

# CONIFERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Well, despite the media frenzy, we appear to have survived the 'heatwave' and normal operating procedures have resumed.

I think it's safe to say, that the countdown towards the end of term has officially begun and to be honest with you, it's neck and neck in respect of who it is, that most keeps reminding me of the days left – staff or children! However, being the voice of reason, or just a grumpy old man, I keep reminding everyone that we still have a few weeks left and plenty to do.....

It has, as it usually is at Conifers, been a very busy few weeks, starting with our Sports Day, which this time had both KS1 and KS2 demonstrating their various skills in running, jumping, throwing and balancing all on the same day. I know for a fact that your participation as the 'cheering crowd' makes the event far more special for the children who, let's face it, are there to show you what they can do. As always, when the dust had settled and the scores are in, it's incredibly close in respect of which House won, but this year, overall victory went to Dragon. Congratulations to them and to all the children who competed with such high levels of sporting spirit. I should perhaps, also thank those fiercely competitive parents, who launched themselves down our running track with both speed and grace – I'm using both phrases generously!

Our Year 6 children were fortunate to be invited to attend the **Weymouth Junior Citizen Child Safety Event 2026**, held at Weymouth FC. The event aimed to provide children with the skills and knowledge they may need to stay safe as they prepare for the transition to secondary school. A range of organisations took part in the event, including the RNLI, British Transport Police, Dorset Police, Weymouth FC, the Ambulance Service, and Railway Safety representatives. Each activity explored how these agencies respond to potential emergencies while also educating the children about the steps they can take to keep themselves safe in everyday situations.



The children thoroughly enjoyed participating in the interactive activities and gained valuable knowledge that will help them make safe and responsible choices as they move on to the next stage of their education. It should also be noted that many of the organisers were incredibly complimentary about our children, their behaviour and levels of engagement.

Following this we had our annual Careers Day, which, once again was a huge success and featured the Emergency Services (Police, Paramedics and Fire Service) alongside representatives from various trades and professions - all of whom graciously surrendered their own time and worked together with like-minded people from our community, to spark our children's imaginations. I'd like to personally thank all of our visitors on that day, many of whom are parents of children in the school, for their continued support at events such as these and making Conifers Primary a place where every child has the opportunity to participate in new experience and consider their future possibilities.

A huge thank you to our children and school staff who joined in the Veterans Parade, along the Weymouth Seafront on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June. I'll leave Mrs Newport to give you more details, but I will say that once again, Conifers was recognised for its support and public empathy towards others, who sacrificed so much to ensure the liberty we enjoy today.

A very special mention has to be made for our PTA – 'The Friends of Conifers' – for organising and running the Summer Fayre, ably assisted by Miss Hutchinson and Mrs Thirlwall and many members of staff. It was, as always, a successful event and great money raiser for the school. We haven't counted the takings as yet but will let you know the final total when we do. Thank you again 'The Friends of Conifers'.

As always – thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards



Mr A R Johnson  
Headteacher



## Parking

A massive **THANK YOU** to all those parents who respect the Yellow Markings at the front and the back of our school, park accordingly and therefore, ensure the safety of all our children.

## Conifers Primary School pays tribute to Falklands Veterans



Staff and children from Conifers Primary School worked in partnership with Weymouth Town Council on a special art project to honour the service and sacrifice of Falklands veterans. As part of the commemorations, they also proudly took part in the Armed Forces Day Parade, joining veterans, service personnel and members of the local community in recognising and thanking those who have served.

The project gave the children the opportunity to learn about the Falklands War and the lasting legacy of the veterans who served. Through the project, they explored the importance of remembrance and reflected on the values of service, resilience and community.

By taking part in both the art project and the parade, the children developed a greater understanding of the experiences of Falklands veterans and the importance of preserving their stories for future generations.

The project reflected Conifers Primary School's commitment to providing opportunities that connect learning with the local community, helping children develop respect, empathy and an appreciation of those who have shaped the nation's history.

Conifers Primary School would like to extend its sincere thanks to Assistant Headteacher Sara West for designing the commemorative banners and to Councillor Joanna Dickenson for leading the initiative and making this meaningful partnership with Weymouth Town Council possible. The school would also like to thank the staff and children who volunteered to take part in the event, as well as the parents and carers whose support of the Armed Forces Day Parade helped make the occasion such a success. This was a memorable and meaningful experience for everyone involved.