

Ferndown First School

WEEKLY UPDATE

12 June 2026



Attendance

Whole School Attendance: **95%**

National: **94.8%**

Whole School target: **97%**

Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents & carers

Each morning poses a different question at the moment - sun cream or rain coat? Please keep everything crossed for next week as our Sports Morning is planned for Thursday! I really am hoping it can go ahead as I know the children are looking forward to it.

A very well done to all the children in Year 1 who have completed their Phonics Screening Check this week. Every child tried their very best. It is evident how much parents have supported children at home with their phonics and reading. Thank you, parents!

Children in Year 2 have recently completed their Key Stage 1 Optional SATs assessments. The children rose to the challenge and gave all assessments a good go.

Over the next few weeks children in Year 1, 3 and 4 will all be completing NFER standardised assessments.

The children's results will be shared in their end of term reports.

With all of the assessments taking place this half term, I am really concerned about the amount of term time leave requests that I have been receiving. Children missing school, important assessments and transition events puts them at a disadvantage. It negatively impacts on their progress. This year, at our request, Dorset Council have issued over 22 penalty notices to parents for children who have unauthorised absences.

Children should be in school every day.

Have a good weekend.

Key Dates & Information

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

EYFS

PE Day: Wednesday.

- 16th & 24th June - Trip to Blashford Lakes

Year 1

PE Days: Thursday and Friday.

Library day: Wednesday

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

- 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)	

Community Notice Board

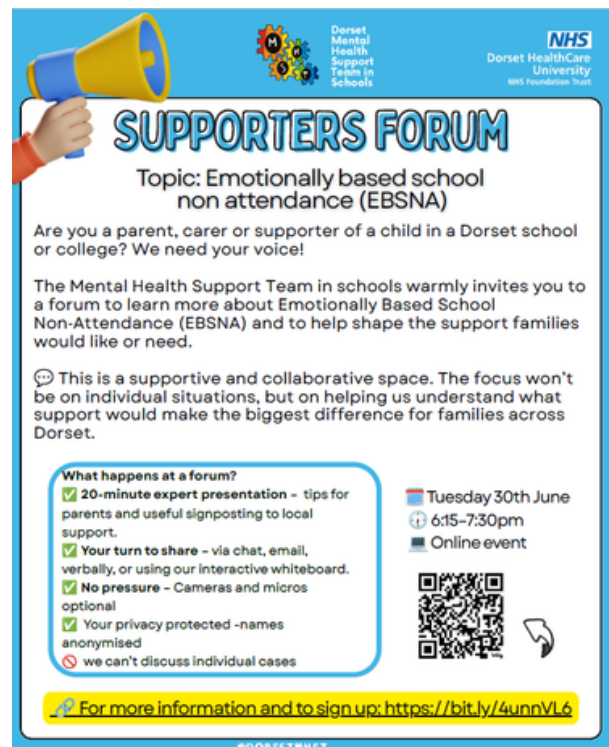


LIVE4TENNIS PRESENTS
SUMMER TENNIS CLUBS
2026
FERNDOWN COMMUNITY TENNIS
SIGN UP TODAY

- 6 hours of active play each day – perfect for burning energy and staying engaged
- Stay active and healthy with lots of movement and outdoor exercise
- Build determination and resilience through sport-based challenges
- Afternoon matchplay – friendly competition in a supportive environment
- All ability levels welcome – perfect for beginners or those looking to improve

FROM 28TH JULY TO 27TH AUG 2026 – 9-3PM – £27 A DAY
DATES:
TUESDAYS: 28TH JULY / 4TH / 11TH / 18TH & 25TH AUGUST
THURSDAYS: 30TH JULY / 6TH / 13TH / 20TH & 27TH AUGUST

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SUPPORTERS FORUM
Topic: Emotionally based school non attendance (EBSNA)

Are you a parent, carer or supporter of a child in a Dorset school or college? We need your voice!


The Mental Health Support Team in schools warmly invites you to a forum to learn more about Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance (EBSNA) and to help shape the support families would like or need.

This is a supportive and collaborative space. The focus won't be on individual situations, but on helping us understand what support would make the biggest difference for families across Dorset.

What happens at a forum?

- 20-minute expert presentation – tips for parents and useful signposting to local support.
- Your turn to share – via chat, email, verbally, or using our interactive whiteboard.
- No pressure – Cameras and micros optional
- Your privacy protected – names anonymised
- we can't discuss individual cases

Tuesday 30th June
6:15–7:30pm
Online event



For more information and to sign up: <https://bit.ly/4unnVL6>

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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



OPEN TO ALL ABILITIES

THREE WEEKS OF FUN!

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

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

£25 PER 3 HOUR SESSION







EVERY SESSION IS PACKED WITH...

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

St Mary's Church Ferndown Presents

RUMBLE in the JUNGLE

Holiday Club

4-12 year olds
Tues 4th - Fri 7th August 10am-12.30pm
Sun 9th August 10am
Holiday Club Service & Family Fun Day





stmarys-ferndown.org.uk/holiday-club

ENTRY BY DONATION
INCLUDES ONSITE PARKING
BIGGEST FESTIVAL YET - CELEBRATING 75 YEARS




SUMMER Festival

SATURDAY 20TH JUNE 2026
11:30am-4:00pm

A GREAT DAY OUT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY WITHIN OUR BEAUTIFUL WOODLAND SETTING

LIVE MUSIC ALL DAY
SWING UNLIMITED, DJ FEENIX, JOSH BETTERIDGE
STATE OF UNDRRESS ACOUSTIC TRIO, GREEN FINGERS FOLK

Circus into Schools Fun Sessions & Shows - Me2You Burley Alpacas
Face Painting - Football Challenge - Meet the Emergency Services
Three Counties Vintage & Classic Cars - Fairground Games
Art, Craft, Garden & Gift Stalls - Giant Bubbles - Mini Disco
Quality Raffle with Fantastic Prizes - Huge Tombola - BBQ - Cakes
Ice Cream Bournemouth and MUCH MORE

The Shelling Ringwood, Horton Road, Ashley, Ringwood BH24 2EB
Raising funds for student gym equipment - Sorry NO DOGS except Guide/Assistance dogs





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Dorset Mental Health Support Team in Schools



Dorset HealthCare University
NHS Foundation Trust

MHST: SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH SIGNS OF ANXIETY 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 struggling with anxiety.

This session is available for parents/carers who are looking to understand and support their child with anxiety or worries.

The session covers theory around anxiety in young people, potential triggers and maintenance factors, and key strategies to support their child with managing worries. It also explores parental wellbeing and the importance of this when supporting their child.

Fill this brief form in, and watch the recording now:

<https://forms.office.com/e/ti9YfB6pWQ>



enquires to: dhc.mhsteam.northandeastdorset@nhs.net
To leave feedback: <https://gthr.co.uk/d34c>

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Term Dates

Summer Term 2026

MAY 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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Summer Term 2027

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