

Ferndown Middle School

Parent Weekly Newsletter w/c 13 July 2026



Headteacher's Comment

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of another busy and successful term, I would like to begin by thanking everyone who attended our **Celebration Evening** for Year 5, 6 and 7. It was a wonderful event and a real pleasure to see so many families joining us to recognise and celebrate the achievements of our students. The evening was a tremendous success and reflected the talent, dedication and hard work of our young people throughout the year. My sincere thanks go to all those who helped make the event possible, including staff, students, families and volunteers. Your support and contribution are greatly appreciated.

We look forward to celebrating with our **Year 8** students as they mark the end of their time with us next week. A number of special activities and events have been planned to recognise their achievements culminating in the **Inaugural FMS Prom on Thursday 16th July**. On behalf of all staff in school we wish every leaver success as they move on to the next stage of their education. We hope it will be a memorable and enjoyable final week for them.

The weather continues to be hot, and I don't think it will relent anytime soon. **Therefore, we will leave the wearing of PE kit in place until the end of term.** Please ensure that your children have a **water bottle, a hat for outside and sun cream applied before school please**. We will alter the curriculum, move rooms as best we can to allow all children to be as comfortable as possible. I am aware of children feeling nausea in the heat which is a common symptom of heat exhaustion in children. I know many are struggling to sleep, and this tiredness is not helping either. I want to reassure you we are not seeing anything like the number of vomiting and diarrhoea cases amongst the children and staff that we had in May. Our Cleaners are following the advice given by the UKHSA and trying their best with additional hours being given to some to ensure all areas have as deep a clean as possible.

End-of-year reports will be emailed to parents today. If you would like to discuss your child's report, teachers will be available on Wednesday 15 July, either in person at school or by telephone. Please contact the relevant teacher via Class Charts to arrange a discussion.

Please note the following arrangements for the **final day of term**:

- **Years 5, 6 and 7** will leave school at **2.00 pm**.
- **Year 8** students will leave at **2.10 pm** from the **front of the school**.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We are proud of all that our students have achieved and look forward to finishing the term together on a positive note.

Grant Hopkins

Interim Headteacher

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School News

Cake sale- Curlew House

Thank you to everyone who brought in money to buy cakes at break time today. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thanks to your generosity, we raised a fantastic **£218.35** for **Abby's Heroes**. 🍷 🍰

A huge thank you as well to all of the **Curlew pupil representatives** and the staff who kindly donated cakes and helped to sell them. We couldn't have done it without you! 🍷 ✨



Medication in School – End of Term Reminder

Any medication currently stored in school will be sent home with your child on Friday 17th July. If your child is not in school on that day, please ask them to collect their medication from the School Office at the end of their final day in school.

Medication will be returned in a named bag and, for current Year 5, 6 and 7 students, will include new medical forms for the next academic year. If you would like the school to continue holding medication for your child, please complete and return the forms to the School Office on the first day of term. All medication must be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Students with asthma may carry their own inhaler, provided a completed blue consent form has been submitted. Inhalers should be kept in the student's school bag and be available to them at all times.



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Schoolbooks

Over the next week, pupils will be bringing all of their **schoolbook's home**. To help them carry these safely, please could your child bring a large bag into school. Thank you for your support.

New school meal menu

We are pleased to share our new school meals menu, which will be available from the start of the new term.

A copy of the menu can also be found on our [website](#), along with information for parents/carers of children who require a special diet and wish to order a school meal.



Extra-curricular activities

We are pleased to let you know that we will be continuing to offer a range of extra-curricular activities for pupils in the new academic year, both during the school day and after school. We will send you full details September.

Details of any externally run paid clubs will be shared with parents as soon as they become available.

We look forward to offering another exciting programme of activities for our pupils in the year ahead.

Please note, that there will be no Athletics Club next week, and all music clubs have now finished for the academic year.

Breakfast Club and KS2 After School Club

Breakfast Club and **KS2 After School Club** will both start back from the **Thursday 3rd September 2026**. Bookings for both clubs will go live at 6.30pm on Monday 13th July 2026. We have made a slight change to the booking process to fall in line with both Ferndown and Parley First Schools, all bookings must be paid for at the time of booking. This means that bookings can only be made where there is sufficient credit on your child's account.

Childcare voucher payments will be an exception to this process. As these payments can take some time to be received and credited to our bank account, parents using childcare vouchers will still be able to book sessions in the usual way.

Bookings for our Breakfast and After School Clubs will be **available from 18.30pm on Monday 13th July**. We have had a lot of interest for these clubs from both First Schools so please book early to avoid any disappointment.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we implement this update.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

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Pupil Achievements

🌟 Outstanding Swimming Success for Year 5 Pupil 🌟

Congratulations to Ahlia in Year 5, who recently competed at a county swimming competition in Woking. Ahlia achieved an impressive four bronze medals and one silver medal in her age-group qualifying events. She also produced a fantastic performance in the 200m Freestyle, finishing first with a remarkable five-second personal best and winning the coveted club duck trophy. What an incredible achievement! We are very proud of Ahlia and wish her every success in her future competitions.

Well done, Ahlia! 🏆 🥇 🥈 🥉



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Wellbeing



For many young people, the summer holidays can easily become dominated by phones, gaming, streaming and social media. This guide offers reassuring, realistic advice for parents, carers and educators who want to encourage 11- to 16-year-olds to spend more time offline without making technology feel like the enemy.

From phone-free challenges and micro-adventures to active travel, outdoor clubs and creative alternatives to scrolling, the guide focuses on small, achievable changes. It also highlights the importance of giving teens choice, responsibility and social motivation, helping them build confidence, wellbeing and healthier habits throughout the summer.

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SUMMER SHOW
2026

Thursday 16th July
6:30 - 8:30pm
For students,
family
& friends

Ride the Wave
into Summer
and celebrate
our amazing
creative
students

Fine Art
Textiles
Photography
Product Design
Drama
Music

 **FERNDOWN**
Upper School

Refreshments on sale
from the PTFA

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Term Dates 2026-2027



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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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Bank and Public Holidays 2026-2027

25 December 2026	Christmas Day
28 December 2026	Boxing Day

1 January 2027	New Year's Day
26 March 2027	Good Friday

29 March 2027	Easter Monday
3 May 2027	May Day Holiday

31 May 2027	Spring Bank Holiday
30 August 2027	August Bank Holiday

Key

School Holidays

Bank Holidays

Staff Training Days

Last Day of Term

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Extra-Curricular Clubs – Summer Term 2

Day	Club	Duration	Times	Room/Area	Leader
Monday Lunchtime	Library – KS2 Max 30 children, quiet reading, choosing, renewing and returning books	50 mins	12.05- 12.55	Library	GB
	Golf – KS2 Max 20 children, on rotation	30 mins	12.10 – 12.40	Field	MW
Monday After School	Rippa Rugby – All years (External paid club) Welcome to Rippa Rugby Rugby Coaching and Consultancy in Dorset	1 hour	3.20- 4.20	Field	External
	Orchestra – Invite only	1 hour	3.20- 4.20	Music Room	SW
	Tennis – All years (External paid club) Collection outside the school reception office, https://www.live4tennis.co.uk	1 hour	3.20- 4.20	Ferndown Tennis Courts	External
	Library Homework Club – All years – Booking via Arbor	1 hour	3.20- 4.20	Library	GB
	Warhammer – All Years	1 hour	3.20- 4.20	LA8/LA9	CH
Tuesday Lunchtime	Library- All Years Max 30 children, quiet reading, choosing, renewing and returning books	50 mins 20 mins	KS2 12.05- 12.55 KS3 1.30- 1.50	Library	GB
	Cricket – KS3	25 mins	13.00 – 13.25	Field	JB/JS
	Homework Club – KS2	45 mins	12.05 – 12.50	Library	GB
	Homework Club – KS3	50 mins	13.00 – 13.50	Library	GB
	Computers – Year 7 and 8 Drop-in Session- Completing classwork, Homework, Printing, Creating projects (Strictly NO GAMES)	30 mins	1.00 – 1.30	PA3	MM
Tuesday After School	Dodgeball – All years (External paid club) https://bookwhen.com/teamthemesportscoaching	1 hour	3.20–4.20	Gym/Hall	External
	Paragon Football – All yeas	1 hour	3.20–4.20	Field	External
	Library Homework Club – All years – Booking via Arbor	1 hour	3.20–4.20	Library	GB
Wednesday Lunchtime	Library – KS2 Max 30 children, quiet reading, choosing, renewing and returning books	50 mins	12.05- 12.55	Library	GB
	Volleyball – KS3	25 mins	13.00 – 13.25	Gym	SG
	KS3 Singing Group	25 mins	1.00-1.25	PA1	SW

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Thursday Lunchtime	Sports Leaders – Year 8	30 mins	12.15–12.45	Gym	KB
	Library- All Years Max 30 children, quiet reading, choosing, renewing and returning books	50 mins 20 mins	KS2 12.05- 12.55 KS3 1.30 – 1.50	Library	GB
	Homework Club – KS2	45 mins	12.05 – 12.50	Library	GB
	Homework Club – KS3	50 mins	13.00 – 13.50	Library	GB
	The Ark – KS2 With Miriam Biggs local youth worker. A club where they explore the Christian faith through games, crafts, and fun	25 mins	12.05 – 12.30	LA9	MB/VG
Thursday After school	Athletics – All years	1 hour	3.20 – 4.20	Gym/Playground	KB/JB
	Mr Higgins Fun Fitness Club All years (External paid club) Call/ Message: 07980 301728	1 hours	3.20 – 4.20	Playground	External
Friday Lunchtime	Computers – Year 5 and 6 Drop-in Session- Completing classwork, Homework, Printing, Creating projects (Strictly NO GAMES)	20 mins	12.05 – 12.35	PA3	MM
	Library- All Years Max 30 children, quiet reading, choosing, renewing and returning books	50 mins 20 mins	KS2 12.05- 12.55 KS3 1.20 – 1.50	Library	GB
	Spanish – KS2	20 mins	12.05 – 12.25	LA11	FS
	Singing – KS2	25 mins	12.05 – 12.30	Music Room	MB
	Music Theatre – All years	25 mins	1.00 – 1.25	Music Room	SW
	Golf – KS2 Max 20 children, on rotation	30 mins	12.10 – 12.40	Field	MW

Please note the following:

- Please read through the options 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.

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- If a pupil is absent from the club and we have not received prior notification, the school office will first check to see if the child has been absent from school, and if not, a text message will be sent home to inform parents/carers promptly.
- 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 Arbor, telephone call, or SMS will notify parents.
- External club arrangements are with the club and not the school.