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The Upton Schools

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Newsletter

5th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone had a good half term and were able to spend some time together as families. To ensure your child has positive days as the weather looks to be warm and sunny please:

- ❖ Make sure your child comes to school each day with a drinking bottle filled with WATER.
- ❖ Provide a sun hat for your child as shade is limited around the school sites.
- ❖ Apply suncream on your child each morning.

We will of course be encouraging children to drink water during the day and if it get's unreasonably warm we will limit their time spent outside due to the lack of shade.

Message from the Child's Commissioner

As Children's Commissioner, I'm writing to ask for your support in helping children at your school or college to take part in my national survey, The Big Future.

Your students can take part here:

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

As schools and colleges return for the final weeks of the academic year, this is a valuable opportunity for children and young people to reflect on their experiences, share what matters most to them, and tell us about their hopes and ambitions for the future in their own words.

Farewells

Mrs Tinsley, year three teacher with 3Toucans, has decided to leave her position at the end of the academic year. Mrs Tinsley has worked at the Junior School since 2005 so we thank her for her years of service at the school and her contribution to the community of Upton and the impact she has had on children and families. We wish her well for the future.

Mrs Fisher, one of our Midday Supervisors has left us today after 11 years. We would like to wish her well for the future and thank her for her years service.

Sports Days

The Infant sports day will be held on Friday 19th June. To ensure the wellbeing and safety of the children we have made the decision to hold Reception's sports day at the school. By doing this all the children will feel more secure and it will be safer for all children to be involved.

Year one and year two will be doing their sports day at Upton recreation ground we will be leaving school at 9.10 with activities starting at 9.30 with the finish time being before 11.00

The reception sports day will start at 11.20 and will finish at 12.20. The reception gate will open at 11.10.

The Honeybees sports day is on Wednesday 17th June with further details coming out soon.

The Junior school sports day is on Thursday 18th June at Upton Recreation ground. We will be leaving school just after 9.00 with events starting at 9.30 and finishing at 11.30.

Further details will come out soon but we really hope to see as many of you as possible supporting the children.

Breakfast Club

We have been asked whether it is possible for us to take children from one breakfast club to another. While I understand it would be much easier for parents if we could take children between the schools or if parents could use the walkway between them I am afraid that this would not be possible. We just don't have the staff available to us to enable this to happen. Also, if we allowed parents to do this walk through the school it would mean external gates would be open and therefore the site wouldn't be secure. I apologise for the inconvenience caused.

Road Safety

Drivers are still driving up St. Martins Road and accessing the Infant car park when they shouldn't be causing dangerous conditions. On Thursday morning we had a near miss involving a child.

The police have been contacted, and I hope to see them visit soon. A reminder that St. Martin's Road is shut during the school drop off and pick up times so it should not be accessed at all. Dorset Road Safety have assured us that the plan is for ANPR cameras to be in place by the end of September which will be linked to automatic fixed penalty notices being issued for drivers who are illegally accessing the road.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Duncan Churchill

Executive Head Teacher

Upton Infant and Junior School

Upton Junior School Announcements

Diary Dates



- ❖ Wednesday 3rd June – 1st July – Year 4 Swimming
- ❖ Thursday 18th June – Sports Day – Events start @9.30am Upton Rec
- ❖ Friday 26th June – Transfer Day
- ❖ Monday 13th – Wednesday 15th July – Year 6 Hooke Court Residential Trip

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September – Inset days
Children return on Thursday 3rd September

PE Days

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Monday			PE	
Tuesday	PE			PE
Wednesday		PE	PE	
Thursday				PE
Friday	PE	PE		

Upton Infant School Announcements

Diary Dates



- ❖ Wednesday 10th June @6pm – Meeting for new reception parents
- ❖ Wednesday 17th June – Honeybees sports day
- ❖ Friday 19th June – Sports Day - see newsletter for more information
- ❖ Thursday 25th June – 5.30pm meeting for new Yr 3 parents
- ❖ Friday 26th June – Transfer Day

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PE Days

	Honeybees	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Monday				
Tuesday		PE		
Wednesday			PE	
Thursday			PE	PE
Friday	PE			PE



Summer Holiday Activity!

The Purbeck Locality Team invite you to:
RSPB Arne Nature Reserve
 (Arne Rd, Arne, Wareham BH20 5BJ)

Wednesday 5th August 2026

A free holiday activity for all the family – all ages welcome!

10:00am

(Meeting at the Welcome Centre)

Nature Walk

Prepare for all weathers!



Explore and Learn



Children must be



To book a place, call 01202 868224 or email:
eastandpurbecklocality@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

PLEASE NOTE:

Bookings must be made by Thursday 23rd July 2026.

200 Timetable



Dorset Community Transport
 Making journeys possible

Bus Service to The Blue Pool & RSPB Arne
 from Wareham Station or Purbeck Park
Purbeck Shuttle 200



Operated in partnership with



Summer 2025:
 Wednesdays or Saturdays 28 May through to 30 August 2025



Wednesdays (Non-Sch-Hol: 4/11/18/25 Jun, 2/9/16/23 Jul) (Sch Hol: 28 May, 30 Jul, 6/13/20/27 Aug)						Non-Sch-Hol	Sch Hol
Wareham Station (Bere Road)	dep	0940	1035	1139	1311	1415	1415 1537
Wareham South Bridge		0945	1040	1144	1316	1420	1420 1542
Stoborough Meadow		0947	1042	1146	1318	1422	1422 1544
The Blue Pool		0953	1048	1152	1324	-	1428 -
Stoborough Green (North Bound for New Road)		1000	1055	1159	1331	-	1435 -
Ridge		1005	1100	1204	1336	1430	1440 1552
Arne Nature Reserve (RSPB Welcome Centre)	arr	1010	1105	1209	1341	1435	1445 1557
Arne Nature Reserve (RSPB Welcome Centre)	dep	1012	1107	1239	1343	1630	1505 1605
Ridge		1017	1112	1244	1348	1635	1510 1610
Stoborough Green (South Bound)		-	1117	1249	1353	1640	1515 1615
The Blue Pool		-	1122	1254	1358	1645	1520 1620
Stoborough Meadow		1025	1130	1302	1406	1653	1528 1628
Wareham South Bridge		1027	1132	1304	1408	1655	1530 1630
Wareham Station (Bere Road)	arr	1032	1137	1309	1413	1700	1535 1635

Explore



Learn



Family event



Summer Holidays at Corfe Castle
Wednesday 12th August 2026
10:00am

Free Entry and Free Parking



Join us for our next **FREE** family event, teaming with the National Trust at Corfe Castle!



Meet at the Welcome Centre
 BH20 5DR



Accessible by the Purbeck Breezer Bus, number 40. Scan the QR code for timetable

To book a place, call 01202 868224 or email:
eastandpurbecklocality@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

PLEASE NOTE: Bookings must be made by Thursday 6th August 2026



Purbeck Locality

Parenting Toolbox

Looking for help and support with parenting?

We are offering once a month sessions either face to face or virtually for a 1:1 chat

Meet with a member of the Family Hub, to gain practical and friendly support around any aspect of looking after children aged 0-19

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL!

Sessions delivered 1 - 2pm at the following locations:

Wednesday 17th June: Wareham Library, BH20 4LR.

Thursday 16th July: Upton Library, BH16 5PW.

For more details and to book a place, please contact:
eastandpurbecklocality@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk
 or call 01202 868224

For news, events and support, join us at
<https://facebook.com/groups/purbecklocality>



Dorset Parenting Support Service

We offer parenting support and advice to help parents manage behaviours they find challenging

We work closely with a range of professionals including GPs, Paediatricians, CAMHS, Social Care, Early Help and schools.

Our Parenting Practitioners understand that you know your child best, we will work with you to identify and build on your strengths as a parent.

What we deliver for parents living in BCP and Dorset

Incredible Years Parenting Programmes

Incredible Years enables parents to gain effective tools in managing their child's behaviour.

- Pre-school for parents of children aged 3-6 years
- School Age for parents of children aged 6-11 years
- ADHD for parents of children aged 6 to 11 with a diagnosis of ADHD

Two and a half hour weekly sessions between 12-15 weeks (depending on type of programme) in venues across BCP, Dorset and some virtual delivery

To find out more please visit our website actionforchildren.org.uk/dorset

"Behaviours That Challenge Us" Information Session

Join our one-off information session to find out more about how you can support and understand your child's challenges and difficulties.

- For Parent/Carer(s) of children aged between 5 and 11 years
- One off session delivered virtually or face to face
- Session is delivered by Clinical Psychologist



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Free community session:

'An Introduction to Autism'

What is the session about?

The session was co-developed with parents of autistic children, a SENCO, Dorset Parent Carer Council and Specialist Teachers and Educational Psychologists from Dorset Council.

It will help you to:

- Understand what autism is and how it may impact young people and families
- Learn some practical strategies to support an autistic child/young person

Please note, this is a general information session, so we won't be able to discuss individual children or schools.

The session will be delivered by either an Educational Psychologist or a Specialist Teacher from Dorset Council

Who can attend?

Anyone from the community, this could include people:

- with an autistic child
- with a child undergoing an assessment for autism
- who are interested in learning more about autism

Where and when?

Purbeck Youth and Community Centre (PYCC) Wareham Family hub, Worget Road, BH20 4PH (behind The Purbeck School)

Tuesday 9th June 2026 at 10-11.30am

To Book a place, please click on this Link or scan the QR code below:

Purbeck - An Introduction to Autism - Community Training Session - Summer Term



Summer Holiday Activities 2026

TEENZ

Look out for 'Teenz' events specifically for children aged 10+

School holiday arts and sports activities for Dorset children who need additional support



Booking closes on Wednesday 1 July

Artz+ Sport+ is funded and organised by Dorset Council
dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/artz-sportz



Visit a farm & discover the world of farming!

7th June 2026

Visit Oak Vale Farms Ltd

Knife Hill Farm DT11 0NA [What3Words/.../thumb.decompose.explored](https://www.what3words.com/What3Words/.../thumb.decompose.explored)

11am to 4pm

This is a **FREE** event, but please book your place here:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GKTS>

- Meet the cows and learn how we care for them
- Tractor Trailer rides*
- Milking Demonstration
- Machinery on show
- Local producers "Farmers Market"
- Food trailer with local burgers/sausages
- Locally made ice-cream

* we will be raising money for local village facilities, please bring cash for donations towards tractor trailer rides.



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SUMMER SPECTACULAR

THURSDAY 23RD JULY - FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST

LIMITED FREE HAF SPACES AVAILABLE

A multi-activity holiday club for children aged 4-13 with activities such as:
Football, Dance, Gymnastics,
Inflatable Fun, Dodgeball, Arts & Crafts,
Nerf Wars, Tennis, Cricket
and many more!

**PAID SPACES
JUST £20
PER DAY**

08:00 - 16:00 DAILY

4 CONVENIENT VENUES



Kingsleigh Primary School
BH10 5HT



Bayside Academy
BH16 5AH



Lytchett Matravers Primary School
BH16 6DY



Swanage Primary School
BH19 2EY

DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

- ★ 25% Sibling Discount
- ★ 25% Stars Members Discount
- ★ 25% KPS Pupil Discount
- ★ 25% Lytchett Pupil Discount
- ★ 25% Swanage Primary Discount
- ★ 25% Bayside Pupil Discount



Book via Class Manager
or contact:

kirsty@starscorporatetd.co.uk



Department
for Education

MAY HALF TERM ACTIVITY TIMETABLE



WEEK 1

Summer Kick Off

- Football
- Just Dance
- Inflatables Fun
- Arts n' Crafts
- Playground Games
- Team Challenges



WEEK 2

Sports Mania

- Dodgeball
- Basketball
- Relay Fun
- Tennis
- Music & Dance Games
- Sports Based Games



WEEK 3

Action & Adventure

- Gymnastics
- Football Matches
- Inflatables Fun
- Team Challenges
- Talent Show Activities
- Arts n' Crafts



WEEK 4

Fun & Fitness Week

- Just Dance
- Relay Races
- Dodgeball
- Tennis
- Basketball
- Obstacle Challenges



WEEK 5

Ultimate Sports Week

- Football Tournament
- Rounders
- Team Games
- Inflatables Fun
- Sports Challenges
- Playground Fun



WEEK 6

Summer Celebration Week

- Just Dance Party
- Gymnastics
- Relay Fun
- Arts n' Crafts
- Team Challenges
- End of Summer Fun & Games



ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND MAY VARY
DUE TO WEATHER OR CIRCUMSTANCES OUT OF OUR CONTROL

Lytchett Minster and Upton Town Council proudly presents...

Picnic in the Park 2026



Featuring...

Poole Me Hearties **Sapphire Dance**
Christchurch & District Band
Mr Merlin & Okey Dokey the Dragon

Falconry Displays **Bouncy Castle + Assault Course**
Climbing Wall **Roman Living History Tent**
Face Painting **Dorset Fire and Rescue Fire Engine**
Children's Parade **BCP Tractor Visit**

...and much more!

Where: Upton Recreational Ground
When: 1-5:30pm, Saturday 27th June



FREE to attend



LYTCHETT MATRAVERS RANGERS

Are Looking for

CURRENT YEAR 1 CHILDREN

to Join Their Team!

FREE TASTER SESSIONS!

Tuesday 2nd June, Tuesday 9th June
5 - 6pm and Saturday 13th June
8.45 - 9.45am

Training at Lytchett Recreational Ground
BH16 6BG

Contact Joe on **07801293045**



**JOIN US AND HAVE FUN
LEARNING FOOTBALL
IN A FRIENDLY TEAM!**



Have your say on childcare in Dorset

Prize Draw of a £50 Amazon Vouchers for 5 lucky winners

[Link here: Childcare Survey.](#)

or

SCAN ME



Dorset Council is inviting families to take part in a short Childcare Survey to help us understand local needs and improve services across the county. Your feedback will help shape future childcare provision and support for families.

Closes 17th of June 2026

2026

SPORTZ XTRA SEND SESSIONS
SATS: 4,11,18 JULY 2026
TIME: 9.30 - 12.30 P.M.

VENUE: PRINCE OF WALES PRE-SCHOOL, MAIDEN CASTLE RD, DORCHESTER, DT1 2HH
 COST: £9.20 PER SESSION
 TO BOOK: LEISURE@DORSETCOUNCIL.GOV.UK

- ✓ Sensory Room Soft play room
- ✓ Games and activity room
- ✓ Swimming in the therapy pool
- ✓ Toys and Games

www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/sport-leisure/artz-sportz-xtra

BOOKINGS CLOSE 17 JUNE 26
 CONFIRMATION EMAILS 18 JUNE 26

PARENTS MUST STAY IF THIS IS YOUR CHILD'S FIRST SESSION

Turlin Moor Recreation Ground

What's on in June

Meeting point: by the playpark at Foreland Road (BH16 5AT)



THE PARKS FOUNDATION

Community Litter Pick

Sun 7 June | 11am - 12pm

We'll join this regular monthly community litter pick to help tidy the park for people and wildlife.



Volunteering

Moor to Shore Guided Nature Walk

Weds 24 June | 1.30pm - 4.30pm

In partnership with Upton Country Park, join us for a gentle nature walk (approx. 6-8 km) around Turlin Moor to Upton Country Park and back. We'll explore the bird hides and look for wildlife as we go.

Activity for adults.

Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring binoculars if you can.



Free event

Scan for park information



To book: parksfoundation.org.uk/events

The Parks Foundation is committed to celebrating diversity – we welcome people from all backgrounds, genders, ethnicities, people with learning differences and varying physical abilities. If you would like more information or have questions about an activity, please contact us.

Get in touch with our team member, Lisa on: lisa@parksfoundation.org.uk or: 07458 039395