

# Ferndown First School

# WEEKLY UPDATE

22 May 2026



## Attendance

Whole School Attendance: **94.9%**

National: **94.8%**

Whole School target: **97%**

## Message from the Headteacher

Thank you to all parents, carers and wider extended family that attended our Open Evening last night. There were so many people! The food cooked by the children was a hit and the choir sang confidently. I was impressed by the plant sale in the school garden. The children who attend gardening club could tell me all about the plants and I know they toured a few parents around the garden. We are lucky to have such a great garden which is looked after by Mrs Bramley. The positive comments received from parents have been very much appreciated by staff who gave their own time to attend.

Year 3 enjoyed a lovely trip to Brownsea Island on Wednesday; the weather was fantastic. Children enjoyed spotting a peacock and viewing Old Harry Rocks. It is a great opportunity for the children. Our youngest children will enjoy the last trip of the year to Blashford Lakes after half term.

The next half term will be a very busy one with Sports Morning, Year 4 leavers' celebrations, and Year 3's African concert to name a few.

Have a good break and we will see everyone back at school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

## Key Dates & Information

More detailed information about the events below will be communicated through 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**

- 4<sup>th</sup> - **KS1 RSE Online Meeting 5.30pm**
- 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> June - Phonics Screening Check

### Year 2

PE Days: **Tuesday and Wednesday**

Library day: **Thursday**

- 4<sup>th</sup> - **KS1 RSE Online Meeting 5.30pm**

### Year 3

PE Days: **Monday and Tuesday**

Library day: **Friday**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - **KS2 RSE Online Meeting 5.30pm**
- 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
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - **KS2 RSE Online Meeting 5.30pm**
- 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> June - Swimming: Ferndown Leisure Centre
- 26<sup>th</sup> June - Transfer Day
- 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

- 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](http://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](http://hiddentreasurehunt.org)

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

## Reminders

### School Lunches:

- We return to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June on the Week 2 menu.

### Devices:

- Children should not bring any devices into school, especially those that connect to the internet. This includes mobile phones and smart watches.
- This is to help us keep our children safe and avoid any loss or damage to these items.

### 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.

## 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



# Community Notice Board



## Free Workshop

What you can do **RIGHT NOW** to support your child diagnosed (or suspected) with autism and/or PDA

Thursday **28<sup>th</sup> May** 8pm - 9pm

Join us

No one needs to walk alone in their autism parenting journey

Send an email to [team@youarenotalone.community](mailto:team@youarenotalone.community) to request the Zoom link to attend the FREE workshop



**Axe throwing**

**BMX display**

**UPTON COUNTRY PARK**  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 10am-3pm

**Tasty food**

**Arts & crafts**

**Countryside displays**

**Live music**

**Dog show**

**Kick boxing**

**Bouncy castle**

**And lots more!**

A free family event, celebrating Dorset's countryside and coast!



SUNNYHILL

Sunnyhill Church, Ferndown  
Presents...



**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> - Weds 19<sup>th</sup> Aug**

Who: Reception - Year 6.  
Where: Ferndown Village Hall.  
Times: 8.45am - 3pm, Daily  
+ Family celebration (Hog Roast) Weds evening.  
Cost: £35 per child for all 3 days.

**SAFE AFFORDABLE FUN**

**Book in Here**



Bookings Open  
1<sup>st</sup> June

[sunnyhill.church/kidsclubferndown](http://sunnyhill.church/kidsclubferndown)



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## Term Dates

### Summer Term 2026

MAY 2026						
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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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OCTOBER 2026						
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### Spring Term 2027

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