

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thu 2nd July

Celebrating 150 Years of
Education in Sandford

Fri 3rd July

Y6 Sailing Trip

Fri 3rd July – 5th July

Sandford Big Camp Out

Sat 4th July

Summer Fayre

Wed 8th July

Sports Day

Fri 10th July

Y6 Paulton's trip

Thu 15th-Fri 16th July

Y6 Cumulus trip

Sun 19th July

Wareham Carnival

Wed 22nd July

Last Day of Term

For our School Diary please follow
the link below:

[Sandford St Martin's Primary
School - School Diary](#)

Dear Parents / Carers,

Well – what a week it has been! Whilst we have all experienced school disruption from snow, flooding and wind, we have never experienced disruptions due to a red heat warning!

I wanted to say a huge thank you to all of our families for your understanding, support and co-operation; a massive thank you to all the staff at Sandford who have been incredible in putting the children's health and wellbeing first and creative in their approaches to keeping the children cool; and of course to our wonderful children who, despite wanting to run around in the sun, understood the need for lots of shade, water and taking it slowly!

The children have had everything from cold trays full of water for their feet, taking desks and working outside in the breezy shade, enjoying fans and misting from teachers and lunchtime staff, running wrists under cold water, having cold flannels and wet paper towels, enjoying ice pops and ice lollies and making their own designer fans to keep cool.

Well done everyone – and thank you!

The weather looks like it is returning to a 'normal' next week and normal service will resume in terms of uniform etc. We will, however, ensure that we keep you up to date with any changes and updates.

FACE Workshop – Thursday 2nd July 2026 at 5pm

Due to requests, we will be opening these workshops out to Year 5 parents too so please do come along – I promise, you will find it fascinating and entertaining!

Jane Keyworth from FACE (Family Advice) will be holding a face to face session for all of our year 6 families to hear all about 'The Tweenage Brain'. This will be a fascinating session so you can learn all about how your child's brain is developing and why they may behave in a certain way.

"We need every parent and teacher to attend Jane Keyworth's outstanding presentation, 'Understanding the Teenage Brain'! It provides a brilliant exposé of the challenges young people face as they develop from child to young adult. The presentation is very informative but also very accessible and entertaining. I cannot recommend this talk highly enough!"

Mr Mead, Head at Lytchett School.

For more information see [FACE Parenting Courses & Talks | ADHD, Behaviour & More](#)

Celebrating 150 Years of Education in Sandford – 2nd July

We have been mentioning this in our newsletters this term and the time is almost here! Next week, we will be celebrating 150 years of education in Sandford. A huge thank you to those of you who have sent in photographs from times gone by.

To celebrate this very special milestone the children will be learning all about the history of each decade, the history of education in Sandford and how education has changed in 150 years.

We would love for the children (and staff of course!) to dress in the era they will be learning about for our celebration on Thursday 2nd July. They are:

Reception – 2000 – Present Day

Year 1 & 2 – 1970s – 1999

Year 4 – 1940s

Year 3 – 1960s

Year 5 – 1910 – 1939

Year 6 – 1880s to 1909

We are inviting families to come into school from 2:15pm to take a walk through our timeline and visit each class to see what the children have been learning so hope you can join us then.

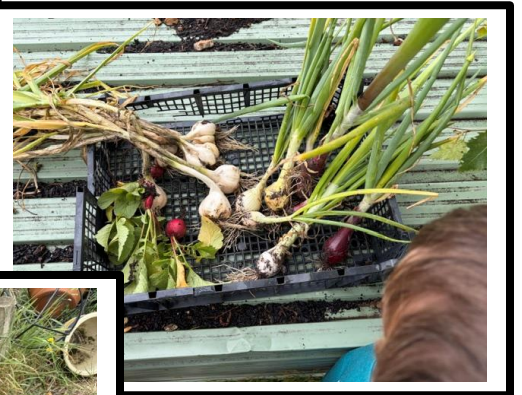
Best Wishes
Emma Roberts
Headteacher

Garden / ECO Club News

Gardening club has been busy,

We have harvested our garlic, onions, radishes, peas and broad beans so far.....
The courgette plants kindly donated by Mrs Eyre are doing very well and we hope for some harvesting over the next couple of weeks.

We have been lucky with the weather and been able to get outside every week, the children are helping with watering, weeding, harvesting, planting and often topping up our bug hotel with new guests.



Face Parenting Talks



June 2026 Timetable

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

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

Understanding Anger	1 June 10am
School Anxiety	1 June 7pm
Facing Defiance	2 June 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	2 June 7pm
Anxiety Explained	8 June 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	8 June 7pm
Introduction to OCD	9 June 10am
What is ACT?	9 June 7pm
Decreasing Depression	15 June 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	15 June 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	16 June 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	16 June 7pm
Improving Family Communication	22 June 10am
Autism-Improving Communication	22 June 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	23 June 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	23 June 7pm
ADHD and Homework	25 June 7-8pm



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Decreasing Depression	13 July 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	13 July 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	14 July 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	14 July 7pm
FREE - Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 July 7-8pm
Autism-Improving Communication	20 July 10am
Improving Family Communication	20 July 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	21 July 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	21 July 7pm
Understanding Anger	27 July 10am
School Anxiety	27 July 7pm
Facing Defiance	28 July 10am
Supporting Health Screen Use	28 July 7pm

Free School Meals



Deadline 31st August

Even if you have previously been eligible for free school meals, the entitlement will stop on 31/08/2026 UNLESS you have re-applied.

Many of us will be affected by the current cost of living crisis. We want to ensure families are aware of any support that may be available at this time. Children approved for free school meals not only receive a **healthy meal on every school day**, but they also get,

- **access to free holiday clubs (Holiday Activities & Food Programme)**
- **extra money for their school towards more teachers and activities (pupil premium)**
- **half price school trips**
- **a voucher for a free sweater/cardigan and a PE t-shirt every year**

You **MUST check now** to see if your children will be eligible for free school meals from the September 2026 school term. You can do this from 1 June 2026. ***Even if you have previously been eligible for free school meals, the entitlement will stop on 31/08/2026 UNLESS you have re-applied.***

From September 2026 the government is expanding Free School Meals criteria so that all households who receive **any level of Universal Credit** can apply. If you haven't yet applied for free school meals but think you might be eligible, please complete the confidential online checker:

[Apply for free school meals - Dorset Council](#)

If you have any questions, please see the web page above or email freeschoolmeals@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

You may also wish to check if you are eligible for Universal Credit. Earnings are not the only factor, so it is worth checking (UC, and how to claim) so that you are ready when FSM applications open on 1 June 2026.

If you think you might be eligible for Universal Credit, but need help claiming, you can contact Citizens Advice for help by calling 0800 144 8 444.

Reading Challenge

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READ to the BEAT

Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The Summer Reading Challenge, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme, **Read to the Beat**, and is powered by Universal Music Group UK. The Challenge will celebrate the joy of music and the power it has to move, inspire, and connect us – all through the magic of reading. The Challenge is being brought to life with illustrations by award-winning author and illustrator, Harry Woodgate.

Why join?

- It's FREE! Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a lifelong love of reading
- Boosts confidence, creativity, and imagination
- Earn rewards, certificates, and prizes
- Fun for the whole family. Visit your local library together
- 95% of children said they read more after joining!
- Children choose their own books to read, collect rewards over the summer and receive a certificate or medal when they complete the challenge.



Visit your local library or go online at
summerreadingchallenge.org.uk
to get started from 4 July 2026.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!



We have several National Trust passes for Studland and Corfe Castle available for you to borrow.

If you would like to use them please come and sign one out from the school office.

We kindly ask that you return them after your visit so they are ready and available for another family to use.

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MONDAY TO FRIDAY

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WORGRET ROAD

9am - 2pm

SATURDAYS

at
WAREHAM
PARISH HALL

9am - 12 noon

SUNDAYS

at
SANDFORD
ST MARTINS SCHOOL
AND CHURCH

8am - 11am

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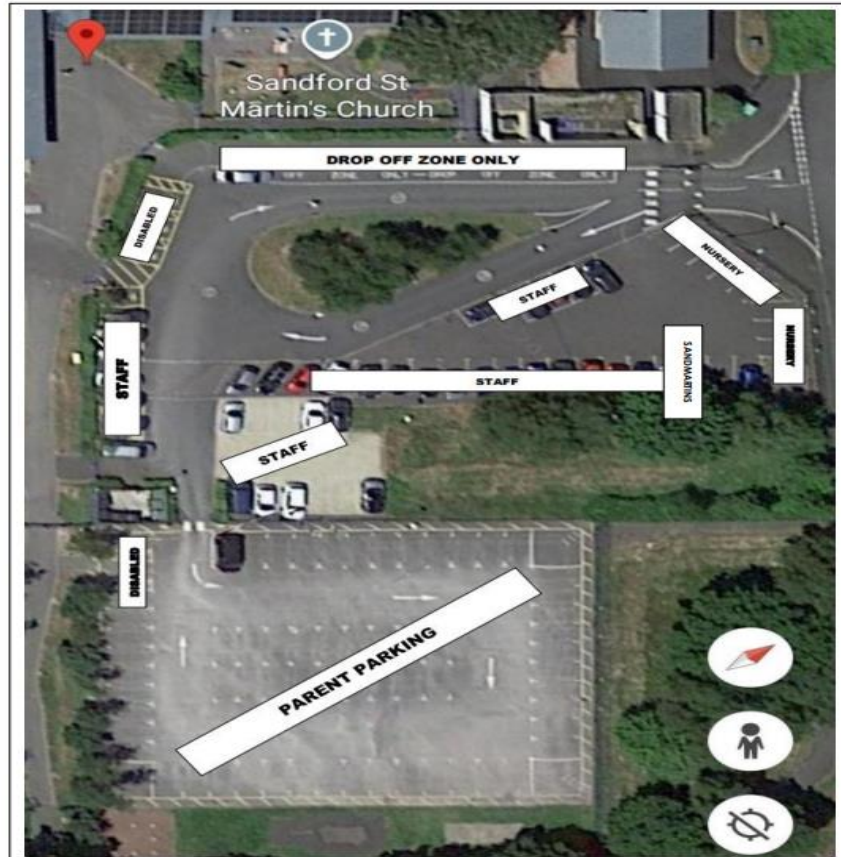
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CAR PARK

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!

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

SANDFORD ST MARTIN'S BIG SCHOOL CAMPOUT

Hello Parents!

Fancy getting involved
to help make this happen?

HOW YOU CAN HELP...



BBQ & Campfire



Organising games:
football, rounders & big field games



Crafts or face painting



Bushcraft or camp
craft activities



Leading a mini nature adventure



....or maybe something
I haven't thought of yet....?



General planning help
always welcome too!

CAN YOU LEND ANY CAMPING KIT?



TENTS



SLEEPING
BAGS



BBQS OR
FIRE PITS



GAMES

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Sandford St. Martin's
PRIMARY SCHOOL



**PLANET
PURBECK**



FRI 3RD 3:30PM - SUN 5TH 11AM JULY

SANDFORD ST MARTIN'S BIG SCHOOL CAMPOUT

★ FREE
EVENT ★

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OWN FOOD

★ DAY TICKETS
AVAILABLE ★



ON YOUR SCHOOL FIELD!



Campfire &
'Cooking Together'
BIG BBQ!



School Fair!



Fancy dress
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Stargazing



Camp games and
mini nature adventures



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slow down, relax and
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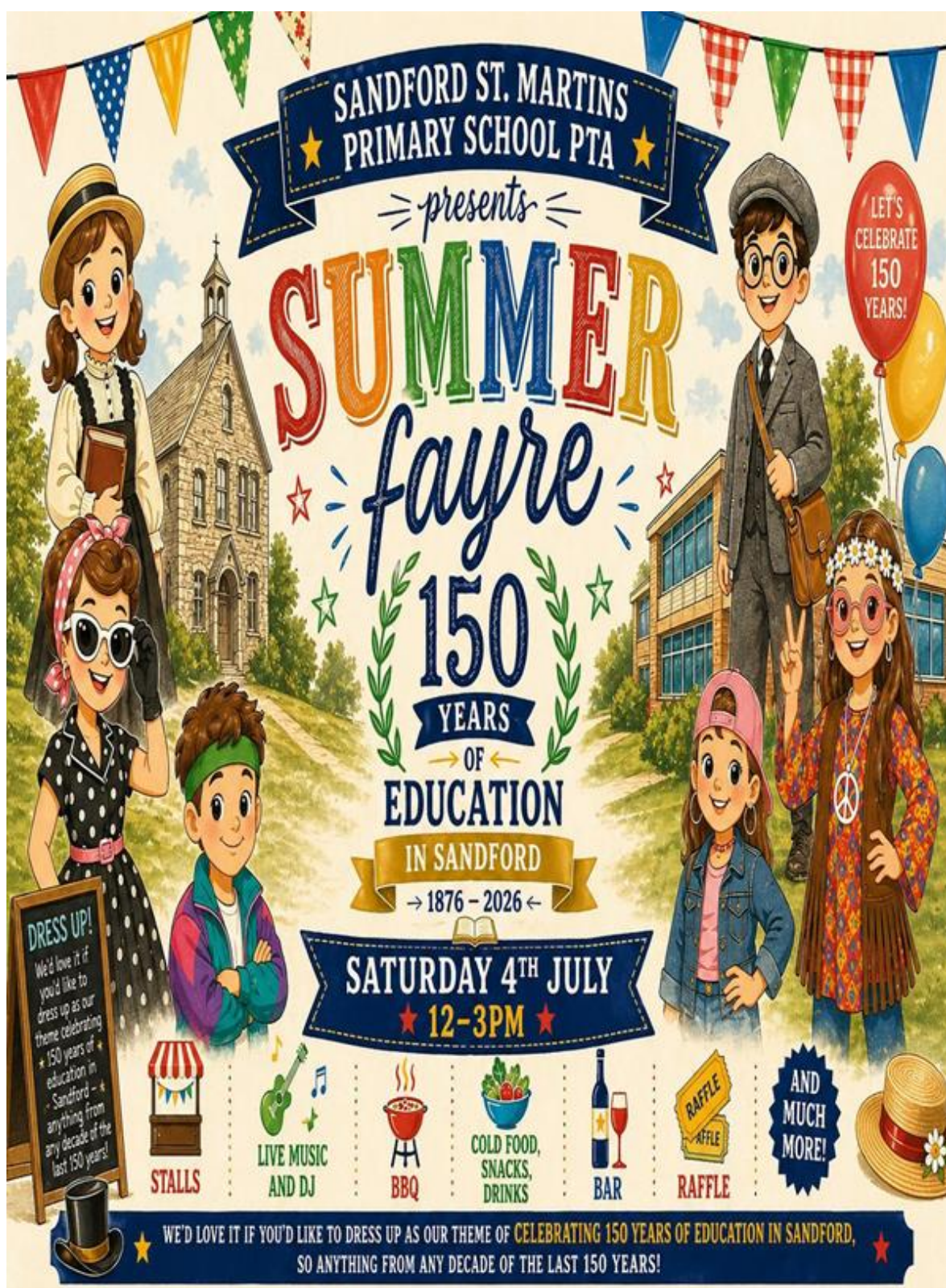
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PURBECK



<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1989015329393?aff=oddtcreator>





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

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 a 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 your child's name, class and the reason for absence is clearly stated.



Our Safeguarding Team



Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Pampin



Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Mr Sampson



Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Roberts

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.

ATTENDANCE

Whole School **89.7%**

Top 3 Classes **Conkers 96.4% Acorns 93.8% Hazel 92.8%**

Friday 19th June 2026 – Thursday 25th June 2026

HOT SCHOOL LUNCHES

All hot lunches will need to be booked by
MIDNIGHT on Monday 29th June
for the week commencing Monday 6th July 2026.



child to school without a booked hot lunch or a packed lunch.

Please remember we are a
"NUT FREE" school.

This means no Nutella or any
products containing nuts.

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

5th June
12th June
19th June
26th June
3th July
10th July
17th July

Sandford St Martin's
Church & School

Email: fny.sandford@gmail.com



**WHAT'S
GOING ON**

Year 5 Taster Sessions

The FNY Team are pleased to welcome
Sandford St Martins Year 5s along to
FNY in **June and July 2026**.

Please note that:

- FNY is a '**mobile phone free zone**'. Children can bring their phones, but they will be locked away for safekeeping during the session
- Children are expected to **respect the volunteers, each other and the equipment**
- Children should **bring emergency contact details** on the first visit and complete a registration form if they would like to come again

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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.

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07795258274 to book a space

Dorset
Council

Schools out!



FOOTBALL CAMPS



27th July at Archbishop Wake DT118SW
30th July at Archbishop Wake DT118SW
3rd August at Archbishop Wake DT118SW
4th August at Merley First School BH211SD
6th August at Archbishop Wake DT118SW
10th August at Archbishop Wake DT118SW
11th August at Merley First School BH211SD
12th August at Spetisbury School DT119DF
17th August at Archbishop Wake DT118SW
20th August at Archbishop Wake DT118SW
24th August at Archbishop Wake DT118SW

CREATIVE / CRAFT CLUBS WITH SPORTS GAMES IN AFTERNOON

28th July at Blandford Scouts Hut DT117BS
Plaster making/molds and Decorating
29th August at Spetisbury School DT119DF
Ultimate Sports Day (races/challenges/obstacles/tug of war)
5th August at Spetisbury School DT119DF
Build a Bear Workshop
19th August at Spetisbury School DT119DF
Team Sports (Dodgeball/Football/Pickleball/Handball+Cricket)
13th August at Blandford Scouts Hut DT117BS
Candle Workshop
18th August at Blandford Scouts Hut DT117BS
Resin Fidget Spinner Workshop
25th August at Blandford Scouts Hut DT117BS
Build a Bear Workshop

WETSIDE ACTIVITIES

MONDAY 20TH JULY - SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST 2026

Intensive Swimming Lessons

Monday 27th July - Thursday 30th July
Monday 10th August - Thursday 13th August
Monday 24th August - Thursday 27th August
£28.80
Suitable for ages 3yrs +

8:45-9:15 - Early Steps 1
9:15-9:45 - Early Steps 1
8:45-9:15 - Early Steps 2 -
Must be able to swim 15m unaided front & back
9:15-9:45 - Early Steps 3 -
Must be able to swim 25m unaided front & back.

Stroke Technique Workshop

Monday 27th July - Wednesday 29th July
Monday 10th August - Wednesday 12th August
Monday 24th August - Wednesday 26th August
8.45-9.30
£32.40

Master all 4 strokes in one workshop!
Improve your technique in front crawl, back crawl, breaststroke & butterfly. Join our 3 day workshop and refine techniques and build confidence. Swimmers must be able to swim 25m competently to take part.

Private Swimming Lessons

Monday 17th August - Thursday 20th August
1:1 - per 30 minute session £21.00
1:2 - per 30 minute session £23.10
Sessions available 8:45-9:15 & 9:15-9:45

Ideal for those wanting to build confidence, refine stroke technique or water skills.

Pool Inflatable Swim Sessions

Tuesdays & Thursdays - 13:30-14:30
Saturdays - 14:45-15:45

BRAND NEW inflatable for summer 2026!
Jump, climb and slide your way to the end of the 15m floating whirligig obstacle course.

£5.50 per person



Diving & Turns Workshop

Monday 3rd August & Tuesday 4th August
9.00-9.45
£21.60

Turn quicker. Dive stronger. Swim faster. Join our Diving & Turns Workshop and elevate your ability to the next level. Swimmers must be able to swim 25m competently to take part.

Waterpolo

Thursday 6th August
9.00-10.00
£14.40

Ready to try something new in the pool? Learn the basics of water polo workshop. Dive in and experience the action. Swimmers must be able to swim 25m competently to take part.



Parent & Baby Swimming Lessons

Wednesdays 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th August
10.15-10.45
0-36 months
£20.40

Join our Parent & Baby Swimming Lessons and build water confidence from an early age. Gentle, fun sessions designed to strengthen your bond while helping your baby learn essential water skills in a safe, warm environment.

DRYSIDE ACTIVITIES

MONDAY 20TH JULY - SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST 2026

Junior Hiit

Wednesdays
9:00-9:45am
22nd July, 29th July, 5th August,
12th August, 19th August, 26th August

£5.60 per person
Suitable for ages 12-15 years



Junior Functional Training

Mondays & Thursdays
20th July, 23rd July,
3rd August, 6th August, 13th August,

16:30-17:15
£5.60
Suitable for ages 12-15 yrs

Laser Tag

Thursday 23rd July - 10.30-11.30
Tuesday 28th July - 12.30-13.30
Thursday 6th August - 10.30-11.30
Thursday 13th August - 12.30-13.30
Tuesday 18th August - 9.30-10.30
Friday 28th August - 10.30-11.30

£8.80
Suitable for ages 7-12yrs

Nerf Gun Fun

Thursday 23rd July - 11.45-12.45
Tuesday 28th July - 13.45-14.45
Thursday 6th August - 11.45-12.45
Thursday 13th August - 13.45-14.45
Tuesday 18th August - 10.45-11.45
Friday 28th August - 11.45-12.45

£8.80
Suitable for ages 7-12yrs

Archery

Friday 21st August

10:30-12:00 & 13:30-15:00
£14.55
Suitable for ages 8yrs+ including adults

Bouncy Castle Fun

Wednesdays
22nd July, 29th July, 5th August,
12th August, 19th August, 26th August

9:30-10:30am - 3-7 years
10:45-11:45am - 8-12 years
£4.59 per person

Activezone Multi-Sports

Tuesday 28th July - 9.30-12.30
Friday 7th August - 9.30-12.30
Wednesday 12th August - 13.00-16.00
Tuesday 18th August - 13.00-16.00
Thursday 27th August - 13.00-16.00

Suitable for ages 7-12 yrs
£15

Football Fun Day

Thursday 30th July,
Tuesday 4th August, Thursday 6th August,
Tuesday 11th August, Thursday 20th August
Tuesday 25th August, Thursday 27th August

9:00-15:00 - 6-16 years
£25
Book directly with Aaron - 07875 108666

Coach Tarbs

Friday 14th August, Wednesday 19th August
Friday 21st August, Wednesday 26th August
9:00-15:00

6-13 yrs
£30
Book directly - coachtarbs@gmail.com



Pickleball

Tuesdays 4th August, 11th August,
18th August, 25th August

16.00-17.00
Suitable for ages 7-12 years
£8.80



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.



Contact reception on
01929 500000
sports.centre@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

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 8 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 10 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!
Rose & Explore on the Jurassic Coast	Sat 16 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	Durlston Country Park, Swanage	Join Ranger Ross & discover 'Flying Penguins' PLUS... spot baby Gullmots on the clifftops
Blooming Brilliant Meadows & Games	Sat 30 th May	2pm - 5pm	Durlston 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	Durlston Country Park, Swanage	Join Rob & Owen for wildflower meadows, spotting wildlife at dusk, picnic, games & stunning coastal views!
Clifftop Puffin Peeking	Thur 10 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



for 3-11
yr olds

In this edition

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... A grand day out

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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

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

Hares



Photo: Mike Wareham

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

Corse

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



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 Alhelm's Head & Winspit

Bluebells



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

see me in April-May

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'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



Dug hotels made at the Feb youth volunteering group



Moosooove out the way, near West Hill



Lambs near Chapman's Pool



Studland woods Old Harry Rocks



Photo corner...

SUMMER SPECTACULAR

THURSDAY 23RD JULY - FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST

LIMITED FREE HAF SPACES AVAILABLE

A multi-activity holiday club for children aged 4-13 with activities such as: Football, Dance, Gymnastics, Inflatable Fun, Dodgeball, Arts & Crafts, Nerf Wars, Tennis, Cricket and many more!

**PAID SPACES
JUST £20
PER DAY**

08:00 - 16:00 DAILY

4 CONVENIENT VENUES



Kingsleigh Primary School
BH10 5HT



Bayside Academy
BH16 5AH



Lytchett Matravers Primary School
BH16 6DY



Swanage Primary School
BH19 2EY

DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

- ★ 25% Sibling Discount
- ★ 25% Stars Members Discount
- ★ 25% KPS Pupil Discount
- ★ 25% Lytchett Pupil Discount
- ★ 25% Swanage Primary Discount
- ★ 25% Bayside Pupil Discount



Book via Class Manager
or contact:

kirsty@starscorporatelttd.co.uk



Department
for Education

MAY HALF TERM ACTIVITY TIMETABLE



WEEK 1

Summer Kick Off

- Football
- Just Dance
- Inflatable Fun
- Arts n' Crafts
- Playground Games
- Team Challenges



WEEK 2

Sports Mania

- Dodgeball
- Basketball
- Relay Fun
- Tennis
- Music & Dance Games
- Sports Based Games



WEEK 3

Action & Adventure

- Gymnastics
- Football Matches
- Inflatable Fun
- Team Challenges
- Talent Show Activities
- Arts n' Crafts



WEEK 4

Fun & Fitness Week

- Just Dance
- Relay Races
- Dodgeball
- Tennis
- Basketball
- Obstacle Challenges



WEEK 5

Ultimate Sports Week

- Football Tournament
- Rounders
- Team Games
- Inflatable Fun
- Sports Challenges
- Playground Fun



WEEK 6

Summer Celebration Week

- Just Dance Party
- Gymnastics
- Relay Fun
- Arts n' Crafts
- Team Challenges
- End of Summer Fun & Games

ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND MAY VARY
DUE TO WEATHER OR CIRCUMSTANCES OUT OF OUR CONTROL

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SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

**SPORTS AND
FUN FOR
EVERYONE!**

Dates:
20th July - 28th
August

Time:
8:00-17:00*

Ages:
4 - 13

Cost:
From £25 per
day



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

*Shorter hours available

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TO INCLUDE:**

- ✓ Football
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- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ Tennis
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- ✓ Rounders



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Schools out!

Music Adventure

Arts Sports

Workshops Nature

Get ready for a summer of trying new things, making friends and having fun experiences!

Get involved - sign up now



Sign up now

[dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/haf-programme](https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/haf-programme)

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, previously known as *Summer in Dorset*, is now called Schools Out!

Schools Out! offers free holiday clubs with activities and meals for eligible children and young people.

Spaces are limited, so we encourage families to sign up early.

Find out more and register here:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/haf-programme>

Sign up now

[dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/haf-programme](https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/haf-programme)

This summer, get ready for days packed with fun, laughter and unforgettable experiences! Join us at our holiday clubs, action-packed activities and fantastic fun days – there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Help with costs is available for eligible families. Visit Holiday activities and food (HAF) programme – Dorset Council to find out more.

During Schools out you can expect...

- a wide variety of sessions including sports, music, arts and crafts, cooking, drama, story writing and much more
- lots of unique and exciting experiences to enjoy with new friends
- tasty meals at activities and tips for how you can eat well from home



If you have any questions, contact us
holidayactivities@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk
01305 221157

DORSET TENNIS ACADEMY



SUMMER HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS

At Purbeck Sports Centre, Worgret Road, Wareham

Mini Tennis for children 4-8 years old

Tennis for children 9-14 years old

WEEK 1:- THURSDAY 23RD JULY, 9.30AM-12.30PM

WEEK 2:- WEDNESDAY 29TH JULY, 2.00-5.00PM

WEEK 3:- WEDNESDAY 5TH AUGUST, 2.00-5.00PM

WEEK 4:- TUESDAY 11TH AUGUST, 9.30AM-12.30PM

Price:- £17.50 per day

What's on offer

- Great coaching from an LTA qualified and accredited instructor
 - 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



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 or 07788 973259

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE

AT THE PURBECK SCHOOL



SATURDAY 11TH JULY

09:00 TO 10:30

DONATIONS FROM £1.00 PER ITEM

CASH OR CARD ACCEPTED