

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 7 French Residential

A group of 54 Year 7 children are currently on their way home from a memorable week in Paris. They have taken in the cultural sights by: going to the summit of the Eiffel Tower; experiencing the bustle of the Artist Quarter in Montmartre; walking round the Arc de Triomphe; and marvelling at the grandeur of Sacré Coeur.

The highlight of the week for many pupils was the trip to Disneyland on Wednesday where the children enjoyed the parade, rollercoasters and shops.

Despite the packed schedule they still fitted in an impromptu visit to the PSG stadium and a full tour of the Stade De France where the children were able to sit in the home changing room and enjoy the walk out of the tunnel to pitch side - walking in the footsteps of Mbappe and Zidane.

Well done to everyone who embraced the trip to the full - memories for life have been made.



Year 7 - Non-Residential Pupils

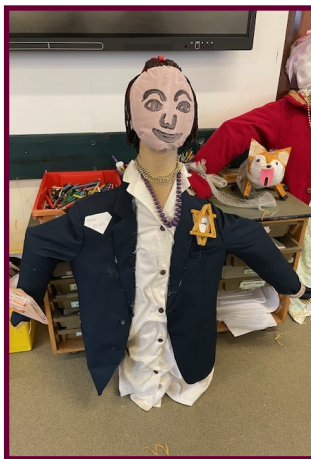
Pupils who did not go to France on the residential have had an alternative timetable this week, including a visit to Moors Valley, going to the Youth Centre to play games and taking part in craft activities, a French café and making scarecrows in DT. See full reports from some of the activities below:



On Tuesday we ran a French café for the children. They learnt about some traditional French dishes, but the highlight was being able to taste some French food!

The children were very excited and could choose to try baguette, Camembert and Brie, pâté, brioche, pain au chocolat, French jam and chocolate éclairs.

The year 7s have taken on the challenge of making a scarecrow for the Verwood Horticultural society spring show being held on Saturday 21st March. They got into their respective houses and each House chose the 'Famous Person from History' that they wanted to make. Malala - Marie Curie, Grylls - Anne Frank, Vujicic - Muhammad Ali and Watson - Queen Elizabeth II. The students planned how they were going to make their person and had a good rummage around the drama cupboard for old costumes. They achieved all this by themselves in 2 double lessons which is amazing for the time given to them. Please come along and vote for your favourite.



Year 7 spent an extra lesson on their Unifrog accounts. They have finished their personality quizzes; made use of the on-line careers and subjects libraries and have started to record the skills they have used for the roles and responsibilities that they have in and out of school. Unifrog is a digital Careers platform. The pupils also spent an extra lesson on the Step into the NHS Competition. All information about this is on their Wellbeing Google Classroom. If you want to find out more about Unifrog and our Careers offer to our pupils, please look in our Careers section on our website, which has been recently updated.

Year 5

In Year 5 English the children have been planning and writing a dilemma narrative in which their hero character comes face to face with a terrifying monster. Their character must make a choice whether to run away, stay and fight or trap the monster. They have worked really hard on creating excellent sentences using grammatical features such as expanded noun phrases and subordinate clauses. It has been lovely to see their creative ideas!

In Maths pupils have been working hard with decimals this week. The focus has been around identifying tenths, hundredths and thousandths as well as comparing decimal numbers up to 3 place values! The homework over the coming weeks will reflect this as well as some reasoning style questions that reflect what is to come on the end of year assessments.

Year 6

In English we have been focusing on our comprehension skills, particularly skimming, scanning and close reading the text, before our Key Stage 2 SATS in May. This week, we have also completed our work on active and passive sentences, and we have been revising our use of colons, apostrophes and inverted commas for speech.

Next week we will be planning our next piece of writing – ‘Judith’s Journey’. This will be used as part of our KS2 Writing Moderation portfolio because it is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate how to: ‘integrate dialogue in narratives to convey character and advance the action.’

With 5 weeks of teaching left in Year 6 before their SATs, in Maths we are now trying to work our way through the rest of curriculum, whilst maintaining a strong focus on arithmetic as it is so important. Thanks for all your continued support at home to help with this.

Accelerated Reader

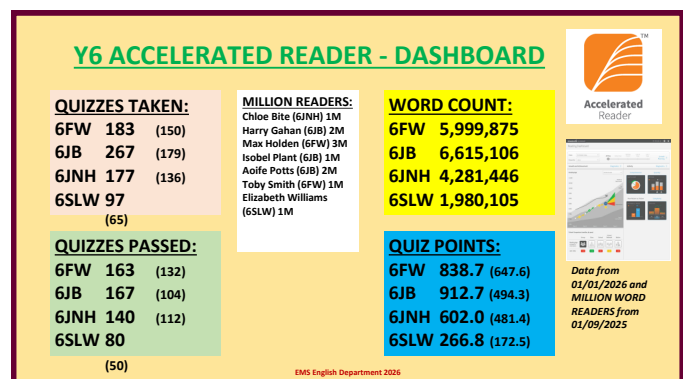
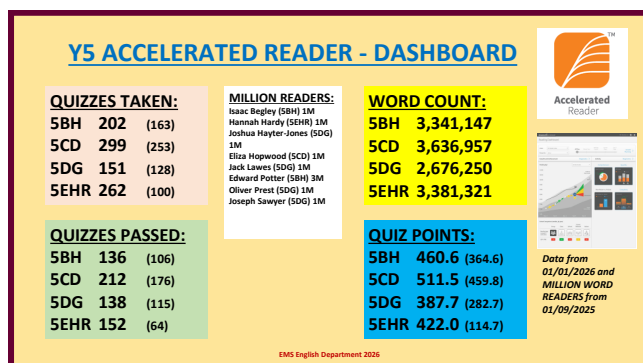
Please see below the KS2 March 2026 Accelerated Reader Dashboards. We will be announcing the winners of the class MUFTI prize on Monday for Wednesday 25th March. It's time for one last push!

Year 5

5EHR have surged forwards, challenging both 5BH and 5CD in a three-way race.

Year 6

6JB have managed to edge just ahead of 6FW's early lead but can they hold off to the wire?



Design Technology

It is coming to that time in the term where the DT students in Product Design and Textiles are completing their projects and bringing them home. They have made some fantastic Ferris wheels in Year 5, with many of them being in the workshop for the first time. Learning how to cut wood with a Tenon Saw along with a bench hook. As well as the importance of measuring correctly and using the Try Square to mark out their line. In year 5 textiles they are putting the final touches to their bags after learning how to hand stitch and use the sewing machine. The trickiest part they have found is putting the cord around the bag!

The year 6 product designers have been using their skills from year 5 and expanding on them making their cars. They have also learnt new skills in design using Techsoft 2D Design to create the side panels for their cars. They have been an amazing bunch. Please ask them all about what they have learnt. The textile group are just finishing their pencil cases, this has been tricky for some but they have persevered through it. They have also learnt the added skill of sewing in a zip.

Year 8s Product Design have been making their desk lamps. They have made a fantastic effort in both the workshop for their bases and on the computers for their designs. The strip heater has been one of their new skills, learning to bend plastic without burning it. The textile groups have been finishing off their bucket hats, these are looking really good and have been useful this week with the sun, long may it continue.

Please enjoy the pictures of some of the work that the students have produced.



Cross Country

Well done to our cross-country team, who competed at Chapel Gate for the final meet of the season. Getting there at the last minute due to staffing, and returning to school a challenge due to road accidents! In between this, Toby S stormed his race to finish in first place with notable placed finishes for Erin P, 2nd, Lily K, 4th and Savannah H, 13th. The Year 6 boys team finished 5th in the team event, with Toby, Jack, and Oscar contributing points. Well done to everyone who competed.

Verwood Horticultural Spring Show - Saturday 21st March

A number of our World Book Day competition entries have been selected by the society to showcase at the Spring show this weekend at the Verwood Memorial Hall.

Why not pop along and have a look and see if yours is there among the other fantastic entries.

Exciting News

Mrs Dibben has asked us to share some personal news with you all. She is delighted to announce that she is expecting a baby later this year. I am sure you will join us in congratulating her and her husband on this exciting news.

Leavers

If your child will be leaving us at the end of this academic year (excluding year 8 leavers) please can you advise us as soon as possible. Once we have your notification that your child will be leaving it will allow us to provide any pre-admission information to their destination school.

School Uniform

Next week, we will be sending a detailed communication regarding specific uniform requirements for the upcoming term. In preparation, I ask that you please use this period to review your child's current attire. As students grow and items naturally wear out, please ensure any ill-fitting or damaged clothing is replaced before we return.

With the welcome arrival of warmer weather, we often face specific challenges regarding **skirt lengths**. We are currently spending a significant amount of school time challenging students who roll their skirts at the waist after leaving home. To help us maintain a professional learning environment and avoid unnecessary confrontations, we ask for your firm support: **skirts must finish just above the knee**.

Thank you for your cooperation and for reinforcing these expectations at home.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend in the hope that the sun will continue to shine, and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday for the final week before the Easter holidays.

Mr R Christopher

Please see following pages for further information

EMS WEEKLY BULLETIN

20th March 2026

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

DATE	EVENT
Thursday 26th March	Reports Home
Friday 27th March	Break up for Easter (finish at 3.20pm) PTFA Mufti and Cake Sale
Monday 13th April	INSET Day
Thursday 16th and Tuesday 21st April	Parents' Evenings
Wednesday 22nd April	Year 5 Heatree Info Evening (5.30-6.30pm)
Tuesday 5th - Friday 8th May	Year 5 Heatree Residential
Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SATS
Friday 15th May	PTFA Disco
Tuesday 19th May	Class Group and Year 8 Photographs
Thursday 21st May	Year 5 Treehouse Theatre - Ancient Greeks
Friday 22nd May	Break up for half term (finish at 3.20pm)
Thursday 4th June	Year 5 & 6 Parents in to view work (2.45-3.15pm)
Tuesday 9th June	KS3 Sports Day Heats (AM)
Thursday 11th June	KS2 Sports Day Heats and Potted Sports (AM)
Wednesday 17th June	Sports Day Finals (AM)
Friday 26th June	Transfer Day
Tuesday 30th June - 3rd July	Year 6 Activities Week
Tuesday 7th July	Year 8 Bournemouth University Visit
Friday 10th July	PTFA Summer Fair
Monday 13th - Friday 17th July	Year 8 Activities Week
Monday 20th July	Year 6 and 8 Awards Evening - Verwood Hub
Wednesday 22nd July	Last day of term (finish at 3.20pm)



April 2026 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

FREE ACCESS WITH SCHOOL CODE:

EV180225

Understanding Anger	6 April 10am
School Anxiety	6 April 7pm
Facing Defiance	7 April 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	7 April 7pm
Anxiety Explained	13 April 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	13 April 7pm
Introduction to OCD	14 April 10am
What is ACT?	14 April 7pm
Decreasing Depression	20 April 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	20 April 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 April 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	21 April 7pm
FREE Decreasing Depression	23 April 7-8pm
Improving Family Communication	27 April 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	27 April 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	28 April 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 April 7pm

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Visit the PARENTS page of the FACE website (facefamilyadvice.co.uk) to view the 16 regular talks for parents.

Click through the booking calendar to find a date and time that suits you.

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At the payment stage of booking, enter the code **EV180225** where it says **ADD PROMO CODE** to get access for FREE

****Note:**** Links to recordings of the talks are available for 48 hours after the session. If you cannot make a live session, book on and then email to request the recording link.

Please avoid booking the FREE sessions for parents, as these are for parents from schools that have not purchased the discount code. The code can only be used for Parent Talks and cannot be shared with parents from different schools.

Improper use can result in immediate code cancellation for the whole school.