



Bridport Primary School Newsletter

JULY 2026

Our value for this half term is: **CREATIVITY**

DIARY DATES

20.7.26

Magdalen Farm #2

21.7.26

Year six leavers' ceremony

22.7.26

Break The Rules
End of term

1 & 2.9.26

INSET DAYS

THURS 3.9.26

TERM STARTS

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been SUCH a busy few weeks in school, and now only a few days to go until we break up for the summer. There are so many events happening over the summer- please see the following pages for some details of what our community has to offer.

Our FOBPS Colour Run was fantastic, and raised over £1000. I thoroughly enjoyed the evening, and from the smiles on everyone's faces, I was not alone!

I am sure you will already know the result from Sport's Day, but just in case:

4th place - **yellow** team with 1,577 points

3rd place - **red** team with 1,605 points

2nd place - **green** team with 1,654 points

1st place - **blue** team with 1,694 points

BPS also gained the GOLD Sports Mark again this year, which is testament to all the sports that we participate in. Thank you for joining us for these events. and supporting our children, and thank you Mr James!

We have also had open afternoons, a Teddy Bear's Picnic, Shuffle-Up Day and our musical extravaganza, Matilda! WOW- What a performance it was! I was completely blown away by the acting, singing and dancing; the attention to detail, confidence and stage presence were outstanding.

Your support this year has been invaluable and we are grateful. I'd also like to take the time to thank my amazing team at BPS, who care so much and work so hard. BPS is a wonderful school, with a fantastic community.

Please enjoy a fun-filled summer (hopefully with plenty of sunshine and rest) and stay safe.

Ms Kite



If any year six parents have a few great photos they would be able to share with us, we'd like to put together a Matilda compilation! Please email to the office.

Learning today for our tomorrow



Thriving Wild's Summer Club

Come and join us for fun, supportive days of outdoor adventure, creativity and nature connection.

Choose from six summer sessions:

10 Aug 11 Aug
17 Aug 18 Aug
24 Aug 25 Aug

Led by experienced Forest School practitioners at our beautiful field near Askerswell.

For ages **6 to 14 years**.

Places limited to 14 children.

The day includes:

*Second breakfast on arrival

*Delicious campfire lunch

*Nature crafts

*Shelter building

*Woodland games

*Exploring wildlife

*Cooking

*Play and adventure

*Child-led activities and flexibility

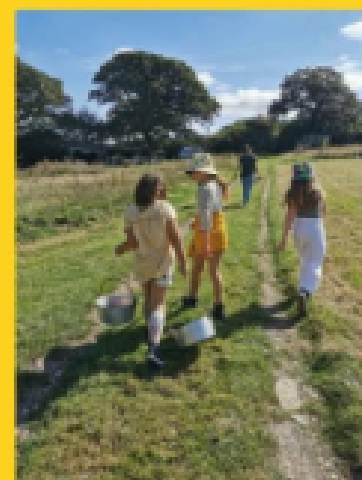
Support needs:

We welcome children who need some extra support. Please get in touch to discuss how we can help.

For more information and to book a place, visit:

www.thrivingwild.org.uk

email: clare@thrivingwild.org.uk



JMC FAMILY PICNIC & NATURE AFTERNOON

SUNDAY 26TH JULY
12:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Near Askerswell

A relaxed afternoon of food, nature, play and connection for the whole family.



NATURE ACTIVITIES

BUTTERFLY EXPLORING

FIRE CIRCLE & STORY

SHARED PICNIC

RELAX, PLAY AND CONNECT

FREE TRANSPORT AVAILABLE FROM BRIDPORT

FREE EVENT
SCAN TO BOOK



For families of our local multicultural community (minority ethnic and heritage families).

NEED HELP BOOKING?

Harriet is happy to help you book. Please get in touch.

07917 713227
jurassicmulticultural@gmail.com
www.thrivingwild.org.uk

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Jurassic Multicultural Community



Family Picnic & Nature Afternoon



Food, nature, play and connection for the whole family

SUNDAY 26TH JULY | 12:30 PM – 4:30 PM
in a beautiful field near Askerswell

Join us for a relaxed afternoon of food, nature, play and connection in a beautiful field near Askerswell, hosted by Clare, Georgia and Raja of Thriving Wild and Harriet of Jurassic Multicultural Network.



ARRIVAL AND SHARED PICNIC

We will begin with a shared picnic and a chance to spend time together. If you would like to, you can bring a dish that is special to your family, culture or heritage to share. Sharing food is completely optional, and you are welcome to bring your own lunch.



NATURE ACTIVITIES

After the picnic, there will be plenty of time to relax, explore and enjoy nature-based activities. You can join in as much or as little as you like.



STORY & SNACK AROUND THE FIRE

During the afternoon we will gather around the fire for a snack and a story together.



TRAVEL

Free transport from Bridport (if needed). Babies and small children will need a car or booster seat. Let us know if you would like to borrow one. If coming by car, please see location details on our website www.thrivingwild.org.uk. What three words: nowadays.visitor.something

WHO IS THIS AFTERNOON FOR?

This event is for families of our local multi-cultural community (minority ethnic and heritage families).

FUN ACTIVITIES YOU MIGHT TRY:



HAPA ZONE – create beautiful nature prints by bashing leaves and flowers onto fabric.



NATURE CORDAGE – learn how to make string from nettles and create a piece of jewellery.



BUTTERFLY EXPLORATION – explore the meadow with a butterfly net and discover local butterflies and insects.



FELTING – make a colourful felted eco-soap to take home and other small projects.



FIRE LIGHTING – learn how to strike a spark and light a small "fairy fire".



There will also be time to relax in a hammock, enjoy a swing, explore the field, or simply spend time together outdoors.



WHAT TO BRING

- Clothes suitable for the weather – rain or shine ☀️
- Sun hat and sun cream in case of sunshine.
- Forgotten something? Don't worry, we have spares.
- A dish to share, or a picnic for your family.



Hot and cold drinks, including water, tea and other refreshments, will be available throughout the afternoon.



ACCESSIBILITY

We want everyone to feel welcome and able to take part. If you have any access needs or questions about our field, please get in touch and we will do our best to help.



FREE EVENT SCAN TO BOOK



NEED HELP BOOKING?

Harriet is happy to help you book. Please get in touch.
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jurassicmulticultural@gmail.com
www.thrivingwild.org.uk

We look forward to sharing a fun, welcoming and nature-filled afternoon with you and your family.

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SUMMER HOLIDAYS CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Put these events in your diaries!

FROM 23RD JULY ONWARDS SUMMER
HOLIDAY SEAGULL SCAVENGER HUNT
INSIDE THE CENTRE

25TH JULY - THE IGUANODON
RESTAURANT - OUDOOR FAMILY
PERFORMANCE AT 12:30 & 2:30 PM
OUTSIDE SALT HOUSE

Funded by a donation from West Dorset Leisure Holidays

6TH AUGUST CLAY MODELLING
WORKSHOP WITH CREATIVE CLAY FOR
ALL 10 AM - 4 PM AT THE SALTHOUSE

10TH AUGUST 3D AMMONITE
WORKSHOP WITH DARRELL WAKELAM
11AM - 3PM AT THE SALTHOUSE

Free events

No booking required

www.westbaydiscoverycentre.org.uk

Sponsored by



Coppet Hill

SUNFLOWERS

SUNFLOWER TRAIL
PICK YOUR OWN
TEA ROOM
BROADOAK,
DT6 6RL

24 JULY
- 23 AUG

TICKETS AT
WWW.COPPEHILL.CO.UK

Seasonal activity trail

FREE

Butterflies and Moths Trail

Saturday 11 July to
Sunday 6 September

Come and enjoy our free
family-friendly nature trail
across our beautiful reserve.

Pick up a free pocket map
and guide, then follow the
Thorncombe Loop to discover
some of the butterflies and
moths that live among the
plants and trees. Look for the
beautifully hand-painted discs
scattered around the reserve.

Our off-road mobility scooters
can be hired to follow this trail.
Please book in advance
on 01305 251228.



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SUMMER HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS

At Bridport Tennis Club, Plottingham Playing Fields, Tannery Road, Bridport DT6 3TP

Mini Tennis for children 4-8 years old
Tennis for children 9-14 years old

WEEK 1:- TUESDAY 28TH & THURSDAY 30TH JULY
WEEK 2:- TUESDAY 4TH & THURSDAY 6TH AUGUST
WEEK 3:- WEDNESDAY 12TH & THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST

2.00-5.00PM

Price:- £17.00 per day or
£32.00 for both days in a week

What's on offer

- Great coaching from an LTA qualified and accredited instructor
- Fun games, competitions and prizes
- Rackets provided if you don't have one

What to wear/bring

- Sports kit, trainers/tennis shoes, a coat if wet
- Snacks and drinks



To book a place, please visit the Dorset Tennis Academy website using the following link or google 'Dorset Tennis Academy Holiday Camps':-

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/DorsetTennisAcademy/Coaching/Camps>

For more information, please contact Neil Darragh, DTA Manager/Head Coach on ndarraghtennis@gmail.com or 07788 973259



GERNE ABBAS BREWERY | 14TH - 16TH AUGUST

FAMILY CAMPING FOR JUST £50.00

D-VOX & XJ ★ MATT BLACK - PIANO MAN
EMMY ELSMORE ★ STILL THE SMITHS ★ BANGARANG
PETER BURNS ★ THE PRESTIGE BAND ★ VANITY PROJ3CT ★ GALIMAN

M//SHK ★ DAMIAN MASTON ★ TOM PERRY
DISCO DAVE ★ VICTOR VECTOR ★ DJ DIRTY GENT ★ PADDY THORNE

DJ MASHGORDON! ★ VINYL VAN ★ DJ VNC

GERNE ABBAS ALE & DRINKS FOR A FIVER
LOCALLY SOURCED FOOD FROM PAPA CHEESE & GANG

YOGA ★ SOUND BATH ★ MASSAGE ★ DRUM CIRCLES

ARCHERY ★ CRAFT WORKSHOPS ★ FAMILY GAMES
FACE PAINTING ★ KIDS DISCO ★ BOUNCY CASTLE



SOUTHCOASTFAMILYEVENTS.GO.UK



ADULT WEEKEND TICKET: £50.00
KIDS 5 TO 15: £10.00 KIDS UNDER 5 GO FREE



ROBOTS ON THE RAMPAGE!
with artist Darrell Wakelam

Create your very own 3D AMAZING ROBOT!

LITTON CHENEY VILLAGE HALL
Thursday 6 August, 10:30am-3pm

Places £12 online www.artsreach.co.uk
or tel Patricia 07799 612941 or 01308 482514
Dress for mess. Bring a packed lunch or pre-order lunch for £5. Suitable 6yrs +

Artsreach

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND Dorset Council The Valentine Trust Summer

BINGO

• FAMILY FRIENDLY BINGO • PRIZE & CASH RAFFLES •

SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST
Doors 5pm • Eyes Down 7pm

Lots of **fantastic prizes** up for grabs including
family tickets to **Melplash Show, Seaton Tramway,**
Jurassic Fields Festival
& much much more!!!!

DRINKS & SNACKS AVAILABLE
CASH ONLY EVENT

Bridport Youth & Community Centre,
Gundry Ln, Bridport DT6 3RL

Raising funds for
St. Catherine's Preschool

With special thanks to
Gill East and her team

BRIDPORT INDOOR SKATE PARK

OPENING TIMES

MONDAYS - CLOSED*
TUESDAYS - 9.30AM-12 NOON / 4-8PM
WEDNESDAYS - 3.30-6PM
THURSDAYS - 4PM-8PM
FRIDAYS - 4-6PM
SATURDAYS - 10AM-3PM
SUNDAYS - CHECK SOCIALS TO FIND OUT OPENING TIMES*

OTHER OPENING TIMES MAY OCCUR
(DEPENDING ON WEATHER & VOLUNTEER AVAILABILITY)
FACEBOOK/INSTAGRAM FOR MORE INFORMATION
("2020 SKATE & RIDE")

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UNIT 2A CORBIN WAY, BRIDPORT DT6 3UX

Family Fancy Dress FUN RUN

Saturday 8th August 2026

Bridport Leisure Centre 12.30pm!

**Bring the whole family and join us
for a fun-filled event**

as we run (or walk!) in fancy dress to raise money for
our new Family and Accessible Changing Facilities.

**Join us for a colourful, family-friendly Fun Run
as part of our charity leisure centre Open Day!**

Whether you come dressed as a superhero, princess, pirate or animal
it's all about having fun while supporting a great cause.

★ **Enjoy challenges along the route** ★

★ **Prizes for the best costumes** ★

Every step helps support the work of our charity
leisure centre and the local community we serve!

Only £2 per family plus sponsorship

Suggested sponsorship £20

Prize for most sponsorship raised!

**Register
Here**

or Email:

info@
bridportleisure.com



**Family/Accessible Changing
Facilities Fundraiser**

bridport leisure centre
Registered Charity No. 261191

Summer SEND Activities

SEND Soft Play

**Every Tuesday from 28th July to 25th August
1.15pm to 2.45pm**

Gymnastics beams, mats and foam shapes,
diddy cars, toys, soft play and bouncy castle.

**Ages 0 - 16 years (adult supervision req)
£5.80 per child**

Dorset Max Card or DLA Award
to be shown on arrival.

SEND Pool Fun

**Every Friday from 24th July
to 28th August 2.30pm to 3.30pm**

Floats, mats, woggles and toys fill
both pools, in this session for all the family

SEND Low Sensory Swim

Every Sunday 2pm to 3pm

Sensory-Friendly Sessions with reduced lighting
(when possible) and no music. Fun floats and water
toys provided to keep the session fun and engaging.

£6.30 adults, £5 young person (16-20 yrs)

£4.20 juniors, 3 and unders FREE

Parents/Carers can swim for a £1 upon production of a valid Dorset or Devon Carers Card.

The pre-booking of the pool sessions is not required.

Pool Fun
and Swim Sessions
FREE to Bridport Swim
School members.
Plus all pool sessions
throughout the
holidays!

**Bridport Leisure Centre
Brewery Fields, Bridport, Dorset DT6 5LN**

**Tel: (01308) 427464
www.bridportleisure.com**



Bridport Leisure Centre is run by Bridport & West Dorset Sports Trust Ltd as a strictly non-profit making organisation (Reg

bridport leisure centre

Ages 5 to 12

Lunch & fresh fruit included

Sports & Crafts

SUMMER Multi Activity DAY CAMP!

Thurs 23rd July to Fri 28th August 2026

8.30am to 5.30pm

These fun-filled camps offer a safe and structured setting where children can enjoy a variety of exciting activities. Day Camps cost £34 hot lunch and fresh fruit included. There are a limited number of HAF fully funded spaces available.

For full information scan here

Schools out!

BEST START IN LIFE

Dorset Council

BRIDPORT LEISURE CENTRE, Brewery Fields, Bridport DT6 5LN Call us on 01308 427464 to book your space

Summer Special

Gym Tots

SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN AGED 0 TO 4 YEARS!

Tuesdays: 28th July to 25th August
11am to 12.30pm

SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN AGED UP TO 7 YEARS!

Fridays: 24th July to 28th August
9.30am to 11am

Only £5.25 per child

FREE squash & biscuits for children!

Gym Tots is an unsupervised play session. Parent or guardian must be in attendance and will be responsible for their child. Ducklings 50% discount if attended same day.

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Summer POOL FUN SESSIONS

Thursday 23rd July to Monday 31st Aug

Floats, mats, woggles and toys fill both pools,
in these sessions for all the family!

MONDAY TO FRIDAY 1PM TO 2PM

WEEKENDS 12.30PM TO 1.30PM

No need to pre-book, just turn up and splash.
Spaces are limited, so be sure to turn up early!

bridport leisure centre



Family Help Advice Sessions

The opportunity for parents/carers to meet 1:1 with a member of our team to gain practical and friendly support, information and advice regarding children and young people aged 0-19.

Please feel free to drop in. However we advise that you book a time slot, which can be held face to face or over the phone.

Family Support Worker:

Tuesdays 9am - 11am

For more details and to book a place, please contact:
westlocality@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk 01308 425241

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



August 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

School Anxiety	3 Aug 10am
Anxiety Explained	3 Aug 7pm
Facing Defiance	4 Aug 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4 Aug 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	10 Aug 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	10 Aug 7pm
Introduction to OCD	11 Aug 10am
Decreasing Depression	11 Aug 7pm
What is ACT?	17 Aug 10am
Improving Family Communication	17 Aug 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	18 Aug 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	18 Aug 7pm
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	20 Aug 7-8pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Aug 10am
Understanding Anger	24 Aug 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 Aug 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	25 Aug 7pm

September Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

Facing Defiance	1 Sep 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	1 Sep 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	7 Sep 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	7 Sep 7pm
Introduction to OCD	8 Sep 10am
Decreasing Depression	8 Sep 7pm
What is ACT?	14 Sep 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Sep 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	15 Sep 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 Sep 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Sep 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	22 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	22 Sep 7pm
FREE - Masking Awareness	24 Sep 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	28 Sep 10am
School Anxiety	28 Sep 7pm

Great British Summer Savings scheme

As part of a campaign, the Government has launched an attraction finder website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings.

This includes children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions

To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.