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Sports Day

The music was playing and gazebos were decorated in the school house colours ready for a day of athletics and some team races. Year 5 and 6 were the first to compete in their track and field events in the morning and set the scene for the day with some outstanding performances. All Year 5 & 6 pupils performed with excitement, energy and happiness. There were many smiles and High Fives happening. It was the turn of our Year 7 and 8 pupils in the afternoon to take the baton and produce performances of desire and commitment. The power in those relay races were reminiscent to that we will see in the Olympics in Paris later this year.



There were a variety of events including skipping, egg and spoon, relays, sprints, team runs, long jump, shot put and javelin.

There was a real sense of teamwork and kindness throughout the day. There was constant cheering at every event as the pupils supported their fellow House members compete in their events. All of our pupils should be thoroughly proud of their commitment and determination. They truly stepped up and rose to the occasion and we want to thank them for giving their all in their events.

We extend our thanks to our Year 8 Senior Sports Leaders and Junior Sports Leaders from Years 6 and 7 that helped with scoring and judging. Their efforts were appreciated and it was superb having them act as our sporting role models throughout the day.

Also, it was wonderful to see so many parents and families join us to support our pupils. This added to the atmosphere and we appreciate you taking the time out of your busy days to cheer on our pupils.

A special thanks to our staff for setting up, packing away, cheering and organising our pupils throughout the day and judging events. It was a real team effort.

Thank you to Ferndown Community Support who came on site with refreshments and cakes. They raised a fantastic £372.85 which will be used to support the Food Bank in Ferndown.

Finally, the results will be shared in a future assembly.

Yours in Sport, Mr Higgins and Miss Grant

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School News

Cake Sale

A massive thank you to everyone who donated cakes today ... it has been a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Thank you to some of our Year 8 children who helped to display and sell them and especially to Mrs Rogers for co-ordinating the sale.

Together you have raised an amazing £880, the money will be used for our school rewards scheme and end of year celebrations.

Thank you again for your generous support.



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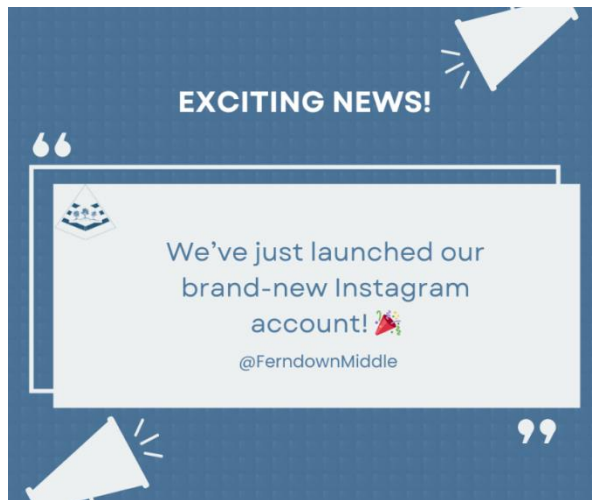
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Important dates and information

- ❖ 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.

Instagram



Follow us on our new Instagram account! Share this post with your friends!

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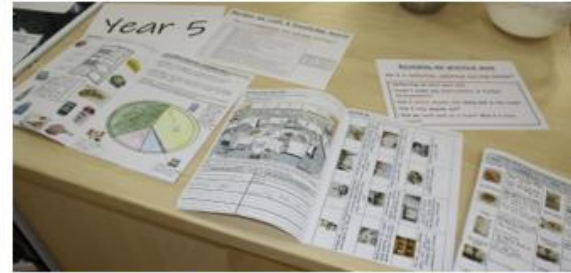
Creative Showcase Book Looks

Thank you to all the parents/carers who came in on Wednesday for our Creative Showcase we hope you enjoyed the opportunity to see your children's creative work. Below is a selection of the work that was on show.



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CREAVITIVE SHOWCASE



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Wrap Around Care

After school provision

Ferndown Middle School is launching a new Wraparound childcare service after school starting in September 2024 for our KS2 pupils. We are looking to recruit a Supervisor and two Assistants.

This is an exciting opportunity for creative and caring individuals to oversee and develop our afterschool club. The club will provide our children with a stimulating environment together with high-quality creative play opportunities.

Our ideal candidates will have experience of working with children in a school setting or of primary school age. We are seeking individuals who can motivate and encourage children and who are enthusiastic, positive and an excellent team player. They should have good communication skills and a passion to support children to be the best that they can be.

Staff will be first aid trained and gain a Level 2 Food Safety certificate. We will also consider applications from those not wanting to commit to everyday.

Hours: Monday to Friday, 3:20 to 5:40, 11 hours and 40 minutes

38 weeks per year, term time only

After School Club Supervisor

Contract type: Permanent

Pay range: Grade E, SCP 7 to 11

Pro rata amount £6,452 to £6,899

The pro rata salary shown is based on the number of hours and weeks worked and includes appropriate paid annual leave and bank holiday entitlements

After School Club Assistant

Pay range: Grade C or D depending on experience, SCP 3 to 6

Pro-rata range actual salary range: £6,038 to £6,345

The pro rata salary shown is based on the number of hours and weeks worked and includes appropriate paid annual leave and bank holiday entitlements

Full details can be found on the following link: [After school Supervisor and Assistants at Ferndown Middle School in Ferndown - Dorset Council](#)

or on the school website [Vacancies | \(fernmid.dorset.sch.uk\)](#)

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Breakfast Club

Ferndown Middle School offers a **breakfast club** every school morning. This is for pupils across the year groups with a maximum of 30 pupils and is operated on a first come first served basis. A selection of cereals, toast, jams, drink is provided, followed by an opportunity to play board/table games.

Start time: 7.30am (pupils must arrive no later than 7.40am and enter through reception)

Finish time: 8.30am (pupils must remain on school grounds once they have left breakfast club)

Cost: £3.50 per breakfast



Booking

Parents need to book and pay one-half term in advance using this Breakfast Club Booking Form. Once the booking forms are completed, we will send you an email of confirmation of your child's place.

Payment is made by either:

- ParentMail – complete the booking form, and the payment item will be created in ParentMail
- Bank transfer to account name Castleman Academy Trust

Sort Code 30-80-89

Account no. 34315968 with a reference of 'FMS & Child's Name' - Childcare Vouchers with a reference 'FMS & Child's Name'

Behaviour expectations

Pupils are expected to be polite and courteous at all times and are expected to follow the same guidelines as documented in the Behaviour and Anti-Bullying policies, which can be found on the school website.

Supervision

Two members of the Ferndown Middle School support staff will supervise the pupils. They both have enhanced DBS clearance, up to date safeguarding training, food hygiene & safety qualified and one is first aid trained. The Breakfast Club operates under the same procedures as Ferndown Middle School regarding first aid, sickness and accident reporting. If your child has a medical condition of which the staff should be aware, or any food allergies, the school will need to be made aware of this on the agreement form. Pupils will remain in the room until 8.30am when they will be dismissed to go to their tutor rooms.

We recommend booking early to avoid disappointment.



Trolling is the act of making inflammatory comments or behaving in an abusive manner online to hurt the feelings of others or provoke a reaction from them. It is estimated that in 2022, over a third (34%) of people in the UK who suffered online abuse were specifically victims of trolling. The repercussions of this type of online abuse can be severe, which is why it is imperative that parents and educators have the tools to mitigate the risk of harm to children and young people.

In this week's guide, it offers expert insight into the act of online trolling and provide advice on how to protect children and young people if they encounter it themselves, helping them minimise the impact of this hurtful behaviour.

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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](#).

The Dorset Parent Guide to support your child's Special Educational Needs
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:

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

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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