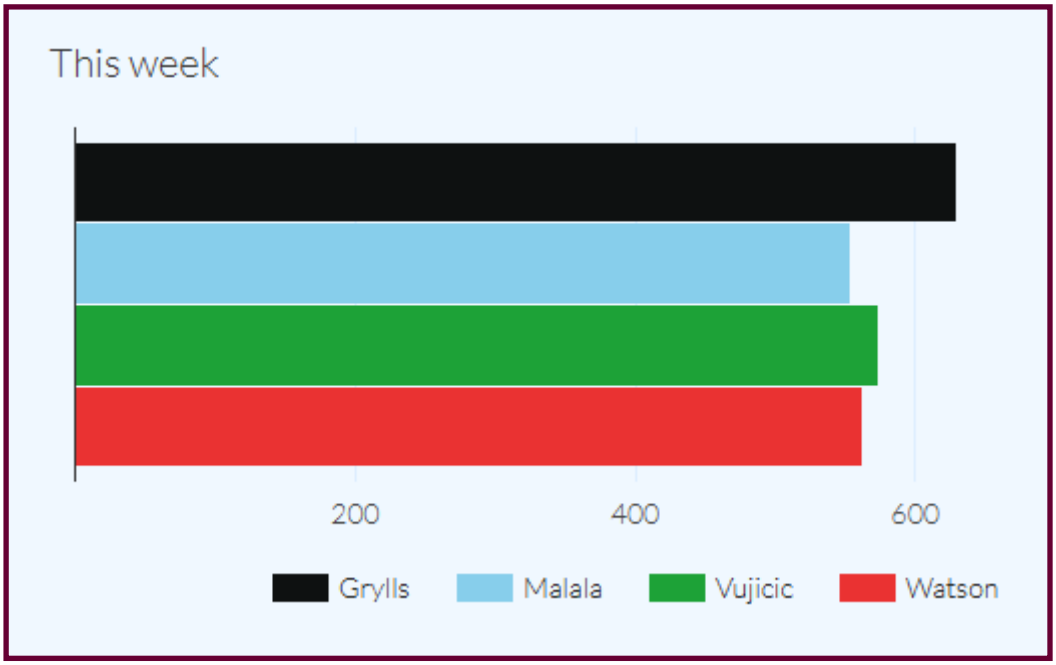
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to this week's parent bulletin. It was great to welcome the pupils back after half term - and slightly less positive to welcome what appears to be the start of Winter! With this in mind, following on from the message before the break, please can you ensure your children arrive in school with appropriate clothing both for break and lunchtimes as well as their journey to and from school. We will be outside in social time in all but the most extreme weather so coats are essential. Likewise, warm, easily visible clothing is needed for walking home as it gets dark so early along with any safety equipment required for cycling or scooting.

House News



Well done to Watson for a stronger week after a few challenging ones for them. They are starting to chase down the Houses above them.

In worship today I shared the winners of the European Day of Languages House competition. The standard of entries was so high and the language leaders had a difficult job adjudicating. Well done to Jacob D, Annabelle G, Emi S, Olivia M and Romilly H for winning - their fantastic bookmarks are shown below.



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Equipment

Thank you to everyone who has returned to school with a full pencil case ready to learn. We understand that sometimes children forget things and we have provisions for lending them equipment. Our stationery shop is open 8.35am - 8.50am every Tuesday in the Year 5/6 shared area for children to purchase items and we will also name their purchased items for them.

Please may we remind everyone to bring a full **water bottle** ready for the day. These can be refilled at break and lunch times.

A reminder that pupils are permitted to wear a **small plain stud earring** in each ear lobe only. We will also accept clear plastic earring studs as one additional pair in the lobe. This must be removed or taped during PE - no hoop earrings or any other body piercings are allowed for health and safety reasons. Please bring a **hair band** for tying long hair back for PE, DT and practical science lessons.

Year 5

This half term, our English work is inspired by our class text, 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell. As we follow the characters' survival journey through the Amazon rainforest, the children are developing key writing techniques to build their own toolkits. We are currently mastering expanded noun phrases, alongside learning to accurately punctuate dialogue that reveals character personality and drives a plot forward. All of this practice is building towards the children planning and writing their very own thrilling adventure narrative later this term!

Our mathematics focus is multiplication and division. The children will be exploring core concepts including prime numbers, multiples, and factors, as well as mastering formal written methods for calculation. This makes it a perfect time to practice times tables at home. Quick recall of multiplication facts provides the essential foundation children need to tackle formal methods and complex problem-solving with confidence.



It was invention test time for one of our Year 5 classes this week in food technology. Shortbreads were elevated with different flavoured tea-bags - cinnamon and liquorice and mint to name a few - but for two students, an impromptu brunch was scheduled with an invented tomato puree, onion and veggie stock pasta. Delightful!

In Art, Year 5 have been looking at the style of the Japanese Artist Yayoi Kusuma. Pupils have created drawings of pumpkins inspired by her sculptures specifically looking at blending colours using pencil crayons.



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Year 6

In Year 6 English, the children have recently wrapped up the previous half-term with exceptional descriptive recounts inspired by Aaron Becker's captivating book, *Journey*. The children used rich vocabulary and vivid imagery to bring their narrative writing to life.

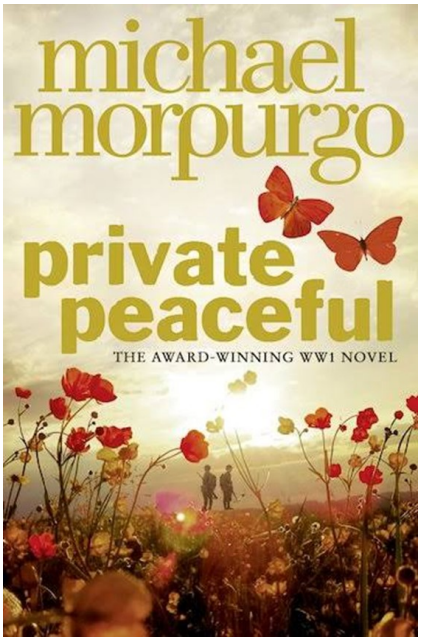
As we prepare for the upcoming round of mock SATs next week, our focus has shifted to refining core reading comprehension skills. The children have been practicing key reading strategies—skimming for the main idea, scanning for specific keywords, and close reading—to tackle retrieval questions efficiently under timed conditions. Additionally, we have deepened our understanding of inference. Pupils are learning to act like reading detectives, combining implicit clues within a text with their own prior knowledge to draw thoughtful conclusions.

We are incredibly proud of their dedication and hard work, and we look forward to seeing their confidence grow as they apply these valuable skills.

In Maths the pupils have mainly continued their work on the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division ahead of next week's mock SATs. The focus at present is to ensure that for the areas of the curriculum they have been taught they are highly accurate. Secure recall of tables facts and addition and subtraction facts are key to this - any work at home reinforcing these essential skills will greatly help the pupils.

Year 7

In English Year 7 will complete their reading of 'Private Peaceful' this half term. It is a very poignant text at this time of year because it explains the background to the First Remembrance Day, after the end of The First World War.



Towards the end of the text pupils will complete a formal reading task, assessing how Michael Morpurgo has used language to describe war, using a selected passage from the text. We will be looking for: effective use of quotations; identification of the techniques used, with the correct technical vocabulary; reader response; detailed analysis.

In Maths, students wrapped up their recent algebra unit, moving from standard arithmetic to working with symbols and variables. Throughout the unit, pupils practiced algebraic notation—using concise shorthand like 4y—and learned substitution by evaluating formulas with positive, negative, and fractional numbers. Beyond finding final answers, students focused heavily on setting out their working line-by-line. A systematic step-by-step layout helps reduce sign errors, breaks complex multi-step problems into manageable parts, and clearly shows the reasoning behind each answer.

Year 8

In English, Year 8 have finished the novel Long Way Down and have started to delve deeper into the character of Will, analysing the feelings he has for his father. They have been preparing for their assessment and identifying the methods and word choices used by the author.

In Year 8 Maths, we are currently all working on their Algebra unit, having finished proportion and scale, and ratio. We have a test coming up in KS3 in a couple of weeks' time, that includes a large proportion of the areas they have been taught so far this year, and roughly 20% of retrieval from Y7 and KS2. Hopefully they share these results with you once they have them. Thanks for your continued support.

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Sporting News



We are immensely proud of our Year 5 and Year 6 children who represented the school so brilliantly on Thursday in the Panathlon competition. Competing against other local middle schools in this "mini Paralympic"-style sporting event, our pupils demonstrated fantastic determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship. A huge thank you and well done also goes to our Year 8 sports leaders, who did an incredible job running the activities—clearly explaining the rules, encouraging participants, and keeping score with complete professionalism both in the morning for year 3 and 4 and in the afternoon. To top off a wonderful day, we are absolutely thrilled to announce that we were crowned the **East Dorset School Games Primary Challenge Winners**! Congratulations to everyone involved for representing themselves and our school so magnificently

Rotary Club Christmas Shoe Box Appeal



Thank you to the families who filled a Rotary Shoebox for their Appeal. These were collected yesterday and were gratefully received.

Foodbank Collection

Thank you to everyone who contributed the Foodbank collection last half term. We raised over 200kg of food for the Ringwood Foodbank. This was a House competition and the results were as follows:

1st - Grylls
2nd - Vujicic
3rd - Malala
4th - Watson



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

Mr Rob Christopher & Mr Alister Barker

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Key dates (subject to change):

DATE	EVENT
Friday 6th November	PTFA Disco
Monday 9th November, Wednesday 11th November - Friday 13th November	Year 6 Mock SATS
Tuesday 10th November	Year 8 Trip to Corfe Castle
Wednesday 18th November	Parents in to look at Year 5 and 6 Work (Drop in between 1435 and 1520)
Thursday 26th November	Subject Parents' Evening
Tuesday 1st December	Subject Parents' Evening
Friday 11th December	PTFA Christmas Fair
Monday 14th December	Carol Service (evening)
Wednesday 16th December	School Christmas Lunch (details to follow)
Friday 18th December	Last Day of Term

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OUR FIRST SESSION WILL BE ON 17TH NOVEMBER 2026 - PLEASE EMAIL THE PASTORAL TEAM ON pastoralstaff@emmanuelmiddle.org TO BOOK YOUR SPACE.

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FACE

November Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

Introduction to OCD	2 Nov 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	2 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	3 Nov 10am
Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	9 Nov 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 Nov 7pm
What is ACT?	10 Nov 10am
Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	16 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 Nov 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	17 Nov 10am
Understanding Anger	17 Nov 7pm
FREE - Responding to Stress & Anxiety	19 Nov 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	23 Nov 10am
Facing Defiance	23 Nov 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
School Anxiety	24 Nov 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.


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