



## OLD TOWN INFANT SCHOOL & NURSERY

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### WEEKLY BULLETIN: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Year 1 P.E day – children to attend school in their P.E kit  Tennis Club after school – bookings via Premier Education
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2026	Reception P.E day – children to attend school in their P.E kit  Football Club after school – bookings (now available up to Christmas) made via Arbor. <i>Children to be dismissed from the hall.</i>
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026	Year 2 P.E day – children to attend school in their P.E kit
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2026	Reception and Year 1 P.E day – children to attend school in their P.E kit

#### Spellings for week commencing 19.01.26

Year 1	some, come
Year 2	pretty, beautiful

#### Headlines

- **Whilst we are aware that several children partake in out of school football activities/tournaments, with different local clubs, please remember that children at Old Town should attend P.E lessons and football clubs in trainers as normal. Boots with studs are not permitted for two reasons: firstly, the Health and Safety implications of young people being kicked and injured (we do not use shin pads). Secondly all of our outdoor pitches are astro-turf and not grass. Studs will cause significant damage and present with high costs to repair. Thank you for your understanding.**
- This week we have been hit by pockets of illness. School attendance for the week is 87.79% 😞
- Several parents have enquired about the free dentist registration available to Old Town children that was mentioned earlier this year. Can I say a HUGE thank you to the team at {my}Dentist Poole (on Parkstone Road). They are pleased to offer an NHS registration spot to any child attending Old Town Infant School and Nursery who does not currently

have one. For any parents wishing to enquire, they are welcome to email: Poole1-TCO2@mydentist.co.uk or via WhatsApp on 07597 896540.

- This week the Fire Rescue Team visited to meet our Year 1 and Year 2 children. They delivered an assembly all about fire risk and how to stay safe. The assembly was really practical and the children responded well to the information they were given.
- You may have seen in the national press this week that there has been a big focus on lockdowns in schools should there ever be a high risk incident. Old Town has a lockdown policy which is located on our school website. Due to the young age of our children, we ensure that the rooms are secure, we gather them together and the class teacher reads a story. I believe that this promotes normality and does not make any child anxious, scared or upset. We had a practice this Thursday and all ran smoothly. Just like the fire drill, this is something that we regularly practice across the year.
- Please can we put a call out for any clean/unused pants and socks that you no longer need. Our current supplies are starting to run low. If you have any available that you would be happy to donate, please can you pass to the school office.
- The next Parent Focus Group is taking place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026. If there are any issues you would like considered, please drop your representatives an email: [oldtownpfg@coastalpartnership.co.uk](mailto:oldtownpfg@coastalpartnership.co.uk)
- The new school website will go live on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Look out for a new look school website that contains information all things Old Town 😊
- It's been great to see the children embodying our value of respect across the school. I've heard lots of positive feedback from parents, staff and members of the public about how respectful and polite our children are. What great ambassadors for the school!

#### Key dates \*Please check as new dates/events added\*

- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026 Kinetic Letters workshop for all Reception parents from 0900-0945. Here, parents will find out how we teach writing and then join their children in a writing lesson in the classrooms. Staff will be on hand to explain how we teach writing here at Old Town, as well as providing support for gross and fine motor skill development.
- **On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, the School Nursing Team is running a workshop from 0900-1000 in the school hall to support children who may be having issues with toileting. Please feel free to attend.**
- Angelfish class Time to Shine Assembly Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 1445 – all Angelfish parents/carers welcome
- Seahorses class Time to Shine Assembly Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 1445 – all Seahorses parents/carers welcome.
- Jellyfish class Time to Shine Assembly Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 1445 – all Jellyfish parents/carers welcome.
- Stingrays class Time to Shine Assembly Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 1445 – all Stingray parents/carers welcome.
- Sea Turtle class Time to Shine Assembly Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 1445 – all Sea Turtle parents/carers welcome.
- Octopus class Time to Shine Assembly Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 1445 – all Octopus parents/carers welcome.
- Health Week: Week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- Sports Day: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026: Nursery and Reception (am), Year 1 and 2 (pm)
- Old Town Community Picnic: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026, 1200-1400
- Year 2 Leavers Assembly: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026.

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