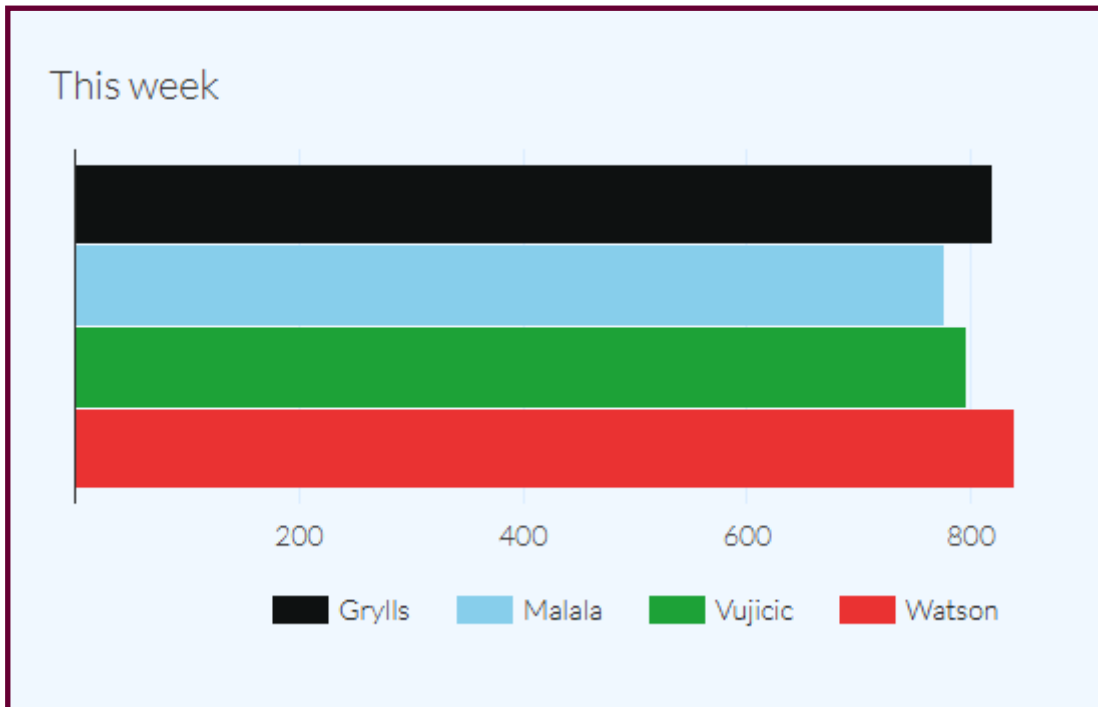


Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to this week's parent bulletin. It has been another varied and busy week in school and with this in mind please note the upcoming dates list at the bottom of this newsletter.

House News

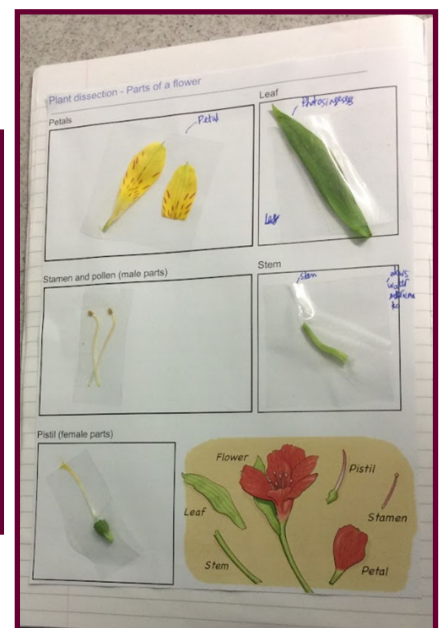


Big week for Watson this week - well done to everyone who contributed to their House total and in Year 6 those who took part in the monthly House challenge: quiz. It is Year 7s turn on Tuesday.

Year 5

In RE, Year 5 have begun their 'Creation' topic where we have started by looking at the Christian creation story. We have explored the story of Genesis and they will now begin to look at other creation stories such as the Big Bang Theory and the Hindu creation story. The topic aims to compare these different stories by looking at their similarities and differences.

In Year 5 Science, the pupils have just started a new Biology topic of 'Living Things', where they conducted an investigation into flowering plants by dissecting one.



Year 6

Year 6 SATS Information

It was great to see so many families at the Year 6 information evening on Monday. The presentations and information shared with parents is now available on the school website under the Learning tab - SATS.

In addition please be aware that the children are sitting their final mock SATs next week. They will complete:

Monday: Grammar and spelling

Tuesday: Reading

Wednesday: Maths arithmetic and first reasoning paper

Thursday: Maths second reasoning paper

In Science, the Year 6 students have just started a new physics topic, Electricity. They started by investigating conductors and insulators, they are now learning about circuit symbols and diagrams. We even managed to get the plasma ball out at the end of the lesson as we linked 'States of matter' and 'Electricity'.

Year 7

Year 7 go to MARS!

Last week, Year 7 enjoyed a fun and interactive workshop led by Sue, John and their volunteer team who are linked to local churches. MARS is a Christian Charity, they specialise in presenting workshops about relationships. The theme for this workshop was **Friendships and Relationships** – helping students think about how to build positive, supportive friendships. The pupils did a card sort and were given a workbook for their reflections. The session was pacy and interactive.

The MARS team commented that the behaviour of our pupils was exemplary and look forward to working with them again in Year 8.

You can also find out more about The MARS Trust at www.themarstrust.co.uk.

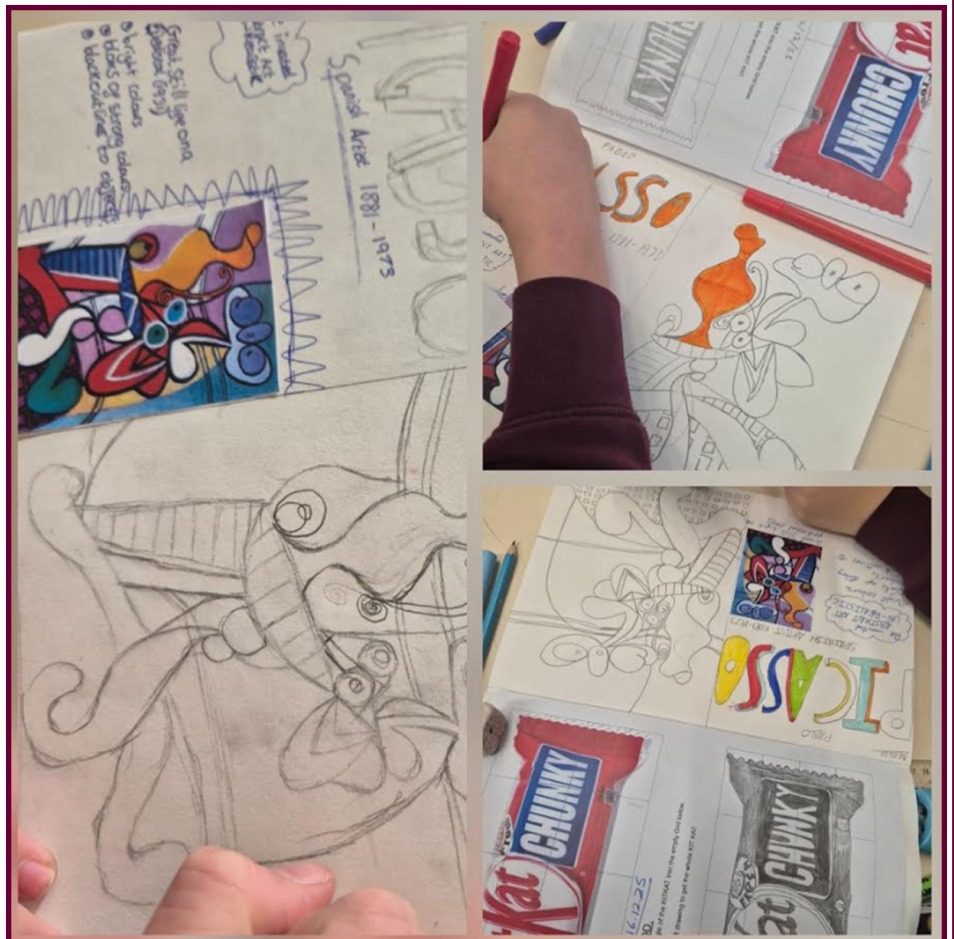
In French the children have been continuing their unit about the school day. They have been learning to read, speak and write about their different subjects and express preferences and justify these.

Year 8

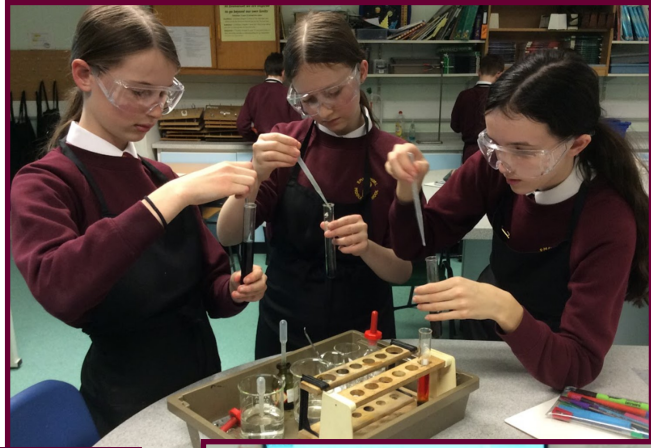
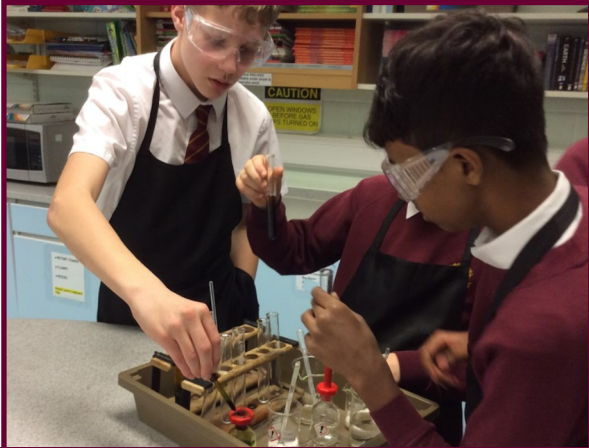
Year 8 have been looking at the abstract Still Life paintings by Picasso. They are looking at Cubism and producing some Still Life studies inspired by Picasso.

There are more images of pupils' work on the school Art Instagram account.

@emmanuelmiddleschoolart



This week in Science, Year 8 has been learning about neutralisation. The students investigated this reaction by creating some beautiful rainbows in a test tube. They then stirred them to identify the resulting pH of their solution. Then by adding either an acid or alkali they managed to completely neutralise their solutions. This is one of the practicals that the students conduct individually.



Young Voices

On Wednesday, 40 children from the EMS choir travelled up to the London O2 Arena to take part in the 30th anniversary Young Voices Choir show. We have spent several months together learning the songs and dance moves in preparation for this day. It is a very full on but rewarding day. There truly is something magical about singing together with 10,000 other people in a massive arena! Pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the tiredness was definitely worth it!



School Council

Victoria Hudson from 3 Counties Civil Engineers of Wimborne visited the School Council on Monday to invite Emmanuel to participate in an exciting recycling project. After the initial introduction, Victoria answered questions and then the School Council voted to go ahead with the challenge, which they also decided would work as a House competition.

Victoria explained that 3 Counties Civil Engineers had committed to doing 25 acts of kindness over 2026 and funding this project was no 3. Mrs Robertson has encouraged the School Council to think of an act of kindness that they can pass on after the challenge is complete.

Pupils will be asked to bring in recyclable plastic items, which will be collected in a special bin. This will be collected regularly and will be weighed. When our target is reached, the company Circular 11 will make a product such as a bench which can be used by the pupils in the playground.

The School Council will decide how the competition will work and send out more details next week.

Victoria commented on the politeness of our School Council. Well done.

My Time Young Carers

On Tuesday, 20 January, Jo Cooper from My Time Young Carers came into school to run a fun session for our Young Carers in school.

They took part in team building games and were very competitive! They all enjoyed the afternoon and the biscuits at the end of the session!

If you think your child may be a Young Carer, please contact the office and we can discuss this further with you.



STEM Club

In STEM we are still investigating microorganisms particularly bacteria and natural antibacterial remedies. This week we learnt how to culture agar plates with a bacteria sample. We then applied our antibacterial remedies. Next week we review our results.



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 and Mr Alister Barker

(dates list on following page)

Key dates: January - July 2026 (subject to change):

When	What
January	
w/c 26th	Year 6 mock SATs
February	
Monday 23rd	INSET
Thursday 26th	Year 6 parents' evening
March	
10th - 12th	School Production
16th - 20th	Year 7 French Residential
April	
Monday 13th	INSET
Thursday 16th and Tuesday 21st	Parents' evenings
May	
5th - 8th	Year 5 Heatree Residential
w/c 11th	Year 6 SATs
June	
Thursday 4th	Year 5 & 6 parents in to view work 2.45 - 3.15pm
Tuesday 9th	KS3 Sports day heats am
Thursday 11th	KS2 Sports day heats and potted sports am
Wednesday 17th	Sports day finals am
Friday 26th	Transfer Day
w/c 29th (Tues-Fri)	Year 6 activities week
July	
Friday 10th	Summer Fair
13th - 16th	Year 8 activities week
Monday 20th	Y6&8 awards evening in Verwood Hub
Wednesday 22nd	Last day of term