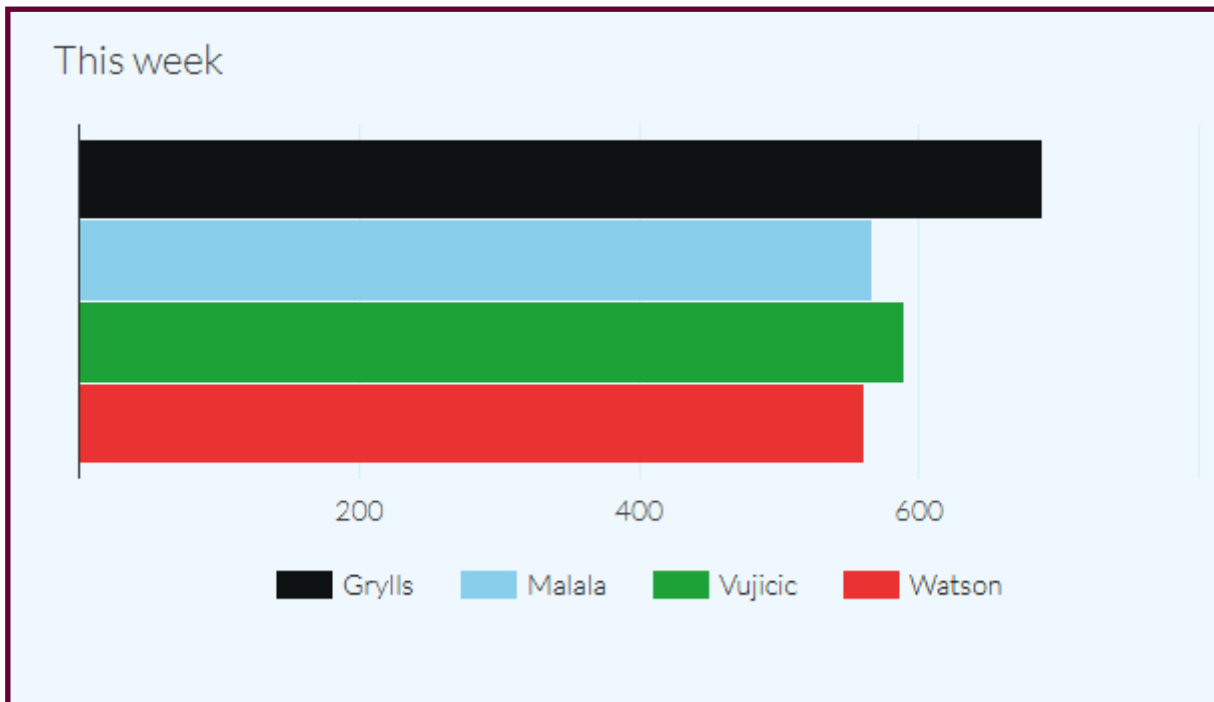


Dear Parents/Carers,

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

## House News



Well done to Grylls for another strong week - they are now beginning to stretch their lead over Watson at the top of the year long standings.

## Medication in School Reminder

With the exception of reliever inhalers for asthma, which pupils may keep with them, medicines must not be brought into school. In exceptional circumstances, where medication is necessary during the school day, parents/carers must complete a consent form for administration of such medicines and this, together with the medication in its original box/bottle, must be handed into the school office. Forms are available from the school office and the school website (Parents tab - Forms) explaining clearly the procedures to be followed. Staff are unable to administer aspirin or medicines containing ibuprofen unless they are prescribed by a doctor.

## Year 5

In Year 5 Science, we have been investigating how different surfaces affect friction as well as how object shape relates to water resistance as part of our forces topic. The children have been doing lots of practicals and will shortly be moving on to look at levers, pulleys and gears.

In Music we are exploring the chromatic scale on the keyboard (this means playing every note on the keyboard, black and white, in sequence going up and down). We have been learning to use the proper finger patterns for this - this is exactly the same pattern a concert pianist would use. We are then applying this scale to playing 'House on Horror Hill' which is a composition that uses this scale. Pupils then get to be creative as they use this as a basis for their own piece of music.

## Year 6

In PE, Year 6 have been developing their skills through both pickleball and athletics. In pickleball, pupils have focused on improving their hand-eye coordination, control, and teamwork while learning the rules and strategies of the game. In athletics, they have worked on a range of track and field events, building their speed, stamina, and technique in activities such as running, jumping, and throwing. Overall, pupils have shown great enthusiasm and determination, supporting one another and striving to improve their personal performance.

## Year 7

In French we have been continuing our learning describing our daily routines. This week we have been focusing on listening and reading skills as well as telling the time.

We are delving into the world of music technology in our Music lessons this half term. We have a set of iPads that we hire from Dorset Music Service where we can use Garageband to create electronic multi tracked music. We have been learning about using smart instruments to create drum / bass and guitar patterns based on chord sequences the pupils have chosen. We have also used the software to begin learning a little about mixing audio as pupils make creative decisions on how prominent different elements of their music should be in their creations.

## Year 8

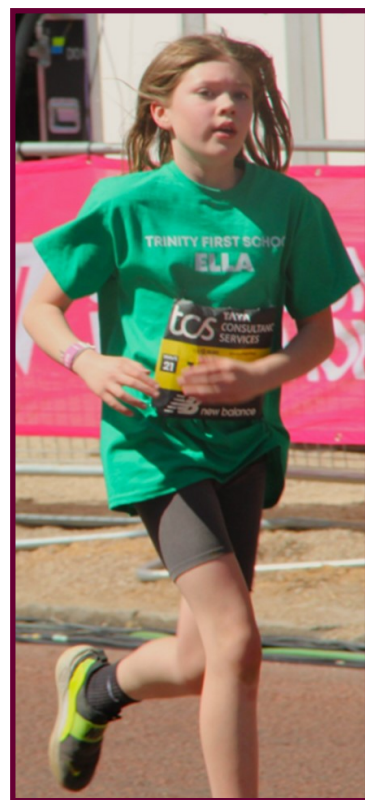
In History, Y8 are continuing their study of the British Empire and are developing their skills in historical interpretation but investigating how and why the empire can be experienced and interpreted in different ways. They have recently completed their work on stolen treasure and completed some persuasive writing explaining whether they believe these artefacts should remain in Britain or be returned to their countries of origin. This is an engaging piece of work and pupils are keen to express their views, whilst also developing their ability to appreciate the other points of view.

In RE, the pupils are beginning their investigation of the morality surrounding warfare and exploring their own beliefs regarding this issue and if, or when, it is right to fight. Whilst hugely relevant in the current world climate, this unit is also great preparation for Y9 as, regardless of which upper school they join, our pupils will all be beginning their studies of GCSE Ethics/RE in September. A large component of this GCSE course is understanding different attitudes, opinions and views on a range of moral issues and considering what various religions teach regarding these issues.

## Sporting News

On Thursday, a group of Year 7 and 8 Girls represented the school at a KS3 football tournament held at The County Ground in Hamworthy. They played with great determination, desire and with some excellent skills on show. Throughout the day they only conceded 2 goals and managed to come 4th. Well done!

Last weekend was of course the London marathon - a huge well done to Ella R, Lorenna K and Savanna H for running in and completing the London Mini Marathon on the Saturday. This is a great achievement showing huge determination.



## Rewards

On Thursday afternoon 10 students spent the afternoon in Costa having a drink and a chat with their friends as a reward from the epraise shop. All of them had a fantastic time chilling for the afternoon.

We are incredibly proud of the **11 students** who took part in our reward cycling trip today, conquering a fantastic **22 km route** through Potterne and Moors Valley. The group demonstrated impressive physical stamina, but more importantly, they were outstanding ambassadors for our school. They navigated the trails with skill, showed genuine politeness when interacting with members of the community, and stayed upbeat by constantly encouraging one another through the tougher stretches. It was a joy to see such great sportsmanship and teamwork in action—**well done to all our riders!**



All that is left is to wish you all a great bank holiday weekend, we look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday morning - let's hope the forecast improves!

Mr Rob Christopher & Mr Alister Barker

# EMS WEEKLY BULLETIN

1st May 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)



## Girlguiding

3rd Verwood  
Guides & Rangers

**TUESDAYS**  
VERWOOD GUIDE HALL  
7 - 8:45PM

# JOIN OUR GUIDE UNIT

Are you ready for fun, friendship and adventure?  
Come and be part of our Guide unit!



- ✦ Try new activities
- ✦ Make new friends
- ✦ Go on trips & adventures
- ✦ Learn new skills
- ✦ Build confidence

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