

# Ferndown First School

# WEEKLY UPDATE

15 May 2026



## Attendance

Whole School Attendance: **95.0%**

National: **94.8%**

Whole School target: **97%**

## Message from the Headteacher

It has been a busy week in school. Year 4 have enjoyed their Bikeability Level 1 and 2 sessions and assessments this week. The leaders were incredibly complementary about the children's behaviour both in school and when cycling on the roads. It has been a great opportunity for the children and encourages safe cycling on the roads.

It was lovely to see the children from The Caterpillar Club enjoy using our playground for their Peddle Push event on Wednesday.

Year 2 enjoyed their trip to Liberty's Owl, Raptor, and Reptile Centre. It was a little windy and rainy but did not stop the children enjoying three bird displays and a talk about reptiles. They loved seeing the corn snakes, tarantulas, and gecko! Thank you to parents that supported on the trip.

We are looking forward to welcoming you all to our Open Evening on Thursday next week. You will be able to see how hard the children worked during Arts Week to produce some amazing work.

Have a lovely weekend.

## Key Dates & Information

More detailed information about the events below will be communicated through ParentMail and/or Arbor

### EYFS

PE Day: **Wednesday**.

- 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> June - Trip to Blashford Lakes

### Year 1

PE Days: **Thursday and Friday**.

Library day: **Wednesday**

- 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> June - Phonics Screening Check

### Year 2

PE Days: **Tuesday and Wednesday**

Library day: **Thursday**

### Year 3

PE Days: **Monday and Tuesday**

Library day: **Friday**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Avon Tyrrell 2027 Parents' Initial meeting - online, 6pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Fiver Challenge 2.15pm, School Hall
- **10<sup>th</sup> July - African Music Concert, 9.15am, School Hall**
- **13<sup>th</sup> July - Junior Duke Assembly, 9.15am, School Hall**

### Year 4

PE Days: **Thursday and Friday**

Library day: **Wren - Monday, Lark - Tuesday**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> June - Multiplication Check
- 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> June - Swimming: Ferndown Leisure Centre
- 26<sup>th</sup> June - Transfer Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> May - Avon Tyrrell Parents' Assembly 9am Hall
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Swimming at Ferndown Leisure Centre
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Fiver Challenge 2.15pm, School Hall
- **13<sup>th</sup> July - Junior Duke Assembly, 9.15am, School Hall**
- 17<sup>th</sup> July - Leavers' Assembly 10am, School Hall

### Whole School Dates

- 21<sup>st</sup> May - Open Evening
- **22<sup>nd</sup> May - Wear Your Own Clothes Day**
- 18<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Morning
- 29<sup>th</sup> June - INSET Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Morning (Reserve Date)
- 15<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Service at St Mary's
- 17<sup>th</sup> July - Last Day of Term finish at 1.15pm or 3.05pm

## The Hidden Treasure Hunt

Just a reminder that The Hidden Treasure Hunt is still underway – and there's time to take part before the competition closes. Have you still got old chargers, broken gadgets or unused tech or electrical items tucked away at home? Recycling them now could help our school climb the national leaderboard and win tech for learning.

What to do before midday, Friday 5 June:

- Rummage for any old, unwanted or broken electricals (anything with a battery, plug or cable)
- Recycle them at Currys or another local drop-off point
- You can find all your local-drop off points across the UK - including all Currys stores - by searching 'Recycle your electricals'
- Scan the QR code or visit [hiddentreasurehunt.org](https://www.hiddentreasurehunt.org) to register your recycling and earn a Planet Care Point for our school

Every registration counts – and families who take part are also entered into a prize draw to win £100 Currys' vouchers for Microsoft tech.

Full details can be found at:  
[hiddentreasurehunt.org](https://www.hiddentreasurehunt.org)

Thank you for supporting our school and helping give unwanted tech a new life.

## Children's Commissioner for England Survey

Headteachers have been asked to forward the following message to parents from the Children's Commissioner for England:  
"I want to make sure that I hear from as many children as possible, aged 0-18, from all backgrounds, in all schools and colleges, and in every part of the country. To do that, I need your help. I am asking children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. More than anything, I want to know what they think a good childhood should look like today. I am asking you to share the survey with all the children, parents and carers in your school or college community. Schools and colleges that achieve high participation rates will receive formal recognition for their contribution to amplifying children's voices and encouraging civic engagement, and a summary of their pupils' response".

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TheBigFuture/>

## Reminders

### PE Uniform:

- No branded clothing or clothes with logos please
- Navy, black or dark grey joggers, shorts, sweatshirt (no brands or logos) or school jumper
- Trainers, preferably white, black, grey or navy - no bright colours
- Plain white t-shirt

### Snack:

- In a named container
- Small, healthy snack, such as fruit or a plain biscuit
- No sweet or chocolate based items
- We are a nut-free school



## Ferndown First School Open Evening

Thursday 21st May 2026 : 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm



*Picture painted by Sienna (Y1). Inspired by the British artist  
Mali Morris (1945– present)*

Come and enjoy an opportunity to tour the school and view children's art work created during our recent Art's Week which focussed on the theme of *'colour and shape'*.

Our school choir will be performing and children will be preparing and cooking some sweet and savoury treats.

### Everyone welcome!

Light refreshments will be served.



## Clubs & Activities

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>LUNCHTIMES</b>				
		Book Club Yrs 3 & 4 12.45 Library Mrs Errington		Chess Club Yrs 2-4 12.45pm Hall Mr Watts
				Choir Yrs 3 & 4 12.45pm Music Room Mrs Charters
<b>AFTER SCHOOL</b>				
<b>Ferndown First School After School Club. All Years. 3.05pm – 6pm</b>				
Live4Tennis Yrs 3 – 4 3.05pm – 4.05pm (External)	Karate Yrs 2, 3 & 4 3.05pm – 4.15pm (External)	Mr Higgins Football Yrs 2, 3 & 4 3.05pm – 4.15pm (External)	Art Bee Yrs 1 – 4 3.05pm – 4.05pm (External)	
			High 5 Gymnastics Years 1 – 4 Yrs 1 & 2: 3.15 – 4.15pm Yrs 3 & 4: 4.15 – 5.15pm (External)	

## Community Notice Board

**Places Leisure**  
FERNDOWN LEISURE CENTRE

### MAY HALF TERM MULTI SPORT DAYS

Fun, active days packed with sport & swimming!

**Dates**

- Tuesday 26th May
- Wednesday 27th May
- Thursday 28 May

**What to Bring**

- ✓ A refillable water bottle
- ✓ Packed lunch and snack
- ✓ Swim kit
- ✓ Weather-appropriate clothing
- ✓ Hat required

**Pricing**

- £23 per day
- £18 for any additional days

(Bookings must be made together to receive discount)

**Book:** Call: **01202 877468**  
Limited spaces – don't miss out

**Places Leisure** Because Community Matters  
Part of Places for People

### Intensive swimming courses

During school holidays at Ferndown Leisure Centre

Tap to find out more



**a skill for life**

Subsidised Special Price: £27.60 (Schools only)  
Contact the centre on 01202 877468 and quote your school to receive the discount

ferndown.placesleisure.org

For ages 2 – 6

**SCARLET OAK THEATRE**



ALONG CAME A **Magpie**

Sat 30th May  
11am & 2pm

**The Barrington Arts and Community Centre**

01202 894858  
www.barringtoncentre.co.uk  
enquiries@barringtoncentre.co.uk  
The Barrington Arts and Community Centre, Penny's Walk, Ferndown





**TEAMTHEME**  
MAGIC MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAYS  
**SPORTS & ACTIVITY CAMP**

PLAY LEARN HAVE FUN!  
ACTIVE CREATIVE MEMORIES THAT LAST!

MUDEFORD JUNIOR SCHOOL  
MUSCLIFF PRIMARY SCHOOL  
OAKHURST FIRST SCHOOL

TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
STANDARD DAY: 9:00AM – 3:00PM • £20  
★ EXTRA PLAY: 8:30AM – 4:00PM • £27.50

SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

SPORTS, GAMES, ARTS & CRAFTS  
FUN & SAFE ENVIRONMENT  
ALL STAFF DBS CHECKED & FIRST AID TRAINED  
GAMES & ACTIVITIES FOR ALL  
MAKE FRIENDS & BUILD CONFIDENCE

**BOOK NOW!**

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www.teamthemesportscoaching.co.uk

**TEAMTHEME**  
MAGIC MAY HALF TERM  
**SPECIAL EVENTS**

TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
**MR MERLIN!**

WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
**WHEEL WEDNESDAY!**

THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
**SIMON CHAINEY! CIRCUS WORKSHOP**

FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
**STREET DANCE & GYMNASTIC WORKSHOPS**

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## Term Dates

### Summer Term 2026

MAY 2026						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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JUNE 2026						
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JULY 2026						
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AUGUST 2026						
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### Bank and Public Holidays 2025-2026

25 December 2025	Christmas Day
26 December 2025	Boxing Day

1 January 2026	New Year's Day
3 April 2026	Good Friday

6 April 2026	Easter Monday
4 May 2026	May Day Holiday

25 May 2026	Spring Bank Holiday
31 August 2026	August Bank Holiday

### Key

School Holidays
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Bank Holidays
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Staff Training Days
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Last Day of Term
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## Term Dates 2026-2027



### Autumn Term 2026

SEPTEMBER 2026						
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DECEMBER 2026						
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### Spring Term 2027

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APRIL 2027						
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