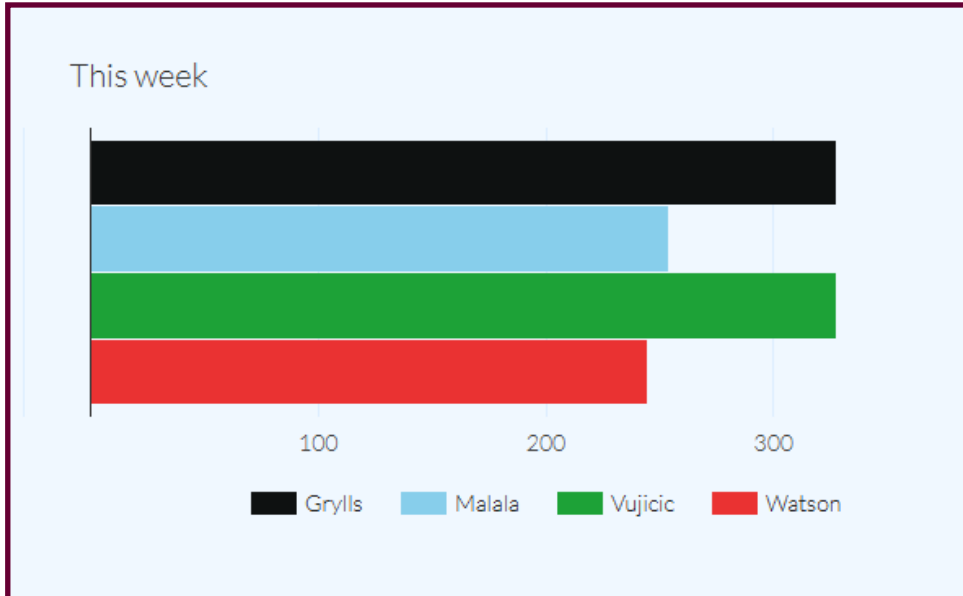


Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to this week's parent bulletin. It has been another hot week which looks set to continue so for the sake of continuity and comfort we will give the option of wearing their PE kit for the rest of the term. Please be reminded our usual rules around PE kit apply.

## House News



I think we have a first this week - a dead heat at the top of the charts! Well done to Vujicic and Grylls for both hitting 328 candle credits.

## Oracy Week

While Year 8 had their activity week this week the rest of the school took the opportunity to focus on elements of their oracy skills. We honed in on how children spoke when talking to the whole class. Their aim was to ensure their voice was loud enough and the pace of their speaking slow enough. We will revisit this vital life skill in the Autumn term.

## KS2 Accelerated Reader

Congratulations to our winners who are: **5BH** and **6FW** Both classes were miles ahead in each category.

## Year 5

To celebrate the end of our French learning this term, Year 5 have been completing a range of assessment activities, including interactive quizzes on Blooket, to showcase the fantastic progress they have made. They have demonstrated an excellent understanding of the language and should be very proud of their achievements. As part of their cultural learning, the children also enjoyed playing the traditional French game of *Pétanque*. They demonstrated great skill, teamwork and technique throughout, making it a fun and engaging way to experience an aspect of French culture.



## Year 6

Year 6 this week in Art have been experimenting with watercolour paints. They have been using wash and ink techniques in the style of British Artist Angie Lewin. This is their final piece for their Natural Forms project.



## Year 7

In line with the school's Oracy focus, Year 7 students have been practicing reading scenes from *Romeo and Juliet*. Beyond simply deciphering Shakespearean language, they have focused on vocal projection- exploring how and why we adapt our voices to effectively convey character, mood, and purpose.

The year 7 Product Design groups have been finishing off their CAM toys this week. They have followed the design process, developed their workshop skills and learnt Techsoft 2D Design so that their CAM tops could be cut on the laser cutter. Here is a selection of their hard work.





## Year 8

Year 8 have had a fantastic week celebrating their time at Emmanuel with their activity week. Blessed with clear blue skies from start to finish they have enjoyed Rock Reef, Laser Quest, Paultons Park, Dorset Water Park, Vue cinema and Splashdown. They then returned to EMS today to have their leavers church service followed by a BBQ and will be returning this evening for the leavers' disco. It has been a great week to cap off four memorable years with us.

## Junior Duke First Aid Course

Last Friday, students in Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 took part in the highly interactive Mini Medics first aid course, equipping them with essential, life-saving skills. The hands-on sessions taught the children how to confidently handle emergencies, covering everything from contacting emergency services to practicing the recovery position, basic CPR, and dealing with choking. It was a fantastic, high-energy day that successfully took the fear out of medical emergencies, leaving the students incredibly proud of their new skills and ready to look out for others.



## Forest School

It has been a busy few weeks for the members of our forest school group. They have role played shops in the bird watching area, 'catered' using the mud kitchen, built dens and so much more. Well done to everyone in the group who has engaged so well with the work they have done there.



## Staff News

Well done to Mrs Birkbeck for winning the 'Young Carer Champion of the Year' award for Dorset. This is just reward for the tireless work she puts in for this group of students.



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

Mr Rob Christopher & Mr Alister Barker

**Please see further information on the following pages.**

# EMS WEEKLY BULLETIN

17th July 2026

Key dates: July 2026 (subject to change):

| DATE                   | EVENT                                          |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 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)            |
| Thursday 3rd September | Pupils Return to School                        |





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## MHST: SUPPORTING CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR FOR PARENTS/CARERS (Y6 AND UNDER)

Join the Dorset Mental Health Support Team for Schools for a webinar designed for parents of young people in year 6 and below who are interested in learning tools to support challenging behaviour at home.

This session provides information on how to respond to children when their behaviour becomes challenging. The sessions covers the theory of behaviour as communication, the importance of play, and the power of positive praise to encourage behaviours parents would like to see more of.

It includes practical tools that parents can use to support children when they are dysregulated.

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# **VERWOOD TOWN NETBALL CLUB JUNIORS TRAINING MONDAY**

**YEARS 3, 4, 5 - 5:30PM - 6:30PM**

**YEARS 6, 7, 8, 9 - 6:00PM - 7:00PM**

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## July 2026 Timetable

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|                                             |               |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 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   |
| <b>FREE - Supporting Healthy Screen Use</b> | 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   |

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**\*\*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

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|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| 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   |
| <b>FREE - Raising Self-Esteem</b> | 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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|                                   |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 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          |
| <b>FREE - Masking Awareness</b>   | <b>24 Sep 7-8pm</b> |
| Anxiety Explained                 | 28 Sep 10am         |
| School Anxiety                    | 28 Sep 7pm          |

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