

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 21st Sept

Deadline for Wareham Lions
Sponsored swim form

Tue 22nd Sept

Open Day
9.30am-10.30am

Fri 25th Sept

Deadline for Art Designs for
our school library & entrance

Mon 28th Sept

Y6 Nothe Fort Trip PINE Class

Wed 30th Sept

Open Day
2pm – 2.45pm

Thurs 1st Oct

Y6 Nothe Fort Trip OAK Class

Fri 9th Oct

Flu Immunizations

Wed 14th Oct

Deadline for Shoe Box
Appeal

For our School Diary please follow
the link below:

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Oh my goodness – where has this week gone? It has been another busy week at Sandford and there is much to look forward to as the term moves on. Remember to check the diary dates for upcoming events and opportunities.

Meet the Teacher Sessions

It was wonderful to see so many families come to our meet the teacher sessions to find out all about the year ahead. There was lots of information which teachers have shared but please always ask if you need any help or questions.

Congratulations to our House Captains

This year, we have introduced Houses across the school to help the children build a sense of teamwork and belonging. The Houses are:

CORFE
PURBECK
JURASSIC JURASSIC
FROME

This week, children from year 6 put themselves forward to represent their houses with a persuasive speech asking their 'House' members to vote for them. The children spoke so wonderfully and teachers were so impressed with their confidence and dedication. A huge congratulations to ALL of the children who put themselves forward – we are super proud of you!

The children voted for their House Captain and Deputy House Captain and we are proud to announce the 2026-2027 House Captains.

CORFE –
House Captain Ruby

Deputy House Captain - Ethan

PURBECK -

House Captain – Milly

Deputy House Captain - Theo

JURASSIC (JURASSIC) –
House Captain – Maja

Deputy House Captain - Eve

FROME –
House Captain – Zac

Deputy House Captain - Kayden

Car Park Opening Time Change

To help support families collecting from Nursery and to reduce congestion on the main road, we will be opening the parent car park slightly earlier at 2:40pm. We kindly ask that parents do not arrive before this time, as early arrivals can cause the very congestion we are trying to alleviate.

Please also bear with our office team, who open the gate as part of their busy end-of-day responsibilities and may occasionally be called away to support pupils or deliver important messages. We appreciate your patience and support as we work together to make collection time safer and smoother for everyone.

Shoe Box Appeal

It is that time again when we think of others and share some love to children through the Wessex Rotary Shoebox Scheme. This is a wonderful scheme and we have talked to the children about how they can help in our celebration assembly. There is further information below so please do help if you can.

Streamlining our SEND Communication

We are pleased to introduce a new dedicated SEND email address: SEND@sandfordprimary.dorset.sch.uk. Creating a central point for SEND communications will help ensure enquiries are responded to efficiently and that information is shared effectively, supporting strong collaboration between home and school.

Competition Time – Let's Get Arty!

Thank you to those children who have already shared their designs for our new school Vision artwork.

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! One more week to go!

Best Wishes
Emma Roberts
Headteacher

Year 5 & 6 News



On Thursday 17th September, our Year 5 and 6 classes welcomed a special visitor from Dorset Police. Hannah Bird joined us to deliver some fantastic and informative sessions all about staying safe online.

During the sessions, the children developed their understanding of what they should and shouldn't share online, the importance of their digital footprint, and the potential consequences of misusing technology. They also discussed whether online behaviour can lead to involvement from the police and, importantly, where and how to get help if they experience problems online.

The sessions were engaging, thought-provoking and extremely informative.

A huge thank you to Hannah and Dorset Police for helping our children become safer, more responsible and more informed digital citizens!

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

School Applications

Do you need to apply for your child's new school place?

Is your child due to leave their current school in July 2027 and transfer to the next school in September 2027?



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• Primary - Secondary School • Middle - Upper School

Primary applications - Closing date 15 January 2027

• Starting School • Infant - Junior School • First - Middle School



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dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/apply-school-place
or call 01305 221060



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What's Going On



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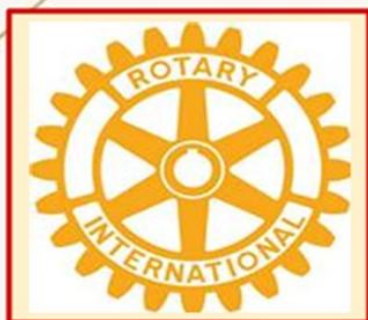
PURBECK SPORTS CENTRE



Saturday 10th October 26

1.15pm–2.10pm or 2.15pm–3.10pm

**If you would like to take part please return your swim letter to
the school office by Monday 21st September**



WESSEX ROTARY SHOEBOX APPEAL

**Please collect a shoe box & leaflet
from the school office
Deadline for returning your boxes is
Wednesday 14th October**

Online Safety Guides

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

"Inappropriate" means different things to different people. What's acceptable for one age group, for example, may be unsuitable for a slightly younger audience. Online, young people can chance upon inappropriate content in various ways – from pop-up ads to TikTok videos. The increasingly young age at which children become active in the digital world heightens the risk of them innocently running into something that they find upsetting or frightening. Trusted adults need to be able to help children be aware of what to do if they're exposed to age-inappropriate content.

WHERE IS IT FOUND?

SOCIAL MEDIA

Age-inappropriate content is easily accessible through many social media platforms. TikTok, for instance, is hugely popular with young people but is arguably best known for clips featuring sexualised dancing or profanity. Some social media users also express hate speech or promote eating disorders and self-harm, which could cause lasting damage to a child's emotional and mental health.

GAMING

Gaming is an enjoyable source of entertainment, but many popular titles can expose children to inappropriate material such as violence, horror, gambling or sexually explicit content. Playing games unsuitable for their age risks normalising to children what they are seeing. Some games also include in-game chat, where other (usually older) online players often use language that you probably wouldn't want your child to hear or repeat.

STREAMING

The range of video streaming services available online means that users can find almost anything they want to watch on demand. Children are therefore at risk of viewing TV shows and movies which contain nudity, drug and alcohol abuse, explicit language and extreme violence. Unfortunately, these streaming platforms can't always determine that it's not an adult who's watching.

ADVERTS

Online adverts frequently include age-inappropriate content: usually gambling and nudity or partial nudity, although adverts for alcohol or e-cigarettes are also common. Some search engines also feature adverts that are responsive to your search history: so if you've recently looked up a new horror movie, shopped for lingerie or ordered alcohol online, then the ads appearing on screen could reflect this the next time your child borrows your device.

18 Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK IT THROUGH

Embarrassment or fear of getting into trouble can make it difficult for children to talk openly about age-inappropriate content they've watched. Remind your child they can always come to you if they're troubled by something they've seen online, without worrying about consequences. Before offering advice, discuss what they saw, how they felt and how they came to find the content in question.

CONNECT, DON'T CORRECT

If your child's been particularly distressed by exposure to content that wasn't suitable for their age, it's important to offer guidance to prevent them from repeating the same mistake – but it's equally vital to help them deal with the emotions that the situation has raised. You could tell them about any similar experiences you might have had at their age, and how you dealt with it.

BLOCK, REPORT, CONTROL

After discussing the problem, you and your child can take action together. This could include blocking any inappropriate sites and reporting any content which violates a platform's rules. To further safeguard your child online, set up parental controls on internet-enabled devices that they use. This will significantly reduce the chances of your child being exposed to age-inappropriate content in future.

GET SPECIALIST HELP

Age-inappropriate content can potentially have a negative impact on a child's mental health, which is sometimes displayed through changes in their behaviour. If the problem becomes more severe, you might consider reaching out to a mental health professional or an expert in this field who can provide you and your child with the proper support.

STAY CALM

Even though it is obviously difficult to stay rational in a situation where your child has been put at risk, it's essential to think before you react. Your child may well have hesitated to open up to you about watching inappropriate content for fear of the consequences, so being calm and supportive will reinforce the notion that it would be easy to talk to you about similar issues in the future.

Meet Our Expert

Carley Jorgensen is a Registered Counsellor with The Health Professions Council of South Africa, and she runs a private practice offering counselling to children, teenagers and families. Her main focus is creating awareness and educating the community on the mental health pressures of today's world, as well as resources and techniques to understand and cope better.



Sources: <https://www.education.gov.au/documents/about/programs/bulkyappens/inappropriate.pdf> | <https://www.nationalonlinesafety.com/educators/training-professionals/professional-learning-program-teachers/inappropriate-content-factsheet/> | [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/354020204/figure/fig/1/figure-fig1/354020204-children-media-two-year-2.pdf](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/354020204/figure/fig/1/figure-fig1/354020204/figure-fig1/354020204-children-media-two-year-2.pdf)



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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 %

Top 3 Classes **Ash 98%** **Lilac 97.9%** **Olive 95.7%**

Friday 11th September 2026 – Thursday 17th September 2026

HOT SCHOOL LUNCHES

**All hot lunches will need to be booked by
MIDNIGHT on Monday 21st September
for the week commencing Monday 28th 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.**

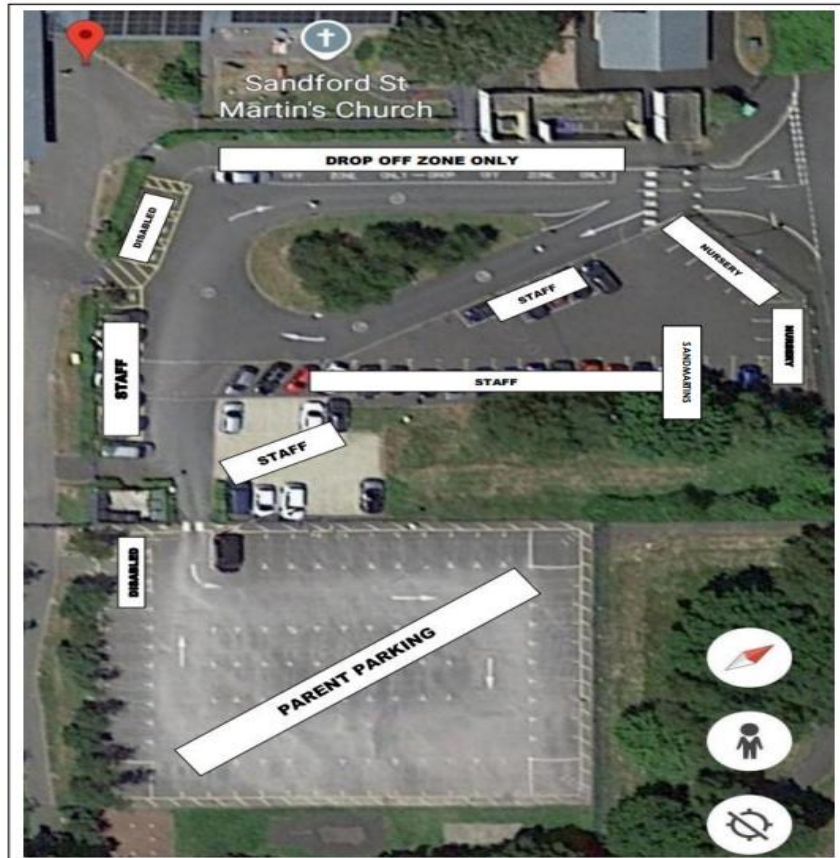
**This means no Nutella or any
products containing nuts.**

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.

Community News

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



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

Wareham Youth Hub



01929 552 934
office@pycf.org.uk
pycf.co.uk
BH20 4PH

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

MINDFUL MONDAYS

FREE

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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.

Wareham Youth Hub



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office@pycf.org.uk
pycf.co.uk
BH20 4PH

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12.00

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Morning Breaks, Lunchtimes &
after school

What's On

W/C 7th September 2026



Monday 7th



9.30 - 11.00 0-5 Stay & Play
10.00 - 11.30 Health Visitors
10.00 - 11.30 Infant Feeding
10.30 - 11.30 Speech Therapy
1.10 - 4.50 Play Therapy
6.00 - 8.00 Mens Wellbeing at Wareham Rugby Club



Tuesday 8th



10.00 - 12.00 Purbeck Childminders
9.30 - 3.00 DWP Department for
Work and Pensions
9.00 - 3.00 Access Wellbeing
5.15 - 6.30 Youth Club Years 6 & 7
7.00 - 8.30 Youth Club Year 8

Wednesday 9th



9.00 - 1.00 Family Hub Meeting
5.15 - 6.15 The Crew
7.00 - 8.30 Youth Club Year 9 & up
7.00 - 8.30 Planet Purbeck



Thursday 10th



9.30 - 11.00 Open Coffee Morning
10.00 - 12.00 Not So Youth
12.00 - 6.00 Dorset Mind
6.45 - 8.45 Gateway Club

Friday 11th

10.00 - 12.00 Young Parents Group
9.30 - 11.30 Fostering Group
6.00 - 7.00 SEN Social Group for 16-25

Sunday 13th

Duke of Edinburgh



See full list of events on our website

DORSET PARENT CARER COUNCIL BIG EVENT

Join us for a relaxed **FREE** information event
for families with children with special
education need and disabilities (SEND).

There will be lots of organisations
attending that support children with SEND.
such as:

- education & schools
- health support
- SEND support groups
- activities for children with SEND
- impartial advice and guidance
- and much more

We will also have a special stall at this event where
you can learn more about the Governments
proposed **SEND Reforms** and share your thoughts!

WEDS
30
SEPT

Kingston Maurward
House, DT2 8PY
10am - 1pm



Free tea, coffee and
relaxed spaces for a
chat.

Meet & talk with local
organisations. Hear their news
and ask them questions

NO NEED
TO BOOK!

Meet with other
parents and carers

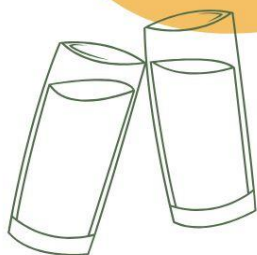
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The Welcome Table at Not Just Sundaes

This community project is supported by Dorset Council, Talbot Village Trust
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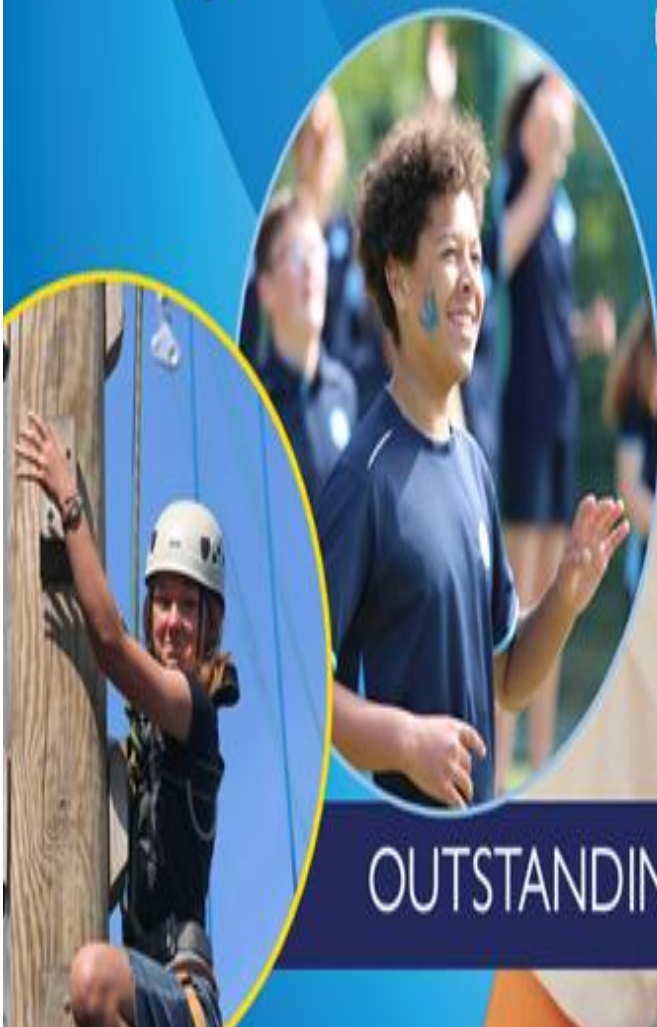
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Sessions Start
Thursday 17th September



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October Half Term



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for Dorset children aged 5-17 who need additional support



**Forest School Fun • Sensory Sessions
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or email leisure@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk
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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

National
Trust

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 TBC (Purbeck)	Head out on an autumn foraging adventure to discover the wild foods, flavours and hidden treasures growing right on our doorstep!

Autumn Nature Calendar

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FREE or Low Cost Events!



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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.



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