



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 16/01/2026

Dear Parent / Carers,

Hello and welcome back in this, the first newsletter of 2026. The children have generally settled very well back into school routines following the holidays.

The school has been busy and bustling of late – it's hard to believe we've only be back for 9 school days really! In that time the governors, LA and Diocese have held headteacher interviews and you will see that Mrs Emma Roberts will take over the leadership of the school when I leave at Easter. Mrs Roberts and I will work together for a few days in Feb/March to ensure a smooth transition – we both feel so privileged!

Me – to have had the pleasure of this role for the past 9 years, and Mrs Roberts – to have the opportunities to take the school onwards and upwards in the coming months and years.

It really is a special place full of special people.

With my best wishes,

Mr Beveridge
Headteacher

Attendance

Whole School

94.4%

Top 3 Classes

Beech 96.7%

Acorns 96.5%

Ash 96.1%

Friday 9th January 2026 – Thursday 15th January 2026



WAREHAM LIONS SWIM FOR CHARITY

On Sunday evening we were invited to attend the Wareham Lions Swim for charity awards presentation at the Purbeck Centre.

We were presented with the Endeavour Shield in recognition of the school community's enthusiasm, commitment and success. This was collected by some Year 6 pupils and Mr Dean was presented with a cheque for £2,738.

79 children swam for the school at the October 2025 Swim for Charity Event organised by Wareham Lions Club and 29 adults helped on the day.

A MASSIVE THANKYOU TO YOU ALL



**THIS YEARS SWIMATHON WILL BE HELD ON
SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER**



Dear Parent / Guardian,

Autumn Term - Book Fundraising Results

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our book fundraising initiatives last term - we raised a phenomenal **£296** extra books - what a fantastic result! This brings our overall book fundraising since partnering with Pop-Up Bookshop to **£703!** We have invested all of this money back into a brilliant selection of class set titles to support our curriculum learning - extra books for school so all pupils benefit!

National Year Of Reading - Let's Go All In!

You may have heard about the 2026 National Year Of Reading government-backed collective campaign to promote the joys of reading for pleasure, see the official website here: <https://goallin.org.uk> Pop-Up Bookshop will soon be launching an **exciting new community fundraising campaign** bringing together local businesses, families and schools... more details to follow soon!

Reading Rewards

We are working with Pop-Up Bookshop to deliver book discount vouchers to support our school Reading Rewards. To encourage children to develop **consistent reading habits** at home and a love of reading for pleasure, our Reading Rewards celebrate reading at home milestones with **fun prizes**, including **stickers, bookmarks** and a **£5 book voucher!**

Check out our school page on the Pop-Up Bookshop website which details the milestones, Reading Rewards and supplementary discount vouchers, plus curated lists of brilliant books for each year group ideal for children to explore at home: <https://popupbookshop.net/sandford-st-martins-primary-school>

We help to monitor home reads at school and provide the children with the prizes. When your child reaches each Reading Reward milestone, you can claim the Pop-Up Bookshop discount vouchers via the online form on our school page: <https://popupbookshop.net/reading-rewards> We will also send your child home with a sticker containing a QR link to this form at each milestone. **Keep up the great reading efforts!**

www.popupbookshop.co.uk



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SAPPLINGS NEWS



Watch out...There's a Big Bad Wolf on the loose! 🐺

The children turned into detectives this week and investigated a crime scene found at school. They used clues to discover that the houses belonged to the 3 little pigs and that it was the Big Bad Wolf that had destroyed 2 of them!

We then acted out the story and the children then worked in groups to create a dance to re-tell the story of The 3 Little Pigs.

The children have loved focusing their learning around the story and have created some fantastic pieces of learning. There was pottery, designing and making traps for the wolf, writing the story, arts and crafts and many other exciting activities. 🐷🐷🐷🐺

Y1 & 2 NEWS

“SUPER HERO DAY”



Today our classroom transformed into a super-powered headquarters, and WOW... what a day!
✨ ✨ ✨ ✨



- The children dived straight into action with:
 - 🎨 Superhero painting – bold colours, big powers, and even bigger imaginations
 - 💬 Superhero speech bubble writing – heroic words, brave thoughts, and lots of excitement
 - 🏋️ Superhero training assault course – agility, strength, teamwork (and plenty of smiles!)
 - 🎭 Designing superhero masks – every hero needs a secret identity
 - 🏠 Building superhero secret dens & headquarters – planning, creating, and problem-solving like true heroes

Confidence was flying high, creativity was off the charts, and teamwork saved the day again and again. 🙌 ✨

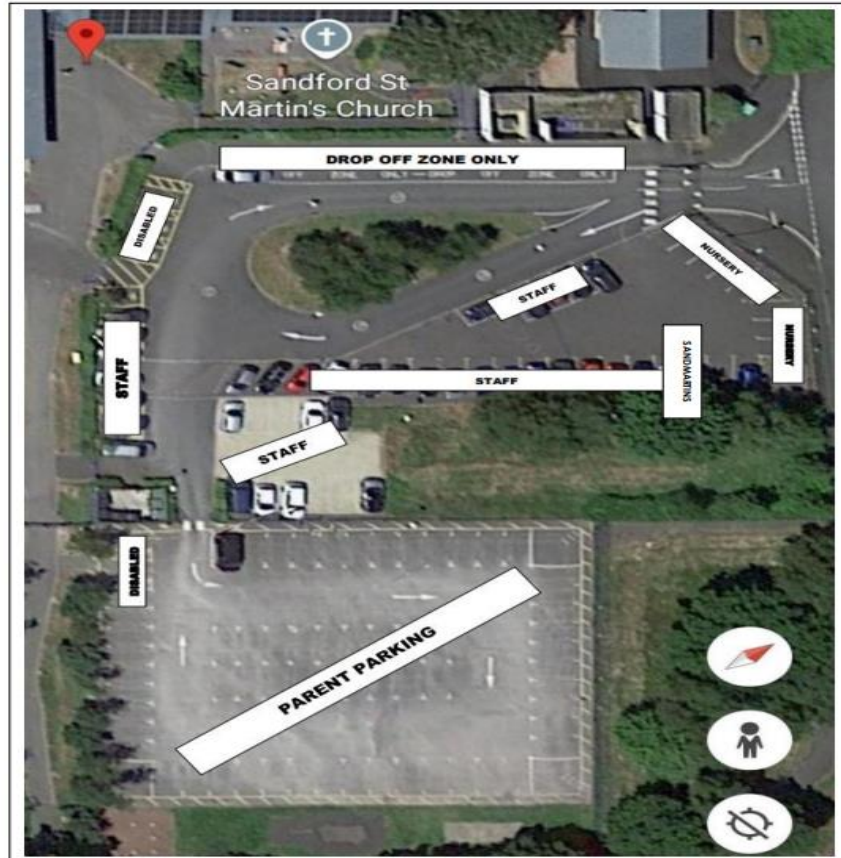
Thank you so much for your support with costumes and your creativity at home!

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.



Please can we ask that you only park in the Parent Car Park and not in the Staff or Nursery spaces as shown on the map above.

Please only use the **DROP OFF BAY** if you are dropping your child/dren off, there should be **NO CARS PARKED IN THIS AREA** or left **UNATTENDED** at anytime.

Can we also ask that the approach road is **kept clear for 2 vehicles to pass each other** and that the **no one parks on the corner by the main entrance** as cars cannot pass and are having to reverse onto the zebra crossing which is going to cause a serious accident.

PTA NEWS



GET INVOLVED

JOIN THE PTA

If you are interested in joining our
School's PTA or helping in anyway
please send
Mel Bolt an email

PTA@sandfordprimary.dorset.sch.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Cakey Friday

2026

Dates for your Diary

Year 5 Friday 6th February

Year 6 Friday 6th March

Saplings Friday 17th April

Please note, dates may change last minute at teachers discretion. If this happens, we will communicate the date change.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS HOODIES



'26 LEAVERS HOODIES

We are super excited to have been chosen to create your 2026 Leavers Hoodies.

Price - £25

Colour options - Navy, Red & Sapphire Blue



Each hoodie will have the '26 logo on the back with all the childrens names, and you choose the name you'd like on the front (first name/nickname).

Sizes

9-11yrs 32/34" 12-13yrs - 34/36"
Adults Sm (37/38") Med (40")
Lge (42") XL (44")

To order, click below:

drop me a msg on on my FB page with name & size required

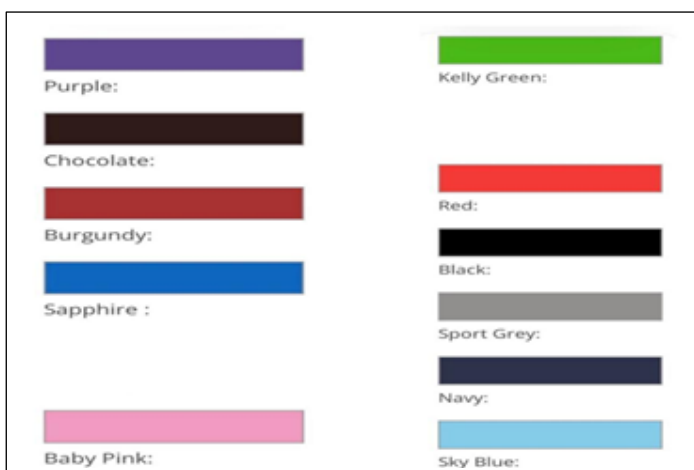
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100075811543161>

Alternatively you can email me on Bespokebyboo@gmail.com

Last date for orders is 31st January 2026. After this date, hoodies can be ordered but P&P will be added.

www.bespokebyboo.com

COLOUR OPTIONS



**DEADLINE
31ST JANUARY**

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

SAFETY

Please can we ask that when dropping & collecting your child at school that they stay close with you at all times. We have been a few incidents where children have been hurt by other pupils or been injured on the play equipment. Please remember that children should not be on the play equipment before or after school.

SCHOOL VACANCY

Please follow the link below for more information on our current vacancy

<https://www.jobs.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/vacancies/33682/higher-level-teaching-assistant-at-sandford-st-martin-ce-primary-school.html>

HOT SCHOOL LUNCHES

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

The deadline for ordering hot lunches for week commencing Monday 26th January 26 is midnight on Monday 19th January 26.

Please **DO NOT** send your child to school without a booked hot lunch or a packed lunch

Please remember we are a "**NUT FEE**" 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 19th Jan

HOT LUNCH ORDERING DEADLINE FOR W/C Monday 26th January

Tue 20th Jan

Wed 21st Jan

Thu 22nd Jan

Fri 23rd Jan

Mon 26th Jan

HOT LUNCH ORDERING DEADLINE FOR W/C Monday 2nd February

Tue 27th Jan

Wed 28th Jan

Thu 29th Jan

Fri 30th Jan

Mon 2nd Feb

HOT LUNCH ORDERING DEADLINE FOR W/C Monday 9th February

Tue 3rd Feb

Y3 Ancient Egypt Day

Wed 4th Feb

Thur 5th Feb

Fri 6th Feb

Y5 Cakey Friday

Mon 9th Feb

Tue 10th Feb

Wed 11th Feb

Thur 12th Feb

Fri 13th Feb

FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH

Suggested donation
£1

Indoor games
Outdoor games
Snacks & drinks

For young people in
school years 6, 7 and 8
Fridays 6.30pm - 8pm

16th January

23rd January

30th January

6th February

Sandford St Martin's
Church & School

Email: fny.sandford@gmail.com



WHAT'S GOING ON

Free community session: 'An Introduction to Autism'



What is the session about?

The session was co-developed with parents of autistic children, a SENCo, Dorset Parent Carer Council and Specialist Teachers and Educational Psychologists from Dorset Council.

It will help you to:

- Understand what autism is and how it may impact young people and families
- Learn some practical strategies to support an autistic child/young person

Please note, this is a general information session, so we won't be able to discuss individual children or schools.

The session will be delivered by either an Educational Psychologist or a Specialist Teacher from Dorset Council

Who can attend?

Anyone from the community, this could include people:

- with an autistic child
- with a child undergoing an assessment for autism
- who are interested in learning more about autism

Where and when?

Purbeck Youth Centre(PYCF) and Community Centre
Wareham Family hub,
Worget Road, BH20 4PH (behind The Purbeck School)

Wednesday 11th February 2026 at 10-11.30am.

Event Registration

Scan the QR code or use the link below to register:

Purbeck - An Introduction to Autism - Parent/Carer Autism training - Spring Term



Registration Link: [Click here to book](#)



FRIDAY FOOTBALL CLUB

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

£54 for 12 Weeks Coaching



DOWNLOAD THE CHAMPION APP TO BOOK



FIRST SESSION

Friday 12th
September 2025
3:15pm - 4:15pm

LAST SESSION

Friday 12th
December 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

For more information please contact us -
Tel: 07834 465566 info@championfootball.club

KARATE SESSIONS



MONDAY Carey Hall, Wareham
BH20 4BG

WEDNESDAY Edith Lyle Hall
Poole BH15 1JF

THURSDAY Bournemouth School
for Girls BH8 9UJ

SATURDAY Twin Sails School
Poole BH15 4AX



VICKY SHUREY 3RD DAN 07809 636845

Part of ISMAA: www.ismaakarate.co.uk





Dear Parents and Carers,

December 2025

We hope you and your children are enjoying their time at our after school sports clubs. We are writing to let you know about an important change to our pricing structure.

As our company has continued to grow, we are now required to pay VAT on our services. Unfortunately, this means we must adjust our session fees to reflect the additional costs. The VAT adds 80 pence per session, so the price of each after school club session will change from £4 to £4.80.

We understand that any increase, even a small one, can have an impact on families. We have therefore introduced a monthly instalment option to help make payments more manageable. This allows you to spread the cost over the term.

We remain committed to providing high quality, engaging and affordable sports coaching for all children. Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we make the adjustments required to keep delivering the best possible service.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Kind Regards,

Aaron Merredew



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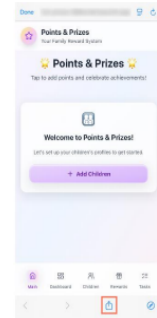
Please see below details of the clubs that I will be running for the Spring term. New members are always welcome.

Please copy and paste this link to your browser to book on via our new app. Once on the app, head to the schools tab, find your school and club and complete the registration form. We also now offer a 3 month subscription to spread the cost.

<https://ajm-club-finder-8715b9ea.base44.app>

To add your app to the home screen:

1. Open the app link in your mobile browser.
2. Tap the **Share** icon (the square with the arrow pointing up; on Android, this may appear as three dots).
3. Tap **Add to Home Screen**.
4. Edit the shortcut name if you want, then tap **Add**.



Clubs will start at 3.15pm and finish at 4.15pm. The aim of the clubs is to have fun whilst improving your child's sporting skills. If you have any questions at all, please do let me know.

Regards

Aaron Merredew - BSc Sports Coaching

Mobile: 07875 108666 Email: ajmsportscoaching@hotmail.co.uk

Club	Eligible Year Groups	Start Date	End Date	Duration of club	Total cost	Please tick
Multi Sports	Y1,Y2,Y3,Y4,Y5 and Y6	Tues 13 th Jan	Mon 24 th Mar	10 weeks	£48	
				Total due		

Virgin, sort code 82-19-74, account number 30012000, account name AJM Sports Limited **PLEASE STATE CHILD'S NAME AS REFERENCE**

Please ensure that your child has appropriate sports kit and plenty of water.

Shaftesbury Millie College

Just up the road at Shaftesbury Millie College (a specialist education setting for young people aged 16–25 with learning and physical disabilities) we are looking for a number of caring and reliable **Mealtime Assistants** to join our team.

Working **Monday to Friday** between **11.30am–1.30pm**, term time only - **£12.65 per hour**

This role involves supporting students with their lunch and midday care routines - ensuring they have a safe and positive experience.

Care experience is desirable but not essential as all training will be provided.

If you have a compassionate and caring attitude and are committed to making a difference, we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact Cenan Chappel for a Job description and application form at:

CChappell@victoria.poole.sch.uk

or call

01202 625562

for more information.