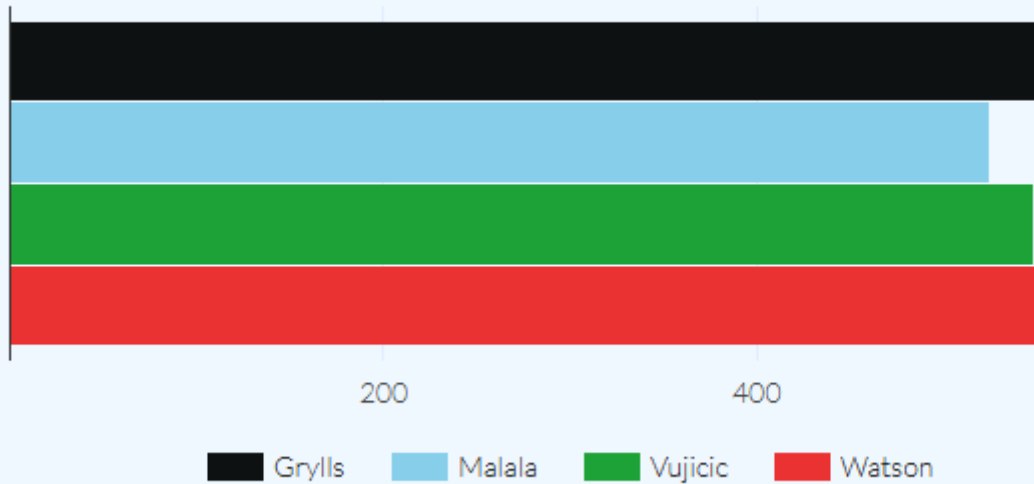


Dear Parents/Carers,

House News

This week



It has been incredibly close at the top this week - so much so that Grylls and Watson are joint top! Vujcic are only 4 candle credits behind. Well done to everyone who has contributed so well to these totals.

Year 5

The children have had a lovely week away this week at Heatree! It was a bit colder than expected but the children all got stuck in with every activity and didn't let it bother them! All groups had a fab time on the moor and enjoyed splashing around in the stream during low adventure! The resident peacock also made an appearance on Thursday and was enjoyed by all children and staff!

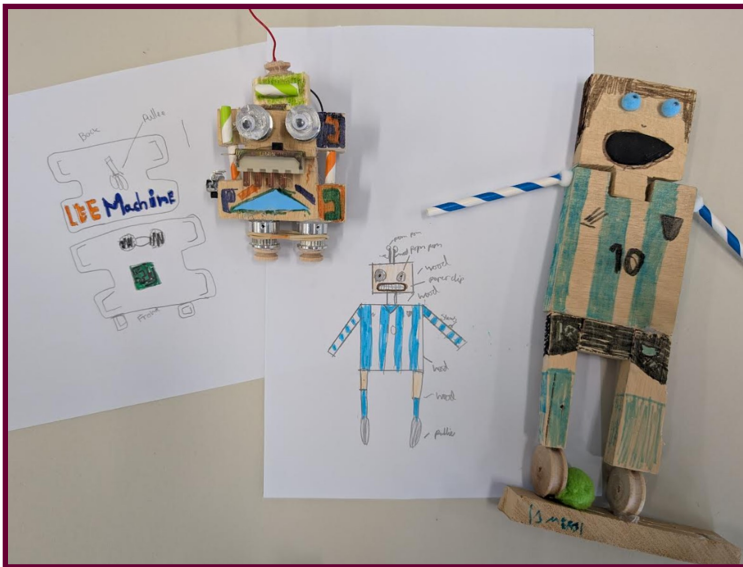


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Year 5 students staying at school this week had a great time building their own robots in a one-off Product Design lesson. The children used old pieces of wood and metal parts to design and put together these fun characters. It was a brilliant chance for them to practice their building skills and show off their fantastic imaginations.



On Wednesday morning the Year 5s enjoyed a French Café where they had the opportunity to try a range of French foods including cheeses, paté, croissants, pain au chocolat and chocolate eclairs!

They also took part in a treasure hunt activity learning about traditional French dishes.



Year 6

A message from Mr Humphries - Head of Year 6:

The time has come - SATs week. A huge thank you for all your support so far getting your children ready, and good luck to each and every one of them. They have all tried exceedingly hard, and now all they can do is their best. Please try to ensure all children are in to take the tests - it really does make everything so much better for us all. If they are feeling a bit under the weather, they can come in and do the tests, then see how they are. It's normal to be nervous, we have had a chat around this today, and hopefully alleviated some worries. They are able to get to school from 8:20 next week, to chat with their friends, see staff, ask questions etc - it all helps.

Thanks again, and have a good weekend. The Year 6 team.

Here is the amended timetable for Year 6 for next week:

11th - 14th May 2026 SATS				
	Monday 11th	Tuesday 12th	Wednesday 13th	Thursday 14th
Lesson 1	GPS PAPER Paper 1 (45mins) start by 09:40am 11 minutes extra time	READING PAPER (1 hour) start by 9:25am 15 minutes extra time	MATHS PAPER Paper 1 Arithmetic (30 minutes) start by 09:25 7 minutes extra time	MATHS PAPER Paper 3 Reasoning (40 minutes) start by 9:40am 10 minutes extra time
Lesson 2			Early break - 10:15 - 10:35	
Break	Break - 10:50-11:10	Break - 10:50-11:10	MATHS PAPER Paper 2 Reasoning (40 minutes) start by 11:00 10 minutes extra time	Break - 10:50-11:10
Lesson 3	Spelling PAPER Paper 1 (25mins) start by 11:35am	<i>Normal lesson</i>	Breaktime change for all	<i>Normal lesson</i>
Lesson 4	<i>Normal lesson (Maths low stakes)</i>	<i>Normal lesson</i>	<i>Normal lesson (Maths - Low stakes)</i>	<i>Normal lesson</i>
Lunch/ pm reg				
Lesson 5	<i>Normal lesson (Eng low stakes)</i>	<i>Normal lesson</i>	<i>Normal lesson (Maths not Eng)</i>	<i>Normal lesson</i>
Tutor time L6		Maths L6 with teachers		

KS2 Accelerated Reader

Here are the current headlines for the last month. Mr Brenton will be announcing the winners of the MUFTI prize at the end of term.

Year 5

This is a three-way tie at the moment between 5DG, 5BH and 5CD. There is very little daylight between them.

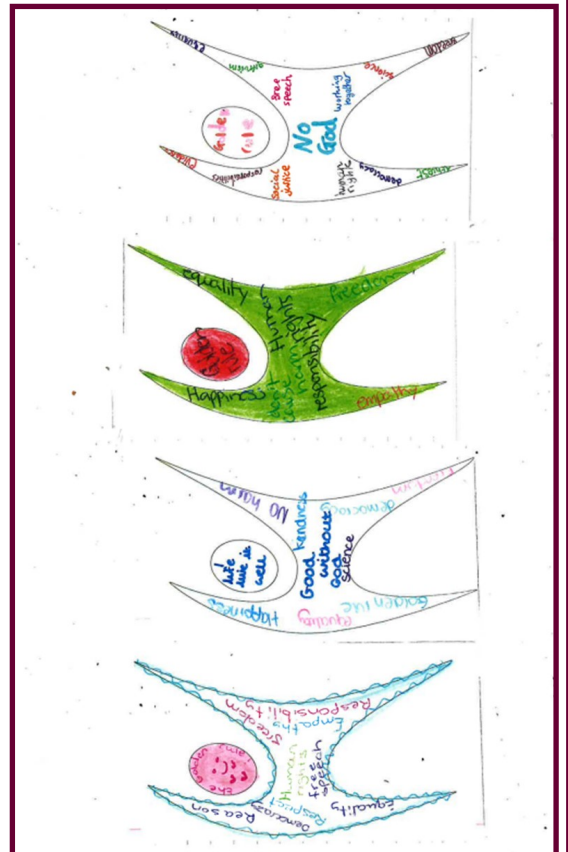
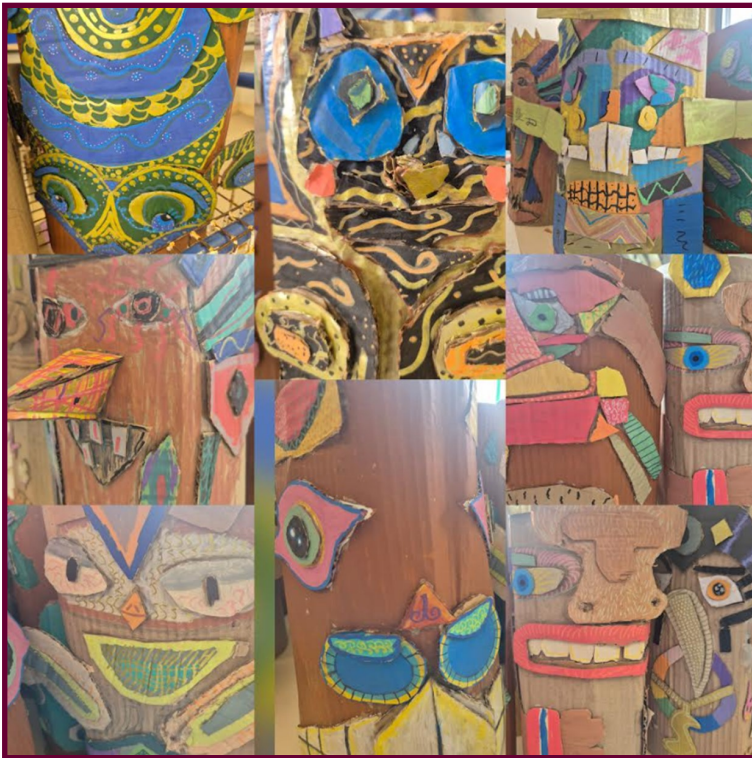
Year 6

6FW have taken a massive early lead. Is it even possible to overhaul it? Will 6JB finally lose their crown?

Year 7

In Geography in recent weeks Year 7 have been studying rivers and their link to flooding. This is a critical unit of work for their generation as one of the main consequences of climate change in the UK is the increased risk of flooding. Understanding how river systems work, their role within the water cycle, what causes flooding and how we can respond to it in a way that lessens the impact on our daily lives will become increasingly important as the century progresses. This unit also underpins work done on weather and climate in Year 8 as well as units at GCSE level in both upper schools.

In RE, Year 7 are beginning their study of a non religious worldview. We follow the Dorset Locally Agreed Syllabus which puts great emphasis on understanding a variety of world faiths and views, alongside Christianity. Humanism is a growing non religious worldview in the UK and this unit has proved to be very popular in previous years. It allows pupils to explore what it means to be a humanist and what shapes their morality and sense of right and wrong when religion is not used as a guide. Opposite are some examples of 'Happy Humans' produced by 7RDF. The Happy Human is the symbol of humanism and pupils have filled theirs with words and phrases which describe what it means to be a humanist.



Year 7 Art - the 3D totem poles are nearly finished! Pupils have chosen their favourite Spirit Animal from Native American Totem Pole folklore and created 3D cardboard sculptures.

More images of what has been created in the Art Room are on the school Art Instagram account @emmanuelmiddleschoolart

Year 8

In Music we have been studying Pachelbel's Canon in D. We have been looking at how this composition from the late 1600's has influenced pop music. We have listened to several songs based on it, Memories by Maroon 5 uses both the chord sequence and a shortened version of the melody line. We also listened to other songs based on the sequence - including the Pet Shop Boys 'Go West' (they found the video for this quite amusing), Coolio's 'C U When U get there' and the Farm's 'All Together Now'. We also listened to Oasis' 'Don't Look Back in Anger' which uses a shortened version of the same chord sequence. We have then learned to play the bass and chord sequence, begun learning to play the melody line used in Memories and are moving onto making our own variations of the melody.

In Year 8 Computing we have begun a video project that will see us through until the end of term. Pupils will be working toward making a promotional video. This includes learning about using video editing software, planning for an audience and storyboarding a film. Pupils will then film their footage 'on location' in school and will then edit the footage together with adding voiceovers, music and text.

KS3 Sparx Reader:

Here are the current highest SRP earners for this term - these will count towards the mufti day being announced later in the term. Well done to the following for currently sitting at the top of the leaderboard.

Year 7:

1. Zara P
2. Tobi M
3. Olivia M
4. Millie P
5. Dylan H
6. Ellie F
7. Jack H
8. Ava G
9. Oliver N
10. Amelia T

Year 8:

1. Lana M
2. Lucas O
3. Henry J
4. Reilly B
5. Alexia S
6. Sophie S
7. Denys L
8. Teddy P
9. Max T
10. Dineth G

Sporting News

On Friday afternoon, we took a small group of selected pupils to participate in a ten pin bowling event at the Hollywood Bowl at Tower Park in Poole. We entered two teams, who competed both against each other and against other schools in the area.

Emmanuel performed exceptionally well, and one of our teams finished third out of sixteen.

Hetty also earned the third highest score of the afternoon and was awarded a certificate.

All pupils represented the school brilliantly and had a fantastic time.



All that is left is to wish you all a great weekend - and the very best of luck to Year 6 next week. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday morning.

Mr Rob Christopher & Mr Alister Barker.

Please see further information on the following pages.

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

DATE	EVENT
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)

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to invite you to attend an upcoming online webinar for parents and carers of children aged 10–18, focusing on knife crime awareness and prevention.

We understand that knife crime is a topic that can cause concern for families. The purpose of this session is to provide reassurance, share accurate information, and help you feel confident in supporting your child.

During the webinar, representatives from our local policing team will:

- Provide up-to-date information showing that knife crime levels in our area remain low
- Explain what local police are doing to prevent knife crime and keep young people safe
- Offer practical advice on signs to look out for if you are worried about your child
- Share guidance on what to do and who to contact if you have concerns
- Answer questions from parents in a supportive and informative environment

This session is designed to be informative, reassuring, and helpful, whether you currently have concerns or simply want to stay informed.

Webinar Details:

Date: 20th May 2026

Time: 19:00-20:00

Joining instructions: Online (joining details will be provided after registration)

If you would like to attend, please register using the link below:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/70e6d64d-b00a-43f1-be1f-3b65e8835ff8@4515d0c5-b418-4cfa-9741-222da68a18d7>

We strongly encourage parents and carers to take advantage of this opportunity to hear directly from local police and to ask any questions you may have.

If you have any questions about the webinar, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support in helping keep our young people safe.

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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

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
FREE Getting a Good Nights Sleep	28 May 7-8pm

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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SATURDAY 23rd MAY
2pm to 4pm

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Local Produce and Craft Stalls, Games and Entertainments,
Maypole Dancing, Folk Orchestra, Donkeys, Classic Cars,
Afternoon Teas, Ice Cream, Pimms

Admission: adults £5, children £1
Ticket price includes entrance to Cranborne Manor Gardens

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