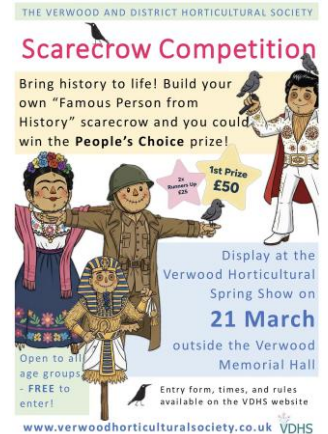


Books before bedtime!

As part of our extended World Book Day celebrations, we would love to invite children in our school and nursery to come back into school from **6-6.45pm on Thursday 12th March for a bedtime story** with school staff. Children can wear their pyjamas, onesies and/or dressing gowns if they like! When listening to stories, the children will be offered a hot chocolate/milk and a biscuit. During this time, we warmly encourage any parents to come into our school hall for an informal talk about how we teach reading in our school. Susannah has emailed a Google form to you so please do let us know if you and your child or children will be attending.

Verwood District Horticultural Society (VDHS) Scarecrow competition

We are excited that 3LX Friends are helping to create a scarecrow to enter into a local competition! The children voted to create a scarecrow of Sir David Attenborough. We will be creating some parts in school but if you would like to help assemble the finished scarecrow then please come back in the gates at 3pm on Tuesday 17th March, where we will be putting the scarecrow together. Children must be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for supervising them. Once assembled, our scarecrow will be on display at Verwood Memorial Hall on Saturday 21st March. Please do go along to view entries between 1.30 and 4.30pm and vote for your favourite!



At the gate

For school age children, our school starts at 8.15am and children need to be in the classroom for registration by 8.30am.

At the end of the day, our reception children leave at 2.45pm; Year 1 and 2 at 2.50pm; and Year 3 and 4 at 2.55pm.

Breakfast club is available from 7.30am but must be booked in advance: <https://bookwhen.com/3lx>.

After school club runs until 4.00pm or 5.00pm (only 4.00pm on a Friday).

Please make sure you are easily visible to the class teacher at the gate at the end of the day to collect your child.

No turning in our school gateway

Remember to keep the area outside our gates clear. You will have noticed we regularly put out cones as a polite reminder. Please do not use it as a turning area or a stopping point, it can be very dangerous. In the interests of our children's safety, please ensure the area outside our gates is safe.

Nursery Easter hunt

*If you have a child aged between **1 and 4 years**, you are welcome to come with your child and join us for a free Easter hunt in our forest on Thursday 26th March at 1pm. There will be some simple activities available for you to complete with your child and a small prize! If your child is with us for nursery on a Monday afternoon, they will take part as part of their nursery session. All other children must be fully accompanied by an adult. Places are limited so please book your space by contacting the office.*

Behaviour support information for parents

A few weeks ago, we sent out an email asking if parents would be interested in an information session run by our specialist teacher for behaviour, David Sharpe. We received many positive responses so are pleased to offer a session for parents on **Thursday 23rd April 2026 3-4pm** in our school hall. David will discuss typical behaviours children may display, the emotions behind them and techniques for supporting emotional development. He is fascinating to listen to and has many interesting stories and scenarios that are really thought-provoking. Please contact Susannah at the office to book a place. Please note this session is for adults only.

A message from our school councillors...

We are very excited to be running our first charity event on the 20th March for our chosen charity Shelter. We are asking children to bring in loose change to fill chalk drawn Easter eggs that will be on the playground. Throughout the day, children will get the opportunity to come and put their loose change on to the drawings - let's see how many we can fill!

Thank you in advance for your contributions.

Rose, Lyra, Jude, Aria, Grace, Savannah, Izzy, William, Scarlett and Isaac

Watches and jewellery in school

Please remember, jewellery should be discreet and safe for an active day of learning.

Only small plain stud earrings are suitable for school.

Small analogue watches only in Year 3 or 4. If watches are worn, the children themselves remain responsible for their safe keeping. Digital smart watches should not be worn to school. These are not suitable for active learning. They have proved extremely distracting during the learning.

(Please do not send valuable items in to school. We cannot accept any responsibility for any lost items).

3LX Friends

Thank you for supporting our school events. Find out about the upcoming fundraising activities at the end of the newsletter.

End of term

Our school breaks up for the Easter break on Friday 27th March 2026 at the usual times, (after school club will run until 4pm).

The summer term starts on Monday 13th April 2026.

Dates for the diary

Please access the school website for up to date details of school term dates: <https://3lxschool.com/calendar/>.

Friends of 3LX information is posted on their Facebook page.

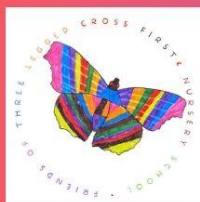
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5 th March 2026	 World Book Day Dress up as a book character, bring a donation for new library books 3LX Friends second hand book sale in hall at 3pm
12 th March 2026	Books before bedtime- children may return for a bedtime story 6pm
16 th March 2026	3LX Friends Easter biscuit decorating 3pm - 4pm
17 th March 2026	3LX Friends scarecrow making 3pm
19 th March 2026	Y4 Heath Academy Trust (HAT) team games festival
20 th March 2026	KS2 'Sing It Loud' at Verwood Hub
20 th March 2026	School Council loose change fundraising event
21 st March 2026	Scarecrow competition Verwood Memorial Hall 1:30-4:30pm
26 th March 2026	Nursery Easter hunt 1pm- places limited, book with office
30 th March – 10 th April 2026	EASTER HOLIDAYS 2026
23 rd April 2026	Child behaviour workshop for parents 3-4pm: Contact Susannah to book
24 th April 2026	Scooters and Skateboards with Team Rubicon in school
21 st May 2026	Year R class assembly at 9am *Please note change of date!
22 nd May 2026	School closed for staff training
25 th -29 th May 2026	May HALF TERM 2026
10 th June 2026	Friends of 3LX summer disco
17 th June 2026	Bikeability for KS2- bikes and helmets needed in school!
23 rd June 2026	Summer fayre
2 nd July 2026	Sports day
6 th July 2026	Open afternoon 3pm
17 th July 2026	Last day of term- school finishes at usual time. No after school club.
20 th July to 31 st August 2026	SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2026
1 st September 2026	Autumn term starts-official date (this may vary, due to staff training dates tbc)
26 th October to 30 th October 2026	October HALF TERM 2026
21 st December to 1 st January 2027	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 2026

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MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER



Fundraising news

Thank you to everyone who donated books and our book swap on World Book day. We love seeing the children excitedly going home with new books.

We have been busy with the pond, with a fabulous new pond dipping area installed by a wonderful Grandad.

Easter is coming and we will be running some events into the lead up to the holidays. With the new edition of helping the school create a scarecrow, so please come along and join in the fun.

Upcoming events:



16/03 Easter biscuit decorating



17/03 - make a scarecrow after school



25/03 Egg decorating competition



27/03 tuck shop



27/04 Bags2 School collection

Easter biscuits

Easter Biscuit decorating

Please come and join us for some Easter fun after school on 16/03 3pm-4pm.

We will be hosting an easter shortbread house decorating event.

£10 per tickets, an adult must attend.

Drinks and snacks are included in the ticket price.

Email us at friendsof3lx@outlook.com to book



Second hand clothing

Please email us at friendsof3lx@outlook.com if you need anything



Pond



The pond will provide fantastic learning opportunities but we need some help.

Donations needed:

- Plants - perfect for butterflies and bees.
- Pond plants.
- Wood to complete the fencing
- Rockery stones



Stay in touch



Please make sure to join our facebook group, "Friends of Three Legged Cross First and Nursery"



Every class also has a whatsapp group, please email us at friendsof3lx@outlook.com with your name and phone number to be added