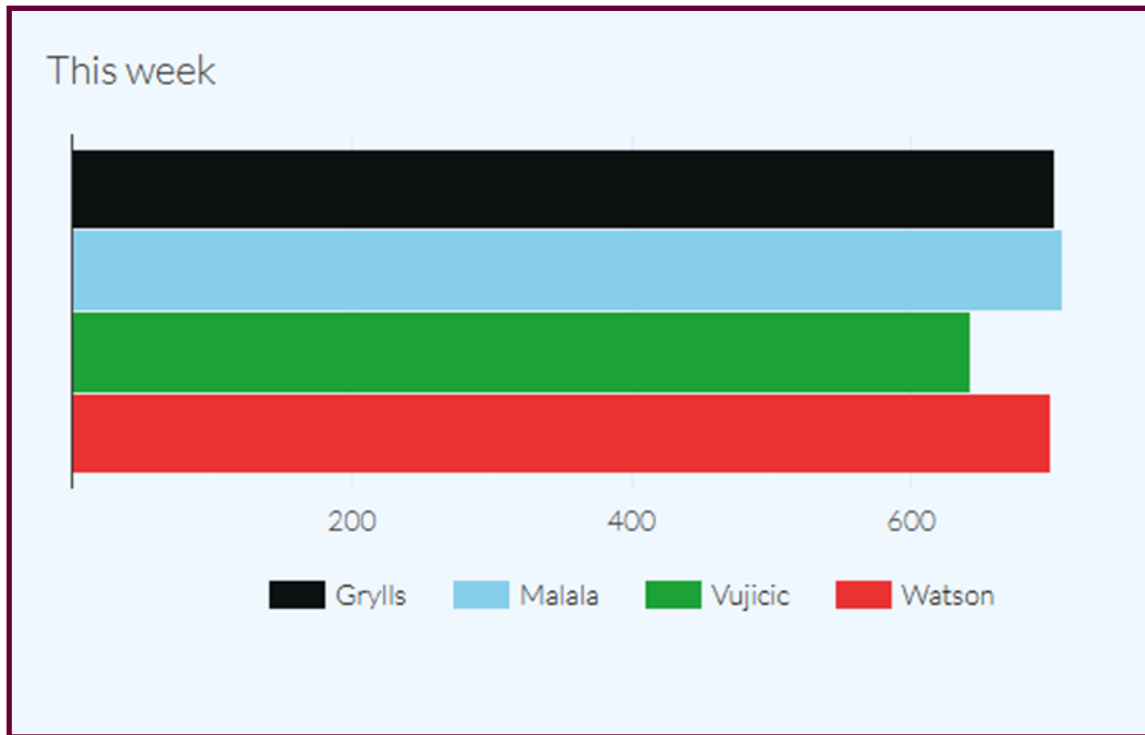


Dear Parents/Carers,

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

House News



Well done to Malala for narrowly pipping Watson to the highest scorers of the week. The difference this week was their high attendance in the monthly house challenge which this week saw Year 5 have their turn for the quiz. Next week it is Year 6's turn.

School Production Dates

As you may be aware staff and pupils are busy rehearsing and preparing for the school production of The Boy, The Mole, The Fox & The Horse and we just wanted to make you aware of the performance dates of Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th March should you wish to save them in your diary. Tickets will be available for sale shortly and details will be sent home via email.

Year 5

In Science, Year 5 have started their plants and living things topic. They have been looking at the structure and parts of a flower and the roles which these parts play in helping the plant to function. They have also done a practical which involved dissecting flowers and identifying and separating out the different parts.

In Computing this week, Year 5 talked about the positives and negatives of mobile phones. We looked at the proposed mobile phone policies from the trust and then the pupils had the chance for their voice and opinion to be heard by filling out the trust survey. Next week we will start our work with spreadsheets!

Year 6

This term, our Year 6 students have been rotating between Dance, Volleyball, and Health-Based PE. In Health-Based PE, students are gaining a deeper understanding of anatomy by identifying specific muscle groups and the importance of physical conditioning. During Dance sessions, they have been exploring different cultures through rhythmic expression and traditional movements. Finally, on the court, Volleyball has been the perfect arena for sharpening their teamwork and communication skills.

In Music, we have started learning how musical riffs create memorable songs. We have listened to and started to learn to play riffs from bands such as Queen, Deep Purple, Ed Sheeran. We've also had a go at playing Axel F - or the crazy frog as the children know it. We continue to work on playing these riffs and then combining them together to make our own compositions.

Year 7

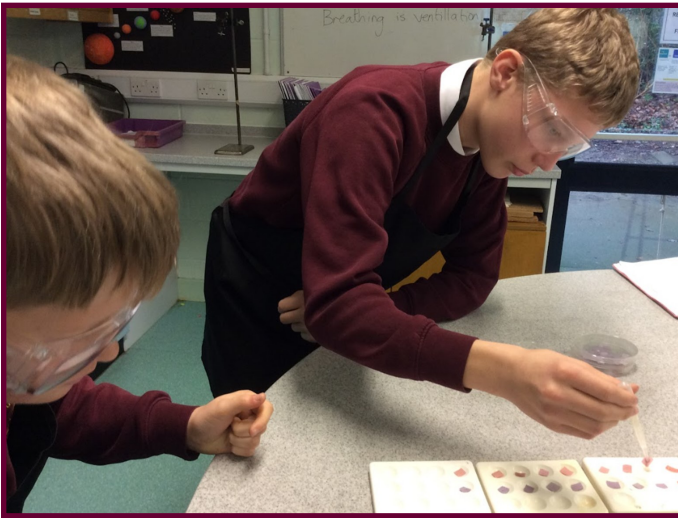
In History this week, Year 7 has begun to draw together all the work they have been doing in their study of medieval kings. Having previously focused in depth on William I, King John and Edward I, this week the pupils have been looking at some of the other kings of the time. Along the way they have encountered some fascinating facts - who kept polar bears and elephants in the Tower of London? Who had a son named Eustace? Who became king when he was only a baby and which medieval kings ruled twice? Next week they will do their written assessment and will have a chance to decide which of these medieval kings can history do without!

In Science, Year 7 were investigating separation techniques, this week we were looking at separating inks to identify specific patterns in chromatograms. They were surprised to discover exactly what colours were used to make black ink and how different black pen inks can be!



Year 8

In Science, Year 8 has been investigating Acids and Alkalis and this week was spent comparing different indicators. We even made our own indicator using red cabbage!



In computing, we are just starting our second unit on Python programming. Building on the work we did in Year 7 we will expand our understanding of conditional statements, loops and functions to continue to develop our programming skills. The skills acquired here prepare the children for Year 9 and for GCSE computing if they choose it.

Fixtures News

Year 8 County Cup vs Blandford - On Tuesday the boys year 8 football team played Blandford School away in the next round of the county cup after coming through a penalty shootout vs Poole High in the first round. A strong performance with clinical finishing earned the team a 4-1 victory and they will now progress to the next round.

Year 7 Pedssa vs Poole High - On Wednesday the boys year 7 football team played a PEDSSA match against Poole High. It was a tight match with great desire and resilience shown from both teams. Emmanuel defended their goal brilliantly as a team and managed to secure a 1-0 win. They will now face a new opponent in the following round.

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

Mr Rob Christopher & Mr Alister Barker

Please see following pages for further news and information.



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**The National Literacy Trust and
Department for Education unveil
“Go All In” brand identity for the
National Year of Reading 2026**

The National Literacy Trust, in partnership with the Department for Education, unveiled “Go All In” as the brand identity for the National Year of Reading 2026, a landmark...

Were you aware that 2026 is the National Year of Reading.

Please visit the National Literacy Trust website to find out all about it and Go All In.

“Reading is one of the most powerful tools we have to connect, create and grow.”

Go to www.goallin.org.uk for further information.

Free community session: 'An Introduction to Autism'



What is the session about?

The session was co-developed with parents of autistic children, a SENCo, Dorset Parent Carer Council and Specialist Teachers and Educational Psychologists from Dorset Council.

It will help you to:

- Understand what autism is and how it may impact young people and families
- Learn some practical strategies to support an autistic child/young person

Please note, this is a general information session, so we won't be able to discuss individual children or schools.

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

Who can attend?

Anyone from the community, this could include people:

- with an autistic child
- with a child undergoing an assessment for autism
- who are interested in learning more about autism

Where and when?

Leigh Park Family Hub and Community Centre, Gordon Road, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 2AP - Tuesday 3rd March 2026 at 10:00am until 11:30am

Event Registration

Scan the QR code or use the link below to register:



Registration Link: [Click here to book](#)