held at Zizzi's restaurant on Tuesday 6th November at 7.30pm. I believe we are very close to securing a Chair! I must give my apologies in advance as I have a District 5 Heads meeting in Salisbury the same evening. I will try to make it back for "last orders!"

At our end of week celebration assembly, we normally focus on the achievements of our children, though this week the focus is on a member of staff. Mr Willemse is certainly one of our hardest working life-long learners after school. On most weekends he can be found taking a new sporting qualification. Kevin was delighted to share the good news with me this week that he had passed his Master of Education with distinction.



The colder nights have started to creep in now and Autumn seems to be on its way. The met office has warned of storms and the first snow has fallen on the Grampian Hills of Scotland.

Betty has already entered her pre-hibernation state of little activity. I forgot to tell you earlier in the year, but over the summer, I got a second tortoise who goes by the name of Bomber, such is his rapid pace around the garden. He's a much bigger tortoise who is still quite active during the day especially when he finds his way into the greenhouse.

Les and Ray are already in mourning, with the prospect of eight weeks of leaf fall having to be cleared on a daily basis. That hasn't stopped the Form 8's from having a bit of fun whilst trying to help. Perhaps it will also be a good home for hedgehogs as they search for a cosy place to spend the winter, just so long as the leaves do not gather in the car park!



I received notification this week that Mrs Sleightholme will return from maternity leave on 26th November. This is really great news for us all. Emma will be with us three days a week working Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Julie Jackson will cover the other two days. On Emma's first few days back, both teachers will be in the classroom to ensure a smooth takeover. Mrs Whittall will move across to support Reception children on a Wednesday so Mrs Livesey can deliver Forest School across Junior Prep.

Homework has been a hot topic of conversation over the past couple of weeks. We had a discussion ourselves at our weekly staff meeting and we are going to try a social experiment at the end of next week.

Over the half term we are going to set just two pieces of homework, one for Maths and one for English. When we return from half term we have agreed to set no homework for the period of one week. At the end of this week we will seek feedback from children, parents and teachers to see how you have all got on. We will also see if there is increased motivation in lessons having had a more relaxing evening.

Please remember that we don't class reading as homework. Reading is an essential daily routine that we'd like children of all ages to partake in for both academic and pastoral reasons. In an ideal world, we'd like you to model good practice by reading at the same time, with your smart phone switched off and safely stored away.



At the end of the this week we enjoyed an amazing musical assembly courtesy of Mrs Moss, Mrs Nolan Stone and the peripatetic music teachers. Our hope is that they have stimulated even more children to want to learn a musical instrument.

We were also very pleased to welcome Mrs Judith Fremont-Barnes to school. Judith is the new Head of Milton Abbey School and came to say hello and give us an update on how our alumni are doing.





## *Fledglings*

This week in Fledglings we've got hands-on in a variety of sensory activities, the children enjoyed playing in moon-sand outside, using utensils to mark-make and containers to fill and pour.



Please do join us for our Harvest Festival celebration next Friday. Please could all donations be in the form of non-perishable goods and bought in from Monday onwards and given to Lydia or Megan. This year our donations are going to the Food Bank based at the Dorchester Community Church in Poundbury.

If you are a "friend of field and stream" you might want to put the evening of Tuesday 18th December in your diary. On this night I am hosting a charity evening in aid of the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance and Fishing for Schools. It promises to be a fantastic evening with a sumptuous meal and after dinner speakers on hand. Tickets are just £25. The evening is limited to just 60 guests on a first come first served basis.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend in your wellies and rain gear!

*John Thorpe*

Mr John Thorpe  
Headmaster





We enjoyed exploring the harvest tough spot which was a mix of shredded wheat and oats, often showing off our muscles when lifting the pumpkins! We put our baking skills to the test when making hedgehog bread rolls.



We enjoyed a lovely sunny autumn walk around the grounds where we collected leaves for our leaf rubbings and printing.



### ***Let's Explore with Reception & Nursery***

We found out that by mixing together the primary colours- red, blue, and yellow, we could make some brown paint to use to paint our clay hedgehogs!

### ***Nursery***

In gardening club this week we looked at the berries growing on the trees in school, and then planted some wallflowers which will bloom in the winter and make our garden look pretty!





Daisy and Carmen enjoyed our new selection of dressing up clothes!



## *Form 2 - Forest Schools*

Each team set a track for another team to follow to the treasure. Our tracks were so good that everyone found their treasure.



## *Form 3 & 4*

As part of their Roman topic, Form 3 and 4 visited Maiden Castle. Half of the group pretended to be Romans whilst the other half were Celts hiding in the ramparts. As the Romans marched up the hill in tortoise formation under the command of the standard bearer, the Celts ambushed them

## *Form 1*

We have had a week of tasting. Louis brought in some delicious apples and pears that were picked from his trees in his garden which we enjoyed after walking to the library on Tuesday.

On Wednesday it was Harry's birthday so we ate Sammy the sausage dog - a cake, of course!



On Thursday we described, smelt and tasted all of the fruits that Handa's took in her basket to Akeya in the story of Handa's Surprise. Form 1 decided that their favourite fruit was pineapple, with passion fruit coming a close second.

and a big battle took place! Of course the Romans were the eventual winners.



Next the group climbed onto the top of the ramparts and wrote wonderful similes as part of a senses poem based on their visit.

## Music News

Congratulations to all those pupils who took part in our first informal music concert of the term. Our next one will be on Tuesday 27th November at 4pm in the Drawing Room, please do come along to support the children.

We had a fantastic music assembly today and some of the departments' peripatetic music staff came into perform to us. Please contact Mrs Nolan-Stone if you would like your child to have a taster lesson on any instrument.

## Clubs



*Lego Club*

## Schools Biathlon

Freya represented Sunninghill last week at schools biathlon. 100 m swim and 1600 m run.



Freya did well and was pleased as she has moved up to the U13 girls. Now there is a nervous wait to see if she has qualified for the National Finals at Crystal Palace.



## *Drowning in plastic?*

If you are looking for ways to reduce your plastic waste then check out "The Green Weigh". It's a new business set up by some Bridport mums. I discovered their specially adapted walk-on, walk-off van at Wednesday morning's Dorchester market.

They sell all sorts of organic and non-organic grocery items including: herbs, spices, nuts, dried fruit, rice, pasta, pulses, flour, sugar, coffee beans, cocoa, laundry products, cleaning products. You can take along your own containers and fill them with as much or as little as you want, or use one of their recycled jars or paper bags. It's brilliant!

*Mrs Savva*



## *'Flu Vaccinations*



**Public Health  
England**

Children and staff in educational settings are particularly susceptible to the spread of infections, such as seasonal influenza (flu) and gut infections (such as norovirus) which increase over the winter months. Outbreaks often occur due to the close contact between children and staff. However, the impact can be reduced by following the advice provided and by adopting good infection control practices.

It is important that all children from aged 2 to 9 years are immunised against flu. Children develop the same range of symptoms as adults and can become very ill, or even die, from flu, but if young children become unwell they are also particularly likely to spread infections to other vulnerable people. Immunising children against flu can therefore protect them, their families, and also the wider community in which they live.

Children aged 2 and 3 years old are offered the vaccine via their GP, whilst those aged 4 - 9 years (Reception to Year 5) will be offered the vaccine at school, via their local school aged immunisation provider. The date for this year is Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Please complete and return the form which has been sent home with your child this week. Children and staff in at-risk groups of any age are also offered immunisation via their GP.

*Lydia*



**October Half Term Holiday Club**

## *Holiday Club*

Don't forget to make your booking for the Half Term Holiday Club. We are open for one week of the holidays from Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October. Full details and booking forms on the website link below and places are filling up fast so please do not leave it until the last minute!

<https://sunninghillprep.co.uk/information/holiday-club/>

## ***Sports Club - Forms 5 - 8***

Mr Willemse and Mr Thorpe will be running a 3-day Sports Club during the second week of half term. There are still a few places left if you would like to sign up your child.

## ***Notes from a small garden . . .***

A glorious autumnal afternoon in the garden and another week of exploring more ways of enjoying our outside space.



We all set off to collect treasures for our winter bird feeders. Golden leaves and crab apples, berries and pine cones. All carefully threaded like beads to create beautiful hanging creations! They are now adorning our fence. Take a look when you pass, they will definitely make you smile!

*Jo Foote*

## ***Other News ...***

Robin James hair salon in Dorchester offering a 10% discount for Sunninghill parents and staff. Please see the attached PDF for more details. Just mention you are from Sunninghill to receive your discount.

## ***Sports News***

### ***Hockey***

**Team:** *U8 v Sandroyd/Leweston*  
**Date:** *9<sup>th</sup> October*  
**Venue:** *Away*  
**Result:** *4 - 2 loss v Sandroyd*  
*4 - 2 loss v Leweston*

The U8 team played Sandroyd and Leweston at home. The Leweston coach umpired the Sandroyd match and said that the teams were really close. Iris and Izzy scored the goals.

The team played well against Leweston with some good passes and tackles. Izzy scored our two goals.

**Contribution Award:** Iris for good attacking play and for scoring a goal against Sandoyd.

**Team:** *U9 v Sandroyd*  
**Date:** *9<sup>th</sup> October*  
**Venue:** *Away*  
**Result:** *4 - 1 loss v Leweston*  
*5 - 0 loss v Sandroyd*

The Sunninghill U9 team played Sandroyd and Leweston as part of a triangular tournament. First they played Leweston and



were a little slow to get started. They tried really hard at moving the ball up the court.

The final score was a 1-4 loss with Carolina scoring the goal. The team played more aggressively against Sandroyd and stopped many goals. Flora was strong in defence and Maggie passed the ball well and moved it down the pitch. The final score of 0-5 didn't really reflect the standard of play.

**Contribution Award:** Flora for playing a strong game in defence.

**Team:** *U10 v Clayesmore*  
**Date:** *10<sup>th</sup> October*  
**Venue:** *Home*  
**Result:** *6 - 0 loss*

We were up against some very good opposition who moved the ball very quickly. This caught us out a bit and we were two goals down very quickly. We fought hard in midfield with Imogen getting the ball forward to Polina. Clayesmore made quick breaks and scored another two before half time. The girls played much better in the second half and nearly scored but Clayesmore kept attacking. They were kept at bay with some great goalkeeping by Izzy S and defending by Katie.

**Contribution Award:** Izzy for some great goalkeeping and Katie for excellent defending.

**Team:** *U11 v Sandroyd*  
**Date:** *10th October*  
**Venue:** *Home*  
**Result:** *3 - 0 loss*

A well contested game on both sides. We began solidly, moving the ball well. Clayesmore were a bit quicker and sharper enabling them to score the first goal. We kept the pressure up on their defence with Zuzanna coming close to scoring.

Clayesmore got their second goal after a bit of poor marking on our behalf. The second half continued to be tight with chances at both ends. Georgie and Indy worked extremely hard covering a lot of ground but we just couldn't manage that shot to beat their keeper.

**Contribution Award:** Georgie for keeping position and showing some good skills.

**Team:** *U12/13A v Clayesmore*  
**Date:** *10th October*  
**Venue:** *Away*  
**Result:** *3 - 0 loss*

A hard fought game with end to end action and teams evenly matched in terms of skill and game play. We played 4 quarters with honours even after the first one. Clayesmore scored their first goal with a well worked corner just before half time.

We showed some lovely skills with Lily B using the v drag to beat one, two and three players to drive into the D for a shot. Frida and Megan kept the ball on a number of occasions in very tight areas. Atlanta and Erin are gaining more and more confidence with Atlanta saving brilliantly off the line from another well worked Clayesmore corner.

Freya and Tallulah tackled back well to help the defence. We just need more fire power when we get into the opposition's D which was the difference between the two sides. It was so nice to see everyone trying their skills.

**Contribution Award:** Frida and Lily for using their skills to good effect.

**Team:** *U12/13B v Clayesmore*  
**Date:** *10<sup>th</sup> October*  
**Venue:** *Away*  
**Result:** *3 - 0 loss*

A hard fought open match which although Clayesmore probably deserved to win, they were slightly flattered by the final score.

The teams played 4 quarters which gave Sunninghill a good opportunity to experiment with combinations and positions of players. Clayesmore took an early lead and the game settled into a long period of midfield play with neither team quite able to make a break for goal.

Olivia remained strong in defence and stepped up to taking on the midfield role visibly growing in confidence during the final

quarters as her ball distribution improved. Jessie was again a tackling demon at the back thwarting numerous Clayesmore attacks. Through no lack of effort Sunninghill made some well - constructed forays into the Clayesmore D, they disappointingly failed to register a shot on goal! Surely something to work on next Monday.

**Contribution Award:** Sofia for her outstanding display in goal saving no less than 7 goals (Mum was counting!!).

## Football

**Team:** U8/9 v BCS & Castle Court

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> October

**Venue:** Away

**Result:** 2 - 1 win  
1 - 0 win  
1 - 0 loss  
1 - 1 draw

Sunninghill U8/9's really developed their pressing and were really trying hard to retrieve the ball when defending!

Throughout the afternoon, the team effort was outstanding. They attacked and defended well together.

Excellent goals were scored and Rex and Gregory were great in defence. Leon passed well in midfield whilst Sam and William continued to bully their opponents on the wing. A big improvement and a big well done to the team!

**Contribution Award:** Freddie for his tenacious tackling and chasing of the ball.

## Rugby

**Team:** U10 v Salisbury Cathedral

**Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> October

**Venue:** Home

**Result:** 11 - 8 loss

The U10's played their first game of the season having had only a couple of warm up sessions to get ready for full contact.

We ran very well with the ball in hand with tries scored by Archie G, Max J, Tom E and Sam H.

The difference between the two sides was down to tackling. I am certain we will rectify this in next week's training sessions!

**Contribution Award:** Vishnu who had the highest tackle count, always followed the ball and linked nicely between the ruck and those out wide sniffing tries.



**Team:** U11 v Salisbury Cathedral

**Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> October

**Venue:** DRC

**Result:** 30 - 30 draw

The match was even right from the start. Sunninghill played fantastic whilst attacking with superb tries scored by Gethyn and Harri.

Theo and Eddie were tenacious going forward as Salisbury found it difficult to deal with our attacking threats. Valentine, William and Henry made incredible tackles all afternoon however Salisbury managed to find space a little too often on the wings. To improve, the entire team needs to contribute and support each other throughout. A very promising start to the rugby season.

**Contribution Award:** Gethyn and Harri for their heroic tackling but also their lightening attacking skills.



**Team:** U13/12 v Salisbury Cathedral  
**Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> October  
**Venue:** DRC  
**Result:** 6 - 1 loss

Our first game of rugby was to be played in glorious sunshine.

With a smile on our faces and, it has to be said, a little flutter of nerves in our stomachs, we started slowly and, in the blink of an eye, we were behind by two tries. However our heads never dropped and we played some lovely rugby with soft hands, hard leg drives and passion in our hearts. Who knew rugby could be so anatomical.

There was some great tackles put in by Harry and Henry, strong running by Josh and Tom and nice passing from Gabriel and Nathan. It wasn't about the tries but the trying and in that respect we were all winners.

**Contribution Award:** Rugby is a hard game that needs physical presence and technical skill and so the award for MIP (most improved player) has to go to Aidan - not just the best game of rugby I've seen him play, but the best game of any sports. Well done!



## **Form 8 Responsibilities for the Autumn Term**

<b>Head Boy</b>	Lawrence
<b>Head Girl</b>	Verity
<b>Sports Captains</b>	Amalia & Nathan

### **Prefects:**

<b>ICT</b>	Lawrence and Olivia
<b>Art</b>	Jessie
<b>M&amp;D</b>	Clara and Lily B
<b>Outdoor Ed</b>	Atlanta and Frida
<b>STEM</b>	Verity and Poppy
<b>Languages</b>	Lea and Amalia
<b>Humanities</b>	Olivia
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Proudly supported by the Dorchester Fishing Club and the Dorset Chalk Stream Club, Sunninghill Prep School is delighted to host a charity evening in support of Fishing for Schools and Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

Join us for an evening of hearty dining, fine wines and entertaining after dinner speakers.

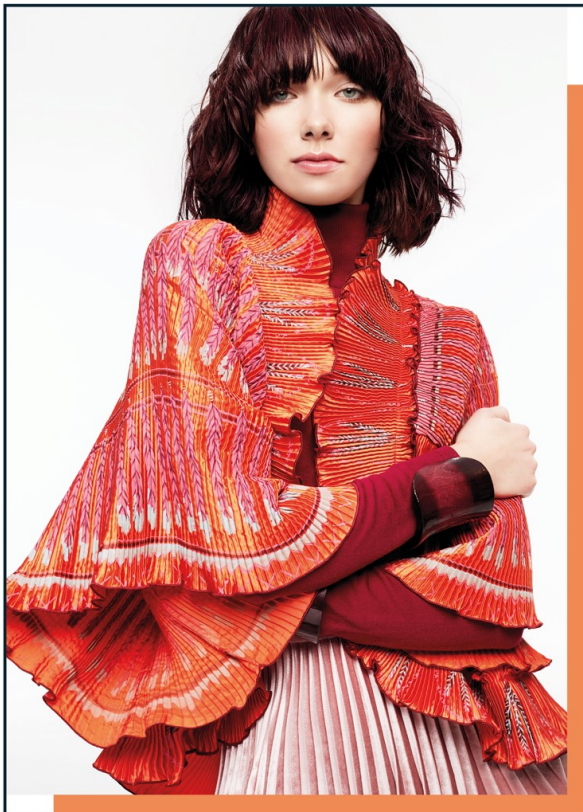
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# Weekly Diary

<b>WHOLE SCHOOL DIARY OF EVENTS</b>	15th	Form 2 to Portland, 10.00 - 3.45 pm
	16th	U8/9 Football v Leweston (H) 1.30 pm
		Junior Mixed Inter House Football (H) 2.15 pm
		Nursery to Form 4 Tutor Meetings from 3.00 pm
		Form 5 - 8 Swimming Gala @ Leweston 4.30 - 7.00 pm
	17th	Form 3 - 8 Effort Grades on the Portal
		U13 Hockey v Sherborne Prep (A) 2.15 pm
		U11 Hockey v Sherborne Prep (A) 2.15 pm
		U10 Football v Leweston (A) 2.30 pm
		U12 Hockey v Sherborne Prep (A) 3.00 pm
	18th	Reception - Form 4 Swimming
		After School Sailing
	19th	Harvest & Form 4 Assembly 8.30 am
		All parents invited for our weekly Friday assembly 8.30 am
		<i>Please book breakfast with Megan by Wednesday</i>
		Parent & Toddler Group
		Form 5 - 8 Sports afternoon
		Half term begins at 4.30 pm. Prep Club until 6.00 pm
<b>LETTERS ON THE PORTAL</b>		Menu - 15th October
		Music Timetable - Week 7
		Sports Fixtures
<b>Fledglings</b>		No letters
<b>Nursery</b>		No letters
<b>Reception</b>		No letters
<b>Form 1</b>		No letters
<b>Form 2</b>		Portland Trip
<b>Form 3</b>		No letters
<b>Form 4</b>		No letters
<b>Form 5</b>		No letters
<b>Form 6</b>		Homework letter
<b>Form 7</b>		No letters
<b>Form 8</b>		No letters