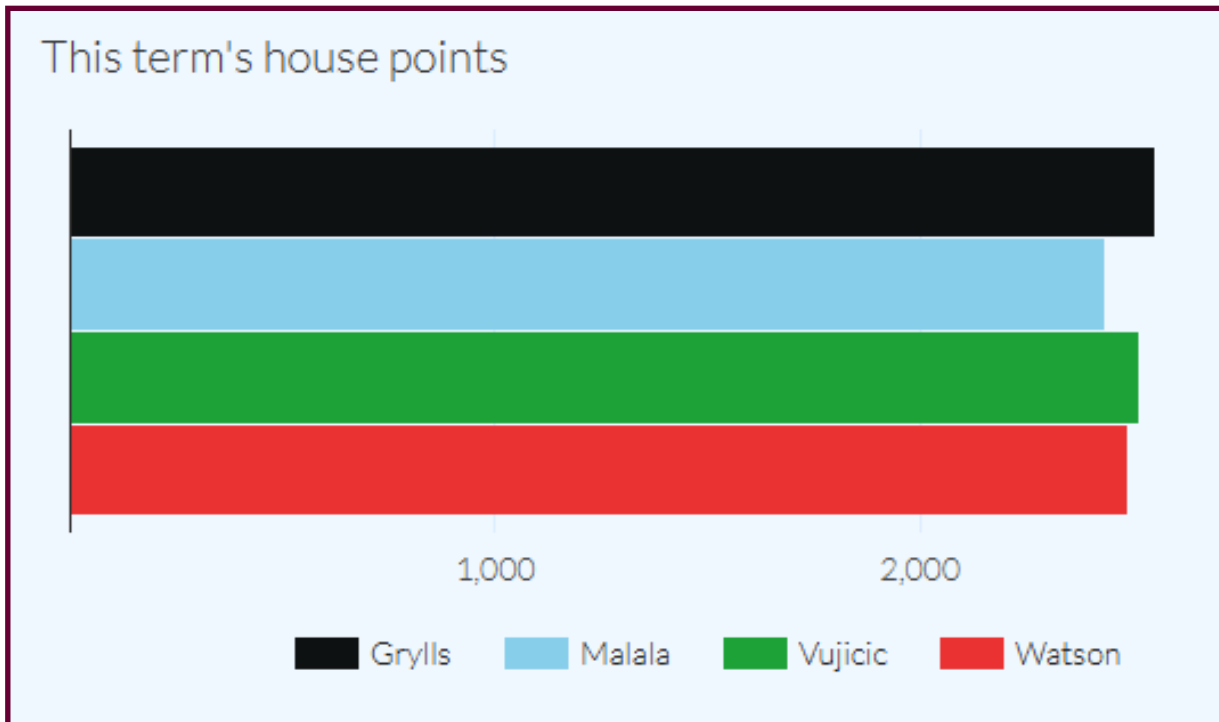


Dear Parents/Carers,

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

## House News



Well done to Grylls who are narrowly in the lead for this term's candle credits - can they keep it that way by next Friday?!

## Year 5

In French, we have been revisiting the names of nouns, including *placard*, *piscine*, *sac*; and verb phrases, *j'ai*, *il y a*, *je vois*. We have then been using these to explain where something is. *Je vois mon chien dans mon jardin*.

In PE this term, Year 5 has shown fantastic energy and growth across both pickleball and athletics. In pickleball, the students have made impressive strides in their hand-eye coordination, mastering the basics of serve with great enthusiasm. Meanwhile, on the track and field, they have been focusing on their athletic techniques, specifically focusing on improving their sprinting form and refining their precision in throwing events.

## Year 6

In Year 6 Music we have been learning about Hip-Hop this half term including learning about the origins of the culture in the South Bronx in the early 1970's. We have begun to understand how sampling of other people's music via DJing is a core component of Hip-Hop music. This also ties back into the work we did on minimalism before Easter where we studied Steve Reich and noted he was one of the first people to use sampled recordings in *It's Gonna Rain* during the mid 1960's. We will continue to build our own multitrack recordings and write (appropriate!) raps to go with our music.

In Religious Education, we are exploring what worship means to both ourselves and to people of different faiths. We are learning about how followers of Judaism worship and demonstrate their commitment to God. We are also comparing these practices with those of Christianity, as well as drawing on our wider knowledge of other religions.

## Year 7

Our Year 7 pupils have just completed a Science unit of work on atoms and elements. They began by looking at Neil Bohr's 'planetary model' of an atom. This gave our children an insight into the arrangement of an atom's positively charged core and its surrounding, negatively charged electrons. Moving on from this we explored the structure of molecules and compounds. The children conducted a series of experiments on iron, sulphur, an iron sulphur mixture and iron sulfide. They used water and hydrochloric acid to determine whether each was an element, a mixture, or a compound. Our pupils did extremely well - producing accurate observations, whilst Mr Rangdale demonstrated the iron sulfide reactions outside (in the open air) to prevent 'stinking the lab out!' Well done to all involved.

In Computing, we have begun looking at hardware components that make up a PC. We have had a chance to handle a motherboard, CPU, graphics card, memory and hard drive. Pupils have done some research to help their understanding of what each component does. As we move forward pupils will be designing a gaming PC - researching the components they need. They will have a budget to work with which means they will need to understand which components work with other components in the PC and how to decide whether a part is fit for purpose. The budget means they can't just buy the best of everything.

## Year 8

In Science, Year 8 have successfully wrapped up their exploration of Respiration and Photosynthesis. They are now transitioning from Biology to the high-energy world of Chemical Reactions. The unit kicked off with some exciting demonstrations, including the legendary 'Screaming Jelly Baby.' It's a fantastic start to a topic packed with experimental discovery.

In Maths the pupils have been covering content from across the Key Stage in readiness for the Ferndown Upper tests that took place this morning. This has been a hugely useful week for all children ensuring that previous learning is back in the forefront of their memories.

## Epraise Ice Cream Reward

Last Friday afternoon, a few lucky members of years 5, 6 and 7, accompanied Mrs Hassell and Mr Rangdale to Verwood Rec for an ice cream Epraise reward. Needless to say a lovely time was had by all involved and the groups' behaviour was impeccable. Definitely 300 Epraise points well spent!



## Art Club

Art club this term has been working alongside the Museum of East Dorset designing and making 3D dinosaurs for their May family Art trail. Pupils have been putting their designs onto hardboard ready to be exhibited in the gallery and museum during May half term.

## Bath University Netball Trip

Last Friday, some of our pupils took a trip to Bath University to watch Team Bath play a netball match against Leeds Rhinos. It was the penultimate game of the season and it was a really exciting match, with Team Bath managing to win 60-42. The children really enjoyed cheering on the players and seeing a high level game in action. They even managed to get some of their merchandise signed by the players at the end!

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

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker

**Please see the following pages for important information**

# EMS WEEKLY BULLETIN

24th April 2026

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

DATE	EVENT
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) PTFA Dress for your Dream Job Mufti Day
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)

## Verwood Cricket Club

Thank you to Verwood Cricket club for their support of our cricket club we run in school. For those who would like further cricket opportunities please see below details of the community cricket club below:



### ALL STARS CRICKET — Ages 5 to 8

All Stars Cricket is a fun, activity-based programme designed to give children their very first experience of cricket in a safe and exciting environment — while making new friends along the way!

What's included:

- ✓ Game-based sessions each week
- ✓ All skill levels welcome — no experience needed
- ✓ Player pack delivered to your door (personalised t-shirt, bat, ball & backpack)
- ✓ Sessions led by ECB-qualified, DBS-checked coaches

Cost: £50 for the full 8-week programme (kit included)



Alderholt Recreation Ground, Ringwood Road, Alderholt



Book your place here:

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/verwood/Course/3d60cdd6-8741-4464-8c43-a3075d1e2a11>



### DYNAMOS CRICKET — Ages 8 to 11

Dynamos Cricket is the perfect next step for All Stars graduates — or a brilliant standalone introduction for any 8–11 year old new to the game. Each session builds confidence and cricket skills before finishing with an exciting 60-ball countdown match!

What's included:

- ✓ Skill-focused sessions each week
- ✓ Fun match play every session
- ✓ Personalised Dynamos T-shirt
- ✓ Access to the free Dynamos Cricket App (skills videos, quizzes & The Hundred hero profiles)
- ✓ Cricket Attax trading cards

Cost: £50 for the full 8-week programme



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Book your place here:

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/verwood/Course/803ab520-7566-4b6e-86ce-227105d1e2c1>



### WHY JOIN VERWOOD CC?

- ✓ ECB qualified coaches
- ✓ Friendly, family club environment
- ✓ Pathway into junior teams for those who want to continue
- ✓ Social club and facilities for parents

New players are always welcome — spaces fill up fast, so early booking is highly recommended!



### ANY QUESTIONS?

Please don't hesitate to get in touch:

Email: [trevor.smith@verwoodcc.co.uk](mailto:trevor.smith@verwoodcc.co.uk)

Website: [verwoodcc.co.uk](http://verwoodcc.co.uk)

**VERWOOD CRICKET CLUB**

# ALL STARS & DYNAMOS CRICKET!

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**SIGN UP:**  
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**FREE ACCESS WITH SCHOOL CODE:  
EV180225**



## May 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](https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Recordings available for 48 hours



School Anxiety	4 May 10am
Understanding Anger	4 May 7pm
Facing Defiance	5 May 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	5 May 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	11 May 10am
Anxiety Explained	11 May 7pm
Introduction to OCD	12 May 10am
What is ACT?	12 May 7pm
Decreasing Depression	18 May 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	18 May 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	19 May 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 May 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 May 10am
Improving Family Communication	25 May 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	26 May 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	26 May 7pm
<b>FREE Getting a Good Nights Sleep</b>	<b>28 May 7-8pm</b>

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Visit the PARENTS page of the FACE website (<https://www.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.



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## MHST: SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH SIGNS OF ANXIETY Y6 AND UNDER

Join the Dorset Mental Health Support Team for Schools for a webinar designed for parents of young people in year 6 and below who are struggling with anxiety.

This session is available for parents/carers who are looking to understand and support their child with anxiety or worries.

The session covers theory around anxiety in young people, potential triggers and maintenance factors, and key strategies to support their child with managing worries. It also explores parental wellbeing and the importance of this when supporting their child.

Join us on

Thursday 7th May at 2pm:

<http://bit.ly/4tJuBDn>



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## MHST: SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH SIGNS OF ANXIETY Y7+

Join the Dorset Mental Health Support Team for Schools for a webinar designed for parents of young people in year 7 and above who are struggling with anxiety.

This session is available for parents/carers who are looking to understand and support their child with these anxieties or worries.

The session covers theory around anxiety in young people, potential triggers and maintenance factors, and key strategies to support their child with managing worries. It also explores parental wellbeing and the importance of this when supporting their child.

Join us on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 1pm:

<http://bit.ly/3OeCGRi>



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# MHST: SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WHEN THEIR BEHAVIOUR IS CHALLENGING

Join the Dorset Mental Health Support Team for Schools online for a webinar exploring how you as parents/carers can support your child when you are finding their behaviour challenging.

This session provides information on how to respond to children when their behaviour becomes challenging. The sessions covers the theory of behaviour as communication, the importance of play, and the power of positive praise to encourage behaviours parents would like to see more of. It includes practical tools that parents can use to support children when they are dysregulated.

Join us on May 14<sup>th</sup> 2026 at 1pm

<https://bit.ly/4cjQwd7>



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## SCOOSC

# MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

Looking for fun, safe and reliable childcare this half term?  
Join us at SCOOSC for a week full of activities,  
outdoor play and time with friends.

### May Half Term Opening

- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

### Prices

- 8am to 3pm – £25
- 8am to 6pm – £35

### Dates

- Monday to Thursday  
8am to 3pm or 8am–6pm
- Friday 8am–3pm only

### Payment Options

- ✓ Card payments
- ✓ Tax-Free Childcare
- ✓ Childcare Vouchers
- ✓ Universal Credit support (where eligible)



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Ages 4–11

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