

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 14th Sept

**PTA Coffee & Biscuit meeting
with New Saplings Parents
& New Starters
9am-10am
in the Church Space**

**Meet the Teacher
Yr1 & Yr 2 - 3.05pm
Y5 - 3.30pm
Y6 - 3.30pm**

Tue 15th Sept

**Meet the Teacher
Yr3 & Yr 4 - 3.30pm**

Wed 16th Sept

**Meet the Teacher
Saplings - 3.05pm**

*For our School Diary please follow
the link below:*

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have settled into the term with our first full week and our learning is in full swing from being Kings and Queens of the castle in years 1 and 2 to our journaling of our problem solving in maths across the school.

Meet the Teacher Sessions

Don't forget that next week, we will have our Meet the Teacher sessions. This is not just a drop in to say 'Hi!' but an opportunity to teachers to share a short presentation about the year ahead, expectations for your child and how you can support them to grow to learn and learn to grow this year.

Timings are as follows:

Monday 14th September in your child's class.

Yr1 & Yr 2 - 3.05pm

Y5 - 3.30pm

Y6 - 3.30pm

Tuesday 15th September in your child's class.

Yr3 & Yr 4 - 3.30pm

Wednesday 16th September in your child's class.

Saplings - 3.05pm

Parking Plea!

We are incredibly fortunate to have a car park at Sandford St Martin's. Many schools do not have this facility, and it helps enormously with keeping arrivals and departures safe and efficient for everyone. We ask all parents to help us look after and use this valuable resource responsibly.

The Children's Drop-Off Zone is exactly that: a drop-off zone. If you are using this area, please stop briefly, allow your child to get out of the car, and then move on promptly. Children should be able to leave the vehicle independently and make their way into school without an adult accompanying them.

If you need to come into school, speak with a teacher, visit the office, or support a younger child who is not yet ready to walk in independently, please park in the main playground car park instead. This allows you the time and space you need without disrupting the flow of traffic.

When vehicles remain in the drop-off zone for longer than necessary, congestion quickly builds up. This often results in other parents having to stop in unsuitable places, creating safety concerns and causing the entire system to slow down or come to a standstill.

We appreciate that mornings can be busy, but we kindly ask everyone to follow the agreed arrangements. As adults, we play an important role in modelling respect, patience and consideration for others. By following the rules and working together, we can ensure that the start of the school day is safe, calm and positive for all members of our community.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Scooter and Bike Safety

To help keep everyone safe, we kindly ask that all children and adults dismount from their bikes and scooters and walk them once they enter the school gates.

We have experienced a couple of near misses this week, and our highest priority is the safety and wellbeing of all members of our school community. Walking bikes and scooters within the school grounds helps to prevent accidents and ensures everyone can arrive safely.

Thank you for your support, understanding and cooperation in helping us keep Sandford St Martin's a safe environment for all.

FACE Workshops

Further down the page is the information for our online FACE workshops. These include sessions on dealing with anger and there is a workshop this month on masking.

Remember that these are **FREE** to all Sandford St Martin's families and you will have received an email from the School Office with the code.

Any questions – please let us know.

Competition Time – Let's Get Arty!

Over the summer holidays, our library and entrance space has been cleared and painted and is now a fresh new canvas! A huge thank you to Mr Street for all of his hard work in painting the walls and making it look fabulous!

We would like to create an art piece to illustrate our school vision "[We are growing to learn and learning to grow - together.](#)" We are inviting our children to get creative and design an arty design for our library and entrance.

There will prizes for the 3 categories: Reception & Key Stage 1 (Years 1&2), Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) and Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6) and all children who enter a design will receive a certificate. I have introduced this to the children today and they are super excited. All designs can be handed to Class Teachers and the **closing date will be Friday, 25th September.**

I can't wait to see what wonderful ideas the children have and thank you for supporting us with this!

Best Wishes
Emma Roberts
Headteacher

FACE PARENTING TALKS

Please see below September's Timetable for FACE. You will have been sent information on how to sign up to these courses via Wiespay earlier this week. You can also pop into the school office for it.



September 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

Facing Defiance	1 Sep 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	1 Sep 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	7 Sep 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	7 Sep 7pm
Introduction to OCD	8 Sep 10am
Decreasing Depression	8 Sep 7pm
What is ACT?	14 Sep 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Sep 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	15 Sep 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 Sep 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Sep 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	22 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	22 Sep 7pm
FREE - Masking Awareness	24 Sep 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	28 Sep 10am
School Anxiety	28 Sep 7pm

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!

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 &4 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 **95.8%**

Top 3 Classes **Ash 99% Lilac 97.7% Saplings & Maple 97.1%**

Friday 4th September 2026 – Thursday 10th September 2026

HOT SCHOOL LUNCHES

**All hot lunches will need to be booked by
MIDNIGHT on Monday 14th September
for the week commencing Monday 21st September 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.**

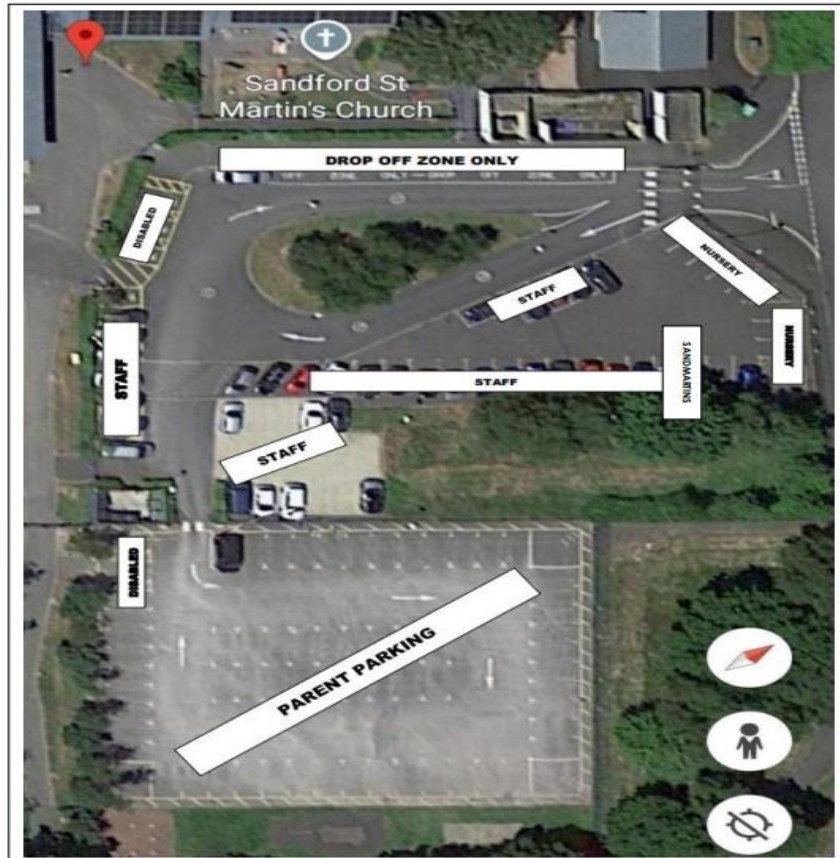
**This means no Nutella or any
products containing nuts.**

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.

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

11th September
18th September
25th September
2nd October
9th October
16th October

Sandford St Martin's
Church & School



Email: fny.sandford@gmail.com

WHAT'S
GOING ON

YOUTH CLUBS

TERM TIME TIMETABLE

MONDAYS

16.15 - 17.15 WAREHAM MINDFUL MONDAYS (Y 6 - 8)
17.30 - 19.00 WOOL YOUTH CLUB (Y 7)
19.00 - 20.30 WOOL YOUTH CLUB (Y 8)
19.00 - 20.15 WAREHAM WELLBEING GROUP (Y 9+)

TUESDAYS

17.15 - 18.30 WAREHAM YOUTH CLUB (Y 6 & 7)
19.00 - 20.30 WAREHAM YOUTH CLUB (Y 8)

WEDNESDAYS

17.15 - 18.30 WAREHAM THE CREW
17.30 - 18.45 CORFE YOUTH CLUB (Y 6 - 7)
18.00 - 20.30 WOOL YOUTH CLUB (Y 9+)
18.45 - 20.00 CORFE YOUTH CLUB (Y 8+)
19.00 - 20.30 WAREHAM YOUTH CLUB (Y 9+)
19.00 - 20.30 PLANET PURBECK & PYCF YOUTH

GET IN TOUCH FOR UPDATES

THURSDAYS

17.30 - 19.30 WOOL YOUTH CLUB (Y 6)

FRIDAYS

18.00 - 19.30 WAREHAM, THE FRIDAY SOCIAL CLUB AGES 16-25
(NEURODIVERSE OR ANXIOUS YOUNG PEOPLE)

ALTERNATE FRIDAYS, GET IN TOUCH FOR DETAILS



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WAREHAM YOUTH HUB IS RUN BY
PURBECK YOUTH AND COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION
CHARITY NUMBER - 1168537



MINDFUL MONDAYS

FUN, FRIENDLY, SAFE SPACE



14TH SEPTEMBER: GETTING TO KNOW YOURSELF

Exploring identity, strengths, confidence, values and what makes us feel like ourselves.

21ST SEPTEMBER: UNDERSTANDING OUR FEELINGS

Exploring emotions, how they affect us and different ways of expressing and managing them.

28TH SEPTEMBER: MANAGING LIFE'S UPS AND DOWNS

Looking at stress, worries, challenges & different ways we can cope when things feel difficult.

5TH OCTOBER: RELATIONSHIPS & CONNECTION

Exploring friendships, communication, boundaries, conflict, belonging & asking for support.

12TH OCTOBER: BEING KIND TO YOURSELF

Looking at self-esteem, self-compassion, comparison, expectations and how we talk to ourselves.

19TH OCTOBER: LOOKING AFTER OUR WELLBEING

Exploring the things that help us feel good and stay well

FREE WEEKLY GROUP & CERTIFICATE FOR COMPLETION



YEARS 6 TO 8



MONDAYS, 4.15 - 5.15

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR DETAILS.

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Evening Dodgeball Clubs Sandford Primary School Dodgeball Club

Sessions Start
Thursday 17th September



DODGEBALL CLUBS

Dodgeball Club at
Sandford Primary School

Every Thursday Evening
5:00-6:00

Only £6 per session

Scan the QR code to register
or head to our website



Dodgeball Club – Fast, Fun & Full of Energy!

Our Dodgeball Club is a big hit with the kids, a fast-moving, action-packed game they just can't get enough of!

Every session is all about play, with children sharpening their throwing skills, dodging incoming balls, and showing bravery to grab those game-changing catches. It's high-energy, high-involvement, and loads of fun!

So... who will be Sandford's top dodger this year?

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

Let's Go Wild

For Purbeck
families



Events, things to do & Steel!

Purbeck Goes Wild's newsletter – for Purbeck families, designed by Purbeck people...

Rob, Luke & Heather from Planet Purbeck say...
Enjoy a campout just for local families, head out on a dawn adventure to see deer in the autumn mist, build a Toad Abode, celebrate the winter solstice at sunrise and sunset & enjoy the return of firm family favourites: scrub-bashing and foraging! 🍂🦌🐸🌿
And there's more to come!

👁️ **Keep an eye on our socials and WhatsApp groups for spontaneous mini-adventures popping up throughout autumn.**

In this edition

Gladiator Steel is coming to Purbeck!

Autumn PGW events

Autumn nature to spot

2 family scrub bashing events:

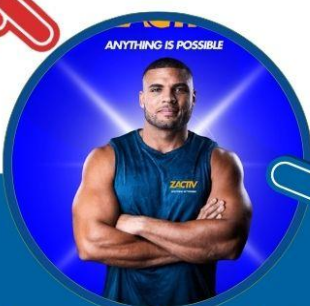


Sun 1st Nov
Sat 12th Dec

Discovery Centre, Studland



Prepare for Zack (aka Steel) to land in Purbeck



Zack is visiting almost all of your schools in November – get ready for his arrival...



Try Steel's survivor challenge

Can you be strong & resilient like Steel? Perhaps walking up a big hill and reaching the top? Can you find nature that can survive tough things? Like a tree shaped by the wind, fungi growing through cracks & moss on rocks.

Bring your survivor challenge stories to tell Zack!



Autumn Nature Calendar

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

FREE or Low Cost Events!



Event	Date	Time	Location	Info
Putlake Farm Campout	Fri 25 – Sun 27 Sept	12noon – 12noon	Langton Matravers BH19 3EU	Camp out with fellow Purbeck families and friends, with farm animals, wildlife adventures, games, foraging and great food all on your doorstep... plus plenty of time for the kids to run free!
Bugs, Bones & Apples too!	Sat 26 Sept	9.30am – 12pm	South Beach Orchard Studland, BH19 3AU	A fun-filled orchard adventure with minibeast hunts, crafts, games, pond dipping, moths, owl discoveries and, of course, apple picking!
Deers in the Mist	Tues 27 Oct	5.30am – 7.30am	Middlebere what 3 words: sleeps.such.moods	Wrap up warm, grab a torch and join us for a magical pre-dawn family adventure into Middlebere, searching for deer as the sun rises through the autumn mist.
Colours of the Cold Blooded	Tues 27 Oct	10am – 11.30am & 1pm – 2.30pm	Leeson House BH19 3EU	Discover autumn's amazing colours, patterns and textures on a fun family adventure inspired by the fascinating world of reptiles and amphibians!
Toad Abode Shelter Build!	Wed 28 Oct	10am – 12noon	Brenscombe Outdoor Centre BH20 5JG	A hands-on woodland adventure discovering the amazing world of amphibians, playing games and building the ultimate giant Toad Abode!
Family Scrub Bashing	Sun 1 Nov	10am – 2pm	Discovery Centre Knoll Beach, Studland BH19 3AH	Get stuck into some wild work! Help us clear scrub from our precious heathland and dunes, use big grown-up tools, and enjoy fresh air, exercise and a hands-on taste of conservation!
Foraging Treasure Hunt	Sat 21 Nov	10am – 12.30pm & 2pm – 4.30pm	Location TPC (Purbeck)	Head out on an autumn foraging adventure to discover the wild foods, flavours and hidden treasures growing right on our doorstep!

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Family Scrub Bashing	Sat 12 Dec	10am – 2pm	Discovery Centre Knoll Beach, Studland BH19 3AH	Get stuck into some wild work! Help us clear scrub from our precious heathland and dunes, use big grown-up tools, and enjoy fresh air, exercise and a hands-on taste of conservation!
Winter Solstice: SUNRISE	Sun 20 Dec	8am – 9am	Joe's Café South Beach, Studland, BH19 3AL	Enjoy the magic and tranquillity of a crisp December sunrise, brave an invigorating sea dip if you dare, then warm up with a hot chocolate, tea, coffee and food at Joe's Café.
Winter Solstice: SUNSET	Mon 21 Dec	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Bramble Bush Bay Studland, BH19 3BA	Enjoy the beauty of a winter solstice sunset over Poole Harbour, while tucking into your favourite winter tippie or family treat and escaping the Christmas madness for a little peace and tranquillity.



Scan here to listen!



Meet Dorset's Wild Heroes

Tune in to The Wild Heroes of Dorset, a brand-new children's podcast bursting with adventure, wildlife and local stories. Created by Bournemouth University Media Production student Emily Hunt, the project was created in collaboration with Purbeck Goes Wild with voiceovers from local families to provide an entertaining story for you all. **Listen now** wherever you get your podcasts.

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