

BAYSIDE ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

22nd October 2026

As we reach the end of our first half term, I would like to thank our wonderful pupils, staff, parents and carers for helping to make it such a successful start to the academic year.
It has been fantastic to see the children return to school with such enthusiasm, positivity and eagerness to learn. Across the academy, pupils have settled quickly into their new classes, embraced new challenges and demonstrated our values every day. I have been incredibly proud of their achievements, attitudes and the kindness they show to one another.
This half term has been filled with exciting learning opportunities, special events and memorable experiences, and our children have represented the school brilliantly in all that they do.

I would also like to thank our dedicated staff team for their continued hard work and commitment, and our parents and carers for the support you provide at home and in partnership with the school. Working together enables our children to thrive.

As many of you know, from 1st November we will officially become part of United Learning. While there will be very few noticeable changes for pupils and families in the immediate future, we are excited about the opportunities this partnership will bring and look forward to sharing more with you in the months ahead.

As we begin our October half-term break, I hope everyone has the opportunity to rest, recharge and enjoy quality time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming our pupils back for another exciting half term with lots more learning and opportunities ahead.
Have a safe and enjoyable break.

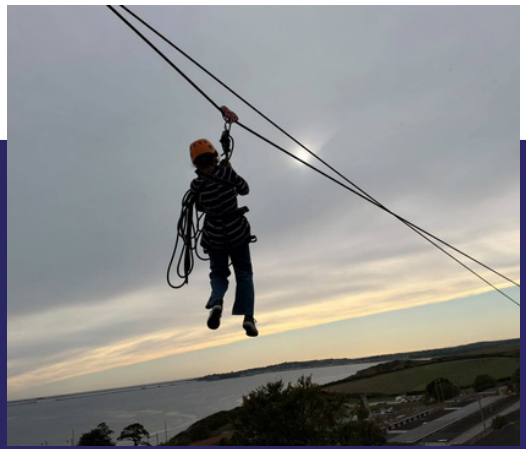
Mrs Tucker



YEAR 6 OSMINGTON BAY

What a fantastic time we had at Osmington Bay. The children showed the Bayside Values throughout the trip. A highlight for Mrs Creech was seeing every child overcome their own individual challenges and of course the food.!
The children enjoyed the adrenaline activities, team building and water sports.







What have our classes been getting up to?

EYFS - In EYFS we have been starting to think about the seasons. We have also had chance to do our first cooking when we made bread and pumpkin soup.
Next half term we will be starting to learn songs for our Christmas performance.

1RH - This half term the children in Year 1 enjoyed learning about the different types of trees in Science. We spent lots of time outside looking at the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees. The children are now tree experts!
Next half term, we will be starting to learn our Christmas songs, reading our lines and trying on our costumes ready for the Nativity! We're all very excited to start practicing!

2SW - Year 2 has made a fantastic start to the term, diving into habitats, microhabitats, and food chains, alongside studying local human and physical geography with early skills in scale and fieldwork. They have also explored architecture and urban landscapes through photography and surface texture rubbings, culminating in a collaborative printmaking project.
Next half term, the children will continue building their cooking and art skills, step into the shoes of local historians to investigate how their area has changed using historical sources, and explore computing by designing, testing, and debugging their own algorithms.

3LB - Year 3 have had a great half term - chocolate making, bug house building, lots of story writing and an amazing trip to Stonehenge ready for our next topic, Prehistoric Britain. I am very proud of all the great learning and the brilliant Bayside behaviours shown by everyone. What a great start Year 3!

4KR - Year 4 have had a great half term, settling in to routines and imbedding some really important learning. Times tables have been the forefront of our focus and will continue to be for the foreseeable. We have been looking at Brazil as our Geography unit and the children have really enjoyed this.
Next half term, we have a visit to Bournemouth university to look forward too!

5KH - Year 5 Have enjoyed learning all about World Trade in Geography and exploring food miles. In Science we have been learning how to separate different mixtures. We have also been finding out about 4 famous women who helped shaped the future or flight and space exploration. Next term we are looking forward to taking part in a STEM day led by Small Piece charity and the RAF.

6HC - Year 6 have had a fantastic half term. We have settled well into our learning and are enjoying the topics. The children have been attending their morning interventions and the progress has been noted already.
Next term, we are looking forward to our trip to Nothe Fort and starting to work with Bournemouth University - beginning our Books and Stories workshops.



Year 3 Stonehenge

Year 3 had a fantastic trip to Stonehenge, where they explored one of Britain's most famous prehistoric monuments. The children learned about different Age periods and why it remains such an important part of our history. This exciting visit has given them a great introduction to their topic next term, Prehistoric Britain and we look forward to building on their learning in the classroom.







We asked children , staff and volunteers .....

What has been your favourite thing you have done at school this term?

Tiana, 5KR - Art and Echo Reading.
S**ylvie, 1RH** - I am enjoying English
Adrian, RNT - The food!!
Georgia-Rose, **4KR** - Maths because we have been doing rounding.
Bet**sy, RNT** - Phonics because I like the sounds.
Tallulah, 1RH - Lunchtime and playtime.
Teddy, 1RH - Phonics because I like to learn

What would you do if yoou found a dinosaur on the playground?

Phillipa, 4KR - I would scream at the top of my lungs!
Thea, 2SW - I would tell someone before it eats me.
Clarissa, 4KR - If it was a big dinosaur, I would find my mum but if it was a small dinosaur, I would pet it
Sylvie, 1RH - I would run really fast!
Tallulah, 1RH - I would jump on its back and shout "Giddy Up!"



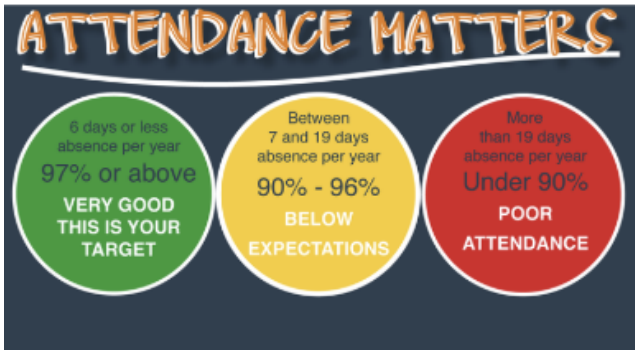
School meal bookings for our first week back after October half term (week commencing 2nd) have now closed. Please ensure if you have not booked, your child has a packed lunch this week.

Please note that the school's email address is changing back to our previous address. From now on, please use office@bayside-academy.co.uk when contacting the school office regarding absences, enquiries, or any other school-related matters. You can also contact us through our website.

Bayside Academy will be moving (along with our other Authentic Education academies) to United Learning as of 1st November. Please look out for our new logo!

Bayside Academy
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ATTENDANCE



Our whole year attendance since is 93.8% which is below the national average and means that our children are missing a lot of learning.
Consistent school attendance allows your child to:

- Fully engage in learning and make academic progress
- Develop critical social skills by interacting with their friends and teachers
- Grow in confidence in a supportive and nurturing school environment
- Build a sense of routine and responsibility, essential for future success

Young Carer Champion

Mrs Bolton

I'm here to help and support our young carers.

Please request a MEETING WITH ME

if you think your child is a young carer or if you would like to find out more about what a young carer is.

What is a young carer?



A young carer is a child or young person who helps to look after a family member who has a disability, long-term illness, mental health condition or other additional needs.

Young carers might...

- Help at home with everyday tasks or personal care
- Be worried about someone they care for
- Miss out on time with friends or activities
- Feel tired, stressed or overwhelmed

You are not alone —
I'm here to listen, support and help.

Important Dates at Bayside Academy for 2026- 2027



November

Thursday 12th

Michael Rosen Day

Fancy Dress Disco

Friday 13th

Children in Need

Year 5 STEM Day

Monday 16th

Young Carer's Action Day - MUFTI for £1

Tuesday 17th

Year 5 Trip to Nothe Fort

Thursday 19th

Families' Evening

Mondy 23rd

Fraser Portraits - Individual Photos

December

Monday 7th - Friday 11th

Year 4 & 5 Wick Court Residential

Tuesday 15th

KS1 Christmas Performance

Wednesday 16th

KS2 Christmas Performance

Thursday 17th

Family Activity

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

February

Monday 1st - Friday 5th

Children's Mental Health Week

Wednesday 3rd

Fraser Portraits - Class Photos

March

Thursday 4th

World Book Day

Thursday 18th
Families' Evening
Friday 19th
Comic Relief

May
Monday 10th - Thursday 13th
Year 6 SAT's
Friday 14th
Year 6 Trip to Hamworthy Park
Tuesday 18th - Wednesday 19th
Life Education
Friday 20th
Live & Inspired Performance
Thursday 27th
Sports Day

June
Wednesday 9th
Year 6 - Coping with Change
Thursday 10th
Reserve Sports Day

July
Friday 2nd
Meet the Teacher Day
Tuesday 6th
Year 6 Paulton's Park
Wednesday 7th
Volunteer's Tea Party
Friday 9th
Year 6 £5 Challenge
Monday 12th
Reports to parents
Wednsday 14th
Year 6 Graduation
Thursday 15th
Year 6 Leaver's Party

(Currently no dates booked for January or April)