

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

PE kit is an option for the week

As temperatures are forecast to rise throughout the week, all pupils have the option to wear EMS PE kit next week. Those who choose to come in uniform will be encouraged to remove their tie and jumper.

Hand fans are encouraged. There may be times where children are asked to switch them off during teacher input and modelling to ensure the children can hear and concentrate. They help but must not be a distraction.

Water - drink before school. Fill up on arrival. Fill bottles at social times. Please turn the taps off to reduce water wastage.

After school clubs, at present, are running as normal next week. We will inform parents as soon as possible if this changes, but we will not cancel any clubs on the day they are scheduled to run.

Sports Day

A reminder that one of our major House events has been rescheduled to Monday 6th July - our Sports Day finals morning. It runs from 0900 - 1130 - all are welcome. Please arrive in plenty of time for your intended event as if we have the opportunity to start an event early we will be doing so. For all other details, please check email sent earlier this week.

England Match

With excitement building for the England match on **Monday 6th July**, we want to share how we are balancing this event with your child's wellbeing and education.

Because kick-off is at **1:00 AM**, staying up live is not really an option for a school night. To ensure the children are ready for a full school day, we highly recommend recording the match or extended highlights and watching together over breakfast on Monday morning.

Fortunately, we rescheduled Sports Day for Monday morning. It does provide the following benefits:

- **More Movement:** It gets everyone up, active, and celebrating the tournament spirit.
- **Less Desk Time:** Less time sitting at desks will make Monday morning feel much lighter and more manageable for excited minds.

Thank you for your continued support in prioritising your child's sleep and learning. We look forward to enjoying the sports field together!

Caterlink Refunds for Pupils Leaving EMS

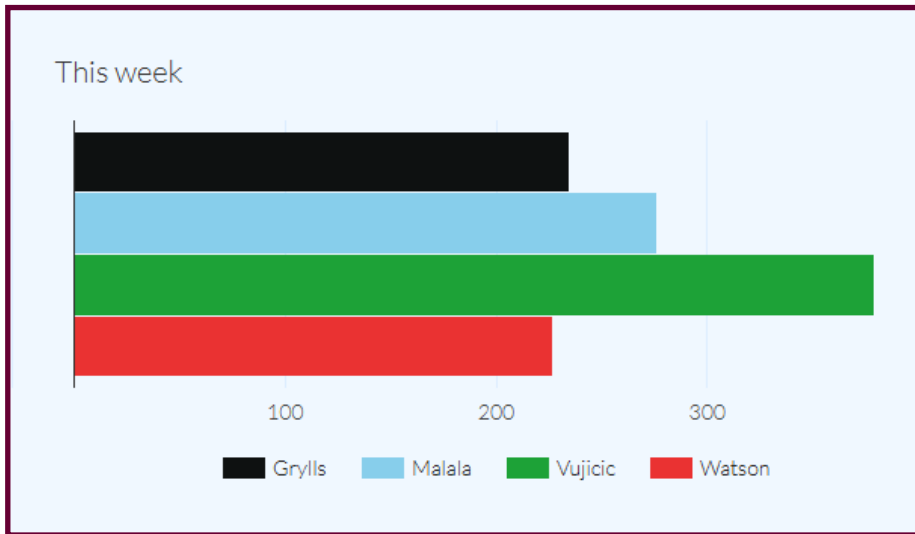
If your child is leaving us at the end of this term and they have monies on their school lunch account which you would like refunding, you would need to apply to Caterlink directly as they hold these monies, not the school:

For individual refunds - Information for Parents from Caterlink

The new google form can be accessed here: <https://forms.gle/3aJJU5xHtRarRNbp8> this version will allow the parents to upload screenshots of their balance. Where the balance is small or difficult to verify another way i.e. we cannot access the system, it can help us process the refund much faster but the parent will need a google account. If they do not have a google account then they can use this one: <https://forms.gle/XHpu2yFymnNHripC9> (If clicking on these links does not work, please copy and paste into a browser).

Please ensure you access your child's Arbor account before the end of July, to take a screenshot of any remaining balance to send to Caterlink.

House News



Huge week for Vujicic who have comfortably won the week - another second place keeps up the good form of Malala. Grylls stay top of the league in the year long challenge.

Year 5

In DT the students have been putting their skills to the test. In textiles they have been using both their hand stitching skills as well as the machine skills to complete the fronts of their bags. They have been adding their sea creatures and then pinning, tacking and sewing their bags together. Here are some examples of their bags. In Product Design, the students have been creating their pulley systems and building their fairground ride ready to put on their circuits next week. In Food Technology, for the last couple of weeks the students have been making the hallways smell delicious with yummy muffins last week and then this week some beautiful frittata (posh omelettes) using both their chopping skills and oven safety.



Year 6

This has been a fantastic week for Year 6 who have had their well-earned activity week following weeks of SATs and writing. They have enjoyed the inflatables, the water park, Monkey World along with today's BBQ. Well done to Year 6 for the incredible effort they have put in this year and thanks to all staff who have supported them along the way.

Year 7

*'Two households, both alike in dignity
(In fair Verona, where we lay our scene),
From ancient grudge break to new mutiny,
Where civil blood makes civil hands unclean.'*

These famous lines herald the beginning of Year 7's English Shakespearean experience. We will look at who Shakespeare was as a man and as a playwright; how influential he was in changing the English language; the introduction of Shakespeare's new words to our vocabulary; and investigate the techniques that he used to engage thousands of people in his stories across the decades.

This week in Art, Year 7 have been looking at the cityscapes of British Artist Stephen Wiltshire. They have been using pencil and fine liner to create London inspired cityscapes in their Sketchbooks.



Year 8

In History, Year 8 have been studying the Industrial Revolution, an era critical in the creation of modern Britain. They have investigated the main ways in which Britain changed, key inventors and inventions and the conditions in factories and towns. Overall, the aim of the unit is to consider this: did the changes during the Industrial Revolution improve people's lives?

In RE, Year 8 are reaching the end of their study of warfare. This unit is a critical introduction to the moral debates paper at GCSE, a course both upper schools begin delivering in Year 9. Having produced some excellent answers to the question 'are pacifists cowards?' pupils are sitting their end of unit tests this week. This unit serves as an excellent introduction to the rigours of GCSE and ensures that pupils can hit the ground running in September.

Our Year 8 pupils have been working hard to complete their impressive USB lamp projects in Resistant Materials, mastering three distinct disciplines along the way.

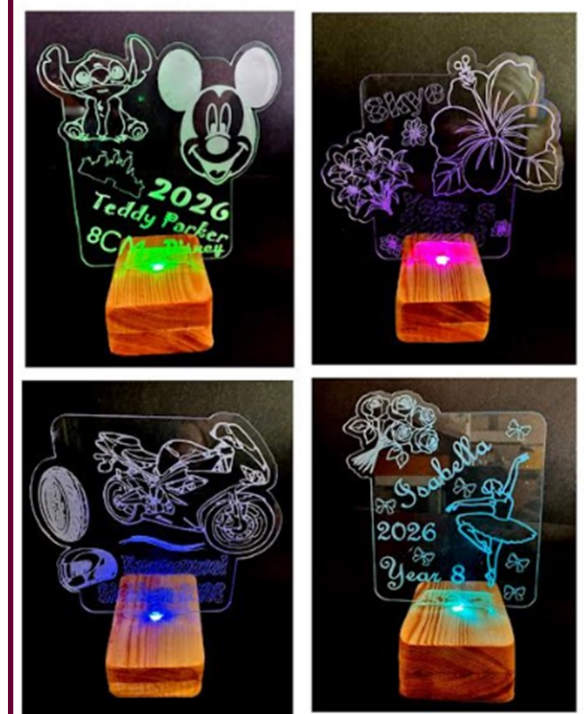
Electronics & Assembly: Pupils first learned the delicate art of soldering components onto a printed circuit board (PCB), gaining a practical understanding of how resistors regulate current to protect the LED lights.

CAD/CAM Design: The second phase introduced them to 2D digital design. Students created custom graphics for an acrylic 'topper' which was then precision-etched to beautifully catch and diffuse the light.

Traditional Craftsmanship: Finally, pupils constructed, sanded, and polished a shaped wooden base designed to neatly house their lamp's electronics.

This project has provided a rich, hands-on introduction to the modern design process. We are incredibly proud of the skills our Year 8s have developed, and we are confident they will confidently build upon this brilliant foundation as they transition to their respective upper schools next year.

In Textiles the Year 8 students are starting to finish their reversible bucket hats, they have been using their skills and knowledge that they have learnt over the last few years to design and make their hats. They have shown that they have a good understanding of pattern pieces and adding appliques as well as hand stitching skills to their design. They have been turning out brilliantly.



Sporting News

Last weekend, Nico D headed to Cirencester to compete in his first open fencing competition at Hatherop Castle school. Nico won 4 of his 7 matches.

Nico did brilliantly to reach the semi finals where unfortunately he was put against the top fencer that didn't lose any match. They had a great match which finished 6-12 to his friend and opponent.

Nico did some amazing fencing and came third overall.

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

Mr Rob Christopher & Mr Alistar Barker



EMS WEEKLY BULLETIN

3rd July 2026

Key dates: July 2026 (subject to change):

DATE	EVENT
Monday 6th July	Sports Day Finals
Tuesday 7th July	Year 8 Bournemouth University Visit
Wednesday 8th July	PTFA Tombola Prize Mufti Day
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
Tuesday 21st July	Year 5 and 7 Awards Ceremony (for pupils only)
Wednesday 22nd July	Last day of term (finish at 3.20pm)

VERWOOD

community haircuts

cuts




FUTURE DATES*



MONDAY
JULY 13TH
2.30 – 4.30



AUGUST –
CLOSED



SEPTEMBER 22ND
2.30 – 4.30



Location:

**VERWOOD YOUTH
AND COMMUNITY
CENTRE**

Howe Lane, Verwood,
BH316JF

(opposite Emmanuel
Middle School)

We are joined by

**citizen
advice**

**ENERGY
TEAM**



DROP IN SESSION

This is a FREE service available to families on low income and individuals in financial crisis



Community project



SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY • WORKING TOGETHER
MAKING A DIFFERENCE

*Dates may be subject to change

**FREE ACCESS WITH SCHOOL CODE:
EV180225**



July 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



Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	6 July 10am
Anxiety Explained	6 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Decreasing Depression	13 July 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	13 July 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	14 July 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	14 July 7pm
FREE - Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 July 7-8pm
Autism-Improving Communication	20 July 10am
Improving Family Communication	20 July 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	21 July 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	21 July 7pm
Understanding Anger	27 July 10am
School Anxiety	27 July 7pm
Facing Defiance	28 July 10am
Supporting Health Screen Use	28 July 7pm

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.



August 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	3 Aug 10am
Anxiety Explained	3 Aug 7pm
Facing Defiance	4 Aug 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4 Aug 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	10 Aug 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	10 Aug 7pm
Introduction to OCD	11 Aug 10am
Decreasing Depression	11 Aug 7pm
What is ACT?	17 Aug 10am
Improving Family Communication	17 Aug 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	18 Aug 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	18 Aug 7pm
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	20 Aug 7-8pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Aug 10am
Understanding Anger	24 Aug 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 Aug 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	25 Aug 7pm



September 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

Facing Defiance	1 Sep 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	1 Sep 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	7 Sep 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	7 Sep 7pm
Introduction to OCD	8 Sep 10am
Decreasing Depression	8 Sep 7pm
What is ACT?	14 Sep 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Sep 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	15 Sep 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 Sep 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Sep 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	22 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	22 Sep 7pm
FREE - Masking Awareness	24 Sep 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	28 Sep 10am
School Anxiety	28 Sep 7pm



SUMMER

HOLIDAY CLUB

UP TO
£10
FOR 8AM-3PM
TOP UP
SESSIONS!

HAF
PLACES
AVAILABLE!

THURSDAY 23rd JULY – FRIDAY 28th AUGUST

Bookings are now open for the Summer Holidays!

Join us for a summer full of fun, friendship and adventure.
Children aged 4–11 can enjoy a variety of activities including
arts and crafts, outdoor play, sports, Lego, cooking,
board games, water play, nature activities and much more!


SUMMER HOLIDAY DATES


OPENING TIMES


PRICES

Thursday
23rd July

to

Friday
28th August



Monday – Thursday

- 9am–1pm (HAF sessions FREE)
- Top up option:
8am–3pm for just **£10**
- 8am–6pm

Friday

- 9am–1pm (HAF sessions FREE)
- Top up option:
8am–3pm for just **£10**

- 9am–1pm – **FREE** with HAF
- 9am–3pm – Top up just **£10** per day
- 8am–6pm – **£35** per day




HAF PLACES AVAILABLE

We are pleased to be accepting HAF vouchers this summer.

HAF sessions will run from:

9:00am–1:00pm

Includes a free meal and a fun programme of activities!



★ **FOR PP FAMILIES**

We're excited to support PP families!

You can top up for just **£10** to extend your day from 8am–3pm.

Includes a free meal, fun activities and a safe, welcoming environment.



✓ **WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- ✓ Ages 4–11
- ✓ Free meal included
- ✓ Lots of fun activities
- ✓ Tax-Free Childcare Accepted
- ✓ Childcare Vouchers Accepted
- ✓ Universal Credit Support Available (where eligible)
- ✓ Safe, fun and welcoming environment



WHO MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR HAF?

Your child may be eligible for a HAF place if they:

- Receive benefits-related Free School Meals
- Are in care or a care leaver
- Have an EHCP (Education, Health and Care Plan)
- Are known to social care

Priority is given to children who are eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Your child must live in Dorset and meet one of the eligibility criteria listed opposite.

A limited number of places are available. Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis and may be limited during peak times.





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