Three Legged Cross First and Nursery School

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Newsletter

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Decorate a gourd competition

Well done for all your fabulous entries into the pumpkin competition this year! The children enjoyed learning about the democratic process of voting whilst choosing their favourite, by placing their vote in the black ballot box.

Cultural Hub

Last year, our school became a member of the local Cultural Hub. This initiative enables us to access lots of different enrichment opportunities within the arts for our children. Before the end of this term KS2 will take part in an interactive preforming arts workshop and Year 2 will visit Poole Lighthouse to learn about belonging and feeling safe. Many more exciting opportunities are planned so watch this space!

School nurse drop in service

Our school nurse, Marie, is available to speak to parents during a morning drop-in session on Wednesday 25th November. Any parent can pop in. She will be able to discuss and advise on a wide range of common childhood concerns. This is a perfect opportunity to speak to a specialist health professional about any little niggles that you may be worried about concerning your child. Please speak to Susannah in the school office to book a time.



Applying for a middle or first 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 you require any help, please contact the school office. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2026.
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.
Come and look around on Thursday 19th November 2025 at 1.00pm.
However, if this is not suitable, please email the office to book an alternative time.



Anti-bullying awareness in November
We will be learning about bullying this month.
We start by taking part in odd socks day on Monday 16th November to show awareness for difference. Throughout November, we will be looking at what constitutes bullying and you can find out more at:
https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/what-bullying

Fundraising is run by our 3LX Friends group
Please consider becoming an active member of our 'Friends' group. They are a small but very dedicated team who would love to grow! They would love some new members so if you feel you could contribute ideas, help at an event or would just like to know any other ways in which you could help, please let us know in school, or email friendsof3lx@outlook.com
Please see the information provided at the end of this newsletter for upcoming events and activities!

Christmas card post box
There is no obligation to send Christmas cards. However, if you would like your child to send Christmas cards, all cards will be posted in the Christmas post box.
The post box will be in school from Monday 30th November in the entrance corridor.
Please make sure that the name and class name/year group to whom the card is being sent to are clearly written on the envelope.
Cards will be sorted by Year 4 and handed out during the last week of term.

Christmas Play
This year, our Nativity is called 'Super Star!' and all Christmas performances will be on Thursday 10th December 2025.
EYFS (reception and nursery), Year 1 and Year 2 will do a short performance, including some songs from the play.
Year 3 and 4 will perform the full Nativity play. The performances will be as follows:

- EYFS: 9.15am
- Year 1 and 2: 1.30pm
- Year 3 and 4: 6pm

The evening performance for Year 3 and Year 4 will be bookable only. **This event is not suitable for younger siblings.**
Places can be booked **from Monday 30th November** at a cost of £3 each. You will need to email the office to book your place. There will be no entry without a confirmed booking.
Please pay by bank transfer if possible.
Two tickets per family will be available in the first instance.
Further places may be requested however these will only be issued once every family has had a chance to obtain two tickets.
We have a strict limit of seats in our hall, as our fire risk assessment has designated our hall capacity at 168, inclusive of children, staff, and parents.
In line with fire safety advice, all performances are seated events only, please do not stand. We must keep all walkways, entrances and exits clear.
Photographs and videos can be taken at all performances for personal use only, with the agreement that none are posted online. Please be mindful of parents behind you when taking photos/videos, as cameras may disrupt their view and hamper their enjoyment of the performance. As always, the entire school site is a no smoking zone, this includes vaping.

Home learning
Remember to log in to the class pages of our website to find out about the weekly learning and tasks to complete at home (go to the 'classes' tab and then click on the class name). We will be focusing on practising the skills taught during the week and increasing the associated vocabulary. There will be questions to ask and discuss with your child/ren. The learning will be updated every Friday. You will need to use your password to login.

Community information
The 3LX Community Fund provides grants to our local community and the school have benefited from these several times over the years. This year, they are funding our school pantomime trip! Their AGM is to be held at our school on Thursday 26th November 2026. This is an open meeting for anyone to come along and find out more about how the group supports the community and all are very welcome. Please also see a flyer for a local children's nearly new sale attached to this newsletter. Don't forget, we are also a 'Parkrun Primary' and are impressed and proud of how many children take part from our school! To join the fun (and 2k run!) of this weekly free event, just turn up at the Moors Valley totem pole at 9am on a Sunday morning. Find out more and register here https://www.parkrun.org.uk/moorsvalley-juniors/



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

2026	
9th November 2026	Stranger Danger awareness/self defence workshops
16th November 2026	Odd socks day- Anti-bullying week
17th November 2026	Y2 dodgeball tournament at Ferndown Leisure Centre

19th November 2026	School tours for Reception 2027 1pm
20th November 2026	Non-uniform day, bring a tombola prize for the fayre
20th November 2026	Y3 visit to Tutankhamun Exhibition
25th November 2026	Y2 visit to Poole Lighthouse- The Elves and the Shoemaker project
25th November 2026	KS2 The Snail's Dragon Tail- performing arts workshop in school
25th November 2026	School nurse drop-in service 9am-12pm
1st December 2026	3LX Friends Christmas Fayre
10th 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.
14th December 2026	Pantomime visit for school age children at Bournemouth Pavilion
21st December 2026 to 1st January 2027	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 2026
4th February 2027	Year 1 class assembly at 9am
11th February 2027	Year 2 class assembly at 9am
15th – 19th February 2027	February HALF TERM 2027
26th March – 9th April 2027	EASTER HOLIDAYS 2027
27th May 2027	Reception class assembly 9am
31st May -4th June 2027	May HALF TERM 2027
1st July 2027	Sports day
19th July to 31st August 2027	SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2027
1st September 2027	Autumn term starts-official date (this may vary, due to staff training dates tbc)
25th October to 29th October 2027	October HALF TERM 2027
20th December to 3rd January 2028	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 2027

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

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Fundraising news

Thank you to everyone who participated in the pumpkin decorating competition, it was lovely to see so much creativity.

We have more good news this week, the Verwood Rotary have agreed to pay for a new art easle for the children.

We are working hard to get the Fayre ready and all the christmas events coming up. If you can volunteer or sponser the fayre we would love to hear from you.

This month we also bought lots of lovely new toys for nursery and all the children to use.

Upcoming events:

- 04/11 Disco
- 16/11 Odd Sock day
- 20/11 Dress down for tombola donation
- 27/11 Tuck Shop
- 01/12 Christmas Fayre
- 08/12 Wreath Making

Second Hand clothing

Please email us at friendsof3lx@outlook.com if you are looking for any second hand clothing



Can you help?



We love bringing the children so much joy at our Christmas Fayre, and it is all done by a handful of volunteers. Can you help? Our ideas are endless, but without you we are limited in how much we can do. So why not join us? It is always fun, and we would love you to be part of the team.

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.

Christmas Fayre




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, BH
Limited tickets available
Email friendsofsl@outlook.com or call Julie on 648
All profits will go towards funding activities and equipment for the school

Children's Nearly New Sale

Pre-loved items ♥ Great bargains ♥ Local sellers

Sunday 15th November
10am – 12pm

CASH ONLY

Verwood Memorial Hall



- Children's clothes & shoes
- Toys & games
- Books
- Baby items & equipment
- Sports items
- Bags & accessories
- Arts & crafts & more!

Come along, support local families and grab some amazing bargains!