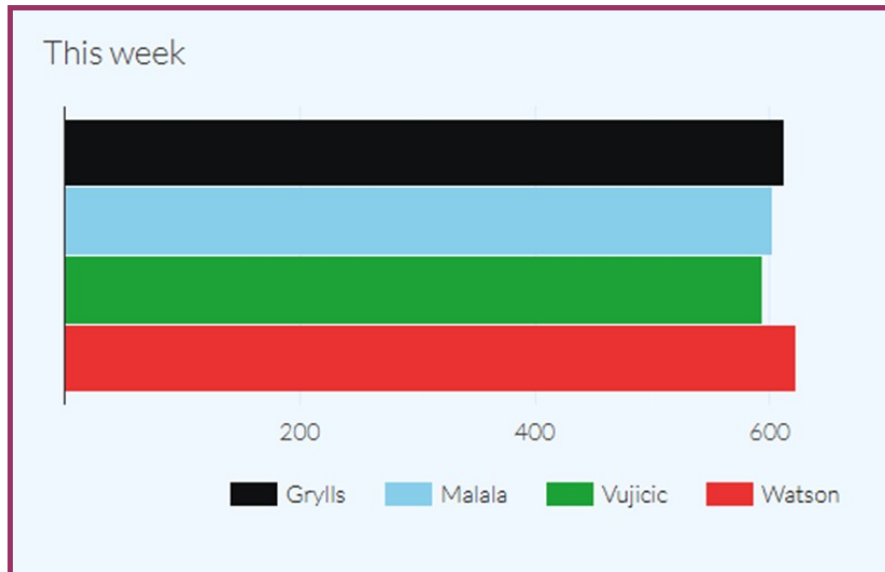


Good afternoon and welcome to this week's parent bulletin.

## House news:



Well done to Watson for winning the week this week - and also to Malala for an improved performance over the past 7 days.

## Year 5:

This term, Year 5 have been reading 'Who Let the Gods out?' by Maz Evans. So far they have written a letter of complaint to the 'Zodiac Council' and they are now working towards writing a non-chronological report on the Greek gods and goddesses. They have been working hard to include the various grammar focuses such as conjunctions and dashes for parenthesis and have come up with some very creative pieces of writing!

This week, Year 5's are starting to successfully wrap up our statistics unit, where the children have worked hard on constructing and interpreting line graphs, analysing data tables, and navigating real-world bus and train timetables. It has been fantastic to see them apply their mathematical thinking to everyday scenarios! As we move forward, our focus will shift to converting units. Over the coming weeks, we will be exploring the relationships between metric measures of length, mass, and capacity.

## Year 6:

Well done to the whole of Year 6 who have now completed their SATs! As well as a big thank you to all parents, carers and helpers who have come in and made this week run as smoothly as possible - we couldn't have done it without you.

Our next step, beginning next week, is to move into writing groups in English, and a big push on our writing skills and extended pieces before the writing assessment deadline towards the end of June. Normal service continues, as it has all year, across other subjects as we ensure the pupils are ready for KS3.

## Year 7:

It's been a fun practical week in DT this week for the Year 7's. The Food students have been making bread putting the theory of yeast, that they have been learning about, into practice. The

smell filling the corridor has been making us all hungry.

In Textiles the students have started to make their soft toys by cutting out the pattern pieces. They have been working on their cutting skills and making sure all pieces are cut out with precision. They have realised that this takes longer than they thought!

Finally in Product Design the students have been given their final piece of pine to cut out the framework for their CAM toy. They have worked hard on their measure, mark and cutting skills, making sure pieces are the same length so when they stand up they are straight, as they don't want wonky frames! They are then going to start cutting finger joints to connect the frame together.

## Year 8:

A new term and a new genre beckons for our Year 8 students. Agatha Christie kicks off our investigations into a new topic: 'Murder Mystery', which will encourage Year 8 students to read between the lines as they study a range of short stories. The children will learn how vocabulary, settings and characters are chosen to create different atmospheres and ideas in texts, and how they can use the same techniques to create a sense of suspense in their own writing. We are also encouraging Year 8 to delve into the genre as part of their homework and reading for pleasure, and you will find that reading homework now incorporates some set texts to support this.

Pastry chefs around the world will be quaking in their boots after taking a look at the wonderful Danish Pastries created by our Year 8 this week. They methodically made their own Puff Pastry a few weeks ago for it to be transformed into these tasty delights! Their final quarter will rest in the freezer until we pop it on top of our delicious Chicken Pot Pie after half-term.



## Sporting news:



Congratulations to Logan K, Toby S and Oscar E who took part in the Restless Development triathlon last weekend. They came 2nd overall in the 5/6 year group by just 3 seconds.



We also had Year 5's in this event which consisted of a 50m swimming race, 1km (hilly) bike ride, and 750m run. Well done to Max (5EHR), Ethan (5EHR), Hugo (5BH), Toby L (5EHR), who completed the triathlon in 37 minutes. In addition a team of Jack S (5EHR), Marlow (5EHR), Joshua HJ (5DG), Joshua D (5DG), Alex (5DG), Tommy L (5DG) and Leo C (5EHR) completed it in 32 mins. This is a fantastic achievement by all who took part.

I should finish by reiterating how proud we are of our Year 6 pupils for their efforts this week - they have built to this for the past four years since leaving Year 2. They have worked very hard and will deserve the results they get when they are released close to the end of the Summer term.

We wish you all a great weekend and look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday morning.

Mr Rob Christopher & Mr Alister Barker.

# EMS WEEKLY BULLETIN

15th May 2026

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

DATE	EVENT
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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## Short Breaks Services

### Coping with CHAOS

School holiday and weekend sessions for children with disabilities and their family. Siblings are welcome and a parent/carer is required to stay and maintain full responsibility.

### Project My Time

School holiday sessions for children between the ages of 8 - 18 years old with a registered disability. Parents/carers are not required to stay as our team provide 1:1 support.

### Awesome Nights

A weekly youth club for young people between the ages of 13 - 18 years old with a registered disability. Parents/carers are not required to stay as our team provide the care.

### STARS

A sibling support group for children between the ages of 6 - 18 years old who have a sibling with a disability. Time for them to make friends and experience activities. Parents/carers are not required to stay as our team provide the care.

### Family Support

Regular parent/carer only events. Activities include coffee mornings, wellbeing groups and parent training sessions. Events take place twice a month, booking is required.

### Little Squirrels

Weekly group on a Monday (term time only) for children under 5 years with SEN or those awaiting a diagnosis. Siblings are welcome to attend. A parent/carer must be present at all times.

### Just Drop In

Weekly group on a Tuesday (term time only) perfect for home education children, mentor sessions, and all children with additional needs. A parent/carer must be present at all times.

### Feel-Good Fridays

Weekly group on a Friday (term time only) for adults who are 18+ with SEN who want to have a safe place to go to socialise with peers and enjoy activities. A parent/carer must be present.

### PMLD Club

School holiday and weekend sessions exclusively to children who have Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities. Siblings are welcome. A parent/carer must be present at all times.

### SEN Club Nights

Limitless - Adults with SEN aged 18+ years. Events held monthly at Bar Coast Bournemouth.

**Please scroll down for more info about Chaos, Project, Awesome Nights and STARS!**



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## Coping with CHAOS

### What is Coping with CHAOS?

We provide activities for children and young people with complex, profound and multiple learning disabilities and challenging behaviour, who cannot easily access other resources and play schemes.

Coping with CHAOS is a service which you as a family attend, siblings are welcome and a parent/carer is required to stay and maintain full responsibility.

During school holidays we organise activities out and about in the community, as well as at our bases at The Treehouse (Christchurch), Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre and Wyvern Academy.

You can also request a 1:1 member of staff to support your family during sessions.

We also provide weekend sessions at our base in Christchurch, The Treehouse. These alternate between Saturday's and Sundays, 10am - 2:30pm. There is access to the sensory room, cinema room and gaming room, as well as indoor soft play area, outside play park, mini golf, outside water play and enclosed trampolines.

### How can I register my family?

Children need a registered disability or to be on the SEN pathway. Please email us at [shortbreaks@diverseabilities.org.uk](mailto:shortbreaks@diverseabilities.org.uk) and we can send across the registration information.

School  
Holidays  
&  
Weekends

Children with  
SEN and  
their siblings

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Ages  
0 - 18  
years



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## Project My Time

### What is Project My Time?

Project My Time is for children between the ages of 8 and 18 years old, with a registered disability. We provide school holiday activities for children and young people and the idea is for them to have fun and experience new things which they may not usually have the chance to access.

It is a drop off service therefore parents/carers do not need to stay as our team provide 1:1 support.

There are sessions every school holiday week and sessions are generally three hours long, depending on the activity.

### What do you get up to at sessions?

The group meet during school holidays at venues all across Dorset, and do loads of really fun activities. We have a main base called The Treehouse in Christchurch where there is access to lots of facilities such as a sensory room, cinema room and gaming room, as well as an indoor soft play area and much more. These sessions have a theme such as baking, crafts, disco's etc. We also meet out and about in the community doing activities such as swimming, cinema trips, pottery painting, and even theme park trips!

### How can I register my child?

Children need a registered disability to sign up for this service. Please email us at [shortbreaks@diverseabilities.org.uk](mailto:shortbreaks@diverseabilities.org.uk) and we can send across the registration information.

**School  
Holidays**

**Ages  
8 - 18  
years**

**Young  
people  
with  
SEN**



## Awesome Nights

### What is Awesome Nights?

Awesome Nights is a weekly youth club for young people between the ages of 13 and 18 years old with Special Education Needs and Disabilities.

The aim of Awesome Nights is for young people to grow independently away from their families, giving them time to become their own person and to socialise in a fun environment with their peers. It is also a time for parents to gain some respite and a well needed break!

The group have planning meetings where the young people can have an input in to what activities they would like to do each timetable. The types of activities range from out and about activities such as swimming, cinema trips, meals out etc, to sessions at our main base, The Treehouse (Christchurch), such as movie nights, quizzes, baking and much more.

### How can I register my young person?

Young people need a registered disability to sign up for this service. Sessions are usually funded via Direct Payments or privately funded. Please email us at [shortbreaks@diverseabilities.org.uk](mailto:shortbreaks@diverseabilities.org.uk) and we can send across more information.

Wednesday  
evenings

Weekly  
Sessions

Young people  
with disabilities  
aged 13 - 18  
years old



## STARs

### What is STARs?

STARs is a sibling support group for children and young people who have a sibling with a disability. There is a big gap in provision for siblings, which is why we launched STARs - to help these Supportive, Thoughtful And Resilient children and young people.

We provide sessions for young people to get involved with and to have a space to make friends and experience activities which may not usually be available to them due to their family situation, all whilst providing an environment of support and advice.

It's important we provide opportunities to help them realize they are not alone, hopefully giving them a support network which will last far longer than however long they wish to attend our sessions, because being a sibling never ends.

### How can I register my child?

Children are required to have a sibling with a disability and no disability themselves to attend STARs.

Please email us at [shortbreaks@diverseabilities.org.uk](mailto:shortbreaks@diverseabilities.org.uk) if you would like to sign up your young person.

**Mondays**

Term Time Only

**Youngers:  
(Under 12s)  
4:30pm-6:30pm**

**Olders:  
(Over 12s)  
6pm-8pm**

**Location:  
The  
Treehouse  
BH23 6DT**