



# Three Legged Cross First and Nursery School

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## Newsletter

September  
2026  
Number 1



### Welcome back!

We would like to extend an especially big welcome to our new families joining us this term. We are looking forward to working with you. Our new Peacock (Reception) class have already settled very well. Thank you for preparing them so well for the transition to school. For any new nursery or Peacock children, please remember to activate your Tapestry account so you can see your child's learning in action! If you need any support please ask Alex.

We also welcome two new full-time staff members:

Chris, teaching in our Year 4 Emperors and Emily, teaching our Year 2 Gatekeepers.

### New website coming soon!

We have been busy setting up our new school website and it is due to go live on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September. For this reason, the usual weekly learning set for the children on the class pages will begin on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September. This is because the new website will have a new set of login instructions for each individual class. The information for logging in to the class pages on new website will be shared soon via email and also at the 'meet the teacher' Zoom meetings on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September. In the meantime, class newsletters will be emailed next week and they will contain all information about the learning for this term.

### Meet the teacher Zoom

If your child is of school age, you will soon be emailed a link to join a short 'meet the teacher' session (5-10 mins) held over Zoom. The meetings will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2026. During the meetings, the class teacher will give an overview of learning and general routines within the class. Any information shared will also be sent out to parents after the meeting.

Please find the times for each class below:

| Class and teacher | Time on Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September                                                                |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Reception- Alex   | 3:20pm                                                                                                   |
| Skipper- Sam      | 3:30pm                                                                                                   |
| Gatekeeper- Emily | 3:40pm                                                                                                   |
| Admiral- Tracy    | 3:50pm                                                                                                   |
| Emperor- Chris    | 4:00pm- this will be a slightly longer meeting to also discuss the upcoming Springhead residential visit |

### Attendance

Please email the school office to inform us about any absences. School opens at 08:15 for school aged children. All children should be in school by 08:30 to ensure a prompt start to learning.

Good school attendance translates to better outcomes for children. Children who attend school learn more, know more and achieve more. Therefore, this will be a priority for our school this year. Find out more about the recent changes to school attendance here:

### [School attendance](#)

Find out more about Dorset school attendance here:

### [Dorset school attendance](#)

Find out more about how Dorset Council issues attendance penalty notices here:

### [Dorset Council Penalty Notices](#)

**UK Health Security Agency** **NHS**

**Should I keep my child off school?**

**Yes** Until...

|                                                |                                                                                                                                             |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Chickens                                       | at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all lesions have crusted over                                                          |
| Diarrhoea and Vomiting                         | 48 hours after their last episode                                                                                                           |
| Cold and Flu like illness (including COVID-19) | they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19 |
| Impetigo                                       | their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics                                                             |
| Measles                                        | 4 days after the rash first appeared                                                                                                        |
| Mumps                                          | 5 days after the swelling started                                                                                                           |
| Scabies                                        | they've had their first treatment                                                                                                           |
| Scarlet Fever                                  | 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics                                                                                              |
| Whooping Cough                                 | 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics                                                                                              |

**No** but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Hand, foot and mouth | Glandular fever |
| Head lice            | Tuberculosis    |
| Threadworms          | Strep throat    |

**Advice and guidance**  
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://go.nhs.uk/hsa>

**SCAN ME**

| What does the attendance percentage really mean? |           |                |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Attendance %                                     | Days Lost | Lessons Missed |
| 100%                                             | 0 Days    | 0 lessons      |
| 97%                                              | 1 Week    | 30 lessons     |
| 94%                                              | 2 Weeks   | 60 lessons     |
| 90%                                              | 4 weeks   | 120 lessons    |
| 85%                                              | 6 Weeks   | 180 lessons    |
| 80%                                              | 8 Weeks   | 240 lessons    |

### **Contact information**

Please ensure that you keep us up to date with your contact telephone numbers and email addresses.

A blank contact sheet will be sent home with your child, please complete and return to school.

Please email the office to let us know if your child is being picked up by a different adult to usual. For nursery children, the name of the person must be added to the child's authorised collection form, this can only be done by emailing the office at [office@3lxschool.com](mailto:office@3lxschool.com).

### **Fundraising**

Our 3LX Friends group leads our fundraising. Please see the update at the end of this newsletter.

### **Our school aims**

#### **Learning Perseverance Manners**

- To be lifelong learners*
- To develop positive attitudes and tolerance for both themselves and others*
- To foster a strong sense of respect and responsibility for themselves and the community*

### **Hot Meals**

**Please book your meals in advance. You will need to register on the Forerunner website in order to book your meals. Please follow this link to register: <https://forerunner.myschoolmealorders.com/> Forerunner only supply us with the exact number of ordered meals on a daily basis. We do not have any extras. If you have not ordered in time, a meal will not be delivered to school and you will need to provide a packed lunch.**

### **Uniform**

Please help us to ensure our children maintain a smart appearance at school by wearing their school uniform. Remember, for their comfort and safety children must wear black, closed toe shoes to school. Open toed sandals or heeled footwear are not suitable for an active day of learning and play. If trainer style shoes are to be worn, please ensure they are all black, including the sole and any logos. A waterproof coat and wellingtons are needed in order to enjoy an all-weather playtime. Please make sure that all clothing is named. Long hair should be tied back with simple hair bands, which are either plain or school uniform blue only. Extreme hair styles such as tramlines or steps are not suitable for school. Large party bow hair bows are not suitable for safe learning and playtimes at school. Please remind your child not to bring toys from home. They can easily get lost at school. Find out more about our uniform at: <https://3lxschool.com/our-uniform/>

Please ensure your child has wet weather clothes as we move into autumn. We will be enjoying an outdoor playtime, whatever the weather.

Please help your child be independent and ready for learning as they come into school in the morning by wearing their coat and carrying their own things. This also helps ensure the gate is clear for all children to enter safely.

### **Please check your child's hair regularly**

As we begin a new year, we would remind you to keep long hair tied back and be vigilant in checking your child's hair on a regular basis. Headlice can spread swiftly amongst young children. For more information in the prevention and treatment of headlice, please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

### **Birthdays in school**

*When it is your child's birthday, please do not send in birthday sweets to school.*

*We have to consider maximising the learning time as well as the individual needs and allergies of our pupils, so this can be difficult to manage fairly.*

*If you want to mark the occasion of your child's birthday, you may want to consider donating a book to the library instead.*

*We will put a message at the front of the book for every book donated. You can choose any book your child would like or use our Amazon wish list if you need book donation ideas. Look at the list here:*

*<https://amzn.eu/fGRkxv> However there is no obligation to take part.*

### **Safeguarding and Child Protection**

As you are probably aware, all schools have a designated safeguarding lead (DSL).

Our school DSL is Anna Morris. Find out more about our responsibility for keeping children safe at:

<https://3lxschool.com/safeguarding-3lx/>

Our safeguarding local school committee member is Nikki Hearn. Our safeguarding trustee is Laura Crossley.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have concerns about a child's welfare. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

### Jeans for Genes day

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2026 is Jeans for Genes day. Our children can wear their own choice of top and wear their jeans (or similar) on this day. Please bring a £1 donation to the national charity. Find out more at:

[Jeans for Genes](#)

### Applying for a school place for September 2027?

You can apply for a school place for middle school or reception in September 2026 by visiting the school admissions website at:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-school-for-the-first-time.aspx>

If require any help, please contact the school office. The closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2027.

You still need to apply for a reception school place, even if your child currently attends our nursery.

Make sure you apply by this date, as late applications will mean you are unlikely to gain your first choice place.

We have organised a few dates for prospective parents to look around our school.

If you or someone you know is interested in a school place for 2027, please email the office to book a place.

The dates are:

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2026 at 10am

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2026 at 9:30am

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2026 at 1.00pm

### Reading at our school

Your child will bring home two books.

#### The reading book

One book is for your child to read to you. It has been carefully chosen and linked to our phonics scheme, unlocking letters and sounds, so that they can decode (work out) all the words. It will be based on the phonemes (letter sounds) taught in class. The teacher will let you know which phonemes have been taught each week on the class pages of the website.

Your child will repeat reading this book a few times so they become confident and very familiar with the book. As your child becomes more confident they will begin to focus on fluency, prosody (expression and intonation), comprehension and inference while reading their reading book.

#### The library book

The other book is one your child will have chosen and may have words your child may not be able to read yet. It is for you to read to your child and talk about together. This book is for discussion, enjoyment and to increase your child's known vocabulary. We aim to offer high quality, new and interesting books for this choice of book.

We use Boom Reader, <https://go-read.co.uk>, to record all reading at home and school. This has proved highly successful in improving the number of times children read and everyone will have the most up to date information. It can be used on phones, tablets and computers. You will receive details from the class teacher about how to access this online reading record.

### Making payments

We are cashless! If possible, we will ask you to pay via bank transfer for school visits, uniform or clubs. As local banks close, it is increasingly difficult to manage cash on a day to day basis. Thanks for your help.

Our banks details are: Three Legged Cross First Sch Sort Code: 30-84-87 Account: 37793668

### After school and breakfast club bookings.

Many sessions are busy. Most sessions until 4pm are often fully booked so we will be less likely to take ad hoc bookings.

If you need to contact the staff, here are our email addresses:

| School Year group | Class name  | Age group | Teacher | Email contact                                                        |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Nursery           | Butterflies | 2-4 years | Alex    | <a href="mailto:a.hustler@3lxschool.com">a.hustler@3lxschool.com</a> |
| Reception         | Peacock     | 4-5 years |         |                                                                      |
| Year 1            | Skipper     | 5-6 years | Sam     | <a href="mailto:samantha@3lxschool.com">samantha@3lxschool.com</a>   |
| Year 2            | Gatekeeper  | 6-7 years | Emily   | <a href="mailto:emily@3lxschool.com">emily@3lxschool.com</a>         |
| Year 3            | Admiral     | 7-8 years | Tracy   | <a href="mailto:t.bailey@3lxschool.com">t.bailey@3lxschool.com</a>   |
| Year 4            | Emperor     | 8-9 years | Chris   | <a href="mailto:chris@3lxschool.com">chris@3lxschool.com</a>         |

To contact Anna, our head of school, please email [anna.morris@3lxschool.com](mailto:anna.morris@3lxschool.com) For all absence, uniform, and general enquiries, please email the office on: [office@3lxschool.com](mailto:office@3lxschool.com).

## Dates for the diary

Please access the school website for up to date details of school term dates: <https://3lxschool.com/calendar/>

|                                                                |                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>2026</u>                                                    |                                                                                                                                  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2026                                 | 3LX Friends AGM at 1.45pm                                                                                                        |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2026                                 | Zack 'Steel' Gladiator visit                                                                                                     |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2026                                | Meet the teacher zoom meetings from 3.20pm                                                                                       |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2026                                | Jeans for Genes charity non-uniform day                                                                                          |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2026                                | Kylie Grimes Paralympian visit                                                                                                   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2026                                | School tours for Reception 2027 10am                                                                                             |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> September 2026              | Year 4 Springhead residential                                                                                                    |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2026                                   | Parent Teacher meetings this week                                                                                                |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2026                                   | NHS Flu immunisation for school age children                                                                                     |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2026                                   | Year 4 class assembly at 9am                                                                                                     |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2026                                   | 3LX Friends Dare to be different day                                                                                             |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2026                                  | School tours for Reception 2027 9:30am                                                                                           |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2026                                  | Year 3 class assembly at 9am                                                                                                     |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2026                                  | Individual school photos                                                                                                         |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2026                                  | Decorate a gourd/pumpkin/vegetable competition                                                                                   |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2026                                  | <u>School closed</u> - Heath Academy Trust staff training                                                                        |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2026              | <u>October HALF TERM 2026</u>                                                                                                    |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2026                                  | 3LX Friends school disco until 4.00 pm                                                                                           |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2026                                 | Odd socks day- Anti-bullying week                                                                                                |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2026                                 | School tours for Reception 2027 1pm                                                                                              |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2026                                 | Non-uniform day, bring a tombola prize for the fayre                                                                             |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2026                                  | 3LX Friends Christmas Fayre                                                                                                      |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2026                                 | Christmas Nativity performances:<br>Reception and Nursery (EYFS) at 9.15 am;<br>Year 1 & 2 at 1.30 pm;<br>Year 3 & 4 at 6.00 pm. |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2026                                 | Pantomime visit for school age children at Bournemouth Pavilion                                                                  |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2026 to 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2027 | <u>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 2026</u>                                                                                                   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2027                                  | Year 1 class assembly at 9am                                                                                                     |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2027                                 | Year 2 class assembly at 9am                                                                                                     |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2027              | <u>February HALF TERM 2027</u>                                                                                                   |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> March – 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2027            | <u>EASTER HOLIDAYS 2027</u>                                                                                                      |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2027                                      | Reception class assembly 9am                                                                                                     |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> May -4 <sup>th</sup> June 2027                | <u>May HALF TERM 2027</u>                                                                                                        |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2027                                      | Sports day                                                                                                                       |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> July to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2027          | <u>SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2027</u>                                                                                                      |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2027                                 | <u>Autumn term starts-official date</u> (this may vary, due to staff training dates tbc)                                         |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> October to 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2027      | <u>October HALF TERM 2027</u>                                                                                                    |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> December to 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2028      | <u>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 2027</u>                                                                                                   |

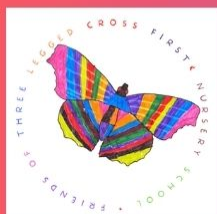
Paper copies of newsletters are available if requested via the office.



**The Heath Academy Trust** *inspire transform together*

Registration Number 09809895





# September 2026 Newsletter



## Fundraising news

Welcome to the new school year and hello to all those new parents joining us.

We had a busy summer planning the year ahead, and we are starting with the a visit a very special guest, Steel, the Gladiator is coming to school on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> to teach the children all about nutrition and mindset. It was 2 years in the planning and the children are very excited to meet him.

Christmas is round the corner so we are now planning the Christmas fayre, if you would like to help, have ideas or know someone who can sponsor the event please contact us.

## Upcoming events:



25/09 Tuck shop

09/10 Dare to be different -dress down day



21/10 Decorate a veg competition



22/10 Tuck Shop



04/11 Disco



27/11 Dress down for tombola donation



16/11 Odd Sock day



01/12 Christmas Fayre

## Second Hand clothing

Please email us at [friendsof3lx@outlook.com](mailto:friendsof3lx@outlook.com) if you are looking for any second hand clothing



## Stay connected

Lost a jumper?

Dont knwo when non-uniform day is?

How much is tuck shop?

Join your classes whatsapp group and stay connected  
Please email the PTFA at [friendsof3lx@outlook.com](mailto:friendsof3lx@outlook.com) to join. Please include your name, phone number and childs class

## Spring bulbs

Please  
donate  
spring bulbs



Help us grow a brighter spring

Contact [friendsof3lx@outlook.com](mailto:friendsof3lx@outlook.com)  
or message on whatsapp to arrange  
collection

## Tesco blue tokens

**TESCO**

We are currently taking part in the Tesco blue tokens to raise more funds for library books, the stores include, Ferndown Superstore, West Moors Express, Glenmoor Road Bournemouth, Poulner Express Verwood. So please vote for us,, the top prize if £1500!!

## Stay in touch



Please make sure to join our facebook group, "Friends of Three Legged Cross First and Nursery"



Every class also has a whatsapps group, please email us at [friendsof3lx@outlook.com](mailto:friendsof3lx@outlook.com) with your name and phone number to be added



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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

5 FUN

COMPETITIONS

FOR CHILDREN!

2 AGE CATEGORIES

≥ 3-6 YEARS OLD | 7-11 YEARS OLD ≤

1 A HABITAT SCENE  
IN A SHOEBOX



ie. garden,  
rainforest,  
ocean

2 SCAVENGER  
HUNT



Pick up a  
form and  
a paper bag  
from  
Verwood  
Library

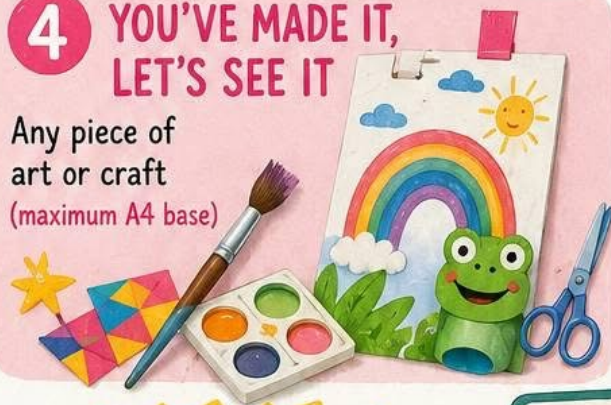
3 AN ARRANGEMENT  
OF FLOWERS  
AND/OR FOLIAGE,  
IN A JAM JAR



4 YOU'VE MADE IT,  
LET'S SEE IT

Any piece of  
art or craft

(maximum A4 base)



5 SIGNATURE BAKE

Bake your favourite  
cupcakes and  
decorate them  
with a fun design,  
own recipe,  
3 on a plate



£20  
AMAZON  
VOUCHER

TO BE WON!

BRING YOUR ENTRIES  
BETWEEN

8.30 AND 11AM

ON SHOW DAY,  
READY FOR JUDGING!

ENTRY FORM AND FURTHER DETAILS  
AVAILABLE ON THE VDHS WEBSITE :

[www.verwoodhorticulturalsociety.co.uk](http://www.verwoodhorticulturalsociety.co.uk)







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# SUMMER SCAVENGER HUNT!

Can you find them all?

Collect as many of these items as you can!

1. Unusual  
Seedhead

2. A Lego  
brick



3. A sycamore  
seed



4. A  
milk-bottle  
top



5. Feather



6. A map or leaflet  
for somewhere you  
have visited



7. A cork



8. Small  
smooth  
stone



9. Rubber band



10. Trading  
card



11. Daisy



12. A picture on  
a piece of paper  
the size of  
a stamp



13. A die



14. Used stamp  
with a picture  
on it



15. Paperclip



16. Pinecone



17. Snail  
shell



18. A  
pressed  
flower



19. Twig shaped  
like an animal



20. A metal  
bottle top



21. Keyring

22. Sweet  
wrapper



23. Seashell



24. A piece from a  
jigsaw puzzle



25. Badge



26. Three different  
shaped leaves



27. Entrance ticket  
to a place you have  
visited / transport ticket



28. Conker



29. Acorn



30. Old or  
Foreign coin



31. A sticker



32. A small key



33. Selfie in  
sunglasses



34. A postcard



35. Sugar  
packet



36. A small  
plastic  
figurine/toy



37. Lolly  
stick



38. An unusual  
button



39. A resin  
animal



40. An unusual  
bead



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TO THE  
AUTUMN  
HORTICULTURAL SHOW  
SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

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Competition  
details and rules  
on the VDHS website  
[www.verwoodhorticulturalsociety.co.uk](http://www.verwoodhorticulturalsociety.co.uk)