

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is such a pleasure to write this as my first newsletter at Sandford St Martin's. I have been welcomed so warmly by the whole school community - please do come and say hello if you see me on the gate each day.

We have had a very busy start to the summer term and the children have settled into their routines well. We have been reminding the children about expectations for behaviour and the importance of respecting everyone in our school.

In collective worship we discussed the power of 'Please, Thank you and Sorry' and have been 'noticing' these around school. The [Baader-Meinhof phenomenon](#), or frequency illusion, is when you learn a new word or see a new thing, and suddenly it feels like you see it everywhere. It's not that the item actually appears more often; your brain is just noticing it more because it is fresh and exciting, acting like a brain filter that highlights that specific thing. I wonder if any of our families have noticed this more at home? I'd love to hear if you have. This reset will form part of our expectations for behaviour moving into this term. We really appreciate your support with this as we celebrate our children's behaviour and our 3 L's.

#### Introduction of Open Classes - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026

Staff have been busy planning the term ahead and we would like to invite parents into school to spend some time with their children to see what we have been learning. Classes will be open from the end of the school day on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026 and we look forward to seeing you there.

#### Sun Hats

The sun has got his hat on and so do we! Please ensure that your child has a named sun hat in school during the summer term. We are so lucky to have a wonderful field with lots of space to run and play. Please support us as we keep your children safe in the sun. Thank you.

#### The Daily Dance is Coming to Sandford St Martin's

At Sandford we are passionate about physical and mental wellbeing. You may have heard of the 'Daily Mile' and on Monday, we will be bringing the 'Daily Dance'. This week, we have been learning a dance that we will all be dancing together - children, staff and we invite families to join us at 8:35am in the school playground. I promise that it will help us begin the day with a smile as we 'laugh' together.

#### Congratulations to our Horton Heath Competition winners.

It was an absolute pleasure to take some of our competition winners and some members of our school council to the Holton Heath Railway Station this Tuesday. The children listened with interest and respect to members of the community who shared their stories of the history of the station and enjoyed some delicious cake to celebrate. Miss Gover and I were very proud of the children and a huge congratulations to the winners: Jacob. W, Reggie. K, Ella. C.

#### Celebrating 150 Years of Education in Sandford

This year marks 150 years of education in Sandford which is an incredible opportunity to celebrate our school and the history of schools in Sandford through its long history. This term we will be exploring and researching history through the decades which will culminate in a week of work and our fabulous summer fayre.

We plan to create a living museum so, if you have any photographs or information you are able to share then please do let me or any of the teachers know. Thank you for your support and involvement in this.

Best Wishes  
Emma Roberts  
Headteacher



**Thankyou all for your kind donations to Comic Relief.**

**The children had an amazing day playing games and wearing something red.**

**Felicity (Y4) and her friend also donated £40 from the sale of loom bands which they had made.**

**Overall including online donations we raised a total of**

**£529.06**

# Peer Pod is BACK!

**Peer Pod** is our friendly parent/carer support group here at Sandford St Martin's Primary School.

We are here to support you and your children with any concerns you may have. Come along to our coffee mornings, targeted support sessions and much more.

Our doors are opening once again on Wednesdays straight after school drop off in the church space.

**STARTING WEDNESDAY 22ND APRIL**

Our new headteacher, Mrs Roberts, will be there so come and say hello.





**All Afterschool & Lunchtime clubs start back from**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 26**

**We still have spaces on some of the clubs.**

**If you would like to sign up please complete a clubs form which**

**was sent out on Wisepay. You can also find the form on  
our website [Sandford St Martin's Primary School - Clubs and Activities](#)**

**or pop along to the school office for one.**

# Y1 & Y2 NEWS

These photos are from the role-play element of our Crimean War Day. The children were absolutely phenomenal in how they threw themselves into the activity and showed off their excellent knowledge about the topic.



# YEAR 5 NEWS

## BIKEABILITY



Year 5 pupils were given the opportunity to take Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability training at the end of last term. Luckily the weather was fine all week. Karen, one of the Bikeability instructors said that

**'The children were delightful'.  
Congratulations one & all.**



# THANKYOU

Thankyou to all of you that entered the Holton Heath poster competition

And Congratulations to our winners and Runners Up

Runners Up: Edward. L, Avram. L, Iris. A,

Winners: Jacob. W, Reggie. K, Ella. C.

Overall Winner: Reggie K





# SPORTS EVENTS



The year 5s and 6s worked so hard at the netball tournament yesterday. They have been working so hard on all their netball skills and this resulted in them coming 3rd in the competition!

Well done Sofia, Olive, Mischa, Olivia, Matilde, Florence and Millie.



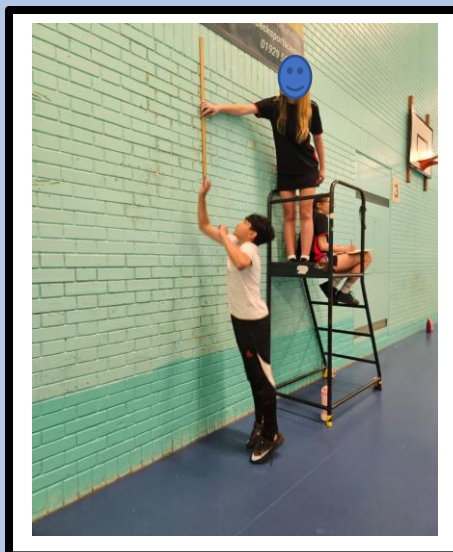
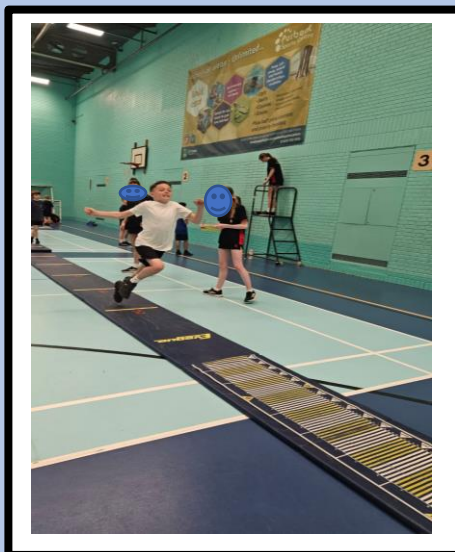


We are so proud of our incredible Athletics team!!

After making it through to the county finals, our students achieved an amazing 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall!! Competing in a range of track and field events, they showed determination, resilience and true team spirit every step of the way.

The competition was tough but they never gave up and gave it their all what a FANTASTIC achievement.

WELL DONE to ALL our SUPERSTARS you've made us incredibly proud!



# MEET OUR GOVERNOR



## Cindy Masters

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April 2026

All About Me.

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I have lived around the area all my life so I know it well. I have had various jobs during my working career in Electrical Manufacturing and Retail as well as volunteering with playschool at Ladybirds Playschool in Upton for many years too. I was also volunteering in the Sandford school library until Christmas. We are always looking for volunteers to help in school, ask at reception for details.

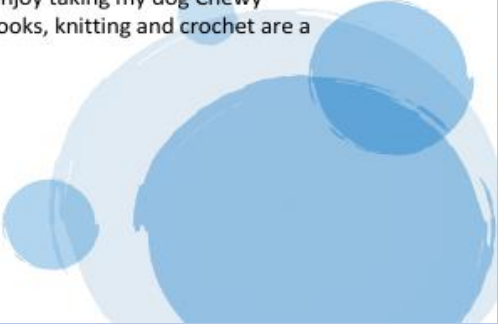
I have just started a new job working in Sandford St Martins School as the Catering Manager, a new chapter in my working life!

I have 14 Children, 8 boys and 6 girls many of which have attended Sandford School over the years. So, I am kept very busy in my free time.

I became a Governor as I was interested in finding out more about how the school is run, also seeing what it means to be a governor. I really love seeing how much of a difference the school makes with the children and the local community. The children are well behaved, polite and a credit to their parents and to the school.

I envision the school going strength to strength in the coming years as our lovely new Headteacher gets to grips with school. What exciting times ahead.

When I do get some free time, I enjoy taking my dog Chewy (Chewbacca) for walks, reading books, knitting and crochet are a favorite too.

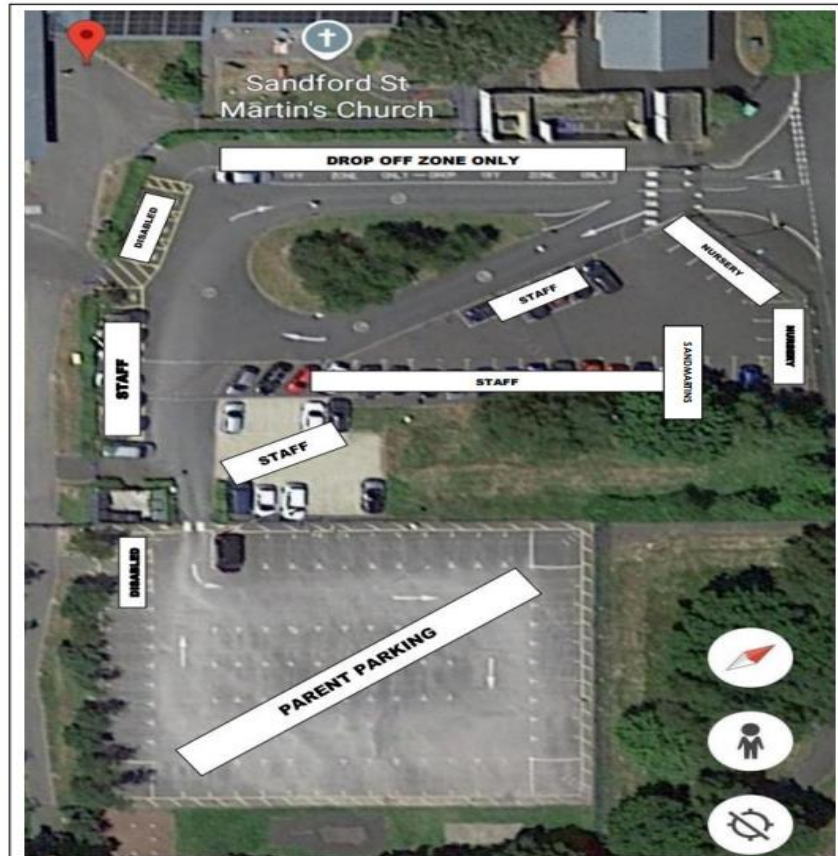


# CAR PARK

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

This year 2025/2026

Dates for your diary

Year 1 & 2 - ~~#DONE~~ October

Year 4 - ~~#DONE~~ January

Year 5 - ~~#DONE~~ February

Year 6 - ~~#DONE~~ March

Sapling - ~~#DONE~~ April

Year 3 - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May

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



SANDFORD ST. MARTINS PRIMARY SCHOOL

# WAREHAM CARNIVAL

FLOAT, COME JOIN IN

SUNDAY **19TH** JULY

BRING YOUR CUDDLY  
DINOSAURS, DRESS LIKE A DINO  
OR EXPLORER, TOY DINOS,  
WHATEVER YOU WANT, THAT  
GOES WITH THE THEME

We'd love for you to join us and take part,  
all welcome. More details to follow



# 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](mailto: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

All hot lunches will need to be booked by **MIDNIGHT** on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April** for the week commencing **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026**.

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.

## ATTENDANCE

### Whole School

**96.1%**

### Top 3 Classes

**Maple 99.7%**

**Beech 99.2%**

**Acorns 99.0%**

## Our Safeguarding Team



Designated  
Safeguarding Lead  
Mrs. Pampin



Deputy  
Safeguarding Lead  
Mr. Sampson

## Dates for your Diary/Calendar

Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Apr	HOT LUNCH ORDERING DEADLINE FOR W/C 4 <sup>th</sup> May 26
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>Y3 Hazel - Swimming</b>
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>Peer Pod</b>
Thur 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Saplings Forest School
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> May	
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>HOT LUNCH ORDERING DEADLINE FOR W/C 11<sup>th</sup> May 26</b> <b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Y3 Lilac - Swimming</b>
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Peer Pod</b>
Thur 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Saplings Forest School
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> May	
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>HOT LUNCH ORDERING DEADLINE FOR W/C 18<sup>th</sup> May 26</b> <b>Y6 SATs Week</b>
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Y6 SATs Week</b> <b>Y3 Lilac - Swimming</b>
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Y6 SATs Week</b> NO Peer Pod today due to SAT's Week
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Y6 SATs Week</b>
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Y3 Cakey Friday</b>
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> May	
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Y3 Lilac - Swimming</b>
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Peer Pod</b>
Thur 21 <sup>st</sup> May	
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>

# 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

17<sup>th</sup> April  
24<sup>th</sup> April  
1<sup>st</sup> May  
8<sup>th</sup> May  
15<sup>th</sup> May

Sandford St Martin's  
Church & School

Email: [fny.sandford@gmail.com](mailto:fny.sandford@gmail.com)



**WHAT'S  
GOING ON**

## SEN Parent SUPPORT Group



Face to face support group for families with children who have  
neurodiverse needs - diagnosed or undiagnosed

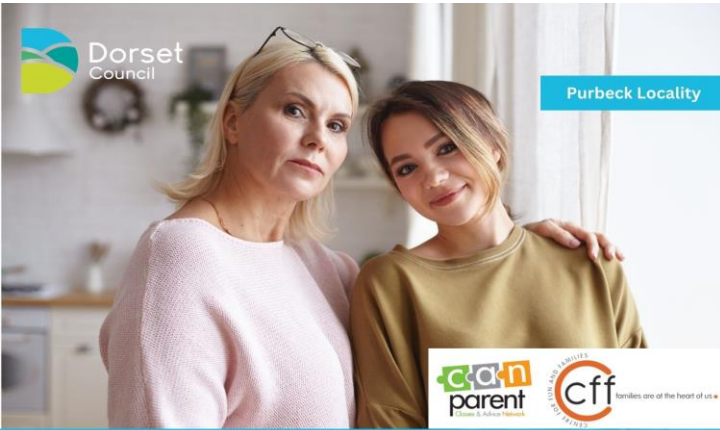
### where?

Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Jan - Wareham Family Hub 11.30am-1pm  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Feb - Wool CofE Primary School Community Room  
9.45am 11.15am (Parents from other schools are welcome)  
  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March - Wareham Family Hub 11.30am-1pm  
Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> April - Poppies Tea Room Bovington 10am-11.15am  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April - Wareham Family Hub 11.30-1pm

There's no need to book, just turn up and meet others!  
For more info call 01929 552 934 or email [office@pycf.org.uk](mailto:office@pycf.org.uk)

Wareham Family Hub PYCF is located behind Purbeck  
School on Worgret Road, Wareham, BH20 4PH





## Living with Teenagers Parenting Course

The Living with Teenagers Parenting Course is a relaxed 6-week course for parents/carers of teenagers. The course is designed to help parents and carers of teenagers ages 10 to 16 years who are experiencing behaviour and communication difficulties.

We recognise that **you** are the real experts in your lived experiences and these sessions give you the opportunity to share those experiences with others. You will feel supported and will develop skills and confidence. **Booking Essential**

### What does the Living with Teenagers Parenting Course offer?

- ✓ An opportunity to share difficulties with other parents to work together to solve problems
- ✓ Looking at types of sanctions, boosting self-confidence and looking after yourself
- ✓ Increasing wanted behaviour and decreasing unwanted behaviour, and empowering parents
- ✓ Understand how behaviour is learnt. Increase understanding of 'normal' behaviour and typical developmental stages

For more details and to book a place, please contact:  
[purbecklocality@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:purbecklocality@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) or 01929 557000

For news, events and support, join us at  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/purbecklocality>



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The Living with Teenagers Parenting Course is designed to help parents and carers of teenagers ages 11 to 16 years who are experiencing behaviour and communication difficulties.

### What does the Living with Teenagers Parenting Course offer?

- *Understanding how behaviour is learnt*
- *Increase understanding of 'normal' behaviour and typical developmental stages*
- *Increasing wanted behaviour and decreasing unwanted behaviour*
- *Empowering parents*
- *Types of sanctions*
- *Boosting self-confidence and looking after yourself*
- *Sharing difficulties with other parents to work together to solve problems*

For more information or to book please contact the Purbeck Locality Team:

01929 557000  
[purbecklocality@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:purbecklocality@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

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

Tuesday 9th June 2026 at 10-11.30am

To Book a place, please click on this [Link](#) or scan the QR code below:

Purbeck - An Introduction to Autism - Community Training Session - Summer Term



***Please see flyer above about an autism information session for parents and carers being offered by Dorset Council. This is being offered free of charge to all parents/carers, not only those who have an autistic child.***

***If you would like to attend, please scan the QR code above to book your space.***

# May Half Term 2026



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



**Forest Fun • Hairy Cow Cuddles & Craft  
Sensory Sessions • Hands-on History**



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



# 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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 8 <sup>th</sup> 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 16 <sup>th</sup> 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 16 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> May	10am - 12pm	Durleston Country Park, Swanage	Join Ranger Ross & discover 'Flying Penguins' PLUS... spot baby Guillemots on the cliffs!
Blooming Brilliant Meadows & Games	Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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!

Click HERE

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 5-11 yr olds!**  
**In this edition**  
 Purbeck Goes Wild events!  
 Spring nature to spot  
 FREE nature challenges for you & your family  
 Chapman's Pool ... A grand day out  
 Cabinet of curiosities in Purbeck

## NEW events: Beavers, Flying Penguins, Foraging

### Bats & a Farm Tour!



Photo: Terry Bagley



Photo: Simon



Photo: Salt Pig

## Nature to notice this spring

### see me in April

**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  
 Photo: Becky Eddy

### Gorse

Tune your eyes into the yellow & your noses into the smell of coconut in the sunshine. Quietly watch these prickly shrubs - they are a hive of activity for birds - shelter, nests & food

### Hares

Watch 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  
 Photo: Mike Wetheram

### Caterpillars!

Listen out for cocoons in the spring  
 Photo: Andy Probert/BSBY

### Bluebells

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 Aidhelm's Head & Winspit  
 Photo: Ben Cooke

### see me in April-May

Explore woodlands around Durlston, Corte 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 café, 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 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

Pug hotels made at the Fab youth volunteering group

Mooooove out the way, near West Hill

Lambs near Chapman's Pool

Studland woods Old Harry Rocks

Photo corner...

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## Swanage & Wareham RFC

Love Rugby? We do too! 🏈❤️

Swanage & Wareham RFC is officially part of the national Love Rugby campaign! We're inviting all girls aged 9–17 to join the movement on 26th April for a day of fun, friendship, and first tries.

Whether you're a future Red Rose or just looking for a new way to stay active with your friends, there's a place for you here. Our Try Love Rugby session is designed to be low-pressure and high-energy—perfect for total beginners!

### 🌟 What to expect:

- Fun & Friendship:** It's all about the social side—bring your bestie along for the ride! 🐾
- Skill Building:** Learn the basics from qualified coaches in a supportive, girls-only environment.
- Confidence:** Discover what you're capable of on and off the pitch. 🏈

📍 Venue: Swanage & Wareham RFC, Bestwall Rd, Wareham BH20 4HY

## The annual CARDBOARD BOAT RACE

at ANDREW SIMPSON CENTRE PORTLAND

Build your own cardboard boat and bring it along to our open day!

- Create a boat entirely from cardboard
- Grab your paddles and take on the race course in your cardboard boat
- Will you sink or float!?

FREE TO ENTER PRIZES SIGN UP ON THE DAY

### SATURDAY 2ND MAY

RACE START: 2PM

Andrew Simpson Centres

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# OPEN DAY

## Andrew Simpson Centre Portland

FREE!

**Free Entry**

Watersports Tasters

£5

**SAILING**

£5

**MEGA SUP**

£5

**KAYAKING**

AT THE WEYMOUTH AND PORTLAND NATIONAL SAILING ACADEMY  
Portland, DT5 1SA - 01305 457400  
10:00 - 16:00

PLUS

- STALLS
- BEACH CLEAN
- FOOD TRUCK
- OCEAN SCIENCE
- BOUNCY CASTLE

Without a wind-up trailer with the OFC

**Saturday 2nd May 2026**

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