Sandford St. Martin's
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learn Love Laugh

"And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them together in perfect unity." *Colossians 3 v14*

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tue 20th Oct
Y6 "Our House" Musical Trip

Wed 21st Oct
Y1 & Y2 Corfe Castle Trip

Thur 22nd Oct
Last Day b4 half term

Fri 23rd Oct
INSET DAY

Mon 2nd Nov
First Day back

Tue 2nd Nov
Zactiv Poster Comp Deadline

Wed 4th Nov
Y6 NCMP

Fri 13th Nov
Cakey Friday Ash Class

Fri 27th Nov
PTA Christmas Fayre

Mon 30th Nov
Christmas Lunch Ordering Deadline

Fri 4th Dec
Cakey Friday Beech Class

Wed 9th Dec
PTA Elfridges Sale
Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper/Outfit

Thur 10th Dec
PTA Elfridges Sale
Saplings Nativity

Mon 14th Dec
Y3/Y4 Christmas Craft

Tue 15th Dec
Y1/Y2 Christmas Performance AM
Y5/Y6 Christmas Concert

Wed 16th Dec
Y1/Y2 Christmas Performance PM

For our School Diary please follow the link below:

Sandford St Martin's Primary School - School Diary

Dear Parents and Carers,

This will be our final newsletter this half term and what a busy half term it has been! We have all been settling in to new classes and new routines; we have welcome new children and staff to Sandford; had meet the teacher sessions and parents' evenings, opened school to parents looking for a place for their child in September 2027; held Moneywise sessions in KS2; taken groups for boys' football; girl's football, Buddens adventure day and Carey Camp; introduced White Rose for maths lessons; introduced Place Value, Punctuation & Grammar for English; Y6 went to Nothe Fort; introduced Stormbreak to support children with movement breaks; trained Y6 Peer Mediators; held workshops with Plant Purbeck in Ash and Maple Class; had year 5 whole class ukulele lessons; began our MyTime journey to support young carers; held art competition for our new school vision, 'Growing to Learn and learning to Grow – Together'; took part in the Wareham Lions' swim for charity; started Forest School training for 4 of our teachers; and continued our Sandford Story and our 100 Ways to change the World!

We are all certainly looking forward to half term so that we are ready and raring to go for the run up to Christmas and we introduce our Christmas Countdown!

Forest School Sessions Are On Their Way!

Miss Fallesen, Mrs Benko-Robbins, Miss Edwards and Mrs Peckham have started their Level 3 Forest School training this week.
As you can see, they are having lots of fun in the woods as well as learning important skills and will be joining Mr Sampson, Miss Colley, Mrs Pampin and Miss Rose as Forest School leads. This will give us the capacity to start taking all of our children into our very own forest to start their Forest School journey! Watch this space for more information!



Celebration Assemblies After Half Term – Parents Welcome

As you may know, each Friday, we finish off the week with a celebration assembly. The children have been bringing in a range of awards and certificates for achievements in and out of school. We have over-run this past few weeks as there has been so much to celebrate! So, from after half term, we will be alternating celebration between KS1 and KS2. As we have more room in the hall (we usually take up the whole space!) we will have some room for parents to join us from 2:30pm. You are welcome to join us in this lovely way to end the week – please do be prepared to stand if seating is limited!

Key stage 1 assemblies will be on the following dates: 13th November, 11th December

Key Stage 2 assemblies will be on the following dates: 20th November and 4th December

SCARF workshops

On Thursday 5th and Friday 6th November we will be having our SCARF (Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, Friendship) workshops to launch our introduction of SCARF PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic education). Anyone who remembers the Life Bus and Gerald the Giraffe will know what we are talking about! For more information on the workshops that will take place, please follow this link: Physical Health and Wellbeing Workshops for 2-11-year-olds Any questions, please do let me know.

Parents Evenings

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our parents' evenings this week. There was a wonderful buzz in the school hall as staff shared children's learning so far. A huge thank you to all of the staff for all their hard work in the lead up to these evenings – it was wonderful to celebrate our fantastic children!

We really want to work with families to support our children and are always looking at ways that we can build on the work we already do. Before I joined the school in April, Mrs Bolt and the Governors asked parents to complete a survey about the provision at Sandford St Martin's School. We will soon be sending a follow up survey to our parents through WisePay and ask that as many of you as possible complete it so that we can continue to develop our fabulous school. Thank you in advance – we are helping our children grow to learn and learn to grow – together!

Cakey Friday – Bay Class

Today is Cakey Friday for Bay Class. Thank you to those of you who have already brought in cakes. I have already spied Mollie's chocolate chip cookies! Cakes will be on sale in the church after school today.

Exploding Squishies!

We have had a number of squishies that have come into school and exploded. Last week we had one explode with a plume of white powder. We know that these can potentially be dangerous so we ask that children do not bring them into school. We do have a number of things that can support children to focus in class. Please speak to your child's class teacher should you have any questions.

With Best Wishes
Emma Roberts
Headteacher

Carey Camp



On Thursday pupils from Year 5 &6 were invited to attend an activities day at Carey Camp.

When they arrived they were put into groups and took part in several different team building activities. The most popular was 'The Tunnel' where they crawled through tunnels in the dark with only a small head torch on to help them.

Other activities included concentration skills, trust skills (leading your partner with a blindfold on!), balance and creative skills in an environmental art task!

Great fun was had by all!!

Mrs Lee





Introducing My Time Young Carers



Here at Sandford St Martin's Primary School, we are working alongside MYTIME Young Carers to recognise and support our young carers within our school community.

A young carer is a child or young person who helps to care for a family member who may be ill, disabled, have mental health difficulties or need additional support. This can also include providing emotional support to a family member following a bereavement.

Young carers may take on a variety of responsibilities at home, such as:

- Collecting medication or helping with medical needs.
- Providing emotional support and reassurance.
- Helping with physical care.
- Cooking meals and preparing food.
- Cleaning and completing household tasks.
- Shopping for the family.
- Communicating on behalf of adults, for example, speaking to professionals or helping with appointments.

These responsibilities can sometimes affect a child's time to play, learn, socialise and enjoy being a child. **MYTIME supports young carers to feel understood, build confidence, make friends and take a break from their caring responsibilities.** Through activities, groups and support in schools, the charity helps young carers to thrive and reach their full potential.

At Sandford St Martin's, we want all our young carers to feel recognised, valued and supported. If you feel your child may have caring responsibilities at home, please speak to your child's class teacher or our Young Carer Champion, Charlotte Hudson.

Alternatively, you can fill in the survey attached and we will make contact with you.

To find out more, please visit **www.mytimeyoungcarers.org**.
My Time - Young Carers – Fill out form

Wareham Lion's Swim For Charity

Sandford St. Martin's
PRIMARY SCHOOL



A Huge THANK YOU!

to everyone who made it happen!

THE WAREHAM LIONS' SWIM FOR CHARITY

over the w/e was a great success!

The School support was outstanding with 12 teams taking part over the two hours on Saturday. This would not have been possible without you & the staff's encouragement to rally the children into teams.

The help of
Mr Dean, Parents/Carers, Governors, Friends
on the day to act as Team Managers esp Lorna M and Bethany D who swam alongside the younger children.

All Parents/Carers
for encouraging the swimmers + donating & enlisting sponsorship.

To date our school swimmers have raised

£2,807.50

with more to come + gift aid.

Amazing!

Thank you for being part of it!

Face Parenting Talks

Please see below October'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.

FACE

October 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

Raising Self-Esteem	5 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	5 Oct 7pm
Decreasing Depression	6 Oct 10am
Introduction to OCD	6 Oct 7pm
Improving Family Communication	12 Oct 10am
What is ACT?	12 Oct 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	13 Oct 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	13 Oct 7pm
Understanding Anger	19 Oct 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 Oct 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	20 Oct 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	20 Oct 7pm
FREE - ADHD and Homework	22 Oct 7-8pm
Facing Defiance	26 Oct 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	26 Oct 7pm
School Anxiety	27 Oct 10am
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 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?



Secondary applications - Closing date 31 October 2026

- Primary - Secondary School
- Middle - Upper School

Primary applications - Closing date 15 January 2027

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

Dorset residents apply online at:
dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/apply-school-place
or call 01305 221060

Scan here

What's Going On

PRELOVED BOOK FAIR

We are once again hosting a Preloved Book Fair at Sandford in order to raise some funds for new books as well as providing each and every child with a fantastic book to take home on 20th October. If you can please donate any books you no longer love or need. Thankyou for your continued support.

Dear Parent / Guardian,

We are looking forward to celebrating **reading for pleasure** this autumn and sharing everything we love about books! All children will visit a pupil-only **Pre-loved Book Fair** on **Tuesday 20th October** during the school day.

Book Donations

All pre-loved books are kindly donated by our school community and wider local Dorset community, with a large selection of children's titles to choose from. We need **high-quality** pre-loved children's books towards our pre-loved book fair.

- **We especially need:** chapter/fiction titles, graphic novels, non-fiction, suited for ages 5+ (Y1 upwards)
- **Books can be:** picture books, graphic novels, fiction, non-fiction, activity (no used stickers / drawn-in books please)
- **NO** torn covers or missing pages please!

***NEW* The class who collects the most pre-loved books will visit the pre-loved book fair first!** All pupils will visit the book fair held during the school day to choose a book to keep at home, here are the details on how you can contribute to school book fundraising.

£2 Suggested Donation

We ask for a suggested donation of **£2 per child** towards school book fundraising. This event is fully inclusive and donations are optional - all children will join in the fun! You are welcome to contribute a higher amount to this initiative should you wish to do so. Since partnering with Pop-Up Bookshop 2 years ago, school has benefitted from **£1,991 extra books!**

Donations can be made via:

- **Cash** on the day - mark envelope to 'Great Big Read'
- **Credit/Debit** card or PayPal at this link: **https://bit.ly/3EXKvWW**
- **100% children** receive a book to keep at home!
- **100% donations** benefit Sandford St Martin's with extra books!

Scan to donate to Sandford St Martin's

Thank you for supporting school book fundraising!

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POSTER COMPETITION



As you may already know, we have an exciting opportunity coming up! Gladiator Zack George (Steel) will be visiting our school to deliver an exciting workshop for the children. He will also be visiting each classroom, where children will have the opportunity to ask him questions and get an autograph!

As part of this exciting event, Purbeck Integrated Neighbourhood Team has teamed up with local organisations to bring you a Healthy Living Poster Competition!

We are asking children to design a poster showing what healthy living looks like to them. You have complete freedom to be as creative as you like! Your poster could be about healthy eating, being active, exercise, looking after your wellbeing, getting enough sleep, or anything else you think helps us live a healthy and happy life. The choice is yours!

There are some great prizes up for grabs! One winner from each key stage will receive a prize.

Zack George will be presenting the competition winners with prizes during his school workshops, so please make sure **all poster entries are handed in to your school by 2nd November 2026.**

You can use their poster template which you can get from the school office or simply create your design on a plain sheet of paper.



Don't forget to include your:

- Name
- School
- Year group

Please hand completed posters in to the school office where they'll be collected on 2nd November.

We can't wait to see all your fantastic and creative ideas about healthy living!

Good luck!

Online Safety Guides

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

HORROR FILMS & AGE RATINGS

The 'on-demand' availability of streaming platforms in many homes creates extra possibilities for young viewers to be exposed to age-inappropriate content. Material which features horror or violence can cause anxiety and nightmares for children, especially since it can be hard for young ones to grasp that what they're watching isn't real.

CLASSIFICATION BREAKDOWN

The British Board of Film Classification has the following age ratings:

- **U:** Suitable for all ages
- **PG:** For children aged 8 and above; this content shouldn't unsettle them
- **12A:** Children under the age of 12 should not watch without an adult; this content potentially features bad language, nudity or sexual references
- **15:** Suitable only for 15-year-olds and above
- **18:** Exclusively for an adult audience, with potentially explicit themes of violence, nudity or sex

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STREAMING IS EVERYWHERE

Modern mobile devices make it very easy for children to watch streamed films without the need for a TV. The availability of inappropriate content has risen significantly on streaming platforms, almost all of which host 18-rated content. If not restricted by parental controls, this could be viewed by children who aren't quite ready for such adult themes, concepts and imagery.

CHILDREN SCARE DIFFERENTLY

It can be difficult to decide what content is appropriate for children. What's fine for one child could be extremely frightening for another. As many children admit to not sharing or discussing the content they watch with their parents, encouraging an open dialogue around the kind of media that young people consume can help avoid exposing them to any inappropriate content.

FACT VS. FICTION

Many children have no trouble separating fact from fiction. However, with modern day technology making pretend violence and horror look ever more realistic, it's becoming harder for youngsters to tell the difference. For instance, consider remakes of older films, where dated special effects (making it easy to discern that something wasn't real) have been replaced by far more convincing monsters and gore.

PEER PRESSURE

TOO SCARED?

Friends encouraging each other to watch the latest film featuring violence or horror can lead to children consuming content that they're not ready for. As 18+ content is available on many streaming platforms, youngsters can watch these together – potentially without their parents' or carers' knowledge.

PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACTS

Horror prides itself on its ability to startle or induce genuine fear in the viewer – so it's no surprise that this genre isn't usually intended for children. A natural side-effect of this is that 'jump scares' or a creepy, suspenseful atmosphere can have lasting effects on younger minds. The resulting anxiety can impact a child's sleeping patterns or eating habits.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH THE FILM FIRST

If you're concerned that a film might be unsuitable for children (whether it's their first dive into the horror genre or a step up in age classification), then take a look for yourself. There's no better way to judge whether this content is something you'd deem appropriate for a child – and if a parent, for example, has actually seen the film (or at least a portion of it), they can construct a far more credible case if they decide it's inappropriate.

REMEMBER – IT'S NOT REAL

Emphasise to children that the content they're viewing is entirely fictional and has no chance of affecting them in real life. If a child is upset after watching a film, try to understand what exactly has unsettled them: this can help you approach the topic in a healthy and informative manner, to dispel any fears or anxieties they may have.

DISCUSS THE CONTENT OF FILMS

If a child has seen a film that you think may have exposed them to potentially uncomfortable themes and ideas, don't shy away from talking about it, and answer any questions they may have. This is especially important if they watched the film without an adult present. Ask them to summarise the story for you, as this will give you an understanding of what they've learned from watching it.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most streaming platforms have the option to put age ranges on children's accounts. This means that films and shows that are inappropriate for children won't be advertised while they're browsing and won't even appear if a child specifically searches for them. This can be changed any time at parents' discretion, but it's wise to protect these settings with a password, so a child can't alter anything on their own.

Meet Our Expert

John Insley is an assistant principal at a secondary school. He has been involved with e-safety in schools for over 10 years, writing policies and supporting various schools in developing their e-safety provision. John has introduced a range of strategies at multiple schools aimed at helping parents to better support their child in the ever-changing digital world.

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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: https://nationalcollege.com/guides/horror-films-and-age-ratings

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Do you know about Free School Meals??

We want to make sure that every child receives all the support and opportunities available to them. As such, we are encouraging families to check whether they may be eligible for **Free School Meals** or **Targeted Free School Meals with additional Pupil Premium**.

Free School Meals
… who is eligible?

From September 2026, **children in households receiving Universal Credit are eligible for Free School Meals, regardless of household income**. There are also other qualifying circumstances. A child may be eligible if their parent/carer receives:

- **Universal Credit** – children are now eligible regardless of household earnings.
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)**.
- **The guarantee element of Pension Credit**.
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**.
- **Support under the No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) arrangements**, subject to the relevant income and other criteria.

Targeted Free School Meals with additional Pupil Premium
…who is eligible?

✓ Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less
✓ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
✓ The guarantee element of Pension Credit
✓ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
✓ Certain forms of support if your family has No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF)
There are additional rules for some families, so if you are unsure, we encourage you to check.

Why is this important?

- **Free School Meals** offer financial support to families.
- If your child is eligible for **Targeted Free School Meals with additional Pupil Premium**, schools are given funding to help children overcome barriers to learning and make the most of their education. At our school, this funding can help us provide additional opportunities and support, which may include:
- extra learning and academic support
- enrichment activities and experiences
- pastoral and wellbeing support
- resources and activities that help children feel confident and succeed

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive Universal Infant Free School Meals. However, **if your family meets the criteria above, it is still important to apply** because Universal Infant Free School Meals are not the same as Targeted Free School Meals. Registering your child as eligible for Targeted Free School Meals can mean that our school receives additional Pupil Premium funding.

It's easy to check

You can apply through **Dorset Council's confidential Free School Meals service**.

You will normally need your National Insurance number and may need to provide information from your benefit documents.

Apply or check your eligibility:

- **Dorset Council – Free School Meals** www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/free-school-meals

If you are unsure whether you qualify, **please apply and let Dorset Council check**.

If you need help with an application, please speak to the school office. We are happy to help.

Thank you for helping us make sure every child has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive.

Christmas Lunch



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!


SANDFORD ST. MARTINS PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA
INVITES YOU TO
JOIN US FOR OUR
Christmas
FAYRE
FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER
3-5PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL
Homemade Christmas Cake Competition
Stalls
Games
Hot Dogs
Festive Music
Hot and Cold Drinks
Raffle and Tombola
Santa's Grotto
and Much More
If you would like to have a stall at our event
please send us a facebook message or email
PTA@sandfordprimary.dorset.sch.uk

SCHOOL OFFICE REMINDERS

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.

ATTENDANCE

Whole School 93.7%

Top 3 Classes Conkers & Olive 98.1% Maple 97.4% Acorns 95%

Friday 9th October 2026 – Thursday 15th October 2026

Sandford St. Martin's
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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.

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 year 4 and below should be collected by a responsible adult from the class door.

This is an important part of our agreed safeguarding arrangements.

SCHOOL GATES

Please remember the school gates for Reception, Ash, Bay & Beech Class close at 8.45pm. If you arrive after this time you will need to bring your child to the school office and sign them in.

The Car Park gates and external pedestrian gates will close at 9.15am and reopen at 2.40pm.

HOT SCHOOL LUNCHES

All hot lunches will need to be booked for the first week back after half-term by midnight on Wednesday 21st October.

Any queries for hot lunches need to be reported to the school office by midday on Thursday 22nd October.

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
2rd October
9th October
16th October

Sandford St Martin's
Church & School

WAREHAM'S Church of England Family

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)

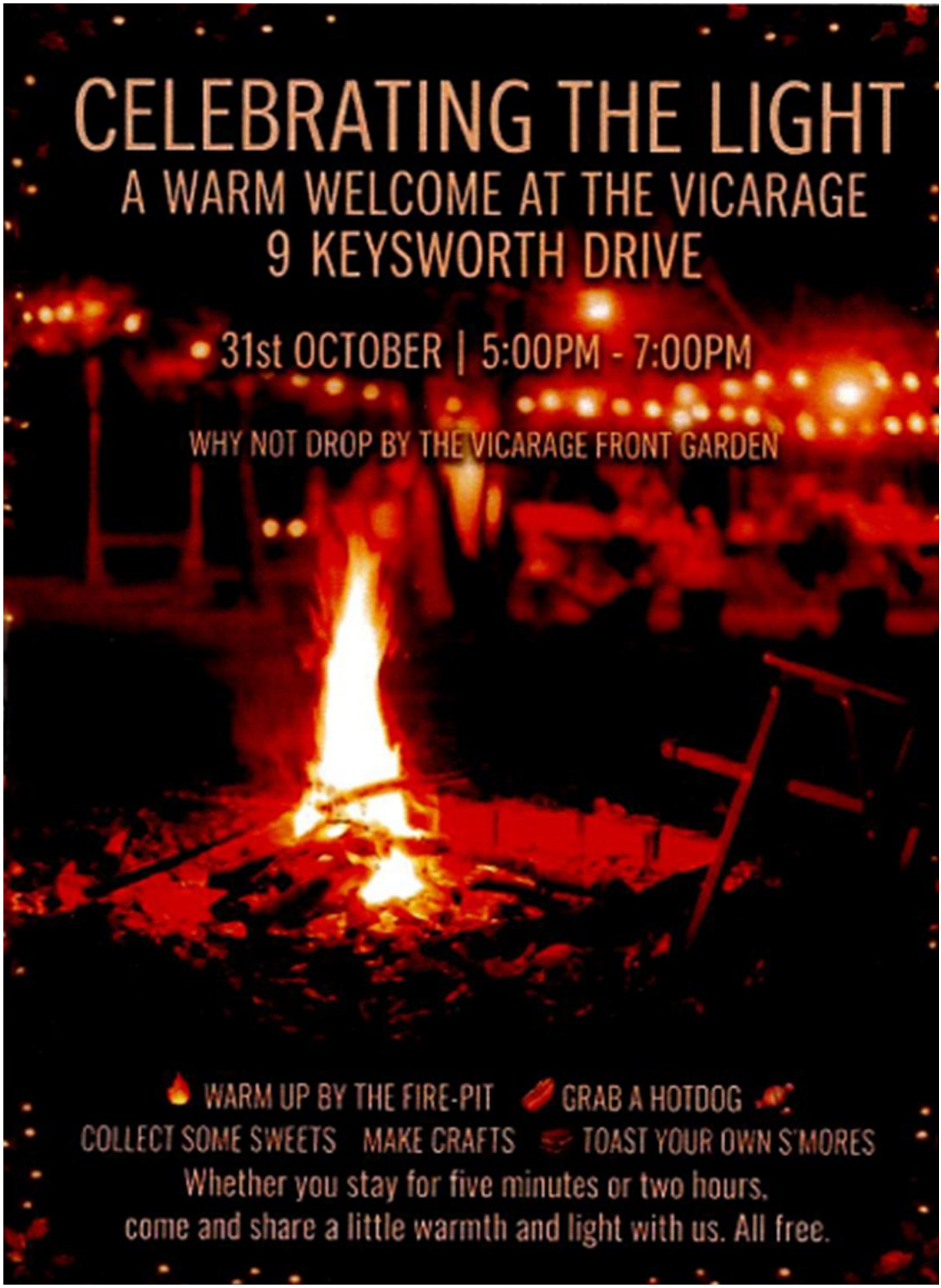
ALTERNATE FRIDAYS, GET IN TOUCH FOR DETAILS

Wareham Youth Hub

PYCF

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pycf.co.uk
BH20 4PH

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


CELEBRATING THE LIGHT
A WARM WELCOME AT THE VICARAGE
9 KEYSWORTH DRIVE
31st OCTOBER | 5:00PM - 7:00PM
WHY NOT DROP BY THE VICARAGE FRONT GARDEN
WARM UP BY THE FIRE-PIT
GRAB A HOTDOG
COLLECT SOME SWEETS
MAKE CRAFTS
TOAST YOUR OWN S'MORES
Whether you stay for five minutes or two hours,
come and share a little warmth and light with us. All free.

MINDFUL MONDAYS

FREE

REACH OUT FOR SUPPORT

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.

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

1:1 Available

LOTTERY FUNDED

SEND SUPPORT

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

what's on?

26th Oct - SEN Sensory Play session 2pm-3.30pm - Wareham Family Hub Booking essential. For families with children aged 1-8years, older siblings welcome.

4th Nov - Lunch for parents/carers with SEND children - 12.15pm at The United Reform Church Wareham - Booking essential

18th Nov -Parent Support Group at Wareham Family Hub 9.30am-11am No need to book!

16th Dec - Parent Support Group at Wareham Family Hub 9.30am-11am - No need to book!

22nd Dec - SEN Sensory Session Play 9.30am-11am - Wareham Family Hub - Booking essential, For families with children aged 1-8years, older siblings welcome.

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



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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 guidence
- 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 organisaions. Hear their news and ask them questions — NO NEED TO BOOK!

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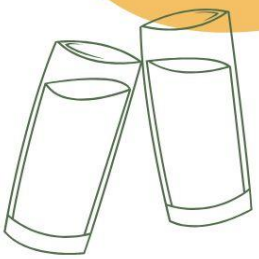
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The Welcome Table at Not Just Sundaes

This community project is supported by Dorset Council, Talbot Village Trust and The Valentine Trust

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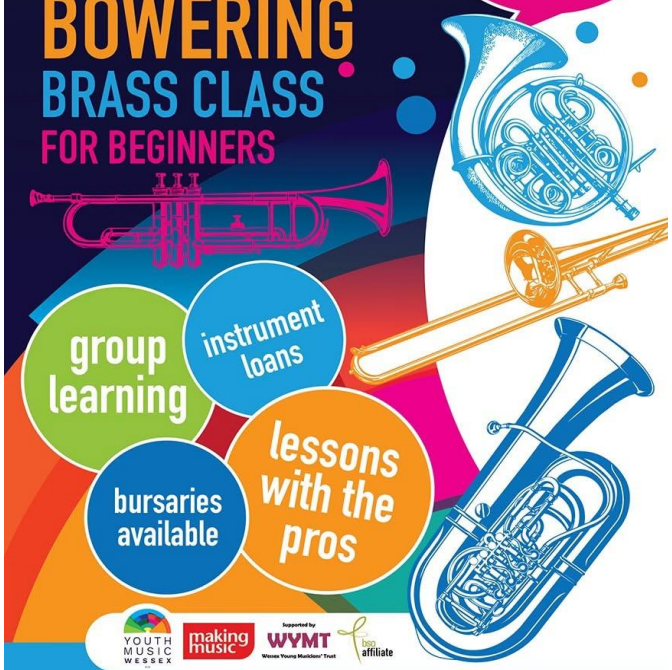
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October Half Term

Purbeck Sports Centre

FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER - SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2026

Intensive Swimming Lessons
Monday 26th October - Thursday 29th October
£28.80
Suitable for ages 3yrs +

8:45-9:15 & 9:15-9:45 - Early Steps 1

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

Stroke Technique Workshop
Monday 26th October - Wednesday 28th October
8.45-9.30
£32.40

Master all 4 strokes in one workshop!
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Swimmers must be able to swim 25m competently to take part.

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1:1 - per 30 minute session £21.00
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Sessions available 8:45-9:15 & 9:15-9:45

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

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6-16 years
£25
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Friday 23rd October,
Wednesday 28th October
Friday 30th October
9:00-15:00
6-13 yrs
£30
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Junior Functional Training
Monday 26th October & Thursday 29th October
16:30-17:15
£5.60
Suitable for ages 12-15 yrs

Bouncy Castle Fun
Tuesday 27th October
10:30-11:30am - 3-7 years
11:45-12:45pm - 8-12 years
£5.25 per person

Tennis
Wednesday 28th October
9:30-12:30
4-14yrs
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Wednesday 28th October
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Suitable for ages 12-15 years

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Thursday 29th October
9:00-13:00
Suitable for ages 7-12 yrs
£20

Laser Tag
Thursday 29th October
14:00-15:00
£8.80
Suitable for ages 7-12yrs

Nerf Gun Fun
Thursday 29th October
15:15-16:15
£8.80
Suitable for ages 7-12yrs

Archery
Saturday 24th October
10:30-12:00
£14.55
Suitable for ages 8yrs+ including adults

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
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Evening Dodgeball Clubs

Sandford Primary School

Dodgeball Club

Sessions Start

Thursday 17th September



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5:00-6:00

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

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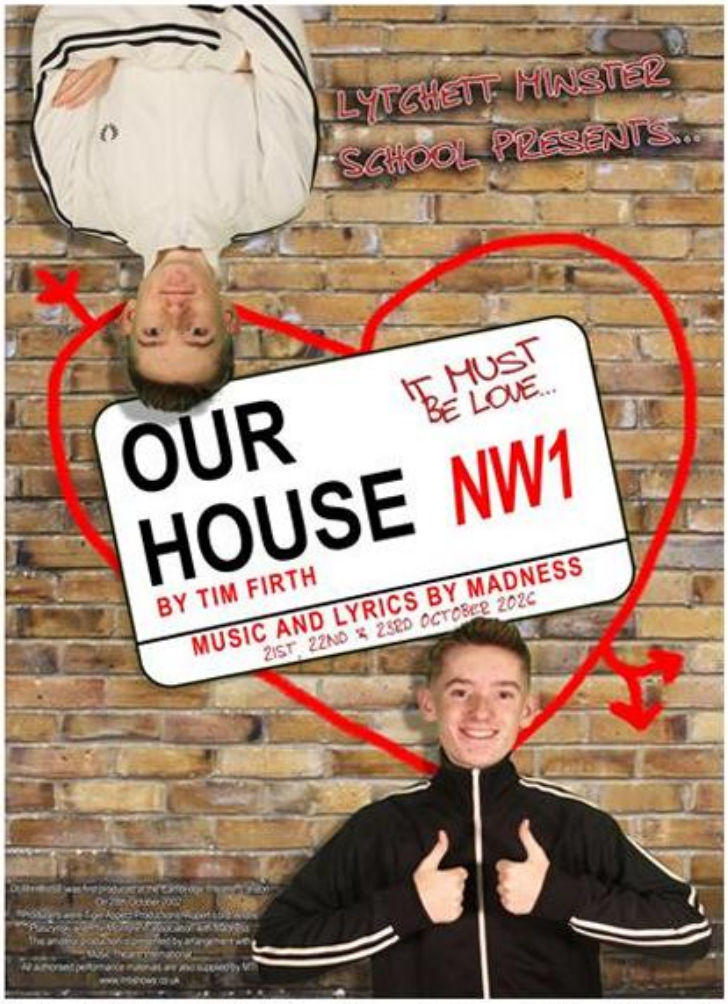
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AJM SPORTS COACHING

Lytchett Minster School presents:

Our House— Tickets now on sale!



We auditioned for the principal roles back in July and this resulted in a cast of incredibly talented, enthusiastic and hardworking students playing the roles you will see today. They were then joined by our wonderful ensemble and crew who joined us in September. It has been an honour to work with all members of the cast and crew and they bring so much joy to the stage in each and every rehearsal. This is a busy journey and they continue to show up, fully committed, resilient and passionate about the show they are producing. It's truly inspiring to watch! A jukebox musical exploring the life choices of a teenage boy called Joe Casey. His choice-run from the police or hand yourself in? You break into a house, just to impress a girl but it all goes wrong. One part of you does the right thing but how does that play out? The other part of you runs away-was that the right move? This musical explores a 'sliding doors' narrative where we jump between 'Good Joe' and 'Bad Joe's' worlds. Let's hope good overcomes evil in the end!

Do note that the show contains some moderate language and some sexual references which may not be suitable for a young audience.

Lytchett Minster School event tickets from TicketSource.

Lytchett Minster School
Post Green Road, Lytchett Minster, BH16 6JD
01202 622413 | www.lytchett.org.uk

Newsletter | Autumn 2026

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:
National Trust
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 (Half-term)	5.30am – 7:30am	Middlebere what 3 words: sleeps.such.moods (5yrs +)	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 (Half-term)	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 (Half-term)	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 (Half-term)	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

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

FREE or Low Cost Events !

Event	Date	Time	Location	Info
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 tipple or family treat and escaping the Christmas madness for a little peace and tranquillity.



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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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Wednesday 28th October

10am - 4pm

Ages 7+ • £45 per child

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