



Sandford St. Martin's

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learn Love Laugh

"And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them together in perfect unity." *Colossians 3 v14*

Love

kindness → compassion
gentleness → humility
patience → forgiveness

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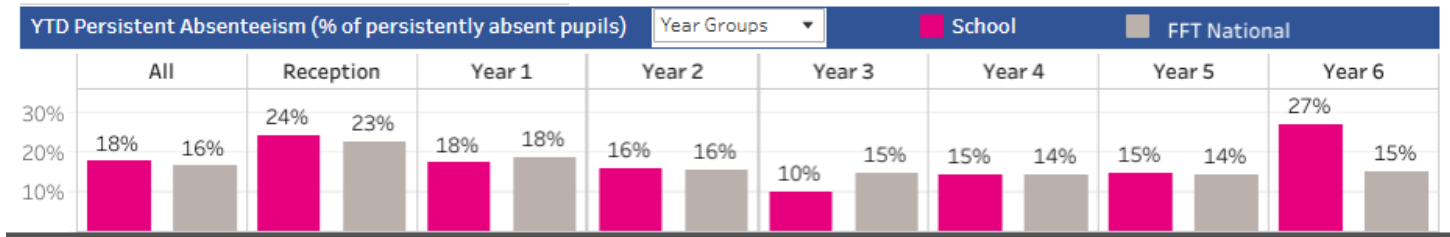
Newsletter 02 31/01/2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you enjoy this fortnight's newsletter. You will see loads of highlights and sound bites of our wider curriculum and enrichment offer. It is so pleasing to see the wider community getting involved in school and for the children to have their 'horizen' and ambition stretched by future carrer possibilities.

I must share, within this, that we need your child in school as much as possible for them to learn and progress.

The table below highlights that we only fairing better than other schools for persistent absence in Year 3. We have worse attendance in Reception, Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and significantly so in Year 6. Most recent attendance figures show some groups of children are absent far too much, so please work with us to address this.



Children who are absent 5% or more of the time (half a day in a fortnight), on average, score 2 progress points less than peers who are present 96% or more of the time.

With my best wishes,

Paul Beveridge
Headteacher

Attendance

Whole School

95.4%

Top 3 Classes

Bay 99.1%
Acorns 98.9%
Ash 97.8%

Friday 26th January 2025 – Thursday 30th January 2025

CROSS-COUNTRY

Yesterday four Year 6 children took part in a Cross-Country event at The Purbeck School.

There were around 50 Year 6 children competing from other schools, our children did extremely well and we are **so proud** of them.

The results were **AMAZING, WELL DONE GUYS**

- Maisie K** - 1st place Year 6 Girls race
- Jack A** - 2nd place Year 6 boys race
- Alfie P** - 3rd place
- Alfie HB** - 13th place



Wareham Carnival Committee



On Friday evening we were invited to Wareham Town Hall to receive another generous cheque from Wareham Carnival Committee. Mr Beveridge and Miss Colley have earmarked this to spend on resources for Silver Birch.

This is the 10th year celebration of our school opening on the new site and we are planning on having a School float, Church float and Friday Night Youth float in a convoy. If you'd like to get involved please contact the school office and they'll put your name down for more details closer to the event.

Their logo is..... **"Best of British"** theme and there will be lots of fun activities happening on the 18th and 19th with the procession taking place on the 20th July.

Love where we live with such a fabulous community spirit, so please do get involved, not only do they appreciate our support but they keep thinking of us too.

TESTWOOD LAKES

Year 3 enjoyed their day at Testwood Lakes!
They enjoyed spinning wool, hunting, making wattle fences and hearing a story around the campfire.

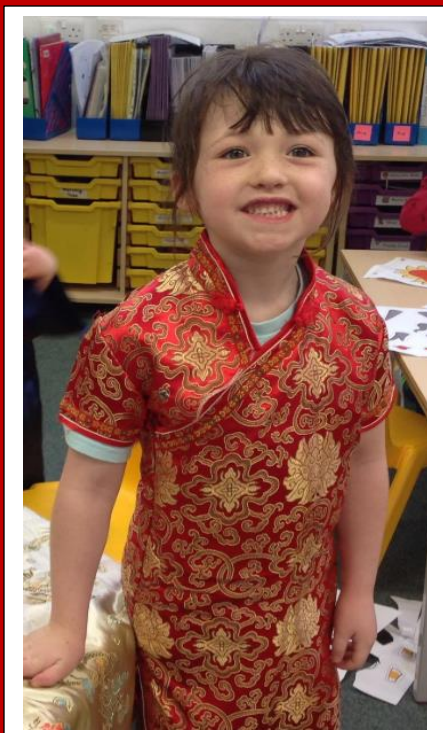




Chinese New Year



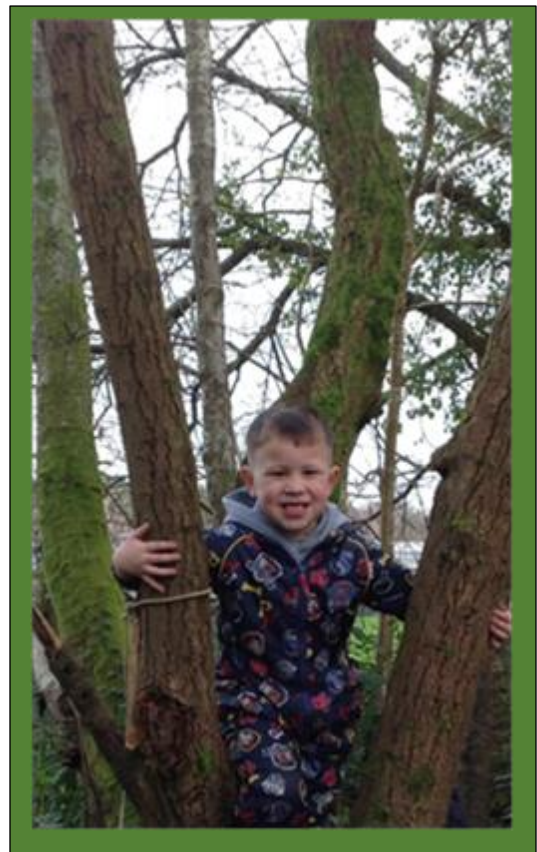
Last Friday Saplings celebrated Chinese New Year!! Children were invited to wear something red as red is considered a lucky colour. We did lots of activities around Chinese New Year as well as having a visit from a chef, who worked with us to make some yummy biscuits.





Forest school madness!

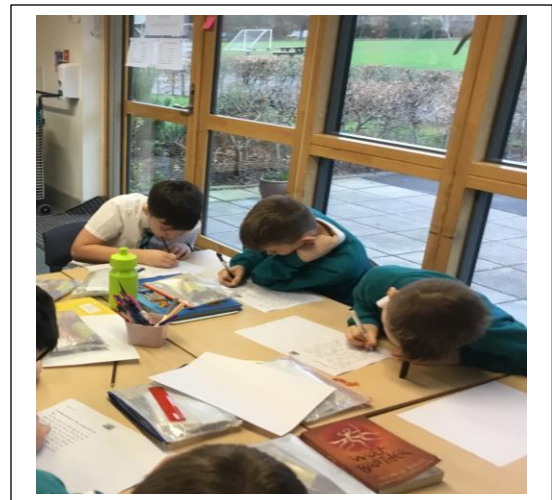
As you can probably tell, last week was a wet
and muddy one but so much fun.





This week, some of our Year 6 superstars had an *absolutely brilliant* time with a visit from **The Story Works** (<https://www.thestoryworks.org/>).

The session was packed with fun, laughter, and loads of imagination. The children got to dive into the world of storytelling, writing, and illustrating, and even had a sneak peek into what it's like to have a career in these industries. From creating their own characters to brainstorming wild and wonderful plots, the kids were totally hooked! But it wasn't just about having fun (though there was plenty of that!). They also learned about the different roles in the writing and illustrating world like authors, illustrators, editors, and even publishers. Who knew there were so many cool ways to turn a love of stories into a career? The best part? Seeing the children's faces light up as they shared their ideas and realised just how powerful their imaginations can be. A massive thank you to The Story Works for such an inspiring and engaging visit.





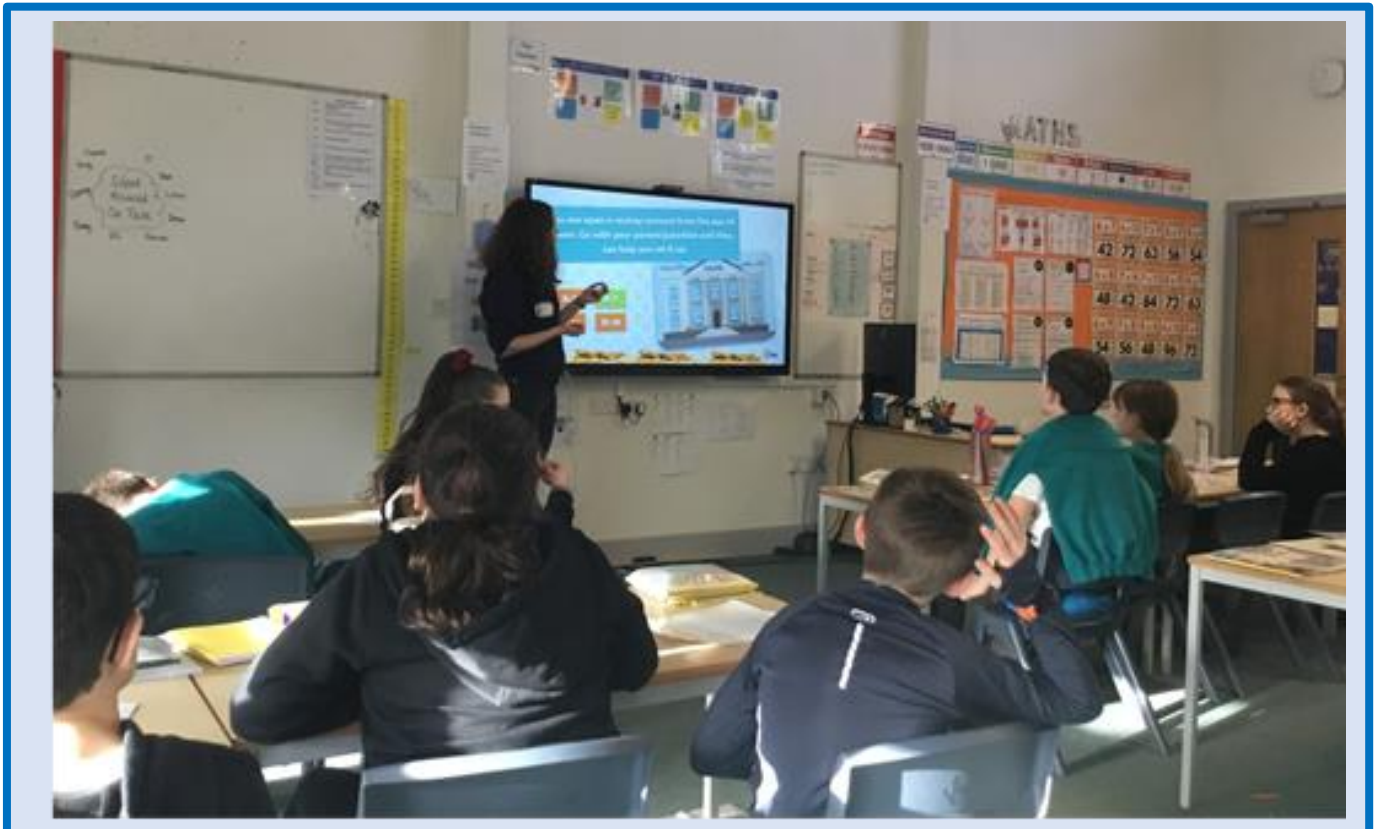
Over the past three weeks, our Year 4 and Year 6 students had the incredible opportunity to participate in a programme delivered by the fantastic charity, **MyBnk** (<https://www.mybnk.org/>).

This engaging and interactive series of sessions focused on financial literacy and money management, equipping our children with essential life skills for the future. Through fun activities, games, and discussions, the children learned about saving, budgeting, and making smart financial decisions. They explored concepts like needs vs. wants, the importance of saving for goals, and how to manage money responsibly.

The programme also encouraged teamwork, critical thinking, and problem-solving, all while making learning about money exciting and relatable.

The feedback from the children has been overwhelmingly positive! They loved the hands-on approach and are already putting their new knowledge into practice. A huge thank you to MyBnk for delivering such a valuable and enjoyable programme, and to our Year 4 and Year 6 students for their enthusiasm and participation.

Well done, everyone!





INTRODUCING THE WISE PAY APP

Organisation code is: 75817855

We can now confirm the new app for WisePay has been set up for our school and is ready to go!!

- The app can be found in both the Apple Store & Google Play.
- You will need the above organisation code in order to log in. You can also find this information on your WisePay account when you log in on a web browser.
- When logging in please ensure you are on a **secure Wi-Fi connection** as this can affect the loading of the app and its information (especially the menus).
- It can take time for each Tab to open. Depending on what device you are using may also affect this so **please do allow time** for them to load.

We are hoping that the new App will help with logging in issues as you should only need to login the once.

If you have any issues please contact the school office where we will be happy to help you.

With Kind Regards
School Office Team

CAR PARK

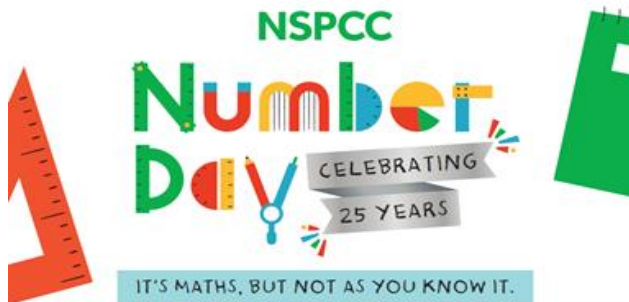
Parents / Carers we please ask that you **ONLY** Park in the designated parking bays in the **Parent Carpark** as shown on the car park layout below and **NOT** in the Staff or Nursery parking bays.

Please **DO NOT** park in the **Drop Off Zone**, this is only to be used for dropping off your children.

The zebra crossing **must be kept clear at all times** and please **DO NOT** double park along the access road.



SAVE THE DATE



Friday 7 February 2025

#numberday



Number Day is supported by Man Group, Maths Circle and Oxford University Press, led by NSPCC.

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR



How about decorating a plain t-shirt or wearing your favourite sports top with a number?



Dress up for Digits
'Be Inspired'



Could you be a human calculator, dice, domino or playing card?



Have fun and Dress up for Digits!
#numberday

NSPCC

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FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

We are taking part in an **exciting event** that not only encourages mathematical curiosity but also supports a worthy cause.

On Friday 7th Feb we invite all children to wear clothing that represents a number of their choosing.

This could be anything from a T-shirt with their favourite number emblazoned on it to a homemade creation showcasing numerical designs.

We believe this activity will not only spark creativity but also foster a lively discussion about the significance of numbers in our daily lives.

To further enhance this occasion, we kindly ask for a **minimum donation of £1 per child** which will be **contributed to the NSPCC**

This charitable organisation plays a crucial role in safeguarding children across the UK and your generosity will make a significant difference in their efforts.

SANDFORD PTA PRESENTS

SCHOOL DISCO

Tuesday 11th February

RECEPTION, YEARS 1, 2 & 3 3:15-4:15

Take disco clothes in a named bag in the morning and collect children from
classrooms at 4:15

YEARS 4, 5 & 6 4:30-5:30

Come to the main school doors for drop off and collection

**TICKETS WILL BE AVAILAIBLE CLOSER TO THE DATE
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

World Book Day

Thursday 6th March, 2025



This year, at Sandford St Martin's, we will be celebrating World Book Day with a special theme. We would like all costumes to align with the theme of **'Careers and Aspirations'**.

- What would you like to be when you are older?
 - What is your dream job?
 - What do you need to do to achieve this?

We look forward to seeing the children's wonderful 'Careers and Aspirations' costumes on World Book Day! Look out for more World Book Day information over the next few weeks...!



SAVE 
the
DATE
SANDFORD ST. MARTINS
PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUMMER FAYRE

JUNE | 28 | 2025

TO BOOK A STALL CONTACT US ON
PTA@SANDFORDPRIMARY.DORSET.SCH.UK

10 Year Anniversary !!

Come & join us at this community fayre that will be part of our 10 Year Anniversary of Sandford Church & Sandford St. Martin's Primary School being built. Everyone is welcome. We will be looking for local musicians & dancers to come & be a part of this celebration event.

Please get in touch if you would like to be involved.

If you know anyone with a local business or you yourself would like to book a stall please email into the school PTA on PTA@sandfordprimary.dorset.sch.uk

SCHOOL OFFICE REMINDERS

End of Day Pick Up

We only allow Y5 & Y6 children with express permission to walk to and from school without a responsible adult. Please do not ask these older children to pick up their younger siblings. Children in Y4 and younger should be collected by a responsible adult from the class door. This is an important part of our agreed safeguarding arrangements.

Absence Reporting

This is polite reminder that all absences from school MUST be reported to the school office by **9am** on each day of absence either via the absence line, phone or email, office@sandfordprimary.dorset.sch.uk

Please make sure you child's name, class and the reason for absence is clearly stated

HOT SCHOOL LUNCHES

Hot School Lunches are now available to book via your child's Wisepay account.

Deadline for ordering hot lunches is Tuesday 4th February for week commencing Monday 10th February 2025.

Please DO NOT send your child to school without a booked hot lunch or a packed lunch from home.

Please remember we are a “**NUT FREE**” school.

Our Safeguarding Team



Designated
Safeguarding Lead
Mrs. Pampin



Deputy
Safeguarding Lead
Mr. Sampson



Deputy
Safeguarding Lead
Mr. Beveridge

Dates for your Diary/Calendar

Mon 3rd Feb

Tue 4th Feb

HOT LUNCH ORDERING DEADLINE FOR W/C 10TH FEB

Yr6 SATs Parents Meeting 3.30pm-4.30pm

Wed 5th Feb

Thu 6th Feb

Fri 7th Feb

NSPCC Number Day

Saplings Vision Screening

Saplings Forest School

Mon 10th Feb

Tue 11th Feb

HOT LUNCH ORDERING DEADLINE FOR W/C 24TH FEB (FOR THE FIRST WEEK BACK AFTER HALF TERM)

School Disco REC, YR1 & YR2 -3.15pm-4.15pm

School Disco YR3, YR4, YR5 & YR6 – 4.30pm-5.30pm

Wed 12th Feb

Thu 13th Feb

Fri 14th Feb

Saplings Forest School

HALF TERM

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February

FIRST DAY BACK

Monday 24th February

Mon 24th Feb

Tue 25th Feb

Wed 26th Feb

Thu 27th Feb

Fri 28th Feb

HOT LUNCH ORDERING DEADLINE FOR W/C 3rd MAR

Mon 3rd Mar

Tue 4th Mar

Wed 6th Mar

Thu 7th Mar

Fri 8th Mar

HOT LUNCH ORDERING DEADLINE FOR W/C 11TH MAR

World Book Day

Kidz
ASSEMBLE

**WHATS
GOING
ON**

ROALD DAHL^{TS}

Matilda

THE MUSICAL

MUSICAL THEATRE CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-12

Weekly Classes Thursdays 4.30 - 5.30pm
St Peter's Church, Ashley Cross

Contact us to arrange a free trial at kidzassemble@outlook.com



WAREHAM
Family Hub

Wareham family hub is run by Purbeck Youth & Community Foundation, it aims to bring and join up services for parents and carers in our local community & 0-25 years. Currently we run the following services in partnership with others in the hub and other venues North of Corfe Castle.

- YOUTH CLUBS in Wareham, Corfe Castle and Wool
- Planet Purbeck and PYCF Youth Group
- Not So Youth Group
- Outreach
- 1 to 1 mentoring for young people and families
- Group mentoring in schools
- Drop-in Club for young people aged 16-25 with SEN
- Gateway Club
- Job Club for 16-25 year olds with Dorset Council
- Relationship and sexual health advice for young people
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Holiday Activities
- 0-5 Stay n' Play toddler group
- Speech & Language
- Dorset Mind



Wareham Family Hub



01929 552 934
office@pycf.org.uk
pycf.co.uk
BH20 4PH



Charity Number 1168537



**WARM
SPACE
COFFEE
MORNING**

OPEN TO ALL

Come along and have an informal chat and a coffee with our Youth and Community Worker Mel and find out more about what our Family Hub has to offer

10.00 - 11.30

No booking required just drop in.



EVERY THURSDAY
FROM 10.00AM AT
WAREHAM FAMILY
HUB, BEHIND
PURBECK SCHOOL



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LOTTERY FUNDED

REACH OUT FOR SUPPORT

MINDFUL MONDAYS
FUN, FRIENDLY GROUP WORKSHOPS

FREE

24/2 Healthy Friendships
3/3 Self Acceptance
10/3 Rejection Resilience
17/3 Bullying Prevention/Response
24/3 Group Led Open Topic Club Trip TBC

1:1 Available

Years 6-9 4pm-5:30pm
Years 9+ Please register your interest (light food provided)

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Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)

You may or may not be aware of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, Dorset Council's offer of activities, holiday clubs and fun days for children during the school holidays, funded by the Department for Education: [Holiday activities and food \(HAF\) programme - Dorset Council](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/holiday-activities-and-food-programme)

The funding means the HAF programme can offer:

- FREE activities and clubs for children in receipt of benefit-related free school meals with a HAF passcode (*passcodes are issued when Free School Meal applications are approved*)
- SEND activities
- Many activities are available for fee-paying customers too

The programme usually runs in the Christmas, Easter and Summer holidays however the programme is now being extended to the February half term too! There are a range of holiday clubs and activity days on offer across Dorset, with a few being hosted by the Purbeck Youth and Community Foundation (now Wareham Family Hub). The listings for February half term can be found here: www.helpandkindness.co.uk/spring-half-term-in-dorset-2025



Evening Dodgeball Clubs

Sandford Primary Dodgeball Club

An action packed hour of fun & games every Thursday evening



DODGEBALL CLUBS

Dodgeball Club at Sandford Primary School

Starts Thursday 16th January
5:00-6:00pm
£5 per session

Scan the QR code to book



Our Dodgeball club is something which is enjoyed by all, a fast moving, high involvement game which the children just cant get enough of. All session are game based where the children will be using their throwing skills to try to eliminate the opposing team, where agility, awareness are at the forefront went dodging incoming balls and bravery in taking a catch offers high team rewards.

Who will be Sandfords's top dodger?

For more details please contact Ally on 07725135473
WWW.TEAMTHEMESPORTSCOACHING.CO.UK



FRIDAY FOOTBALL CLUB

- ✓ Skills & Ball Techniques
- ✓ Fun Games & Matches

£45 for 10 Weeks Coaching



DOWNLOAD THE CHAMPION APP TO BOOK



FIRST SESSION

Friday 17th
January 2025
3:15pm - 4:15pm

LAST SESSION

Friday 26th March
2025
3:15pm - 4:15pm

SANDFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Football Afterschool Club - Term Time - Every Friday
All bookings via the Champion Player Pathway App
Shin pads / Football Boots / Drink Required

PAYMENT BY BANK TRANSFER
PLEASE USE PLAYERS FULL NAME AS A REFERENCE
Account Name: Champion
Account Number: 82191154
Sort Code: 20-00-0103

For more information please contact us -
Tel: 07760618016 info@championfootball.club



FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB



Full Day 9am - 3pm Only £25

Half Day 9am - 12 or 12.30 - 3pm Only £15

Tuesday 18th February at Merley First School
(School Years 1 - 6)

Thursday 20th February at Lytchett Matravers
(School Years 1 - 4)



FOOTBALL ALL MORNING
(9am-12)

LUNCH (12-12.30)

(12.30-3pm) FUN GAMES



The club will take place on the FIELD, so dress appropriately
bring a snack and drinks

BRING A PACKED LUNCH FOR THE FULL DAY 9am-3pm
please no NUTS or CHOCOLATES

Message Total Sports 07795258274 to book a space
Facebook: KevinSmithTotalSports



DORSET TENNIS ACADEMY



FEBRUARY HALF-TERM HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP



Mini Tennis for children 4-8 years old
Tennis for children 9-14 years old

WEDNESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

2 - 5pm

At Purbeck Sports Centre, Worgret Road, Wareham, BH20 4PH

What's on offer

- Great coaching from LTA qualified and accredited instructors
 - Fun games, competitions and prizes
 - Indoor facilities in case of wet weather
 - Rackets provided if you don't have one

What to wear/bring

- Sports kit, trainers/tennis shoes, a coat if wet
 - Snacks and drinks

Price:- £17.00

To book a place, please visit the Dorset Tennis Academy website using the following link or google 'Dorset Tennis Academy Holiday Camps':-

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/DorsetTennisAcademy/Coaching/Camps>

For more information, please contact Neil Darragh, DTA Manager/Head Coach on ndarraghtennis@gmail.com

**SUITABLE
ALL YEAR
GROUPS**

BASKETBALL CLUB

ONLY £17.50

3:15PM
-
4:15PM

EVERY WEDNESDAY 15TH JAN - 12TH FEB

VISIT THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO BOOK
OR CONTACT AJM SPORTS COACHING ON: 07875108666

BALL SKILLS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

SUITABLE FOR Y1, Y2.

ONLY £17.50

EVERY MONDAY
13TH JAN - 10TH FEB
2:15PM - 4:15PM

VISIT THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO BOOK
OR CONTACT AJM SPORTS COACHING
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PURBECK
FILM
FESTIVAL

Family Friendly Film!

Fun animation film for the February half term holidays



Careys Secret Garden, Wareham

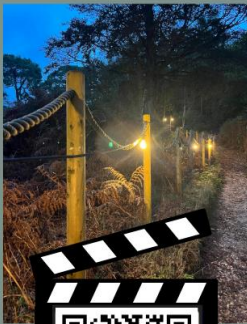
Sunday 16th February 2025, 1.30pm

All tickets include entrance to the Secret Garden & film.



More family fun during Careys Migration Festival

From a FREE Migration Nature Trail around the garden for children to explore, and illuminations at dusk, there is plenty to keep your little ones entertained.



More info at
careyssecretgarden.co.uk



CAREYS
secret garden



SCAN ME

Book tickets

www.purbeckfilm.com