

Ferndown First School

WEEKLY UPDATE

5 June 2026



Attendance

Whole School Attendance: **94.9%**
National: **94.8%**
Whole School target: **97%**

Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a good first week back after a well needed half term. Year 4 children have enjoyed their first of four swim sessions this week. These build on the lessons that they had in Year 3. As we live so close to the sea, I am pleased we are offering this opportunity for your children.

Very well done to Year 4 children who have been completing their National Multiplication Check this week. Year 1 begin their Phonic Screening Check next week so it is crucial all children are in school. Lots of practise over the weekend, please!

We are looking forward to many events this term which parents are invited to. Our Sports Morning is on the 18th June (weather depending!) and we will be sending a letter on Monday to clarify the details.

Many thanks Mrs Byars who has loaned a large outdoor chess set for the children to use over the next few weeks. We enjoyed quite a tense game today out on the playground!



And finally, we are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Thorne to our office reception team next week. Mrs Thorne will be taking on the role of Receptionist and Admin Assistant.

Key Dates & Information

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

EYFS

PE Day: **Wednesday**.

- 16th & 17th June - Trip to Blashford Lakes

Year 1

PE Days: **Thursday and Friday**.

Library day: **Wednesday**

- 8th - 12th June - Phonics Screening Check

Year 2

PE Days: **Tuesday and Wednesday**

Library day: **Thursday**

Year 3

PE Days: **Monday and Tuesday**

Library day: **Friday**

- 2nd July - Fiver Challenge 2.15pm, School Hall
- 10th July - African Music Concert, 9.15am, School Hall
- 13th July - Junior Duke Assembly, 9.15am, School Hall

Year 4

PE Days: **Thursday and Friday**

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

- 1st - 12th June - Multiplication Check
- 11th & 25th June - Swimming: Ferndown Leisure Centre
- 26th June - Transfer Day
- 2nd July - Swimming at Ferndown Leisure Centre
- 3rd July - Fiver Challenge 2.15pm, School Hall
- 13th July - Junior Duke Assembly, 9.15am, School Hall
- 17th July - Leavers' Assembly 10am, School Hall

Whole School Dates

- 18th June - Sports Morning
- 20th June - Fete on the Field
- 29th June - INSET Day
- 9th July - Sports Morning (Reserve Date)
- 15th July - Summer Service at St Mary's
- 17th July - Last Day of Term finish at 1.15pm or 3.05pm

Message from Dorset Council

As part of our Childcare Sufficiency Assessment, we are asking parents and carers about their childcare needs. This work helps us to better understand the current and future demand for childcare across the local area, enabling us to support families more effectively.

The parents survey has a prize draw of 5 x £50 Amazon vouchers

Survey link: [Childcare Survey for Dorset Parents and Carers - Dorset Council - Citizen Space](#)

Closing date: Wednesday 17th June 2026

Thank you in advance for your time and support.

Water Safety



As the weather warms up, children and young people are more likely to be around water – whether at home, on days out or on holiday. Almost half of drownings occur during the summer months when temperatures are higher. Drowning is one of the leading causes of accidental death in children in the UK, but most incidents are preventable. Babies and young children are most at risk at home, while older children and teenagers are more likely to encounter dangers in open water such as rivers, lakes and the sea. Research shows that teenagers and young adults are at increased risk during very warm weather, particularly when temperatures reach or exceed 25°C.

Most drowning incidents can be prevented with the right knowledge, supervision and preparation. The Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (HSCP) [Water Safety Toolkit](#) for parents and carers offers simple, practical advice to help families stay safe.

The toolkit is designed to be clear and accessible, helping families build confidence and make safer choices around water. It includes guidance on:

- Everyday risks at home – including bath time safety and garden hazards
- Staying safe outdoors – such as the beach, around rivers and in open water
- Practical safety advice – including the Water Safety Code and how to “Float to Live”
- Age-specific guidance – for babies, young children, older children and teenagers
- What to do in an emergency – including simple first aid steps and where to find further support

Small actions – such as close supervision, choosing safe places to swim, and having regular conversations with children – can make a significant difference. Practitioners are encouraged to read and share the [Water Safety Toolkit](#) with parents and carers to help raise awareness, support families and reduce the number of preventable tragedies.

Clubs & Activities

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCHTIMES				
		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
AFTER SCHOOL				
Ferndown First School After School Club. All Years. 3.05pm – 6pm				
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)	

EYFS News



Ian and his team from the Ferndown On-Call Dorset Fire and Rescue Service came to visit the Reception children. They showed them how the equipment works and talked through the different types of emergencies they attend.

Community Notice Board



HIGH 5 GYMNASTICS

SUMMER GYMNASTICS CAMPS

COME JOIN US!

Action-packed sessions filled with gymnastics skills, games, challenges and lots of fun!

TWO SESSIONS EACH DAY

8:30 - 11:30AM
YEARS 1, 2 & 3
AGES 6 - 8

12:00 - 3:00PM
YEARS 4, 5 & 6
AGES 9 - 11

THREE WEEKS OF FUN!

- 28 - 30 JULY
- 4 - 6 AUGUST
- 11 - 13 AUGUST

OPEN TO ALL ABILITIES

CHOOSE FROM UP TO 9 DAYS OVER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS TO JOIN US!

£25 PER 3 HOUR SESSION

EVERY SESSION IS PACKED WITH...

- GYMNASTICS SKILLS
- APPARATUS & EQUIPMENT
- TEAM WORK & PARTNER TRICKS
- GAMES & CHALLENGES
- FUN & SAFE ENVIRONMENT

BOOK YOUR SPACE TODAY!

SCAN THIS QR CODE OR VISIT:
<https://bookwhen.com/high5activities>
and select the days you would like to attend!

BRING YOUR FRIENDS ALONG!

QUESTIONS? EMAIL ME AT HIGHFIVEACTIVES@GMAIL.COM

SUNNYHILL

Sunnyhill Church, Ferndown
Presents...

Community Kids Club 2026

Mon 17th - Weds 19th 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

sunnyhill.church/kidsclubferndown

Bookings Open
1st June



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Term Dates

Summer Term 2026

MAY 2026						
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JUNE 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

Bank Holidays

Staff Training Days

Last Day of Term



Term Dates 2026-2027



Autumn Term 2026

SEPTEMBER 2026						
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Spring Term 2027

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APRIL 2027						
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Summer Term 2027

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