

School Newsletter

Spring Term 2025

Welcome to the Arbour House Newsletter. Spring 2025 has been full of success, progress and fun!

Enjoy discovering just some of the activities we have engaged in. We hope you have a relaxed and sunny Easter with a few Easter Eggs along the way!

We look forward to seeing you all refreshed and excited for an even busier Summer Term.



'Pier' Visit Weymouth RNLI

We were greeted by a very nice man called Reg when we arrived.

He showed us around the building and gave us a very interesting talk.

He is now retired after serving 15 years for the RNLI in Hastings and saved over 400 people.

The lifeboat, that is in Weymouth harbour, costs over 1 million pounds!

We then got to go on board the Lifeboat. We got to sit in the driver's seat and downstairs in the survivors' seats. We were not allowed to touch anything, especially in the navigator's seat. We really enjoyed our visit.

Written by Hannah Scattergood (pupil)

Visit to the Careers Fayre at the BIC in Bournemouth

On Monday, some of the older pupils visited the Careers and Apprenticeships fayre at the BIC. We were welcomed into a quieter part of the fayre, organized for SEN pupils; where we were briefed about what to expect, what to ask and where to go for facilities around the BIC.

After this we had the opportunity to speak to providers of SEN support in the local area. They had stalls set up with lots of information about the opportunities they provide for SEN pupils to help them find college placements, apprenticeships and even some who help you set up your own business!

Upstairs in the BIC, there were plenty of stalls with very friendly people from businesses and colleges offering various opportunities for pupils of all skills and abilities. There really was something for everyone!

The pupils picked up leaflets and freebies (these were fun!) and chatted to all the providers about opportunities they could have for the future.

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AWARDED TO

DANIEL GOLDSWORTHY

ANGLEBURY

FOR A SPLENDID LAYERED STRAWBERRY MERINGUE YOGHURT! HE DEMONSTRATED ACCURATE MEASURING, SAFE KNIFE SKILLS AND BEAUTIFUL PRESENTATION.

This term, Anglebury and Nuttlebury have been exploring exciting, international cuisine in their cooking classes! Each week, they focussed on dishes from different countries, including Mexico, Indonesia, and India. The students have loved trying new flavours during school lunches, enjoying dishes such as curried paneer skewers, quesadillas, and Nasi Goreng. It's been a delicious and educational journey around the world!



WORLD BOOK DAY 2025

Glendinning celebrated World Book Day, on 6th March. Many pupils dressed up as their favourite characters and joined in with role play during lessons. 'Rock' conducted video interviews to discover which characters others were dressed as and why they had made that particular choice.

Several classes also watched the *BBC Teach* interactive live lesson.

Some of the eclectic mix of characters were: The Witch from *Wicked*, Miss Trunchball, Farmer Boggis from *Fantastic Mr Fox*, the witch from *Room on the Broom*,

The Princess and the Pea, Stich from *Lilo and Stitch*, Music Man with a Bongo Drum and Super Mario.

Coping With Teens Free Online Parenting Course: *Family Lives*

Website to support those with teenagers in the household. Regular in person sessions for parents to attend and also offer support via their Facebook group – *Dorset Family Information Directory*



COPING WITH TEENS FREE ONLINE PARENTING COURSE/FAMILY LIVES

To access the 'coping with teens' course, please register by entering your preferred contact email address where it says 'work email'.

www.familylives.org.uk

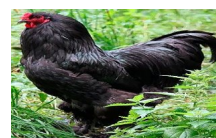


We have exciting news! Maen are hatching chicks again this Spring!

We placed the eggs, from a staff member's chickens, into the incubator, on the 5th of March. They take 21 days to hatch, just in time for the Easter holidays. There are 10 eggs and we check them every few days to make sure they are growing well.

In order for the chicks to grow, we need to keep the chicks at a specific temperature and humidity, so we must check the eggs quickly and return them to the incubator.

Here is a photo of the father of the chicks (he was one of the chicks that we hatched last year.)



Harbours' Spring Term Topic 'Under the Sea.'

We visited the Weymouth Sea Life Centre to see some of the sea creatures we've learnt about.



It was lovely to meet so many parents during Open Week. It was a great opportunity to deliver a Thrive taster session. We provided refreshments and the children baked some delicious cakes.

The Thrive approach centres on the emotional well-being and development of children. Parents learnt about the 'Jenga Tower' which is a metaphor for all the developmental building blocks that children create as they grow and experience life. Due to many factors that life brings and developmental stages of children, some of these important blocks are missed or knocked out. In the session, we discussed how we adapt our actions and language register at school to help children cope and move forward; along with talking about some of the activities we do with the children to help rebuild those blocks.

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**Autism Spectrum Community
support and activities**

We are a Dorset-based support group for socially anxious and autistic children and young people and their families.

AScape offers a safe non-judgmental environment, encouraging the sharing of ideas, resources and support. Children and young people who are yet to receive a diagnosis are very welcome.

We Offer:

Children aged 4-14
and their families

Activity afternoons & after school clubs

Teens and nearly
teens aged 11-17

Monthly youth club at Bridport Youth &
Community Centre

Young people
aged 18-25

Monthly youth club & social meet-ups in Bridport

Parents & Carers

Online support, weekly meet-ups & social evenings

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WEBSITE
ascapigroup.org



DIVAS AND DUDES

PLEASE COME AND JOIN DIVAS & DUDES TO SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES, KNOWLEDGE AND ASK QUESTIONS

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at Nikki's Little Play Café, 4 Hope Street, Brewery Square, Dorchester DT1 1GW (next to Vinyl Van) from 5 until 7.15pm (Please bring a donation if you would like refreshments).

Find us on Divas & Dudes Facebook, we are a private closed group. Sign up for our emailing list - asdivasanddudes@gmail.com

NB: our meetings are for parent/carers only due to the open and honest nature of the conversation.

*Neurodivergent/Neurodivergence is the term for when someone's brain processes, learns, and/or behaves differently from what is considered "typical". Eg: ASC, ADHD, PDA, FASD, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Dyscalculia, SPD, GDD, Tourette's & OCD.



Thank you for your continued support of our school.