Weekly Bulletin

Upcoming dates:	
Term Dates 25-26	Our term dates for 26-27 are on our website.
05.10.2026	Y11 Raising Achievement & LAB6 Info Evening
09.10.2026	Primary and Sibling Photos
19.10.2026	Year 9 Remover Work Experience
20.10.2026	LAB6 Open Evening
21.10.2026	Secondary Photos
22.10.2026	Race to Thorpe Park Rewards Trip
23.10.2026	INSET Day - *Children not in school*
26.10.2025 - 30.10.2026	Half Term
02.11.2026	All children back in school

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ASPIRATIONS

KEY MESSAGES - ALL YEAR GROUPS

EMAILS

This term we have noticed a significant increase in the frequency of lengthy emails being sent from parents and carers to class teachers. This may be because the use of AI is becoming more prevalent. However, it is important that the teachers are enabled to do their role without feeling that the decisions they make as professionals are being scrutinised on a daily basis by a small minority of parents/carers within their class. Furthermore, parents/carers should not be emailing class teachers directly.
Please use the school office address: office@livingstone-aspirations.org

HOLIDAY FOOD SUPPORT – UPCOMING CHANGES (INFORMATION FROM BCP)

From September 2026 changes have come from DWP and all local authorities have been requested to move away from blanket provision of vouchers to those on free school meals being routinely provided during every school holiday; and to focus on supporting families through more targeted needs-based approaches. Food vouchers during school holidays will no longer be issued. Instead, there will be a needs-based focus and families are encouraged to access alternative arrangements and support available detailed below:

THE CRISIS AND RESILIENCE FUND

This can help with crisis payments if experiencing a sudden, unexpected event or shortfall in income that leaves a person unable to meet essential living needs, creating immediate risk without urgent support.
More info: Crisis Resilience Fund | Citizens Advice Bournemouth Christchurch & Poole
Additionally, households can get access to food via food banks, community fridges and social supermarkets which can be found via the access to food partnership Access to Food Partnership - local food banks and community fridges | BCP
Check out the Food map with a mobile friendly version to access around 100 listings of community food support locally and how to refer/access the support, including foodbanks, community fridges, pantries, social supermarkets, community meals and cooking support.

THE LET'S TALK MONEY PROJECT

This aims to build and support finances; by ensuring individuals receive the right income, and supporting with debt and budgeting advice if they have fallen behind with any payments. They offer free advice and support to help with:

- Maximising income
- Getting the right benefits
- Managing debts
- Budgeting and household finances

Access is available via Citizens Advice BCP - Crisis Resilience Fund | Citizens Advice Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole

HEALTHY START SCHEME AND TOP UP CARD

Healthy Start provides a pre-paid card that can be used in many supermarkets and shops to buy: milk, fresh and frozen fruit and vegetables, and infant formula milk.
Households can apply for a Healthy Start Card if:

- A person is more than 10 weeks pregnant or has a child under 4 years.
- A person is claiming certain benefits

More information can be found here: Healthy Start

THE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME

This provides DfE funded holiday activity places for children and young people who are eligible for Targeted Free School Meals, from reception year to Year 11 (inclusive). A meal is provided whilst the child or young person is at the activity.
HAF Frequently Asked Questions

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

From September 2026 all children living within a household in receipt of Universal Credit and other qualifying benefits, will be eligible for free school meals. Depending on the level of household income will also determine eligibility for other support including the Holiday Activities and Food Programme, pupil premium etc.
There will be 2 tiers of eligibility, targeted free school meals and expanded free school meals.
Please note: There is currently a backlog of a number of weeks which we are endeavouring to process, if an application has already been made for free school meals, and an acknowledgement received, there is no need to re-apply.

Targeted Free School Meals Criteria

A child will be eligible for targeted free school meals if individuals get one or more of the following Benefits:

- Universal Credit (and earn less than £7,400 per year)
- Are supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit

Children eligible under the targeted tier will attract pupil premium and other disadvantage funding for schools. Children may also have access to other education entitlements, such as the holiday activities and food programme (HAF) and the 'extended rights' element of school transport assistance.

Expanded Free School Meals Criteria

Expanded free school meals are available to children in households receiving Universal Credit with annual household earnings over £7,400. They are entitled to free school meals only. Apply for free school meals directly to the school the child attends, or some schools require an application directly to BCP Council, to check how to apply please visit Free school meals | BCP

PARENT SURVEY 2026: HAVE YOUR SAY!

Building on the success of last year's survey, we are pleased to launch this academic year's Parent Survey. Your feedback plays a vital role in shaping our academy community, helping us celebrate what we are doing well and focus on areas where we can continue to grow.

The survey takes only a few minutes to complete, and your insights make a real difference in how we support our students' educational experience.

- Survey Closes: Friday, 9 October
- Access the Survey: Here

Thank you for taking the time to share your views and for your ongoing partnership in your child's education.

PARENT FORUM

Thank You for Attending Our Parent Forum!

A warm thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our recent Parent Forum. We truly appreciate your time, insightful discussions, and ongoing commitment to our school community.

To ensure future meetings cover the topics that matter most to you, we would love your input. Please take a moment to complete our quick feedback form to suggest areas, questions, or focus topics you would like to see on upcoming agendas:

Submit Your Agenda Suggestions and Feedback: Here

Thank you again for your partnership and support and we look forward to seeing you at the next forum!



UPCOMING OPEN EVENTS: PRIMARY & SECONDARY ADMISSIONS

We are excited to invite prospective families to discover what makes our academy a wonderful place to learn and grow! If you have children due to start school or move up to secondary education, or know friends, family, or neighbors who do, please share these key dates with them.

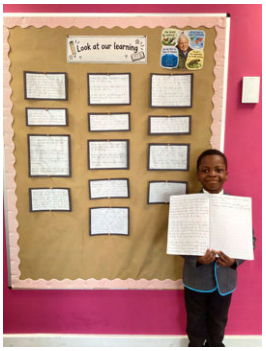
LAB6 Open Evening

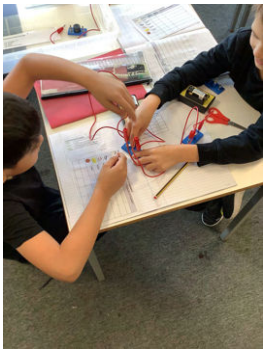
- **Date:** 20 October
- **Time:** Gates open at 5:00 PM
- Join us to explore our wide range of post-16 courses, tour our specialist facilities, meet our subject teachers, and speak directly with current LAB6 students about life in the Sixth Form.

ASPIRATIONS

PRIMARY

There has been plenty to celebrate across Primary this week, with children getting stuck into a wide range of creative and practical learning. Our Reception children have been discussing their emotions and have enjoyed feeding their worries to their new worry monster. In Year 1, the children have continued their work on *The Leaf Thief*, exploring the characters, learning how to write their names and beginning to compare them. Year 2 have taken their learning about insects beyond the classroom, getting up close to some fascinating examples during their local learning walk while also embarking on more writing!. Year 4 have been creating and investigating electrical circuits, while the whole of KS2 have enjoyed a new rotation of LAB Technicals, with activities including sandwich making, stop-motion animation and *Stomp*-inspired polyrhythms. It has been great to see so many children learning through discussion, investigation and hands-on experiences throughout the week.



👻🎃 PTFA HALLOWEEN PARTY - TICKETS ON SALE NOW! 🎃👻

Get ready for a spooktacular afternoon of Halloween fun! Children in Years 1-5 are invited to join us for a frightfully fun Halloween Party from 4:00 -5:30pm. With a bouncy castle, disco, games, face painting, glitter tattoos, sweet treat and more, it's set to be a fantastic afternoon. Fancy dress is optional, with a prize for the best costume! **Tickets are £8 via Arbor and are limited to 150 places**. Booking closes on 15 October. All proceeds support PTFA projects that benefit our school community.



SAVE THE DATE: LITTLE WANDLE PHONICS MEETING

We are pleased to invite **parents of our Reception children** to our upcoming Little Wandle Phonics workshop on Thursday 21 October from 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm. This session will cover essential information regarding how phonics is taught in school and how you can best support your child's reading at home.

PE DAYS

Please find your child's PE days listed below:

Year 1	Monday
Year 2	Tuesday
Year 3	Wednesday & Friday
Year 4	Wednesday & Thursday
Year 5	Thursday & Friday

WRAP AROUND CARE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Since Easter 2026, we have been providing our Breakfast Club and After School Childcare service ourselves, with our own Livingstone staff. This can be booked on Arbor and must be done in advance so that we can ensure suitable staffing numbers.

Breakfast Club:

- 7:15am - 8:15am **£5** - includes breakfast
- 7:45am - 8:15am **£2** - no food

After School:

£5 per hour

Those attending at 3:00pm get a fruit snack / Those attending after 5:00pm get a light meal

To ensure your child gets food for relevant sessions, you must book a week in advance.

TAX-FREE CHILDCARE SCHEME

Almost all of our families are eligible to benefit from the government's Tax-Free Childcare scheme. Any money you put into your government account will be topped up by a 20% contribution from the government. We highly advise that you use this.

1. Create an account
2. Pay money into that account
3. *Government adds 20% to your balance*
4. Make a payment to Livingstone Academy Bournemouth (148590) using your balance
5. Email office@livingstone-aspirations.org to make us aware so we can confirm and add your credit to Arbor.
6. Book sessions on Arbor using your credit

Receipts

If you are claiming childcare costs back from work or elsewhere and need a receipt, please email our Business & Operations Manager directly at sgudgeon@livingstone-aspirations.org , stating what date range you need a receipt for.

PRIMARY STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Congratulations to the following students representatives in these Student Leadership roles. We have 9 new Student Voice students, 9 Wellbeing Ambassadors and 9 Climate change Ambassadors.

		Full name of student Representative	
	Student Voice	Climate Ambassador	Wellness Ambassador
Y1 Bluebells	Matthew Blandin	Cal Fernay-Debrett	Leila Beshaj-Ceron
Y1 Snowdrops	Mofi Ojedokun	Bradley Beasant	David Cruceanu
Y2 Clovers	Owen	Lourens	Maria
Y2 Poppies	Paloore Babatunde	Sara Froger Marcos	Mabel Sullivan
Y3 Daffodils	Dhruva Biju	River Stodd	Kiyara Sharma
Y3 Tulips	Katia Gorghe	Adam Elmesbahi	Isabella Kolvek
Y4 Marigolds	Laurie Palmer	Savio Jacob	Alfie Wiltshire
Y4 Cosmos	Theo Martin	Mia Gogoladze	Gabriel Celinski
Y5 Roses	Maya Pacek	Divine Anyidor	Saanvee Nagre

The Student Council from last term will continue alongside these new representatives until Christmas to help them in their new roles.

SECONDARY

SECONDARY PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION – VOTE NOW

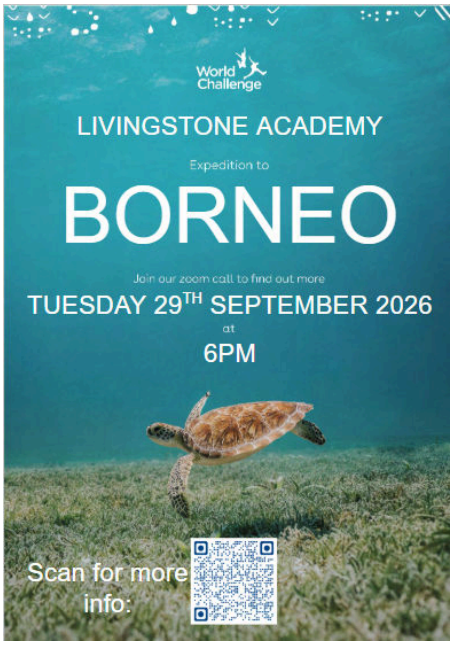
Voting for the Secondary Parent Governor vacancy on the South Coast Regional Board is now live!
Please refer to the standalone election letter shared today for full details on the five nominated candidates and their statements. You can cast your vote digitally by scanning the QR code in the letter/poster, or by returning a paper ballot to reception.

- Voting Closes: Wednesday, 14th October at 1:00 PM.

Thank you for participating and supporting our school governance team!



YEAR 9,10,11 and LAB6 - BORNEO EXPEDITION



Register for the Information Evening - https://weareworldchallenge.com/trips/eydkswj/

Following on from the assemblies **Year 9, 10, 11, and 12** had this week. We are extremely excited to announce an incredible opportunity for students in the current **Year 9, 10, 11 and 12** to travel on a World Challenge trip to **Borneo** for 2 weeks in **July 2028.** The trip will be led by Miss Hart and Mr Sparks alongside World Challenge.

This expedition goes beyond a typical trip. Combining adventure, cultural experiences, wildlife, and hands-on conservation work. Students will be encouraged to push past their boundaries, collaborate effectively, immerse themselves in an entirely new culture, and cultivate invaluable self-reliance, leadership, and adaptability throughout the journey.

The Expedition involves;

- spending several days alongside a rural community near the **Kinabatangan River,** aiding reforestation and conservation efforts
- heading into the jungle for a **three-day Guas Nabalu trek**
- a visit to **Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre**
- visit the **Borneo Sun Bear Conservation Centre**
- Three days in **Kota Kinabalu** visiting local markets and experiencing Malaysian food and culture
- Opportunities to take part in activities such as **snorkelling and white-water rafting**

Students will be able to fundraise for this trip over the 18 months. During the Parent Information session, Suzy from World Challenge will talk about the support provided by both World Challenge and Easy Fundraising. And how thousands of students raise the full amount for the trip themselves.

Suzy from World Challenge will be hosting an Online information evening on **Tuesday 29th September at 6.00 pm. The evening has no commitment to join the trip,** but we urge all students and parents to attend this to find out all the details of this very unique once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

REMINDERS

MONDAY 5 OCTOBER - YEAR 11 RA EVENING

Our Raising Achievement Evening takes place on Monday 5th October, 6:00pm–7:00pm. This session will outline key support strategies for the year ahead, details on the upcoming mock examinations (starting Monday 2nd November), and an introduction to our Sixth Form opportunities.
To help your child stay on track, please continue to support them with their weekly Home Learning, which forms a vital part of their ongoing revision. Last week saw an impressive 92% completion rate for Sparx Maths a great start! However, completion rates for Sparx Reader and Science were lower. Your support in encouraging your child to complete all set tasks directly impacts their preparation and final GCSE results.

ASPIRATIONS

Primary Housepoint Totals		
Einstein	**Kahlo**	**Anning**
1st	3rd	2nd

Secondary Housepoint Totals		
Einstein	**Kahlo**	**Anning**
2nd	1st	3rd

Primary	Star of the Week	Power Skill
Buttercups	Enzo	Tasrif
Daises	Matylda	Aaron
Snowdrops	Yogindra	Angela
Bluebells	Sofia	Oba
Clovers	Karen	Rylee
Poppies	Faaizah	Anne
Tulips	Isabella	Maya and Iga
Daffodils	Maria T	Salmah B
Marigolds	Aiza S	Abdullahi B
Cosmos	Amra P	Aisha O
Roses	Max C	Esme W

SECONDARY STAR OF THE WEEK						
HOUSE	**Einstein**		**Kahlo**		**Anning**	
YEAR 7	Florence E		Pinsiri S	Michael B	Ajay R	Chiara F-P
YEAR 8	Lena D	Josie P	Praise A		Tasnim A	Malina B
YEAR 9	Braydon T	Nicole A	Ashley B	Kenzie W	Clara V	
YEAR 10	Marta D-M	Omar S	Malwina O	Amelie D	Obi P	Mason L-W

ASPIRATIONS

YEAR 11	Angelica G	Happiness S	Sofia F	Metta F	Cosmina T	Jack R

Class Attendance - Primary	
Reception Daises	**2nd**
Reception Buttercups	**10th**
Year 1 *Bluebells*	**11th**
Year 1 *Snowdrops*	**9th**
Year 2 *Clovers*	**5th**
Year 2 *Poppies*	**4th**
Year 3 *Daffodils*	**7th**
Year 3 *Tulips*	**8th**
Year 4 *Marigolds*	**3rd**
Year 4 *Cosmos*	**6th**
Year 5 *Roses*	**1st**

House Attendance - Secondary			
YEAR	**Einstein**	**Kahlo**	**Anning**
7	3rd	1st	2nd
8	1st	3rd	2nd
9	2nd	1st	3rd
10	3rd	2nd	1st
11	2nd	3rd	1st

LAB Attendance this Year: 94.16%	
LAB Primary Attendance: 94.82% **National comparison (Primary): 91.2%**	**LAB Secondary Attendance: 94.5%** **National comparison (Secondary): 91.2%**

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