

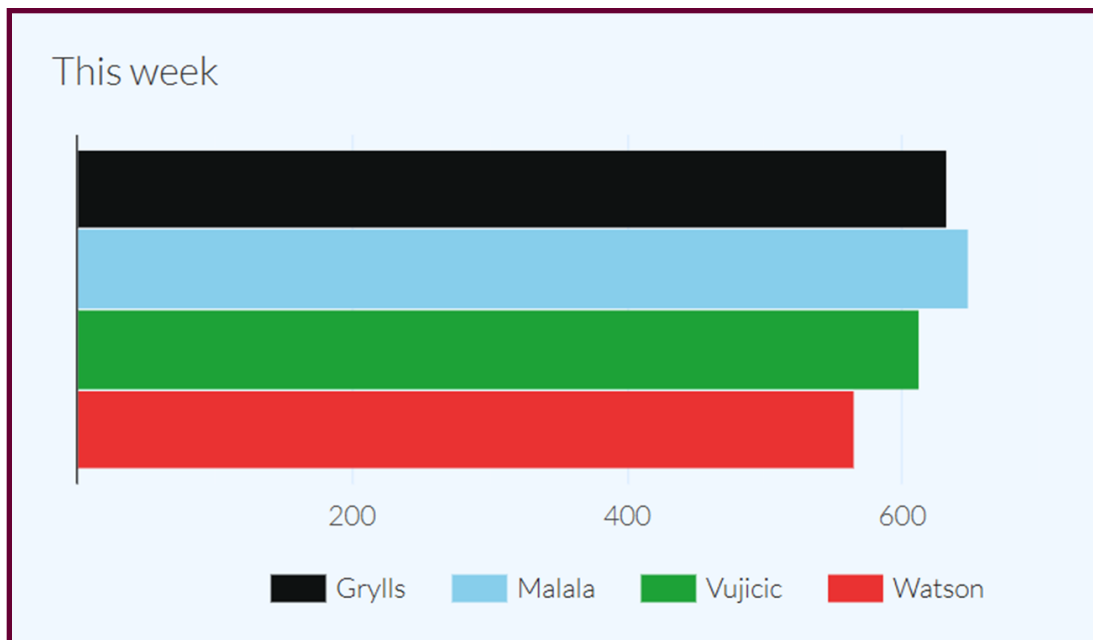
Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to this week's parent bulletin. I should start by saying well done to all the pupils for being resilient and flexible in the face of the unusually hot weather we have had. They coped admirably and with our changing climate, managing discomfort in this way is going to become a part of our lives at some point in each summer. Thank you to our parents who showed understanding and patience towards the unique challenges this brought. If this type of event occurs again, we have two options to choose from depending on the use of the sports hall. This will be shared with all parents and be placed on our school website. Given the weather trend, this cannot be assumed to be a one-off.

We are hopeful that Sports Day will take place on Monday 6th July. This is our last opportunity to stage the event. KS2 heats will be covered during PE lessons in the same way KS3 heats were completed. More information to follow.

It was with joy that we reopened today for one of the highlights of our school year - transfer day. Welcoming new pupils into the school and seeing our existing pupils take the next step in their journey of growth is a hugely exciting day for children and staff. Well done again to the pupils who took in the new information and surroundings so well and we are looking forward to our 2026-27 year already. We eagerly anticipate seeing our current Year 8s back on Monday and finding out how their first day at upper school went!

House News



Big come back for Malala this week as they earned the most candle credits in the last 7 days. The term long fight looks set to go to the wire with less than 100 CCs covering the top 3 places!

Year 5

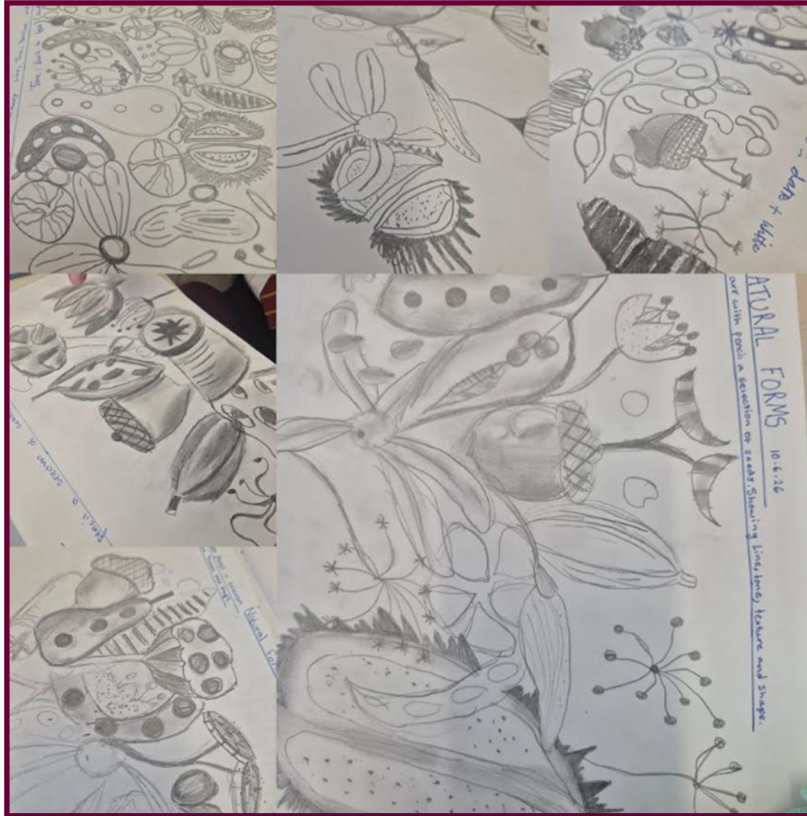
In Wellbeing this term Year 5 are learning about our bodies and how they change during puberty. After the initial embarrassment, all children are now demonstrating good levels of maturity. They have been inquisitive about the subject and have asked really good questions.

In Humanities we have been learning about the Anglo-Saxons. The children have been finding out about where the different tribes came from, what their lives were like and even comparing Anglo-Saxon and modern day punishment of crimes!

Year 6

This term in French we have been listening, talking and writing about our own and our friends' likes and dislikes. We have used our sentence builders to translate sentences into English, demonstrating our understanding. We are now beginning to give reasons why we like or dislike something!

Year 6 Art has been looking at the beautiful work of Artist Angie Lewin. This week they have produced some pencil drawings specially looking at her seed pod style, producing A4 compositions in their sketchbooks. They will develop these into monoprints.



Year 7

In Maths this week our pupils completed some or all of their end of year assessments. The pupils did really well with some areas they found challenging in the Autumn term being an area of real strength this time.

In RE, Year 7 are coming towards the end of their study of a non religious worldview. Over the past 6 weeks, the pupils have been investigating Humanism, covering questions like what does it mean to be a Humanist? How does Humanism compare to Christianity? How and why do Humanists mark or celebrate rites of passage? How do Humanists decide what is right and wrong and how do they form their own sense of morality? The pupils have been fully engaged in this unit of work and it is pleasing to see them build an understanding of the views of others as well as having the chance to reflect on their own sense of morality.

Year 8

In Year 8, our study into the murder mystery genre continues with a delve into the workings of the great mind of author: Arthur Conan Doyle. We take a look at how Sherlock Holmes, master sleuth, came into being and how Conan Doyle's personal experiences influenced the creation of one of the most famous detectives in the literary world. Students have been investigating how authors use different strategies at word, phrase, and sentence level to invoke a response from a reader, and how the use of a red herring can undermine what seems to be an easy crime to solve!

In Maths, Year 8 have been prepping for the final assessments of the year, covering the past few topics including angles on parallel lines, averages along with some retrieval questions. Some of the remaining topics include circles, graphs and charts - plenty to do in the last few weeks. Good luck!

Last week, we were delighted to welcome Emmanuel's good friend Dan Desmond to deliver his Fit 4 Life programme to Year 8. This included an inspiring and interactive talk with weightlifting demonstrations, a quiz and real life experiences to help students consider the importance of their physical and mental health.

Building on the Inspire session, students took part in an interactive class lesson exploring mental health awareness through knowledge sharing, movement, reflection, and hands-on activities that connect wellbeing to everyday life. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed putting on the boxing gloves and pads and having a sparring session with a partner. Having a practical Wellbeing lesson like this, has a huge impact on pupils learning about their own physical and mental health. Lots of Year 8 memories were made too!



The TALK ABOUT Trust is a small dedicated youth charity that works across the UK to ensure young people make safer choices around alcohol and other substances such as vaping and cannabis. The TALK ABOUT Trust supports young people age 8 - 25 with advice, workshops and resources on a range of life choices.



Sarah Boyle from The Talk about Trust came into school to train Mrs Robertson on current information about substance abuse and vaping. She then delivered workshops on vaping to Years 6 and 8. Obviously these were age appropriate presentations, which included lots of details and reasons why young people should not vape.

We have uploaded her Powerpoint slides for parents onto our website. Remember that vapes were developed to support smokers to give up cigarettes, they were never meant as a device for non-smokers to use. There are serious long-term health concerns about young people, whose bodies and brains are still developing, using vapes.

When talking to your children about vaping, please reinforce the law.

All that is left is to wish you all a great weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday.

Mr Rob Christopher & Mr Alister Barker

EMS WEEKLY BULLETIN

26th June 2026

Key dates: June - July 2026 (subject to change):

DATE	EVENT
Friday 26th June	Transfer Day
Tuesday 30th June - 3rd July	Year 6 Activities Week
Monday 6th July	Sports Day Finals (further info to follow)
Tuesday 7th July	Year 8 Bournemouth University Visit
Friday 10th July	PTFA Summer Fair
Monday 13th - Friday 17th July	Year 8 Activities Week
Monday 20th July	Year 6 and 8 Awards Evening - Verwood Hub
Wednesday 22nd July	Last day of term (finish at 3.20pm)



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July 2026 Timetable

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Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Recordings available for 48 hours

Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	6 July 10am
Anxiety Explained	6 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Decreasing Depression	13 July 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	13 July 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	14 July 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	14 July 7pm
FREE - Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 July 7-8pm
Autism-Improving Communication	20 July 10am
Improving Family Communication	20 July 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	21 July 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	21 July 7pm
Understanding Anger	27 July 10am
School Anxiety	27 July 7pm
Facing Defiance	28 July 10am
Supporting Health Screen Use	28 July 7pm

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Visit the PARENTS page of the FACE website (<https://www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk>) to view the 16 regular talks for parents.

Click through the booking calendar to find a date and time that suits you.

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At the payment stage of booking, enter the code **EV180225** where it says **ADD PROMO CODE** to get access for FREE

****Note:**** Links to recordings of the talks are available for 48 hours after the session. If you cannot make a live session, book on and then email to request the recording link.

Please avoid booking the FREE sessions for parents, as these are for parents from schools that have not purchased the discount code. The code can only be used for Parent Talks and cannot be shared with parents from different schools.

Improper use can result in immediate code cancellation for the whole school.

Dorset Parenting Support Service



“Behaviours that challenge us” Information Session

**Free one-off session for parent/carer(s)
living in BCP and Dorset**

Join our one-off information session to find out more about how you can support and understand your child's challenges and difficulties. Session is delivered by a Child Clinical Psychologist.

Wednesday 1st July 2026
10:00am - 12:00pm
Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

Tuesday 22nd September 2026
07:00pm - 09:00pm
Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

Tuesday 3rd November 2026
10:00am - 12:00pm
Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

Tuesday 19th January 2027
10:00am - 12:00pm
Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

**To book your place, please visit:
actionforchildren.org.uk/dorset**