

# CONIFERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carers,

I feel as if I'm becoming obsessed with the weather – as in, it's sunny, it's raining, it's sunny, it's raining..... Interestingly, when I look back to my Newsletter for this time last year, I was moaning about the same thing!

It's been a busy time at school – as it always is; with Year 4 visiting the Dorchester Museum (I'll let those members of staff do the talking), the School's own Living Museum (it's always a pleasure to welcome you into the school), our own Inter-House Netball – and various other school Sporting events, played at different venues. World Book Day, Red Nose Day and of course our Talent Competition. Yr. 1 spending a day at Farmer Palmers and our French Day! Much more can be read about some of these events further down.

And as they say, it's not over yet – still to come is the school's Easter Bonnet Parade, the Easter Dash and another Living Museum.

I like to say an early THANK YOU to our PTA, who will once again be staging their Easter Bingo extravaganza, which I'm confident will be as popular as it was last year, drawing large crowds of adults and children keen to get that line filled, or go for a full house! If you were one of the lucky winners last year – good for you – let's see if your luck remains this time round!

Reflecting back onto our Red Nose Day, I'd like to extend a heart-felt thank you to both your generosity in donating so many cakes for our after-school sale and the contributions made towards the non-uniform day, we raised a grand total of £460.00. Additionally, I'd like to thank you all for your diligence in respect of ensuring, as far as one can, that the cakes either bought or home-made, adhered to our position as maintaining a Nut Free school.

Already looking ahead after the Easter break - we have our Parent's Evening Consultations. Once again, and following feedback from our previous meetings, we have arranged the format to mix the 'virtual' with 'face to face' meetings, in order to satisfy, as well as we can, parental wishes for those who wish to meet 'in the flesh' and offer a degree of flexibility to those parent/carers who prefer the ease of an online discussion, whilst juggling a busy home and work life. Please remember that we do have an 'open door' policy, so if you have anything you wish to share with us, feel free to contact the school.



Finally – we say farewell (not goodbye) and good luck to Mrs Tharme, who leaves us to start her Maternity Leave. As parents, you'll understand the joy that Mrs Tharme is about to be blessed with, along with the sleepless nights and overflowing nappy bins! She does of course have our very best wishes and we look forward to being formally introduced to Baby Tharme in the near future.

I hope you have a wonderful Easter and thank you as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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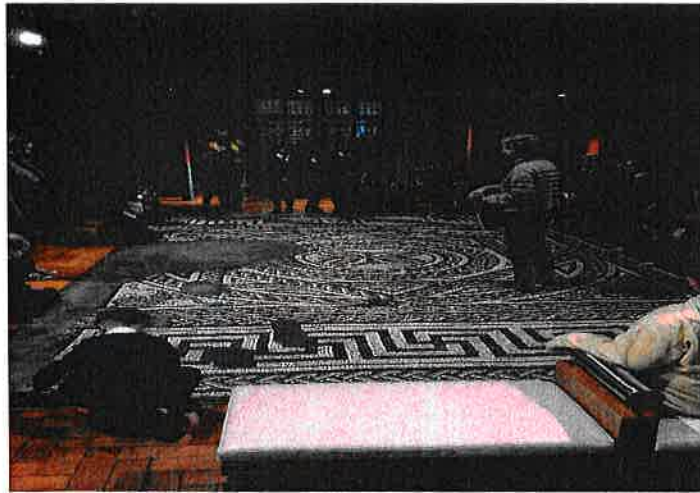
## Year 4, visit to Dorset Museum.

On Tuesday 11th February, Year Four set off on an adventure over the Ridgeway and into the depths of Roman Britain. We were welcomed into the Dorset Museum by a group of expert guides who provided a wealth of information all about Dorset in the Roman times.

We were very lucky to be one of the first groups to visit their new exhibition entitled 'Gladiators of Britain', where we got to try out the costumes, smell the herbs and examine some of the artefacts found over time.

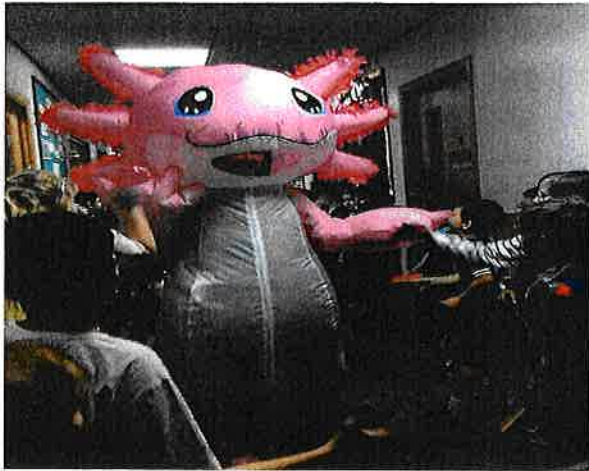
We then had first hand experience of digging up some Roman graves (not real!) and handling real grave goods in an attempt to identify the person buried. After a tasty lunch, we set off on a short walk to a genuine Roman town house tucked away in the centre of Dorchester. The children were able to enter the house and actually walked across and near 2000 year old mosaic floors. We were able to see how a Roman hypocaust would have worked too.

The children were a credit to Conifers, listening intently, asking very challenging historical questions and showing off their Roman knowledge.





# World Book Day



On 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025 all the children and staff at Conifers Primary School thoroughly enjoyed our World Book Day event. During the day, the children enjoyed many activities including: stories read by a visiting teacher, art and crafts with a book or author theme, Book Quizzes and 'The Great Big Book Hunt'. During which, pupils dashed around the school site looking for clues as to who was reading the books they found.

It was delightful seeing all the children dressing up or bringing in book themed objects that they had created at home.

Our after school book swap was the biggest we have seen to date and it was lovely to see so many children, parents and guardians appreciating the opportunity to take home new books to read and enjoy together. It was a fun filled day and the love of reading was celebrated by all.

We would like to thank you for your continuing support with these events and we look forward to enjoying many more in the future.



## Year 1 Farmer Palmers Trip.



This was Year 1's first ever school trip and they were all exceptionally well behaved. They represented the school perfectly and made me very proud.



On the whole, we had a fantastic day with opportunities to feed goats and sheep, hold guinea pigs and look at all of the farmyard animals (the lambs, kids and piglets were very cute!).



We enjoyed walking the dinosaur trail where certain members of the class updated me on my dinosaur knowledge! Of course, there was some time to play in the park and we even managed to watch one of the cows getting milked. But please, no one ask me if they can go to the toilet again



though! 😊



## Stampede By The Sea - Update.

The Weldmar Stampede by Sea Art Trail, begins on 28th March 2025 and runs until the end of May 2025. The event is free to visit and more information about the event can be found on the website - <https://stampedebythesea.org/art-trail/>

An interactive map can be downloaded via an App. More details about the App can be found on their website. There is an option to earn rewards as you find and collect the different elephants.

Our amazing Conifers elephant - Bob, has been placed in Goadsby's along Bridport High Street (2 South Street). Lots of other mini elephants are also on the high street so it's worth a visit to Bridport to see Bob and friends.

