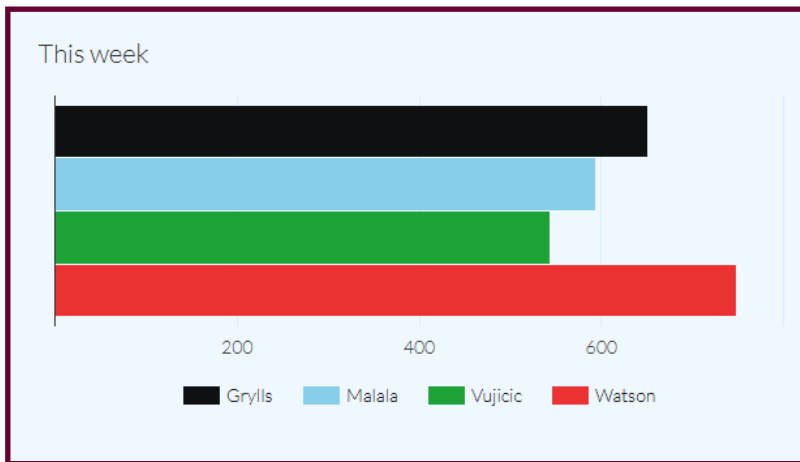


Dear Parents/Carers,

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

## House News



Big week for Watson - after languishing fourth in the term long totals they have comfortably outperformed the other houses this week - a great effort.

## Sports Day: A Huge Thank You and Apologies! Change of timings for Finals Day

First, a massive thank you for your patience and understanding with the "on/off" situation caused by the unpredictable weather this week. We know how tricky it can be to plan around, and we truly appreciate your flexibility.

Looking ahead to next week, it looks like we are facing the opposite challenge: **high sun exposure**. To ensure the children stay safe, comfortable, and healthy, we will be adapting our plans to reduce their overall time in the sunshine and carefully manage when they exert themselves. The adaptations are:

- During KS2 Potted Sports (Monday) we are adding an additional shade break.
- During KS2 Heats (Monday) the house pens will be set up in the shade under the trees
- For finals day - Wednesday 24th June - there is a time change to use the cooler part of the day. **This event will now run from 0900 - 1130**. As this is 90 mins earlier than the original plan all the events will be 1hr 30 mins earlier than the timetable that has been previously communicated.
- Shade breaks will be scheduled in.
- Wednesday - a new timetable will be issued on Monday morning

**To confirm - Wednesday 24th June - Sports Day finals - now 0900 - 1130.**

### **Essentials Checklist:**

**Sun Hat:** To protect faces and heads.

**Water Bottle:** Fully named, so they can stay hydrated throughout the day.

**Suncream:** Please apply a generous layer of high-factor suncream to your child before they come to school.

**SPF/UV Top:** If you have one available, we highly recommend that they wear this for extra protection.

**Good News!** The PTFA will be on-site throughout the events with plenty of refreshments available for everyone.

Fingers crossed for two successful, sun-safe, and fun-filled days!

## Amber weather warning - uniform adjustments

An Amber Heat Health Alert is in effect for Verwood from the UK Health Security Agency, lasting until the evening of Tuesday, June 23. Temperatures are forecast to peak between 29° C and 32° C, with the hottest days expected on Sunday and Monday. Once in school, children will be encouraged to take off ties, untuck shirts, and not wear jumpers. They will dress to come home to ensure they have all their uniform.

## Important Notice: Bike & Cycle Safety

This week, we received three separate reports of children cycling without looking or checking for other road users, as well as riding in a manner that makes it difficult and unsafe for vehicles to pass.

As a school, we want to ensure every child gets to and from school safely. We continue speaking to the children this week through classroom reminders and collective worship to reinforce the rules of the road.

### **How you can help at home:**

- **Remind them to look:** Emphasise the importance of checking blind spots (looking over their shoulder) before pulling out or turning.
- **Ride single file:** Remind children to ride in a safe, predictable line when cars are trying to pass, rather than riding side-by-side.
- **Stay aware:** Encourage them to keep their ears open and avoid distractions while cycling.

Thank you so much for your continued partnership in keeping our children - and our community - safe.

## Transfer Day Friday 26th June 2026

We wish to highlight to you an important day in the school calendar for our pupils. **Friday 26th June** is transfer day. Please support your child in preparing them for a different day at school with new peers and staff and the chance to make a good first impression.

For children transferring within Emmanuel, please encourage them to bring home their pencil case, reading book and water bottle on Thursday 25th in order to have it in their bag for Friday morning. As well as a pair of trainers for the possibility of a sporting activity.

Attendance on transfer day is incredibly important as it conquers 'the fear of the unknown'. We hope that by walking the corridors, seeing the classrooms, and learning about their new setting, while the stakes are low, completely strips away any first-day worries for September. It also helps to build an immediate sense of belonging in their new tutor group and starts the important connection with their next tutor. Transfer day is a dress rehearsal; learning how to navigate the new year group area and expectations without the pressure of a full academic load.

The process of creating new classes is complex and takes a lot of planning and time, as referred to in the information that we sent out previously for Year 6 and 7, where you could have some input into your child's friendship choices for their next class. All children will have at least one friend that they have chosen in their new class and hopefully they can feel rest assured of this ready for Friday. All children will come in as normal on Friday and head to the sports cage, unless they go to Meet & Greet. Current Year 5, will then need to line up in their current Year 5 classes on the Year 6 playground and Year 6 staff will collect them from there.

Current Year 6 and Year 7 will line up in the sports cage in their current tutor groups and Year 7 and Year 8 staff will inform them of their new tutor group before heading into their new classroom.

Please note that if your child does not have a transfer day on Friday in their new school, that we will provide them with some alternative activities and they should come into school as they usually do and stand with their current year group first thing in the morning. They can then go to room 18, which will be their base for the day. We hope that everyone has a memorable day and look forward to seeing them all on Friday in their new year groups.

## Year 5

In Year 5 Science the children have been learning about Earth and Space for their penultimate topic. They have been looking at the solar system, the moon and its phases, as well as why we have night and day. Following this they will be starting a new topic on animals including humans.

In French, we have been learning about the types of shops and places we might visit in France. We have learned about the different types of butchers and why we might not visit both! We are beginning to learn about asking for and giving directions to these different places.

In Art this week they have been painting their graphic transfer portraits using a complementary colour scheme. They have been looking at Colour Theory and experimenting with colour combinations using watercolours.



## Year 6

In PE, Year 6 have been working incredibly hard over the last few weeks, putting 100% effort into preparing for the upcoming Sports Day next week! They have been busy refining their skills in various track and field events, from sprinting and relays to throwing and jumping. Alongside their individual athletics, they've also been practicing a fantastic range of team games for their potted sports, showing brilliant teamwork, cooperation, and sportsmanship.

English lessons have seen our pupils continuing to work tirelessly as the KS2 writing deadline approaches. This is the equivalent of SATs for writing but the assessment grades are taken from a portfolio of their work rather than a one off test. The writing the children have produced is of a fantastic quality - well done.

### KS2 Accelerated Reader headlines:

Year 5: 5BH have now pulled ahead of 5CD and 5DG. Can they sustain this momentum?

Year 6: 6FW still have a seemingly insurmountable lead. They are being chased by 6JB, but is it too late?

## Year 7

In French this week the children have been working hard on the topic of describing their everyday routines and those of other people, ready for an assessment of their learning. The children have learnt key vocabulary such as I wake up, he gets up, she brushes her teeth, he goes to school and at what time. As well as reading comprehension and extended writing using these phrases, the children have also been translating from French to English and English to French.

In food technology, Year 7 worked quickly and thought on their feet to create a new recipe during their unscheduled practical lesson due to the postponed sports morning. Ready, steady cook with a small ingredients list, they made vegetable soup, tortilla pizza and a large vegetable filled pie, that's lunch sorted! Well done chefs!



## Year 8

In music this half term we are exploring EDM (electronic dance music). We are focusing at the moment on House music and have been learning about drum machine patterns used for this style of music and syncopated electronic bass lines. We have hired iPads from Dorset Music Service and are using Garageband to create our own pieces of house music.

Our computing video project is continuing from the last half term. We have learned about how films are edited together, how a video is developed for a specific audience. We have listed the shots that we want to gather and storyboarded what our finished videos will contain. We have learned how to use video editing software (Google Vids) to assemble different clips together, editing the clips, changing the soundtrack and transitioning between one shot and the next. The next stage is to do a 'location shoot' to capture the videos required to edit together a final piece.

## Reward Afternoons

On Tuesday, some students enjoyed their Hama beads Epraise reward afternoon. We saw some great creativity and use of imagination which included dainty flowers, a dinosaur, unicorns and stars amongst many others. It was lovely to see the group supporting each other and praising each other's designs.



All that is left is to wish you all a great weekend - hope you enjoy the return of the sun! We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday morning.

Mr Rob Christopher & Mr Alister Barker

# EMS WEEKLY BULLETIN

19th June 2026

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

DATE	EVENT
Monday 22nd June	Sports Day KS2 Potted Sports & Heats (AM)
Monday 22nd June	Year 8 Group Photograph (rescheduled)
Wednesday 24th June	Sports Day Final 9.00am to 11.30am
Friday 26th June	Transfer Day
Tuesday 30th June - 3rd July	Year 6 Activities Week
Monday 6th July	PTFA House Tombola Mufti Day
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)



# Schools out!

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Arts

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This summer, get ready for days packed with fun, laughter and unforgettable experiences! Join us at our holiday clubs, action-packed activities and fantastic fun days – there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Help with costs is available for eligible families. Visit Holiday activities and food (HAF) programme - Dorset Council to find out more.

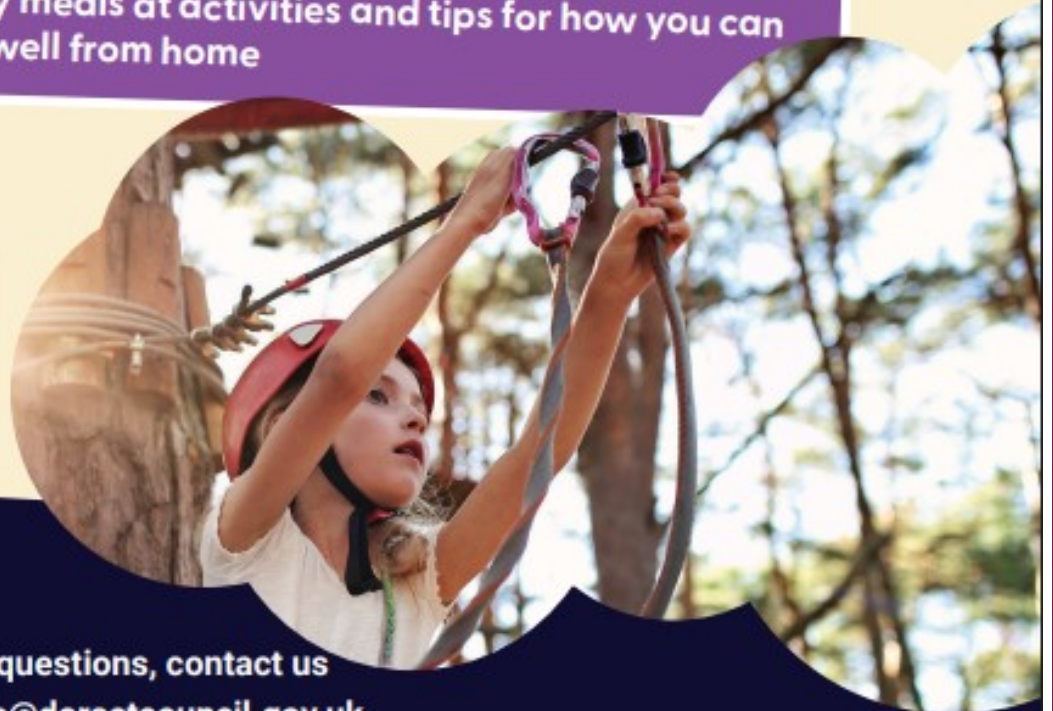
**During Schools out  
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