

Ferndown Middle School

Parent Weekly Newsletter w/c 15 July 2024



School News

Music Concert

Our talented children put on an unforgettable musical experience on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. It was an outstanding event featuring soloists, the Samba Band, the school choir, music theatre and rock bands. We would like to congratulate the pupils on their fantastic performances. We couldn't be more proud of them. Photographs and more information will be shared with you in next week's newsletter.

Lost Property

As we are nearing the end of the school year, please ask your child to empty their locker and take home all their belongings by Friday lunchtime.

Please encourage your child to check through the lost property area in the school hall, changing rooms and locker areas if they are missing any items. All unnamed, unclaimed items will be disposed of appropriately on the last day of term.

Exercise Books

Next week, pupils will be taking their exercise books home. Please can you kindly send them in with a bag each day so they can carry them. This will be when they see their subject teacher for the last time - these days will vary.

Important dates and information

- ❖ Pupils will be leaving school at **1.30pm** on the last day of term on Friday 19th July 2024.
- ❖ There will be **no** after-school extra-curricular clubs on Thursday 18th July 2024.
- ❖ The new school year for Ferndown Middle begins on Wednesday 4 September 2024.
- ❖ A list of the term dates for 2024/2025 can be found at the bottom of the newsletter each week.
- ❖ The School photographer will be in school on Friday 13th September 2024 to take individual photographs of all the children.



The sharing of nudes, semi-nudes and other explicit material is a prominent issue in today's digital landscape: both their distribution and their misuse. In fact, the National Crime Agency has issued an alert to hundreds of thousands of education professionals after a [study](#) found that 26,718 cases of "sextortion" had been reported in 2023 - more than doubling from the year before.

It's vital for parents and educators to be aware of how they can safeguard children from exposure to, or involvement in, sharing intimate images – especially given that the sharing of such material featuring under-18s is a serious criminal offence. This week's guide offers expert insight into the risks of sharing intimate images online, as well as tips on implementing measures to shield children from encountering inappropriate digital content of a sexual nature.



Do you know about...

free school meals

If your child qualifies for free school meals, they will have a **healthy meal every school day**, and can get:

- access to **free holiday clubs**
- **extra money for their school** towards more teachers and activities

You could save over £450 a year!

It's easy to find out if you qualify - complete our confidential checker at dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/free-school-meals or phone **01305 221090**

Pupil Premium

If your child is in reception to year 2 and you receive qualifying benefits, **you could get extra £££'s for your school!**

Apply for the Pupil Premium at dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/pupil-premium

[The Dorset Parent Guide to support your child's special education needs](#)

A copy of the Dorset Parent Guide to support your child's special education needs can be found on our [website](#).

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0 to 25 years

Dorset Council
Dorset Parent-Care Council

[Dorset Education Advice Line \(DEAL\)](#)

Dorset Education Advice Line is a phone line for parents, carers and professionals who support children who may have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

This advice line is part of Dorset Councils Local Offer to children, young people and families and will work alongside existing services such as SENDIASS and the Education Psychology helpline.

Further details and a contact form can be found on the following link:

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Extra-Curricular Clubs Summer Term 2, from 4 June to 19 July 2024

Day	Club	Duration	Times	Room/area	Leader
Monday Lunchtime	Cricket – All Years	30 mins	12.15–12.45	Field	SH/SG
	Library - All Years Max 30 children, quiet reading, choosing, renewing and returning books	25 mins	12.45–1.10	Library	GB
	Music Theatre Group - All years	30 mins	12:40–1:10	Music Room	SW
	Gymnastics – Year 5 only	30 mins	12.15 – 12.35	Gym	XS
Monday After School	Rippa Rugby - Years 5, 6 and 7 (External club paid) 10 Jun to 15 Jul Welcome to Rippa Rugby	1 hour	15.20–16.20	Field	External
	Orchestra – Invite only	1 hour	15.20–16.20	Music Room	SW
	Tennis (External club paid) 10 Jun to 15 Jul Live4tennisbookingform Collection outside the school reception office	1 hour	15.30–16.30	Ferndown Tennis Courts	External
Tuesday Lunchtime	Spanish – All years	30 mins	12.15–12.45	LA15	FS
	Athletics, Year 5 & 6	30 mins	12.15–12.45	Field	SH
	Library - All Years Max 30 children, quiet reading, choosing, renewing and returning books	25 mins	12.45–1.10	Library	GB
	Singing – All Years	30 mins	12.40–1.10	Music Room	SW
	Youth Club (Year 7 invite only)	45 mins	12.15–1.00	Youth Club	LB
	STEM Club – Years 7 & 8 First 10 to sign up with Miss Dale	30 mins	12.35–13.05	PA02	KD/NBA
Tuesday After School	Dodgeball (External club paid) 16 Apr to 16 Jul TeamThemebooking	1 hour	15.25–16.25	Gym	External
	Homework Club – All years	1 hour	15.20–16.20	Library	GB
Wednesday Lunchtime	Rounders – All Years	30 mins	12.15–12.45	Field	SH/SG
	Gardening Club – All years Max 12 pupils, sign up with Mrs Cooper	30 mins	12.30 – 1.00	Tranquillity	LC/TW

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	Library - All Years Max 30 children, quiet reading, choosing, renewing and returning books	25 mins	12.45–1.10	Library	GB
	Singing – All years	30 mins	12.15–12.45	Music Room	MB
	Samba - All years	25 mins	12:45–1:10	Music Room	SW
	Art Club – All years 20 pupils, sign-up sheet on Art door	30 mins	12.15–12.45	PA10	NC
Thursday Lunchtime	Sports Leaders – Year 8	30 mins	12.15–12.45	Gym	SG
	Ukulele– All years	30 mins	12.40-1.10	Music Room	SW
	Library - All Years Max 30 children, quiet reading, choosing, renewing and returning books	25 mins	12.45–1.10	Library	GB
	The Ark – All years With Miriam Biggs local youth worker. A club where they explore the Christian faith through games, crafts, and fun	30 mins	12.40–1.10	LA13	MB, VG
	Science – Year 5 (Sign up with Mrs Johns)	35 mins	12.35–1.10	PA2	CJ
	School Council – Every other Thursday	1 hour	12.15–1.15	PA4	
	Computers – All Years – Scratch, APP Lab or Lego Mindstorms Max 15 places, sign-up sheet in ICT room	30 mins	12.30–1.00	PA03	MM
Thursday After school	Homework Club – All years	1 hour	15.20–16.20	Library	GB
	Athletics – Years 7 & 8	1 hour	15.20–16.20	Field	SH/SG
	Arts and Crafts – All years 10 places – Sign up with AM/LP	1 hour	15.20-16.20	PA12	AM/LP
Friday Lunchtime	Football – Year 5	30 mins	12.40-13.10	Field	MW
	Dance – Year 5 & 6	30 mins	12.15–12.45	Hall	KZ
	DT Club – All years - opportunity to complete unfinished practical work First 12 pupils each week	30 mins	12.15-12.45	PA11	AM
	Eco Club – All years	30 mins	12.15 –12.45	LA11	ML
	Library - All Years Max 30 children, quiet reading, choosing, renewing and returning books	25 mins	12.45–1.10	Library	GB

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Please note the following:

- Please read through the choices with your child and ensure they are clear on where the club is held and the joining instructions.
- Please be aware that it is the parent's responsibility to ensure the child knows that they are attending an after-school club.
- Parental permission is required for your child to attend an after-school club, please use this [link](#) to confirm your consent.
- Please make arrangements to collect children following an after-school club and make sure that the child is aware of these arrangements.
- We will endeavour not to cancel after-school clubs at short notice - if however, this is necessary; either ParentMail, telephone call, or SMS will notify parents.
- External club arrangements are with the club and not the school.

Breakfast Club



The breakfast club runs each morning for pupils across all year groups. Cost: £3.25 per breakfast.

Start time 7.30 am (Pupils need to arrive no later than 7.40 am and must sign in at reception). Finish time 8.30 am.

It is a fun and sociable environment where pupils enjoy a varied breakfast in the company of other pupils.

A selection of cereals, toast and drinks are provided.

Booking forms can be found on the school website: [Breakfast Club | \(fernmid.dorset.sch.uk\)](https://www.fernmid.dorset.sch.uk)

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Term Dates 2023 - 2024

Winter Term Dates 2023

Inset Day	Friday 1 September 2023	Bank holidays in the autumn term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 25 December 2023 Tuesday 26 December 2023
Autumn term starts	Monday 4 September 2023	
Half-term	Monday 23 to Friday 27 October 2023	
Autumn term ends	Friday 15 December 2023	
Christmas holidays	Monday 18 December to Monday 1 January 2024	

Spring Term Dates 2024

Spring term starts	Tuesday 2 January 2024	Bank holidays in the spring term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Year's Day: Monday 1 January 2024 Good Friday: Friday 29 March 2024 Easter Monday: Monday 1 April 2024
Inset Day	Friday 9 February 2024	
Half-term	Monday 12 to Friday 16 February 2024	
Spring term ends	Thursday 28 March 2024	
Easter holiday	Friday 29 March to Friday 12 April 2024	

Summer Term Dates 2024

Summer term starts	Monday 15 April 2024	Bank holidays in the summer term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early May bank holiday: Monday 6 May 2024 Spring bank holiday: Monday 27 May 2024 Summer bank holiday: Monday 26 August 2024
Half-term	Monday 27 to 31 May 2024	
Inset Day	Monday 3 June 2024	
Summer term ends	Friday 19 July 2024	
Inset Day	Monday 22 July 2024	
Inset Day	Tuesday 23 July 2024	

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Term Dates 2024 - 2025

Autumn Term 2024	Autumn Term Monday 2 September 2024 to Friday 20 December 2024	
	Staff Training Day	Monday 2 September 2024
	Staff Training Day	Tuesday 3 September 2024
	Welcome Back to School	Wednesday 4 September 2024
	Half Term	Monday 28 October 2024 to Friday 1 November 2024
	Last Day of Term	Friday 20 December 2024
	Christmas Holidays	Monday 23 December 2024 to Friday 3 January 2025

Spring Term 2025	Spring Term Monday 6 January 2025 to Friday 4 April 2025	
	Welcome Back to School	Monday 6 January 2025
	Half Term	Monday 17 February 2025 to Friday 21 February 2025
	Last Day of Term	Friday 04 April 2025
	Easter Holiday	Monday 7 April 2025 to Monday 21 April 2025

Summer Term 2025	Summer Term Tuesday 22 April 2025 to Tuesday 22 July 2025	
	Welcome Back to School	Tuesday 22 April 2025
	Bank Holiday	Monday 5 May 2025
	Half Term	Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025
	Staff Training Day	Monday 30 June 2025
	Last Day of Term	Friday 18 July 2025
	Staff Training Day	Monday 21 July 2025
	Staff Training Day	Tuesday 22 July 2025