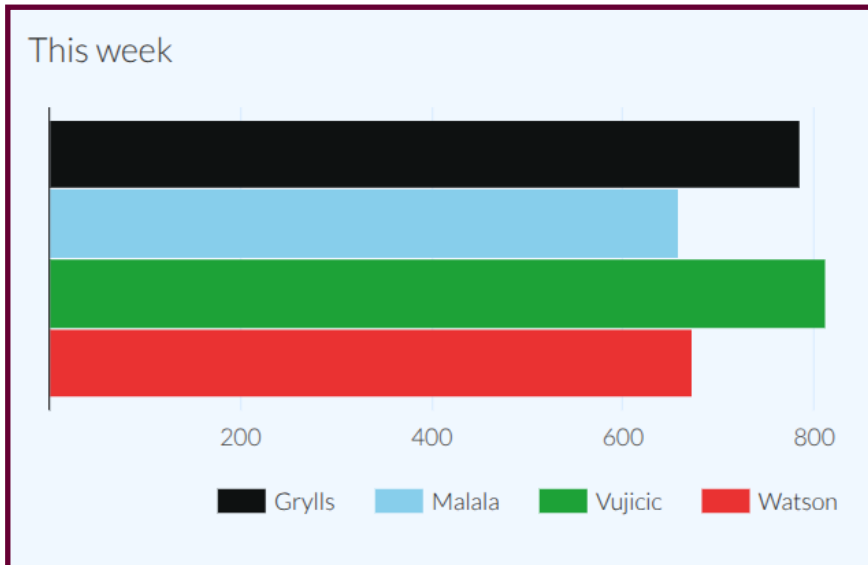


Dear Parents/Carers,

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

House news:



Well done to Vujicic for a strong week this week pipping Grylls for the top spot. These numbers do not include the hard fought sports day points though - results will be shared later. Thank you to all the parents who joined us for this fantastic morning. We are so proud of the determination and sporting performances put in by so many of our pupils.

PE kit is an option for the week/Year 8 Clothing for next week

As temperatures are forecast to continue to be high next week, pupils in years 5, 6 and 7 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.

Pupils in Year 8 should wear suitable clothing for their activities week. On Friday pupils must come into school wearing their school uniform to attend the church service. They will need to bring in full uniform but depending on the weather/temperature may be excused having to wear their tie/sweatshirt. They should bring in suitable mufti (see below) to change into for the activities and BBQ. Any pupils who have unsuitable mufti will be requested to change back into their uniform.

Mufti/PE Kit

Throughout the year, pupils are occasionally permitted to wear mufti (non-uniform) or PE kit; as this year comes to a close we have had more time out of uniform than usual. Please may we remind you to ensure that your child chooses an appropriate outfit for the school day. For health, safety, and appropriateness, the following items are **not permitted**:

- Short shorts or skirts or tight cycling shorts
- Tight bodysuits, strappy tops, or crop tops
- Flip-flops, sliders or crocs
- Pyjamas

We do hold a stock of spare clothing, and any pupil wearing the items listed above will be asked to change. Please note that non-compliance may result in your child losing their mufti day privileges.

Oracy workshops

Oracy - the skill of speaking and listening - is a huge part of pupils developing themselves for success in future life. Mrs Dibben launched this session on Thursday morning introducing Mr Brennan and Mr Brenton to discuss use of AI in homework. They took on the builder and challenger roles while Mrs Dibben played the summariser - common roles in group conversation. The pupils then used this to develop group conversational skills taking on these roles whilst talking about topics such as school uniform and school holiday lengths.

Online safety day

On Wednesday, all year groups spent time learning about online safety. Technology is a useful tool but also presents a range of dangers. Pupils spent the morning learning about these dangers and how to keep themselves safe online. Each year group had a different, age appropriate, focus.

Year 5 learnt about being kind to each other online, understanding where a 'joke' crosses the line and learning about what is appropriate to share online and what is not.

Year 6 covered social media, sharing of images and understanding that not all mobile services are free.

Year 7 explored cyberbullying, how excessive screen time affects the body and brain. They have also learned that there are people online that aren't who they say they are and that their intentions aren't always good.

Year 8 focused on image sharing and the consequences of sharing, resharing or viewing inappropriate images. They have also discussed what to do if they find themselves in a tricky situation.

Year 5

In Year 5 English, we have just finished our end of year tests. The children put an amazing amount of effort into these tests and we have seen some great results. We are now going back to planning and writing our Greek Myths where the children can really show off their creativity. We look forward to sharing some of them in our classes at the end of the term.

Year 6

In Music, we have continued working on our Hip Hop tracks. Pupils have created a multi track recording on the keyboards using drums (played on the keyboard) bass, strings and piano. Pupils have rapped the 'Cookie Rap' to their recordings and some have written their own raps to go with their musical creations. We have focused on getting the correct notes but mostly ensuring timings of the tracks are accurate and work together.

In Computing, pupils have been working on building their own websites using google sites. They have been learning about how websites are designed and constructed. In Year 6 this involves placing their website objects directly on the page - this begins to prepare pupils for delving deeper in Year 7 where we code the websites using html and css.

Year 7

In Maths, pupils have worked really hard revisiting topics which they found challenging in their end of year assessments. This included work on forming expressions and equations.

Year 7 Art: STEPHEN WILTSHIRE inspired cityscapes coming together. Pupils looking at one point perspective in their compositions.

@emmanuelmiddleschoolart INSTAGRAM account has new images celebrating pupils' work across the year groups.



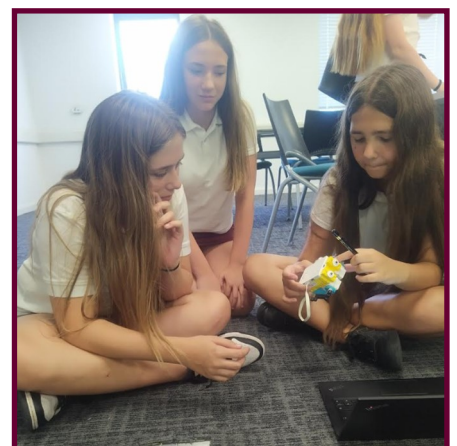
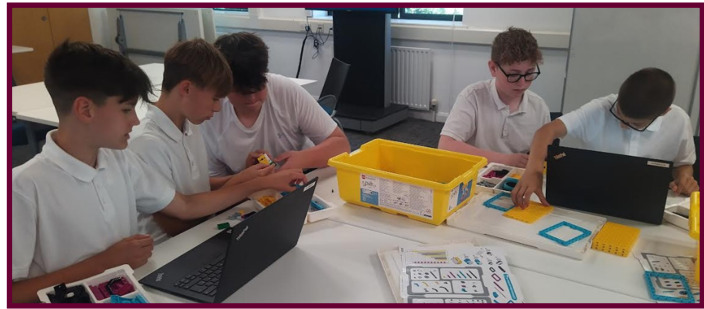
Year 8: Science Assessments

Our Year 8 students have recently been working incredibly hard to complete their end-of-year Science assessments. To ensure a thorough understanding of their progress, they sat two separate papers. The first evaluated the core knowledge they have built across the Key Stage 3 curriculum, while the second focused on their practical, enquiry-based scientific skills. Overall, the year group performed incredibly well, displaying fantastic determination and focus throughout the assessment period. It was very clear which students had put in the extra effort to revise independently, as this dedication was beautifully reflected in their excellent assessment results. These outcomes provide a brilliant foundation for their next steps and will be shared with the upper schools to help support a smooth academic transition into Year 9. Well done to all of Year 8!

Year 8 Visit to Bournemouth University

On Tuesday our Year 8 pupils had an informative and enjoyable visit to Bournemouth University for our Year 8 pupils on Tuesday. This excursion formed a key part of our PSHE Careers Programme. Upon arrival, the pupils were introduced to life at BU, covering various aspects of the student experience—from academic studies to the diverse range of clubs and social events available. The group was then given a comprehensive tour of the campus, with a particular focus on the engineering and media faculties, before participating in a robotics workshop. During this session, the children were challenged to build and program a robotic "hopper" designed to navigate a set distance across a seminar room.

Overall, the visit provided our Year 8 pupils with a valuable early insight into the future academic and career pathways available to them.



Reading - Accelerated Reader and Sparx: Headlines

Year 5: 5BH have extended their lead and momentum seems to be on their side.

Year 6: 6FW's lead seems unassailable; can they even be caught at this late stage?

Year 7 top 5:

Elvis A
Darcie R
Brodie P
Zara P
Romilly H

Year 8 top 5:

Annie A
Isabella C
Megan W
Alex B
Amelia E

Campout

On Friday 26th June a group of DofE and epraise reward pupils camped out overnight on the school field with Mr Christopher, Mrs Askam and Mr Askam (Mrs Dibben and Mr Parker joined us for the evening but sensibly choosing a night in their own beds).

Pupils pitched their own tents, followed maps to find their "supplies" for the evening which included ration packs, mess tins, ration cookers, fuel blocks and their drinking water. They used a steel to light their fire (the cry of "I made fire" was probably heard throughout most of Verwood), cooked their rations and took part in quizzes and games before settling in for a night under canvas. The sun woke the group unusually early but gave them time to cook their breakfast and take down their tents before going home. Pupils and staff all had a great time but Mrs Askam admitted that she did need a nap on Saturday afternoon to catch up on her sleep.



Epraise Reward: Tie Dye

On a hot Thursday afternoon, 11 students used their epraise reward to make tie dye T-Shirts. The students first looked at the different ways that they could fold fabric to see what patterns they could create and then it was onto their T-Shirts where they created a range of patterns and used many bright fabric dyes. They left with their shirts still tied up and should be seeing their results Friday after school, as they needed to let the dye set in, hope you like them.



Bike Reward - Moors Valley

Awesome bike ride this morning. Fabulous riding, hot conditions and a few dismounts didn't deter this determined group. Well done.



Sporting News:

Last weekend four EMS year 8 pupils took part in the Knight Frank schools triathlon. William Dibben, Charlie Queenan, Henry Jones and Milo. The four of them - with a team name Turbo Turtles - completed the course and achieved 4th place and raising a whopping £465 for charity.



After School Activities

Please note that all after school activities have now finished for this year. A new schedule will be sent home to parents in early September.

All that is left is to wish you all a great weekend in the sun. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker

EMS WEEKLY BULLETIN

10th July 2026

Key dates: July 2026 (subject to change):

DATE	EVENT
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)

**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

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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

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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

A top-down view of various arts and crafts supplies including crayons, markers, paint pots, scissors, and paper scraps on a white surface.

**Saturday 8th
August**

10am-12noon

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activities for children**

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