



Three Legged Cross First and Nursery School

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Newsletter

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Half term

The school is closed for the half term break from **23rd October to 1st November 2025** (Friday 23.10.26 is a staff training/inset day).

We return to school on Monday 2nd November 2026.

The last day of this term is Friday 18th December 2026.

Find out more 3LX Friends Fundraising information at the end of this newsletter.

Dress up day and Autumn Disco

On Wednesday 4th November 2026, the children can dress up in their fancy dress/party outfit to come to school.

The disco, led by Darren from Blitz disco, will also take place on that day until 4pm.

Book your place by emailing the school office. Payments by bank transfer for £5 should be made to the school account.

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

This is a ticketless event but class teachers will maintain an attendance register for attendees.

The Friends of 3LX will provide snacks and a drink.

If you are aware that your child does not enjoy the loud music of a disco, please consider whether this event is suitable for them to attend or choose the art/craft 3LX Friends option instead.

If your child is not attending, please collect at the usual end of day times.

3LX Friends decorate a pumpkin (or similar!)/colouring competition

On Wednesday 21st October 2026, the children can enter the decorate a pumpkin/vegetable/fruit item and/or enter a colouring competition. This is to raise money for school funds. The donations are £1 entry fee for a pumpkin and 20p for the colouring. Please bring the items into school in the morning. Children may enter one or both of the competitions. The children will then each vote for their favourite.

Parents and carers are welcome to come into school at 3pm on Wednesday to view the entries. The entries can then be taken home on Thursday for the half term break.

We have recently had some staff training confirmed for this day so **please note there will be no after school club on Wednesday 21st October.**

Illness and absence

We are continuing to experience coughs and colds since the start of this term. We follow Public Health advice. If you are unsure about the absence periods for infectious diseases, you can find out more here:

[Infection Control Information](#)

Drop off and collection

Please make sure you stand within easy view of the class teacher when collecting your child at the end of the day and then where possible, move back from the gate to allow others to move forward. If you are dropping your child for breakfast club, please remember to arrive promptly at your booked time. This is either 7:30 or 8am. Due to staff ratios, we are unable to accommodate drop offs outside of these times.

Parent Teacher meetings this term

The office has emailed 'Sign Up' links for parent teacher progress meetings. They will begin from Monday 5th October. In order to be more efficient and suit parents' working patterns, these meetings will, on the whole, continue on Zoom. The email will have the class teacher's individual Zoom link included. Zoom has proven a useful and effective choice for parent consultations. It enables the teachers to have a focused conversation to give feedback and talk about the children's learning with less distraction. The teachers will share examples of the children's learning, to outline the progress and areas for development.

Limited face to face meetings will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 13th October 2026, from 3:30- 4:30pm. If you would like a face-to-face meeting instead, please email the teacher or the school office. They will be for 10 minutes duration and must be booked with the teacher in advance. **These meetings are for parents and carers only.** We unable to provide safe supervision for children. Entry will be via the school hall door.

Toys in school

Please do not send toys into school. This includes multiple large keyrings on bookbags. One small keyring to allow your child to quickly identify their book bag is fine.

Applying for a school place for September 2027?

You can apply for a school place [for middle school](#) or [reception](#) in September 2027 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 15th 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 remaining dates are:

Tuesday 13th October 2026 at 09.30am

Thursday 19th November 2026 at 1.00pm

Dates for the diary

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

Please note the additions in bold that were not in last month's newsletter.

5 th October 2026	Parent Teacher meetings this week
5 th October 2026	NHS Flu immunisation for school age children
8 th October 2026	Year 4 class assembly at 9am
9 th October 2026	3LX Friends Dare to be different day
13 th October 2026	School tours for Reception 2027 9:30am
15 th October 2026	Year 3 class assembly at 9am
21 st October 2026	Individual school photos
21 st October 2026	Decorate a gourd/pumpkin/vegetable competition
21st October 2026	No after school club due to staff training
23 rd October 2026	<u>School closed-</u> Heath Academy Trust staff training
26 th to 30 th October 2026	<u>October HALF TERM 2026</u>
4 th November 2026	3LX Friends school disco until 4.00 pm
16 th November 2026	Odd socks day- Anti-bullying week
19 th November 2026	School tours for Reception 2027 1pm
20 th November 2026	Non-uniform day, bring a tombola prize for the fayre
1 st December 2026	3LX Friends Christmas Fayre
10 th December 2026	Christmas Nativity performances: Reception and Nursery (EYFS) at 9.15 am; Year 1 & 2 at 1.30 pm; Year 3 & 4 at 6.00 pm.
14 th December 2026	Pantomime visit for school age children at Bournemouth Pavilion
21 st December 2026 to 1 st January 2027	<u>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 2026</u>
4 th February 2027	Year 1 class assembly at 9am
11 th February 2027	Year 2 class assembly at 9am
15 th – 19 th February 2027	<u>February HALF TERM 2027</u>
26 th March – 9 th April 2027	<u>EASTER HOLIDAYS 2027</u>
27 th May 2027	Reception class assembly 9am
31 st May -4 th June 2027	<u>May HALF TERM 2027</u>
1 st July 2027	Sports day
19 th July to 31 st August 2027	<u>SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2027</u>
1 st September 2027	<u>Autumn term starts-official date</u> (this may vary, due to staff training dates tbc)
25 th October to 29 th October 2027	<u>October HALF TERM 2027</u>
20 th December to 3 rd January 2028	<u>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 2027</u>

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

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Fundraising news

This term we have been in the garden with the children planting bulbs ready for next spring. Thank you to those that donated the bulbs.

We have also secured a grant from the 3LX community fund who generously gave money for this year's school Panto trip.

Our next meeting to plan the Christmas fayre is on 7th October, if you would have any idea or would like to join us for the meeting please let us know.

Our next big event is the decorate a veg competition, to be held on 21st October, we are looking forward to seeing all the amazing creations.

Upcoming events:

-  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 if you are looking for any second hand clothing



Easy Fundraising



Shop with over 8,000 retailers via #easyfundraising and earn a free donation for Three Legged Cross First & Nursery School at the same time.

All the big names like Argos, John Lewis & Partners, Tesco and Just Eat are ready to donate. It won't cost you anything extra!

Please sign up today and they could win a £250 donation.

Wreath workshop

Friends of Three Legged Cross First School
& Nursery

Registered charity number: 1198754

Tuesday 8th December 2026 7pm-9:30pm

CHRISTMAS
WREATH WORKSHOP

Join our florist Hannah to design and create your own wreath

£35 per person to include all materials (although you are welcome to bring your own extras as well) to make a Christmas wreath. Welcome drink and mince pie included with other refreshments available. Raffle tickets will be available to purchase on the night for cash.

Join us at Three Legged Cross First School, Church road, 3LX.
Limited tickets available.

Email friendsof3lx@outlook.com or call Julie on 07976486316.
All profits will go towards funding activities and equipment for the school.

Decorate a veg

PUMPKIN CARVING
ALL VEGETABLES ACCEPTED

Time to let their imaginations run wild.

Get creative and carve, paint or decorate a vegetable.

WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER

Bring into school with £1 per entry

Viewing after school 3pm

Please come and admire the children's creative masterpieces!

Especially for the little ones we will send home a colouring competition, 20p a submission. Prize for a winner of each class.

