



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 05 20/03/2026

Dear Parent / Carers,

It is with mixed feelings that I write this intro as an outro... it is my last newsletter as Headteacher of SSM. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and trust over the past 9 years. Your children are an absolute delight and I will miss them sorely. We have a fantastic community here in Sandford and I am so proud of the whole team – the office ladies, the site team, the support staff, the teaching team, the governors and you all as parents/carers.

Can I encourage you all to keep being excellent to each other, cherish the school, support Mrs Roberts and enjoy all the success and opportunities still to come. God bless you all – learn, love, laugh... *always! Thankyou, thankyou, thankyou.*

With my very best wishes and goodbye,

Mr Beveridge
Headteacher

Attendance

Whole School

93%

Top 3 Classes

Hawthorn 96.6%
Hazel 95.9%
Lilac 95%

Friday 13th March 2026 – Thursday 19th March 2026

A graphic for 'SCHOOL CLUBS'. The word 'SCHOOL' is in large, bold, teal letters. The word 'CLUBS' is in large, bold, pink letters. To the left of 'SCHOOL' is a brown artist's palette with colorful paint spots. To the right of 'SCHOOL' is a small globe of the Earth. Below 'CLUBS' are three icons: a brown basketball, a blue paintbrush, and two musical notes (one blue, one pink).

SCHOOL CLUBS

All Afterschool & Lunchtime clubs finished this week.

If you have signed up to an external club AJM Sports, Dodgeball and Champions please contact them directly to check when their last day will be.

Pop into the Church Space on both Parents Evenings Tuesday 24th March & Thrsday 26th March to visit the Pop Up Bookshop



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!**

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A GREAT
**BIG
THANK
YOU**

A BIG THANKYOU from the Garden Club to you for all your kind donations.

Also, a Big Thankyou to Lidl's who through the Community Fridge have gifted us 9 bags of open compost that they couldn't sell. It's made a massive difference.



This week at gardening club we planted an apple tree gifted to us from our lovely caretaker John, who is also making us a bug hotel!
Thankyou John!

We spent our time this week filling up our raised beds with compost bags and planting lots of daffodils that will come up again next year in our reflection garden.

It's been a glorious sunny day and we all enjoyed getting a little bit muddy and having lots of fun.

SAPPLINGS NEWS



The children have had a great week learning all about the life cycle of a frog 🐸

On Wednesday, we had a fantastic afternoon pond dipping, where we were thrilled to spot lots of newts and even a little froglet.

The children also spent the afternoon listening to stories outside, exploring the area on a bug hunt and sketching the plants and flowers they had discovered.

What a wonderful week full of curiosity, creativity, and outdoor learning.

Y4 NEWS

A big thank you from Year Four!

Thank you to anyone who has supported, donated or given time to support a Year Four Cakey Friday.

We have recently purchased a variety of new books for both classes to enjoy with this money. We have some very excited children who are eager to get reading these!

Thank you!
Mrs Chapman



YEAR 5 NEWS

Last week Willow class explored tone, tint and shade in Art. The challenge was to extend the photo of the planets!



SPORTS EVENT



Game 1
 1. Bere vs Upton
 2. Sandford vs Lytchett

Game 2
 1. Upton vs Lytchett
 2. Sandford vs Bere

Game 3
 1. Lytchett vs Bere
 2. Sandford vs Upton

{ 3 Win
 { 2 Draw
 { 1 Los.

	Sandford	Bere Regis	Upton	Lytchett	Total
Sandford	X	2	3	3	8
Bere Regis	2	X	1	1	4
Upton	1	3	X	1	5
Lytchett	1	3	3	X	2

1st - Sandford
 2nd - Lytchett
 3rd - Upton
 4th - Bere Regis



SANDFORD FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

Everyone played super well

Well Done

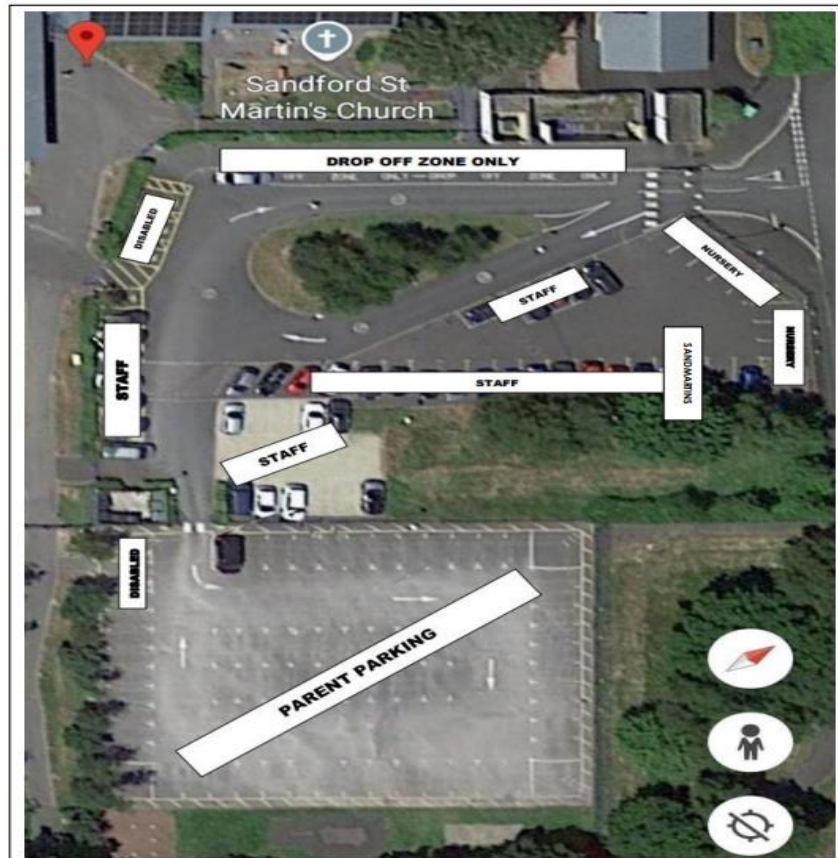
And the Winners were.....
Sandford!!

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

WE NEED YOU!

Parents • Carers • Grandparents

JOIN OUR PTA EVENTS TEAM!

SCHOOL DISCO ✓

CHRISTMAS FAYRE ✓ ✓

SUMMER FAYRE ✓

Could you spare just **15 minutes?**

Or more if you can!

15 MINS! **HELP OUT!** ✓

SET UP & TIDY UP! ✓

EVERY LITTLE HELPS! ✓

INTERESTED? LET US KNOW!

Leave your name at the school office
or speak to an active PTA member

OUR EVENTS CAN'T RUN WITHOUT YOU!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Cakey Friday

2026

Dates for your Diary



Saplings
Friday 17th April



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



Thank you to everyone that attended our charity quiz!

3rd place - Who Let The Mum's Out
2nd place - The Grandparents Plus 1
Winning Team - The Lidds

The kitchen did us proud with an amazing Italian buffet.

Thanks to the PTA for arranging and in particular Sian Court who wrote the challenging questions for the event!!



Sandford St. Martins Primary School PTA presents

Bunny BiNGO

Wednesday 25th March

After School 3-5pm
In the School Hall
£2 for 5 Game Cards
Eyes Down at 3:30pm!

Food & Drinks in the Church Space

Family Friendly Fun!

Easter Raffle!

£1 a Ticket!

Buy on the day or in advance!

To buy raffle tickets:
Bring cash in named envelope with
child's name & class,
pta@sandfordprimary.dorset.sch.uk





SAVE 
the
DATE

SANDFORD ST. MARTINS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER FAYRE



JUNE | 26 | 2025

3-5PM

TO BOOK A STALL CONTACT US 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

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.

HOT SCHOOL LUNCHES

As the Easter holidays are approaching we need to remind you about booking your child's hot lunches for the first week back in April.

All hot lunches will need to be booked by **MIDNIGHT** on Wednesday the 25th March 2026. Any queries regarding these hot lunches will need to be reported to the school office by **MIDDAY** on Thursday 26th of March 2026. This will enable us to get everything amended before we break up on the Friday.

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

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 23rd Mar

Tue 24th Mar

Parents Evening (more info to follow)
Pop Up Bookshop Church Space (during Parents Evening)

Wed 25th Mar

Bunny Bingo 3pm-5pm School Hall

Thur 26th Mar

Parents Evening (more info to follow)
Pop Up Bookshop Church Space (during Parents Evening)

Fri 27th Mar

Last Day of Term

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April

FIRST DAY BACK

Monday 13th April

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

27th February
6th March
13th March
20th March

Sandford St Martin's
Church & School

Email: fny.sandford@gmail.com



**WHAT'S
GOING ON**

Easter Holidays 2026



**Arts and sports events for Dorset children
aged 5-17 who need additional support**



**Down on the Farm • Mini Ballers • Teenz events
Sensory Sessions • Outdoor adventures • and more!**



View [full programme](#)
or email leisure@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk
dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/sport-leisure/artz-sportz





Spring Concert

Join us for an uplifting programme from our Lower & Upper School Musicians, Choirs and Ensembles

Lytchett Minster School

Tuesday 24th March 2026

The Gainsford Theatre
7.00pm

Tickets:
£3.00 Adults
£1.00 Concessions

Available via ParentPay
& on the door

Refreshments from 6.30pm
+ Interval

Tickets will be available from Friday 27th February.



STARS

HOLIDAY CLUB

Department for Education



EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Tuesday 30th March - Friday 10th April

FREE HAF SPACES AVAILABLE
Limited availability!

PAID SPACES JUST £20 PER DAY
08:00 - 16:00 DAILY

Sibling, KPS, Bayside, Lytchett and Stars Members Discount available!

Multi-Activity Holiday Club for children aged 4-13 with activities such as - Football, Dance, Team Games, Basketball, Inflatable fun, Dodgeball, Arts n' Crafts, Tennis, and many many more!

Venues:
Kingsleigh Primary School, BH10 5HT
Bayside Academy, BH16 5AH
Lytchett Matravers Primary School, BH16 6DY
Swanage Town Football Club, BH19 1NN

Book Via
Class Manager
or Contact:



kirsty@starscorporateld.co.uk



STARS

HOLIDAY CLUB



Day	9:30 - 10:45	11:00 - 12:30	1:00 - 3:00
Monday 30 th March	• Football Skills/Mini Matches • Arts & Crafts/Junk Modelling	• Tennis Challenges • Multi-Skills Circuit	• Inflatable Fun Dodgeball Tournament
Tuesday 31 st March	• Team Games/Challenges • Playground Games	• Inflatable Fun • Football Fun Games	• Didi-Cars Rounders
Wednesday 1 st April	• Dodgeball • Arts & Crafts/Junk Modelling	• Football Matches • Relay Races	• Inflatable Fun • Music/Dance Fun & Team Games
Thursday 2 nd April	EASTER FUN DAY WITH AN EASTER EGG HUNT!		

Day	9:30 - 10:45	11:00 - 12:30	1:00 - 3:00
Tuesday 7 th April	• Football Skills • Team Races/Challenges	• Handball • Playground Games	• Tennis Challenges • Arts & Crafts/ Junk Modelling
Wednesday 8 th April	• Penalty Shoot out/Lightning • Relay Races	• Football Matches • Tennis Challenges	• Didi-Cars Dodgeball Tournament
Thursday 9 th April	• Multi-Skills Circuit • Arts & Crafts/Junk Modelling	• Football Fun Games • Volleyball	• Inflatable Fun Rounders
Friday 10 th April	SUPERHERO DAY - FUN TEAM CHALLENGE GAMES & DRESS UP DAY!		

Kev's Easter Holiday Football Camps

Tournament Medals
Trophies and Awards
Easter Eggs handed out



Penalty Competitions - Matches
King of the Ring
Shooting skills and games

9am - 3pm Ages 5 - 12

Bring a packed lunch and plenty to drink (no nuts)

Monday 30th March - Spetisbury School

Wednesday 1st April - Merley First School

Tuesday 7th April - Spetisbury School

Thursday 9th April - Merley First School

EASTER EGGS FOR EVERYONE !!!!

Thursday 8th April - Lytchett Matravers School
Suitable for Boys and Girls aged 4 - 12 years old
Easter Build a Bunny and Football/Sports Club
Sew and stuff your own Easter Bunny plus an Easter Egg Hunt with Sports Games including a Football Tournament!

£30
1 day

£50
2 days

Sibling Discounts

Childcare Vouchers

Message Total Sports 07795258274 to book a space
email: totalsportsdorset@gmail.com
facebook KevinSmithTotalSports

SPONSORED BY MATCHDAY LOCKER

AJM SPORTS COACHING

EASTER FOOTBALL CAMPS

Lots of football fun with tournaments, skill-competitions and lots of prizes to be won!
Camps are for 6-16 year olds and run by fully qualified coaches.
Please bring packed lunch, appropriate clothing (Astros) and plenty of drink!

There will be Easter egg prizes!

TUESDAY 31ST MARCH
THURSDAY 2ND APRIL
TUESDAY 7TH APRIL
THURSDAY 9TH APRIL

WHERE: PURBECK SPORTS CENTRE

£25

To book on please call/text 07875108666

Don't forget to like our Facebook page for the latest information

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EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS



HELD AT:

LYTCHETT MINSTER SPORTS CENTRE
WEEK 1

MULTI-SPORTS CAMP

HELD AT:

Lytchett Minster Sports Centre
Post Green Road
Lytchett Minster
Poole
BH16 6JD

DATES:

WEEK 1
Monday 30th Mar
Tuesday 31st Mar
Wednesday 1st Apr
Thursday 2nd Apr

COST:
£24 per child
1 x Sibling 25% off



TIMES: 08:00-12:00/ 13:00-17:00/ 09:00-15:00
Early drop off (AM) and Late pick up (PM) available

SPORTS

Mon BADMINTON | CRICKET
Tue DODGEBALL | TENNIS
Wed TAG GAMES | FOOTBALL
Thu HAND BALL | BASKETBALL

- ✓ SKILLS, GAMES & CHALLENGES
- ✓ QUALIFIED COACHES
- ✓ SAFE & SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

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EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS



HELD AT:

LYTCHETT MINSTER SPORTS CENTRE
WEEK 2

MULTI-SPORTS CAMP

HELD AT:

Lytchett Minster Sports Centre
Post Green Road
Lytchett Minster
Poole
BH16 6JD

DATES:

WEEK 2
Tuesday 7th Apr
Wednesday 8th Apr
Thursday 9th Apr

COST:
£24 per child
1 x Sibling 25% off



TIMES: 08:00-12:00/ 13:00-17:00/ 09:00-15:00
Early drop off (AM) and Late pick up (PM) available

SPORTS

Tue DODGEBALL | FOOTBALL
Wed BASKETBALL | CRICKET
Thu HANDBALL | BADMINTON

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EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS



HELD AT:

LYTCHETT MINSTER SPORTS CENTRE
WEEK 1&2

FOOTBALL CAMP

HELD AT:

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Post Green Road
Lytchett Minster
Poole
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WEEK 1
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Thursday 2nd Apr

WEEK 2
Tuesday 7th Apr
Wednesday 8th Apr
Thursday 9th Apr

COST:
£24 per child
1 x Sibling 25% off

TIMES: 08:00-12:00/ 13:00-17:00/ 09:00-15:00
Early drop off (AM) and Late pick up (PM) available

A fun and energetic Football Holiday Club for children of all abilities!

- ✓ Skills, games and matches
- ✓ Qualified Coaches
- ✓ Safe and supportive environment

STAY ACTIVE. MAKE FRIENDS. HAVE FUN



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From 3rd – 6th April, Peter Rabbit™ will be visiting Swange Railway for a fun family experience. Visitors can travel on one of our heritage steam trains through the Isle of Purbeck and alight at Harmans Cross, where the Peter Rabbit™ activities take place.

Children can enjoy an Easter egg hunt inspired by Beatrix Potter's stories, as well as the chance to meet Peter Rabbit™ himself for photos and smiles.



Holiday activities and food (HAF) programme

We have funding from the [Department for Education's \(DfE\) holiday activities and food programme](#) again this year.

This funding means we can offer fun activities and tasty food free of charge to children who are:

- in receipt of benefit-related free school meals
- attending school in the Dorset Council area

We also have discretionary codes available to children who are:

- in the care of the local authority
- participating in a resettlement program
- referred by a school, family, or social worker

Once you sign up we'll send you your holiday pass code by text or email. Keep your code somewhere safe as you'll need it to book free places on holiday activities throughout the year.

If you don't know your child's passcode, or you wish to apply for a pass code, [you can email us](#) your child's:

- name
- date of birth
- school

and we will reply to you within 3 working days.

Passcodes are issued when Free School Meal applications are approved.

Many of the activities that accept the pass code will also be open to fee-paying customers too.

If your child is not eligible for free school meals, many activities that accept the pass code will also be open to fee-paying customers too.

You can [search for activities in your area on our Family Information Directory](#).



Easter Holiday Programme

MONDAY 30TH MARCH - SUNDAY 12TH APRIL 2026



Wetside Activities

Intensive Swimming Lessons

Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April

9:00-9:30 - Early Steps 1

9:30-10:00 - Early Steps 1

9:00-9:30 - Early Steps 2

£28.80

Suitable for ages 3yrs +

Private Swimming Lessons

Tuesday 7th April - Thursday 9th April

9:00-9:30 & 9:30-10:00

£21 for 1 person per session

£23.10 for 2 people per session

Suitable for ages 3yrs +

Front Crawl & Back Crawl Workshop

Monday 30th March & Tuesday 31st March

9:30-10:00

£14.40 for two days

Participants must be able to swim 25m unaided front and back to take part.



Fun and Floats

Monday 30th March - 13:30-14:30

Wednesday 1st April - 13:30-14:30

Friday 3rd April - 13:30-14:30

Monday 6th April - 13:30-14:30

Wednesday 8th April - 13:30-14:30

Friday 10th April - 13:30-14:30

A family swim session including all the foam mats, toys and large floating crocodile! Normal pool admission fees apply.

Pool Inflation Swim Sessions

Tuesday 31st March - 13:30-14:30

Thursday 2nd April - 13:30-14:30

Saturday 4th April - 15:00-16:00

Tuesday 7th April - 13:30-14:30

Thursday 9th April - 13:30-14:30

Saturday 11th April - 15:00-16:00

£5.50 per person

Participants must be able to swim 25m unaided to take part. Under 8's must be accompanied by a participating adult.



Dorset Council

Contact reception on 01929 500000

sports.centre@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Dryside Activities

Coach Tarbs

Monday 30th March, Thursday 9th April & Friday 10th April

9:00-15:00

£30

6-13yrs

Book directly with Will - coachtarbs@gmail.com

Tennis

Wednesday 1st April & Wednesday 8th April

14:00-17:00

£17.50

Suitable for ages 4-14yrs
Book directly with Neil Darragh ndarrahtennis@gmail.com

Junior Functional Training

Monday 30th March, Thursday 2nd April & Thursday 9th April

16:30-17:15

£5.60

Suitable for ages 12-15 yrs

Bouncy Castle Fun

Wednesday 1st April & Wednesday 8th April

9:30-10:30am - 3-7 years

10:45-11:45am - 8-12 years

£5.25 per person

Dodgeball

Tuesday 31st March & Thursday 7th April

10:30-11:30am

7-12 years

£8.30 per person



Laser Tag

Wednesday 1st April - 12:30-13:30

Monday 6th April - 10:00-11:00

£8.80

Suitable for ages 7-12yrs

Archery

Saturday 11th April

10:30-12:00

£14.55

Suitable for ages 8yrs+ including adults

Nerf Gun Fun

Wednesday 1st April - 13:45-14:45

Monday 6th April - 11:15-12:15

£8.80

Suitable for ages 7-12yrs

Football Fun Day

Tuesday 31st March, Thursday 2nd April, Tuesday 7th April & Thursday 9th April

9:00-15:00

£25

Suitable for ages 6-16 years

Book directly with Aaron - 07875 108666



Junior Circuits

Monday 31st March

14:30-15:15

£5.60

Suitable for ages 12-15 yrs

Terms and Conditions

- Payment must be made at the time of booking.
- Sessions are subject to cancellation if minimum numbers are not met.
- Instructors subject to change based on availability.



GLOBE FIT KIDS PRESENTS...

EASTER HOLIDAYS KIDS CLUB EXTRAVAGANZA!

7TH APRIL - 10TH APRIL
9 - 1 PM

HAFF - FREE FOR CHILDREN RECEIVING FSM

£20 - FULL PRICE

EMAIL INFO@GLOBEFIT.CO.UK FOR MORE INFO

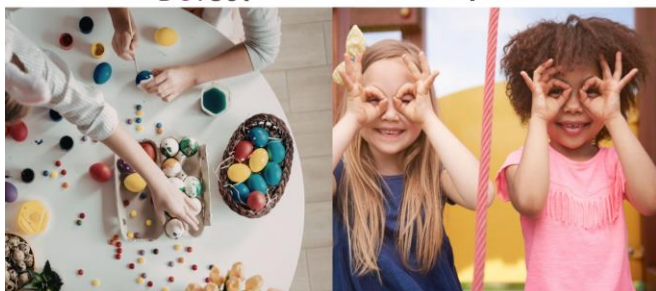
Bovington Academy,
Dorset

FREE HAF

Spaces booked via **Bookwhen**

www.bookwhen.com/globefitkidsclubs

Sports & Team Games, Themed Disco, Picnics, Scavenger Hunts, Nature Trails, Crafts and MORE!



DORSET TENNIS ACADEMY



EASTER HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS



Mini Tennis for children 4-8 years old

Tennis for children 9-14 years old

TUESDAY 31ST MARCH

WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL

TUESDAY 7TH APRIL

WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL

2 - 5pm

At Purbeck Sports Centre, Worgret Road, Wareham

What's on offer

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



What to wear/bring

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



SESSION(S)	PRICE
Single day session	£17.50
Both day sessions in a week	£34.00
All 4 sessions	£66.00

To book a place, please visit the Dorset Tennis Academy website using the following link or search '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 ndarrahtennis@gmail.com

Spring & Summer Nature Calendar

Purbeck Goes Wild is for families living & working in the Purbeck area

FREE Events!



Event	Date	Time	Location	Info
Secrets of our Saxon Walls	Wed 1 st April	10am - 11:30am	St Martin's Church, Wareham	Join Heather for a history-soaked Wareham Walls wander while spotting wildlife along the way...
Pond Dipping Detectives	Thur 2 nd April	10am - 12pm	Leeson House, Langton Matravers	Join Ella to discover the secret life of ponds & see what's lurking beneath the surface!
Pond Dipping Detectives	Wed 6 th April	10am - 12pm	Leeson House, Langton Matravers	Join Ella to discover the secret life of ponds & see what's lurking beneath the surface!
Foraging Treasure Hunt!	Sat 18 th April	10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm	Wilkswood Farm, Swanage	Join Jack, 'Purbeck's social media foraging sensation' for a tongue-tingling wild food treasure hunt!
Roar & Explore on the Jurassic Coast	Sat 18 th April	10am - 12pm	Knoll Beach, Studland	Join Jamie for a roarsome Dinosaur discovery, as we celebrate World Heritage Day. Dino fancy dress please!
Bats in Corfe Castle!	Fri 24 th April	7:30pm - 9:30pm	National Trust - Castle View, Welcome Centre	Join Tom for an dusk adventure - finding bats & creatures of the night around the castle!
Secret Woods & Dam Building	Sat 2 nd May	2pm - 5pm	Wilkswood Farm, Swanage	Join Rob for bluebells, wildlife, secret streams, big trees, dam building, picnic & fun woodland games!
Farm Tour & Community Veg Patch Launch	Sun 10 th May	10am - 2pm	Salt Pig @ Putlake Langton Matravers	Join James & Becky for a behind the scenes farm tour & BBQ PLUS... get involved in your NEW Community Veg Patch!
Marshmallows, Campfire & Wildlife	Sat 16 th May	2pm - 5pm	Area F, Station Rd, Sandford BH16 6HX	Join Joel & Rob for marshmallows, campfire skills, wildlife spotting & fun games!

Epic Wildlife Safari & Picnic	Tues 26 th May	10am - 1pm	Wild Woodbury, Bere Regis	Join Ranger Daisy & Rob for a memorable safari at one of Dorset's biggest wildlife success stories. Come see what all the fuss is about!
Purbeck's Flying Penguins	Fri 29 th May	10am - 12pm	Durleston Country Park, Swanage	Join Ranger Ross & discover 'Flying Penguins' PLUS... spot baby Guillemots on the clifftops
Blooming Brilliant Meadows & Games	Sat 30 th May	2pm - 5pm	Durleston Country Park, Swanage	Join Rob & Dave for wildflower meadows, butterflies, picnic, games & stunning coastal views!
Blooming Brilliant Meadows & Games	Thur 4 th June	4:30pm - 7pm	Durleston Country Park, Swanage	Join Rob & Owen for wildflower meadows, spotting wildlife at dusk, picnic, games & stunning coastal views!
Clifftop Puffin Peeking	Thur 18 th June	6pm - 8pm & 7pm - 9pm	Spyway car park, Langton Matravers	Join Tom & Alex to find our resident pairs of Purbeck puffins! (Book early - this had the biggest waiting list in 2025!)
Let's go Bonkers for Beavers	Fri 19 th June	6:30pm - 9pm	Studland (exact location tbc)	Join eager beavers Gen & Rob at dusk for an special mission to seek out Purbeck's fascinating beavers
Picnic in the Castle	Wed 8 th July	6pm - 8pm	The Square, Corfe Castle	Back by popular demand...! Bring your picnic dinner for an iconic evening in the castle

Ready to book?

Scan here!



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Jump on our Eventbrite

Calendar brought to you by Planet Purbeck, on of behalf the Purbeck Nature Network

Let's go wild



Planet Purbeck have been busy working with local organisations to bring together our **BIGGEST EVER** series of **FREE Purbeck Goes Wild** events for you and your family.

How can you stay up to date with all the latest info?

Join our **WhatsApp group**
Message Rob to join: 07920 408836

Look out for **Newsletter** (termly)
Hand delivered at your school gates

Follow **Planet Purbeck** on **FB & Eventbrite**

for 3-11 yr olds!

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Nature to notice this spring

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Wild garlic

Edible wild garlic has a very strong aroma and carpets the floor with their white flowers - find them at woodlands around Old Harry Rocks & Kingston

Hares



Catch the annual display of boxing hares each spring during mating season. Look out for them in fields across Worth Matravers - early mornings or at dusk on clear days are best

Spotted anything interesting on your adventures? Share with us at purbeck@nationaltrust.org.uk



These strange cobwebs are actually bundles of caterpillars. But look from a distance - their hairs can cause our skin irritation. Try spotting them around headlands between St Aldhelm's Head & Winspit

Bluebells



see me in April-May

Explore woodlands around Durlston, Corfe Common (pictured above), Langton Matravers, Kingston & Wareham for blankets of bluebells

Get ready for a real adventure on your doorstep...



Chapman's Pool

Chapman's Pool - One of those magical places that makes you feel like you've stepped into a storybook. A day filled with surprises! Sweeping coastal views from the cliff top, clambering down a rope to reach the hidden cove (there is an alternative path avoiding the rope), fossil hunting on the beach and even a driftwood swing perfect for a family photo. When the spring sunshine arrives and the ground finally starts to dry, it's the ideal time to visit. Start your journey from Worth Matravers car park then head over fields from Weston.

A few things to keep in mind:
 This is a proper outdoorsy adventure - no toilets, no cafe, no bins, and likely very little phone signal. Pack snacks, bring water, and leave nothing but footprints behind.

Cabinets of curiosities

Come & explore for **FREE!**

Fossil Museum

@ The Square & Compass pub



Kimmeridge's Fine Family Foundation Wild Seas Centre - open everyday 10-4pm until October



Langton Matraver's Museum

Open April - Sept
 Tues - Sat. 10am-12pm & 2pm-4pm
 Telling the story of Purbeck's stone and geological history



Swanage's The Ocean Studio, Daisy Mays shopping arcade, Kings Road East Open Saturdays 12-3



Download the Wylder App for the spring & summer challenges

Purbeck Goes Wild Challenges

Are you looking for new ways to explore Purbeck with your family?

Take on the Purbeck Goes Wild challenges with Wylder, the app which turns tech into a tool to decrease screen-time and increase nature connection!

Choose Your Challenge!

Scan the QR codes to learn more and start your challenge.

News corner

This newsletter has been printed thanks to the support of players of the People's Postcode Lottery. It's official - **Purbeck Goes Wild is award winning!** Land & Wave won one of the six Outdoor Recreation Network Awards in 2025. The **Big Purbeck Campout** being the winner of 'maximising impact with limited resources'

A piece of hull from the 400 year old **Fame from Hoorn** ship, shipwrecked in Studland Bay back in 1631 was recently exposed by winter storms! Here are members of the Landscape Leaders youth group helping to excavate it!

View from West Hill over the castle & common	Bug hotels made at the Feb youth volunteering group	Mooooove out the way, near West Hill
Lambs near Chapman's Pool	Studland woods Old Harry Rocks	Photo corner...



Easter at PYCF



Tuesday 7th April 10.00am-11.30am

Sen Sensory Play Session for families with children aged 1-8 years old with SEN diagnosed or undiagnosed) £3.00 per family

Thursday 9th April 10.30am-2.30pm

HAF Friendly Food Club - A cooking session followed by some Science Fun with the mini professors. Lunch provided £10 per child age 8 and up or FREE with a HAF code

Friday 10th April 11.00am-3.00pm

HAF Easter Family Fun day

Arts, crafts, games, face painting, pottery and lunch! Adults & children under 3 free. Children 3 and upwards £5.00
FREE with HAF code

To book please email office@pycf.org.uk or call
01929 552934

Wareham Family Hub, PYCF Youth and Community Centre, Worgret Rd, BH20 4PH. (We are next door to Purbeck Sports Centre)

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Thursday 9th April 2026 | 2-4pm | Wareham Library Junior Archaeologist: Build a Skeleton!

Join Wareham Town Museum at Wareham Library this half-term for a fun hands-on archaeology activity.

Excavate replica bones and see if you can rebuild a human skeleton. Excavate the 'soil', discover the bones, and work out which bone goes where.

Dig for bones

Identify the skeleton

Assemble the body

£2 per child - includes a small gift

Fee covers activity materials and is payable to Wareham Town Museum

