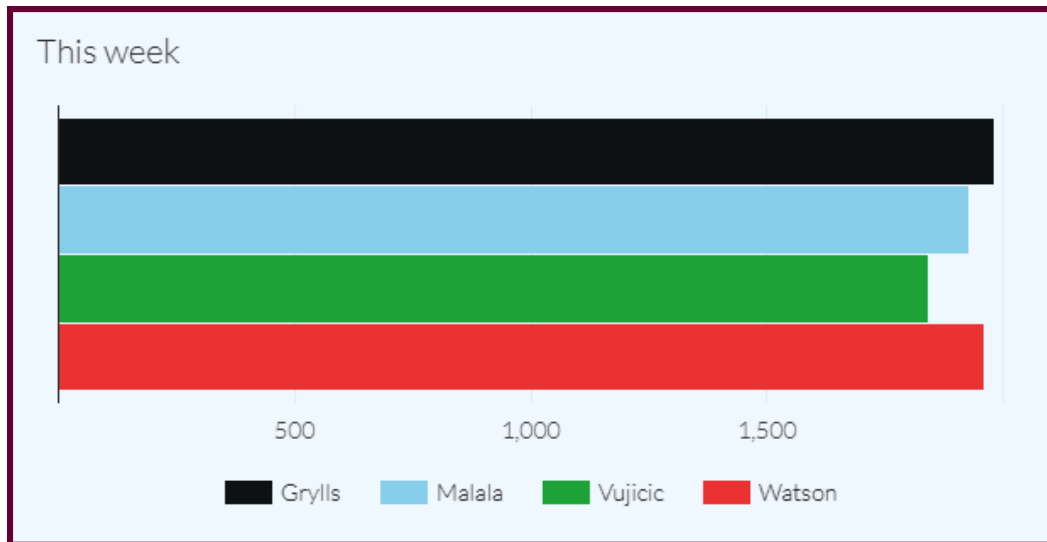


Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to this week's parent bulletin.

## House News



Well done to Grylls who were the top earning house this week with 1983 candle credits very narrowly beating Watson who had 1961. Huge congratulations to all those who have contributed to their house's success. To celebrate their hard earned candle credits a group of pupils took part in a reward afternoon trip to Aroma Cafe this afternoon - what a great Friday afternoon!



## Parking Issues

I have reached out to our local Policing team to ask for their assistance concerning parking on our local roads. Please can we ask you to do your bit by being considerate about where you leave your car and ensure that your vehicle is not causing a safety issue for other road users and pedestrians, especially in relation to pupils crossing the road. We've kept the gate open in school to try and alleviate the congestion around the school, but we need to prioritise safety over convenience. Thank you for your support.

## A Fairy Tale Mash-Up

Emmanuel Presents has done it again! This week has seen sell out performances of 'A Fairy Tale Mash-Up!' - a tongue in cheek twist on traditional fairy tales. Children from across all four year groups have taken on challenges beyond expectations - performing, learning lines, rehearsing (for hours), making, designing, building, practicing dances, operating lights and sound and make-up-ing to prepare for three magnificent shows. Audience feedback has been nothing but positive in support of our production:

'I am always just in awe when pupils of this age perform with such maturity.'

'Fantastic, funny, uplifting and a real, good giggle!'

'What talent we have at this school! It was so amazing to see students enjoying themselves so much. Well done, Emmanuel!'

Performers will be available for autographs at the stage door!



## Year 5

In English this week the Year 5 pupils have been exploring the use of subordinating conjunctions to provide cohesion in their writing. They have been supported to be more confident using words such as 'although' and 'until' in their writing in an appropriate context to develop the variety of their work.

Art has focused on starting their final piece composition. They have arranged all their ideas from this term's Jungles project inspired by The French Artist Henri Rousseau.



## Year 6

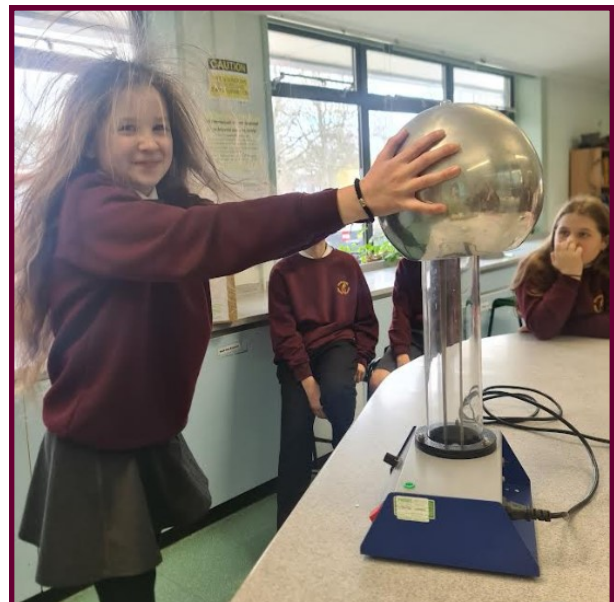
In Computing the pupils have continued their work with Lego Robots. Pupils have been familiarising themselves with different types of sensors that they can attach to the robots and then comparing that with real life examples. This week they looked at sensors that would be on a self-driving car! Next week they will put their work on sensors into action and program the robots to parallel park.

In PE, year 6 have been working on a variety of skills in OAA (outdoor adventurous activities). Last week they were using their map skills to complete the orienteering course, and this week they were on team building activities, helping to improve leadership skills and resilience.

## Year 7

In English the pupils have started a new 'Film Review' unit. As it continues, pupils will be watching clips of selected films and honing their language and grammar skills, in order to structure effective film reviews for their target audience.

In Science, Year 7 has had a hair-raising start to their new science topic: electricity!



## Year 8

In Year 8 Maths this week, the children started by looking at how to add and subtract expressions with indices, and then throughout the week they have moved on to simplifying expressions by multiplying and dividing indices. The children grasped the learning really quickly and were brilliant at applying independently to their questions, with them excelling at some really tricky questions!

## Accelerated Reader

The best way to improve your reading is to read more so those who are contributing to their class Accelerated Reader competition are improving their skills and increasing their chance of winning a mufti day. The current standings are as follows:

Y5 - 5CS are pushing 5BH and this is turning into a very close contest - who will win?

Y6 - 6JB are maintaining their earlier lead but are being chased by 6JNH

Y7 - The race is wide open and 7KR have surged ahead with a smaller class!

Y8 - This race is still wide open with the continuing emphasis on SPARX Reader but 8JP are starting to challenge 8NS

## Sporting News

**Bowling:** A small group of year 5 and 6 went to Tower park on Monday competing against other schools in a mini tournament. They all thoroughly enjoyed it and played extremely well. Well done to Hallie W and Aaron D for coming 1st in their teams.



Gymnastics: Year 5 and 6 competed at Ferndown Upper School on Wednesday for a gymnastics competition. Their routines were excellent, and they had all trained extremely hard. The girls team won bronze medals in their group, and the mixed team came second, winning silver medals. A huge well done to all of them.



## World Book Day Winners

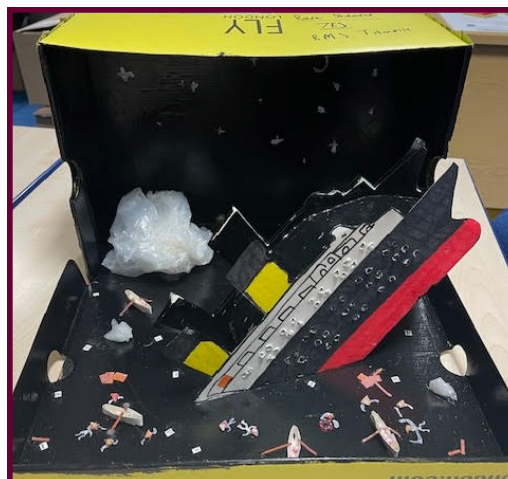
Fantastic entries for our competition this year! Thank you to everyone who took the time to enter and be so creative! We have our top 3 winners chosen by the children themselves and staff. Congratulations!



1st Place - Rocky B 6JNH - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory



2nd Place - Denys L 7KR - Private Peaceful



3rd Place - Rafe S 7ES - RMS Light Up Titanic

## Verwood Solar Farm Charitable Grant Donation to Year 8

On behalf of Year 8, I'd like to thank the **Verwood Solar Farms Grant Committee** for their generous donation of £1,600. This timely award will help to subsidise certain aspects of our annual Year 8 Activity Week. This is a series of enjoyable excursions aimed at providing all of our transitioning pupils with some happy memories of Emmanuel, before they transition on to their respective upper schools.

I'd like to thank Mr. Clive Grove (Chairman of the Solar Farm Committee) for actioning the school's application for funds so promptly as well as Mr. Leslie Jones (Verwood Rotary Club - Youth Lead) and the Rev'd Julian Macro (Mayor of Verwood) - for their support in processing the initial request.

The Verwood Solar Farm grant will allow this year's activity week to be a fully inclusive event, making it accessible to all of our Year 8 pupils.

All that is left is to wish everyone a great weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday morning.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker

## Free Parent/ Carer 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 the impact it can have on children/young people
- 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.

The session will be delivered by either an Educational Psychologist or a Specialist Teacher from Dorset Council

### Who can attend?

Any parents / carers who:

- Have an autistic child
- Have a child undergoing an assessment for autism
- Are interested in learning more about autism

### Where and when?

Dorchester Library and Learning Centre, Room 3, South Walks House, Charles Street, Dorchester, DT1 1EE Date: Thursday 22nd of May - 3:30pm - 5:00pm

The Mulberry Children's centre, 2 Newstead Road, Weymouth, DT4 8JE Date: Wednesday 11 June 2025 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Wimborne Children's Centre, Gordon Rd, Wimborne Minster, Wimborne, BH21 2AP Date: Wednesday 11 June 2025 1pm - 2.30pm

Blandford Children's Centre, Black Lane, Blandford Forum DT11 8SW Date: Thursday, May 22nd 1.30pm until 3pm

Wareham Family Hub, Worgret Rd, Wareham BH20 4PH - (Behind Purbeck School, beside the Leisure Centre) Date: Tuesday 24th June from 10-11.30am

Bridport Family Hub, Skilling Hill Rd, Bridport DT6 5LA - (TRAINING ROOM 1) Date: Wednesday 11th June from 1.30pm - 3pm

Gillingham Primary School, Gillingham Police Station, 1 School Rd, Gillingham SP8 4QR -Date: to be confirmed

To book a place, please email [elena.gillman@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:elena.gillman@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)