



# Summer Newsletter

July 2025



## What a term it has been!

We have been so busy with a final push for teaching and learning, alongside all the wonderful events that enrich school life. From statutory testing windows, residentials, and trips, to summer fetes, sports days, and the Year 4 rounders 'friendlies', the list goes on! Every event reflects the hard work and dedication of pupils, staff and parents.

This term has seen visits to new classes, and we were delighted to welcome our new children who will be joining us in September. We are excited to support them and their families as they begin their first steps on their school journey.

The children have worked hard all year to earn our values tokens, demonstrating the school core values in everything they do. When you are fortunate enough to spend time around the school, you see firsthand how much progress our pupils make personally, socially and academically. Their resilience, curiosity, respect and enthusiasm shine through in every aspect of school life.

We've also seen fantastic achievements across the curriculum, from creative writing and mathematical reasoning to musical performances, artistic creations and playtime successes. The children have embraced every opportunity with determination and joy, and we could not be prouder of them.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our incredible staff teams. Every member of staff consistently goes above and beyond to make sure that our pupils have the best possible experience at school. Their passion, care, and dedication are at the heart of all that we do, and I am so grateful for everything they contribute, often behind the scenes, even at weekend and during holidays as well as on the front line.

Finally, I want to say what a real privilege it's been to be Interim Headteacher this year. I've loved working with such fantastic children, brilliant staff, and supportive families in our schools. All fourteen years at Hayeswood and five at Colehill have been an honour. I'm really going to miss being part of this wonderful school community, but I wish you all the very best for the future. I know the schools will continue to go from strength to strength!

## Staffing changes

Miss Self is coming out of class at Colehill next year to share her expertise more widely across the Wimborne schools. Miss Janes, who trained at Hayeswood this year, is taking her place in reception at Colehill as the Hedgehogs teacher. Mrs Henry is stepping into teach year one at Hayeswood as Mrs Ayling returns to her role covering the teacher's PPA time. Mrs Henry is an experienced teacher coming from a Bournemouth school and we are looking forward to her joining the Rabbits class.

## Opal Success

We are proud to announce we are a Platinum standard OPAL school!

Following the audit just a week before the end of term, we were pleased to achieve this standard at both schools. Mrs Dawson, Mrs Carter and their play teams at both schools have transformed playtime and lunchtimes, and the benefits to the children have come in all areas, including teamwork, resilience, new physical skills and fitness levels. We are now some of the top schools across the country for playtimes. Amazing.

## Goodbye

We have been so proud of our Year 4 children this year; they have been wonderful role models for the younger children and thrown themselves into all activities. We want to take this opportunity to wish them all the luck in the world as they start their new adventures at middle school. Thank you to all the parents who are leaving us this year, too. We hope you have enjoyed the journey and are as proud of the children as we are.





## Parent Support Group

The parent groups at both of our schools are quite frankly amazing. We are very lucky to have a group of people who go over and above organising the fund raising and social events. When you so generously put your hand in your pocket for these events you are helping to subsidise trips and special events as well as purchasing some of the more fun equipment we have in school.

Thank you to those who give their own time to organise these events and support the school.

## Residentials

Our Year 4 children at Hayeswood and Year 3 children at Colehill have thoroughly enjoyed their residentials this year to Brenscombe and Cranborne. Thank you to the staff who stayed overnight and made this a memorable experience for the children.

## Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is a fun and engaging way to help children keep up their reading skills during the summer break. Many children experience a "summer slide"—a decline in reading ability over the long break. The Summer Reading Challenge helps prevent this. Visit your local library to sign up for free.

## Lost Property

We have a box full of lost property. We will put this out in the playground the last week of term, please come and have a look for lost items.

This is a good time to remember to purchase that permanent marker for next year. Naming your child's clothes saves a huge amount of time in school.

## Returning school books

Please have a search at home for any school reading and library books and return these in book bags before the end of term for us to check and tidy stock. Thank you.

## Mental Health

The holidays are a great time for children to refuel and enjoy some relaxation time. However, for some, this time can bring out big feelings. The NSPCC have some useful advice for parents. If you have concerns about your child's mental health and well-being.

Click [here](#).



## Attendance matters

We are pleased to share that both schools attendance is above the national average of 93.2% this year.

Colehill First School: 96.3%

Hayeswood First School: 94.5%

Please look ahead at the school holiday dates before booking any future holidays. These can be found on the school websites.

Have a safe and happy summer holiday.  
Term starts on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

# Letter from Mrs Staddon

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well as we approach the end of what has been another wonderful term across our schools.

I am delighted to share with you that I am so looking forward to returning to Hayeswood and Colehill First Schools in September as part of our exciting Small Schools Cluster collaboration. This represents a significant step forward in our journey to work more closely together across all five schools in our cluster.

Throughout this year, and especially over the past couple of months, I have been liaising closely with Miss Self and Mrs Fairman to ensure the smoothest possible transition. I want to reassure you that we will continue to work very closely together as we develop our collaborative approach across the five schools. This partnership will ensure that the excellent standards and caring ethos that define our schools remain at the heart of everything we do.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs Fairman for her fantastic leadership. She will be greatly missed, and I know you will join me in expressing our gratitude for her dedication and commitment to our school communities. I also want to thank all the staff who have supported her so fully throughout the year- their professionalism and teamwork have been exemplary.

I am genuinely excited about the changes and opportunities that working more collaboratively will bring to our children. Not least, we will benefit from Miss Self's wide experience in improving teaching and learning, and we will have access to a full-time SENCO across our cluster. These developments will enhance the support we can offer every child, particularly those with additional needs.

As we break up for the summer holidays, I want to wish you all a lovely break. I hope you enjoy precious time with your families, whatever your plans may be. Let's hope the sun continues to shine and that you all return refreshed and ready for the exciting year ahead.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we will continue to ensure that every child in our care can grow, flourish, and reach their full potential.

With warm wishes for a wonderful summer,  
Sharon Staddon