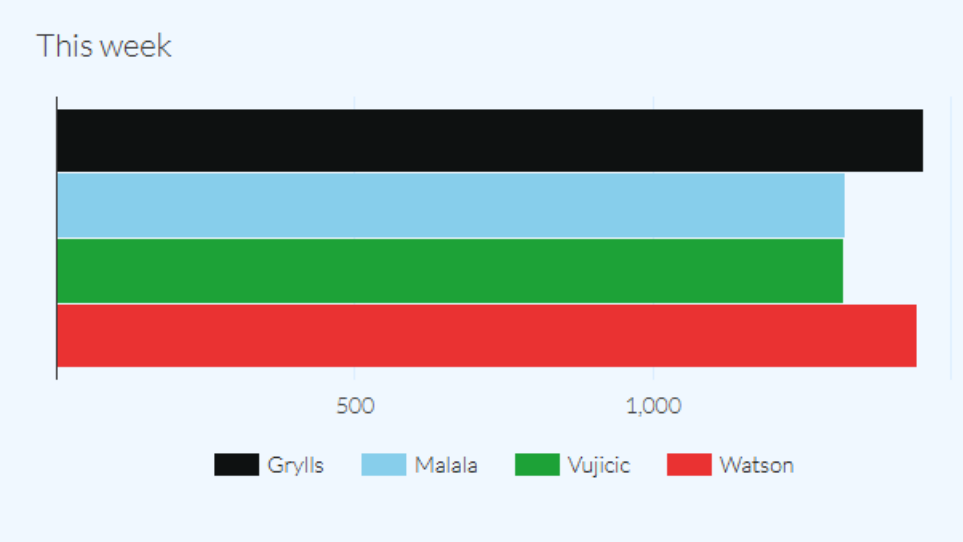
# EMS WEEKLY BULLETIN

2nd October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

House News




Two very close battles in the weekly chart this Friday! Only a handful of candle credits separated Grylls and Watson at the top while Malala and Vujicic were almost identical in what they earned.

House competitions - please be reminded of the Harvest Festival competition that was launched last week. Please bring in donations which the children can place in their House's shopping trolley. We are looking forward to another close battle for which House donates the most!

Our European Day of Languages competition is also hotting up - now just 3 weeks to get your French learning bookmark submitted before the half term deadline.

Open Evening

This Tuesday saw our annual Opening evening take place. It was a great evening with a large number of families coming to view the school. Thank you to the many students who were such amazing ambassadors for the school on the day. We received so many positive comments from visitors who were hugely impressed by them. Well done in particular to Romilly and Phoebe who took on the challenge of addressing a hall full of adults - they did an incredible job.

Year 5

This term, in Year 5, we are introducing the new children to our systems and the software that we have at Emmanuel Middle School. So far, we have learned how to login, access our school email accounts and access GOOGLE CLASSROOM for our lessons. We have also been learning how to access our homework via the school website.



In lessons we have been learning how to open and edit GOOGLE documents and slides. Our next lessons will be looking at web searches, saving and editing images, and word processing. These are all skills that will be useful to us as we progress through Emmanuel Middle School.

In Music, pupils have started with some singing and have been introduced to key musical concepts such as rhythm and beat. We have begun a whistle-stop tour of musical history including singing (and clapping, clicking and stamping feet) the Wellerman sea shanty. We just started to introduce keyboard playing - which is very exciting!

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Year 6

In Year 6 Wellbeing, we have been learning about the importance of mutual respect, and what makes a good relationship. We have also reminded ourselves of the British Values, and most importantly, tolerance.

In English, the pupils have moved from their unit focussing on core grammatical techniques to a short unit studying the book 'Journey' to support their understanding of inference.

Year 7

In Product Design the students have been putting all the practice they have been doing on finger joints into making the frame work for the cam toy. They have been brilliant in remembering how to measure each section and which tools they needed. The finger joints are slotting in nicely and the frames are standing straight!

In textiles this week the students have had their annual recap on the sewing machine. They have been really good at remembering to pivot at the corner and staying on the lines. New to them this year was showing them how to set up the sewing machine, this has given them a bit of a challenge with them trying to follow the sequence and threading the needle. They have all given it a go and have done brilliantly.

In Geography this term, Year 7 have been developing their spatial skills by exploring relief maps and political maps, learning how geographers depict both natural topography and human boundaries.

Year 8

In History, the Year 8s have begun to investigate the origins of our constitutional monarchy by investigating the events of the 17th century and how they shifted power from the monarchy towards Parliament. As part of this unit they have examined the impact of the Civil War on our local area through the story of Corfe Castle. They investigated how and why it was destroyed and what this can teach us about why Parliament were victorious.

Over in Year 8, students are exploring UK geography in detail as they study settlement patterns and analyse population distribution across the country.

Sporting News

We are so proud of our fantastic cross-country runners who represented Emmanuel at Canford School last Thursday! Demonstrating our core values in action, every student embodied our three Es by pushing through the finish line, cheering on their teammates, and having a wonderful time. Congratulations to all who participated for representing our school so brilliantly!

All that is left is to wish you all a great weekend - long may the sunshine last!  We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday morning.

Mr Rob Christopher & Mr Alister Barker.

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Key dates (subject to change):

| DATE | EVENT |
|---|---|
| Monday 5th October | Year 8 Moors Valley Careers Trip |
| Tuesday 13th October | Year 5 Greek Day with Treehouse Theatre |
| Tuesday 13th October | Meet the Tutor Evening |
| Wednesday 21st October | Year 6 Viking Day with Treehouse Theatre |
| Monday 26th - Friday 30th October | Half Term |
| Monday 2nd November | Staff Training Day |
| Tuesday 3rd November | Pupils return to school |
| Friday 6th November | PTFA Disco |
| Monday 9th - Thursday 12th November | Year 6 Mock SATS |
| Wednesday 18th November | Parents in to look at Year 5 and 6 Work (Drop in between 1435 and 1520) |
| Thursday 26th November | Subject Parents' Evening |
| Tuesday 1st December | Subject Parents' Evening |
| Friday 11th December | PTFA Christmas Fair |
| Friday 18th December | Last Day of Term |




NATIONAL CADET WEEK
ROYAL AIR FORCE AIR CADETS
the next generation
ALL WELCOME
OPEN DAY
2515 (RINGWOOD & FORDINGBRIDGE) SQUADRON
OCTOBER 10th | 1100-1400hrs
FLIGHT SIMULATOR
VR EXPLORATION OF SPACE
FIRST AID & CPR
GAMES
PAPER PLANES
ARCHERY
FUN & LEARNING FOR ALL AGES!
First Aid Demos, Fieldcraft Skills,
Team Challenges, and more!

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FACE

## October 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**

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|---|---|
| Raising Self-Esteem | 5 Oct 10am |
| Supporting Healthy Sleep | 5 Oct 7pm |
| Decreasing Depression | 6 Oct 10am |
| Introduction to OCD | 6 Oct 7pm |
| Improving Family Communication | 12 Oct 10am |
| What is ACT? | 12 Oct 7pm |
| Understanding Addictive Behaviour | 13 Oct 10am |
| Supporting a Child with ADHD | 13 Oct 7pm |
| Understanding Anger | 19 Oct 10am |
| Understanding the Teenage Brain | 19 Oct 7pm |
| Supporting Healthy Screen Use | 20 Oct 10am |
| Autism: Improving Communication | 20 Oct 7pm |
| **FREE - ADHD and Homework** | 22 Oct 7-8pm |
| Facing Defiance | 26 Oct 10am |
| Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness | 26 Oct 7pm |
| School Anxiety | 27 Oct 10am |
| Anxiety Explained | 27 Oct 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.

# FREE talk for parents

## 22 October 7-8pm

## If you don't have time to listen

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## ADHD & Homework

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Dorset's Family Hub network

# The Centre - Ferndown

The Centre invites local families to contact them for on site services including:

- Foodbank (no voucher required)
- Clothes bank
- Citizens advice and debt advice
- Housing support
- Mental health support
- Drugs and alcohol support
- Parenting advice
- Midwife and health visitor services
- Speech and language support
- Free legal and law advice
- Parental conflict advice & support
- Children's behavior support

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