

Ferndown First School

WEEKLY UPDATE

19 June 2026



Attendance

Whole School Attendance: **94.9%**

Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

I have noticed a very slight drop in whole school attendance this term. I would very much appreciate every child being in school, every day for the rest of term, where possible.

Thank you for everyone's understanding about Sports Morning. Fingers crossed for better weather for our reserve date on the 9th of July.

Half of EYFS enjoyed their second trip of the year to Blashford Lakes. The children enjoyed meadow sweeping, pond dipping, den building and toasting marshmallows! The other half of the year group will experience this on Wednesday 24th June.

Next Friday is Transfer day. Our Year 4 children will be attending their new schools for the day. The rest of the children will spend a short session in the morning to meet their new teachers and classmates.

Each year, year groups are reorganised to form new classes, and this is done for a number of reasons. We believe that this opportunity supports children to develop social skills as they build new friendship circles amongst their classmates. We want our children to become increasingly resilient citizens, with the self-confidence to make new friends. Our school value of 'Community' and our PSHE curriculum supports children with the skills needed to make new friends successfully.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on Saturday during Fete on the Field, King George V Playing Field between 11am and 5pm. We have two stalls with lots of fun activities for children and great prizes to be won. Our choir will be performing just after 11.45 am. There are some lovely hampers that can be won. All monies raised will go to supporting the school.

Key Dates & Information

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

EYFS

PE Day: **Wednesday**.

- 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

- 20th June - Fete on the Field
- 26th June - Children meet their new teacher.
- 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

Sun Safety & Hydration

Children can keep a named sunhat at school for break times and outdoor activities. We would like to reassure parents that we keep children inside during extreme heat.

We recommend that long-lasting, high-factor sun protection cream is applied to children before the start of the school day. No suncream is to be brought into school. Staff are not able to apply suncream.

Parents are asked to ensure their child always has a named water bottle in school so children can refill these throughout the day. Please ensure these are filled with water. Squash is only permitted for lunchtime and no fizzy drinks are allowed. Thank you.

Year 3 – Avon Tyrrell Residential Trip 2027

A letter has been sent home to parents advising the approximate cost and requesting a £50 deposit to secure your child's place. Please note that this non-refundable deposit must be received by the school no later than Friday 11th July. Thank you.

Year 3 & 4 – Junior Duke Assembly

We would like to invite Year 3 and 4 parents to a Junior Duke assembly on Monday 13th July at 9.15am. Parents are asked to access the hall through the staff entrance. All 10 challenges will need to be completed by 8th July so that Mrs Lord has time to prepare the certificates and badges for the Junior Duke assembly.

Transfer Day Information – Friday 26th June

Children in EYFS to Year 3 will meet their new class on Friday 26th June. They will also bring home a letter to confirm their new teacher. Children in Year 4 will attend their chosen middle schools for the day. Any children not involved in Transfer Day on Friday 27th June are welcome to attend school as normal.

Year 4 – First Day of School Photos Wanted!

Thank you to all those parents who have already sent in their child's photo – we've had a lot! If you haven't yet done so, please send us a digital photograph of your child's first day at school so we can prepare for our Leavers' celebrations.

Please send images to office@fernfirst.dorset.sch.uk. The closing date for submission of photographs is **Friday 26th June**.

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)	

Well Done!

Eleanor had 84cm chopped off her hair this week.

Eleanor shared her new hair style with the children in our whole school assembly this morning and spoke about her reasons for doing this.

The hair is being donated to the Little Princess Trust.



Hidden Treasure Hunt

The deadline for the Hidden Treasure Hunt has been extended until 6th July

What to do:

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

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

SCAN ME 

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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](https://bit.ly/4unnVL6)

@DORSETMHTS




Schools out!

Music Adventure
Arts Sports
Workshops Nature

Get ready for a summer of trying new things, making friends and having fun experiences!

Get involved - sign up now




Sign up now dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/haf-programme

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This summer, get ready for days packed with fun, laughter and unforgettable experiences! Join us at our holiday clubs, action-packed activities and fantastic fun days - there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Help with costs is available for eligible families. Visit Holiday activities and food (HAF) programme - Dorset Council to find out more.

During Schools out you can expect...

- a wide variety of sessions including sports, music, arts and crafts, cooking, drama, story writing and much more
- lots of unique and exciting experiences to enjoy with new friends
- tasty meals at activities and tips for how you can eat well from home

Funded by  Department for Education



If you have any questions, contact us holidayactivities@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk
01305 221157



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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



GYMNASTICS SKILLS



APPARATUS & EQUIPMENT



TEAM WORK & PARTNER TRICKS



GAMES & CHALLENGES



FUN & SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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 HIGH5ACTIVES@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

Week 1: 20, 21, 22, 23 July. Week 2: 27, 28, 29, 30 July



Mr Higgins Multi Sports



PE STARS



DEVICE FREE ZONE







Mr Higgins Multi Sports Summer Holiday Club

@ Ferndown Leisure Centre

Mr Higgins is an experienced Head of PE with 20 years experience. Mr Higgins thrives in inspiring everyone to enjoy their sport through advocating FUN, FITNESS and FAIR PLAY.

SPORTS INCLUDE

- ✓ Dodgeball
- ✓ Capture the Flag
- ✓ Football
- ✓ And many more

Price **£25** Per Person Per Day

9am-3pm
Ages 6-14

CONTACT

Call/ Message: 07980 301728
Facebook/ Instagram @mrhigginsmultisports

VENUE

Ferndown Leisure Centre,
Cherry Grove, Ferndown BH22 9EZ, United Kingdom

Week 3: 3, 4, 5, 6 August Week 4: 10, 11, 12, 13 August





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Dorset Mental Health Support Team in Schools



NHS 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



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Autumn Term 2026

SEPTEMBER 2026						
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Spring Term 2027

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Summer Term 2027

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