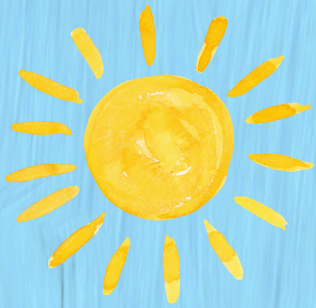


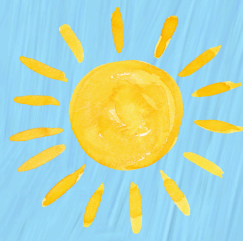
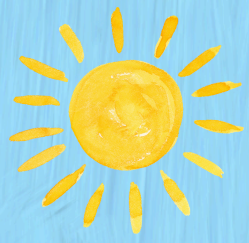


THE GRANGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Summer 2026

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Introduction

As we reach the end of another academic year, I am reflecting with great pride on all that we have achieved together as a school community. This year has been particularly special for me as it has been my first year as Head of The Grange School. It has been a genuine privilege to get to know our students, families and staff more closely, and to see first-hand the warmth, resilience and ambition that make this such a special place.

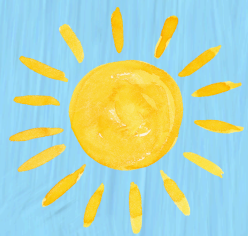
At the heart of everything we do is a commitment to providing excellent teaching and learning, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to achieve their very best. What makes The Grange truly unique, however, is the strength of the relationships between staff and students. By creating a supportive environment where young people feel valued and understood, we help them achieve more than they may have thought possible, not only academically but also through their personal growth and development.

One of the highlights of this year was our Ofsted inspection. It was a proud moment to see inspectors recognise the inclusive, supportive nature of our school and acknowledge the positive culture that exists here. Most importantly, they saw the very best of our students. Time and again, our young people demonstrated kindness, maturity and respect, showing their best selves and reflecting everything that makes our school community so special.

I would also like to thank our exceptional staff team. Alongside their day-to-day teaching and support, so many colleagues give their time generously to provide the wide range of clubs, trips, visits and extracurricular opportunities that enrich our students' experiences.

Without staff going above and beyond, we simply would not be able to offer these opportunities. I remain incredibly grateful for the care, dedication and commitment they show to our students every day.

Continued.....



As we look back on the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and carers for your continued support. This has been a year of change, and your encouragement, patience and partnership have been invaluable. The strong relationship between school and home plays a crucial role in helping our students thrive, and I am deeply grateful for the trust you place in us.

This year we also say farewell to two valued members of staff. We wish Miss Hudson all the very best as she embarks on an exciting year of travel in Australia, and we thank her for all she has contributed to our school community. We also say goodbye to Mr Brankin, who has supported many students and families through his work within our SEND department. We thank him for his dedication and wish him every success in his new role.

As we look ahead, I am excited about the opportunities that next year will bring. For now, I hope that all of our students and families enjoy a well-deserved summer break. Thank you for being part of The Grange School community and for your continued support. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another successful year together.

Mrs Laura Concar
Head of School

Sport Successes

Harriet – Swimming – Medallist

Harriet performed fantastically for Christchurch Seagulls during a weekend swimming event. Harriet took home 3 gold medals and 2 silver medals. Harriet raced in different distances in the breaststroke and butterfly races. Huge congratulations Harriet.





Pickleball Tournament

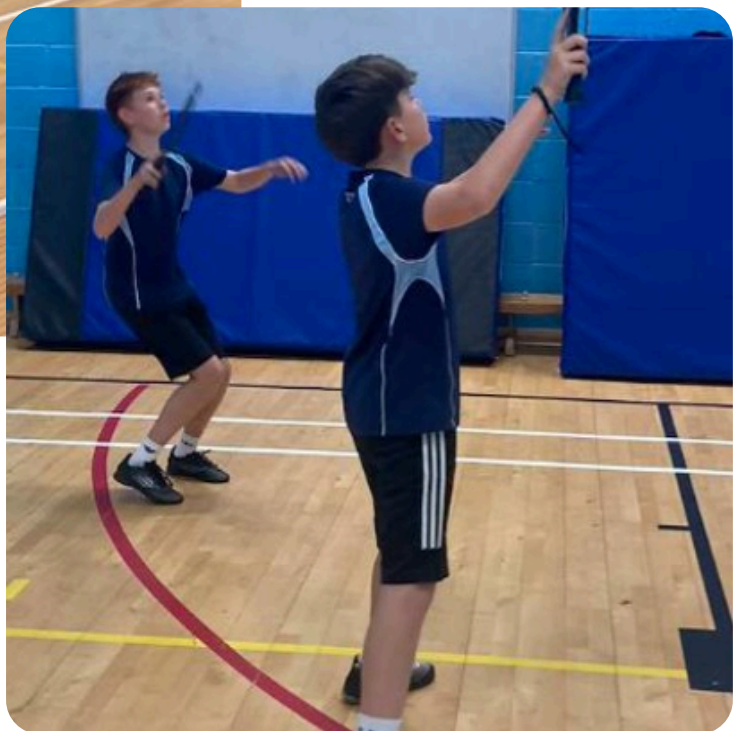


On Tuesday 16th June TGS played Twynham School in a pairs Pickleball tournament.

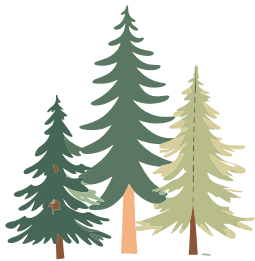
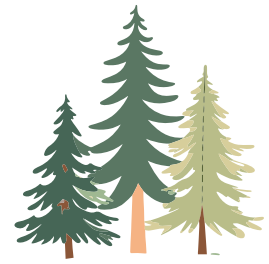
The event was a great success and it was great to see TGS students practising the skills they have developed this year in a competitive scenario.

Well done to all students involved.

Huge shout out to Quinn and Tobias for winning the event!

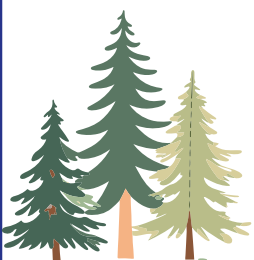
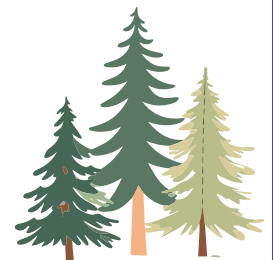


DofE Bronze Assessed Expedition



The DofE Bronze Expedition was a success! Students demonstrated excellent cooking, tent-pitching, navigation and teamwork skills throughout the expedition. Every participant embodied the GRANGER virtues, showing resilience, ambition and reflection at every stage of the expedition. Congratulations to all students on successfully completing and passing their Bronze Expedition – a tremendous achievement and one to be proud of!

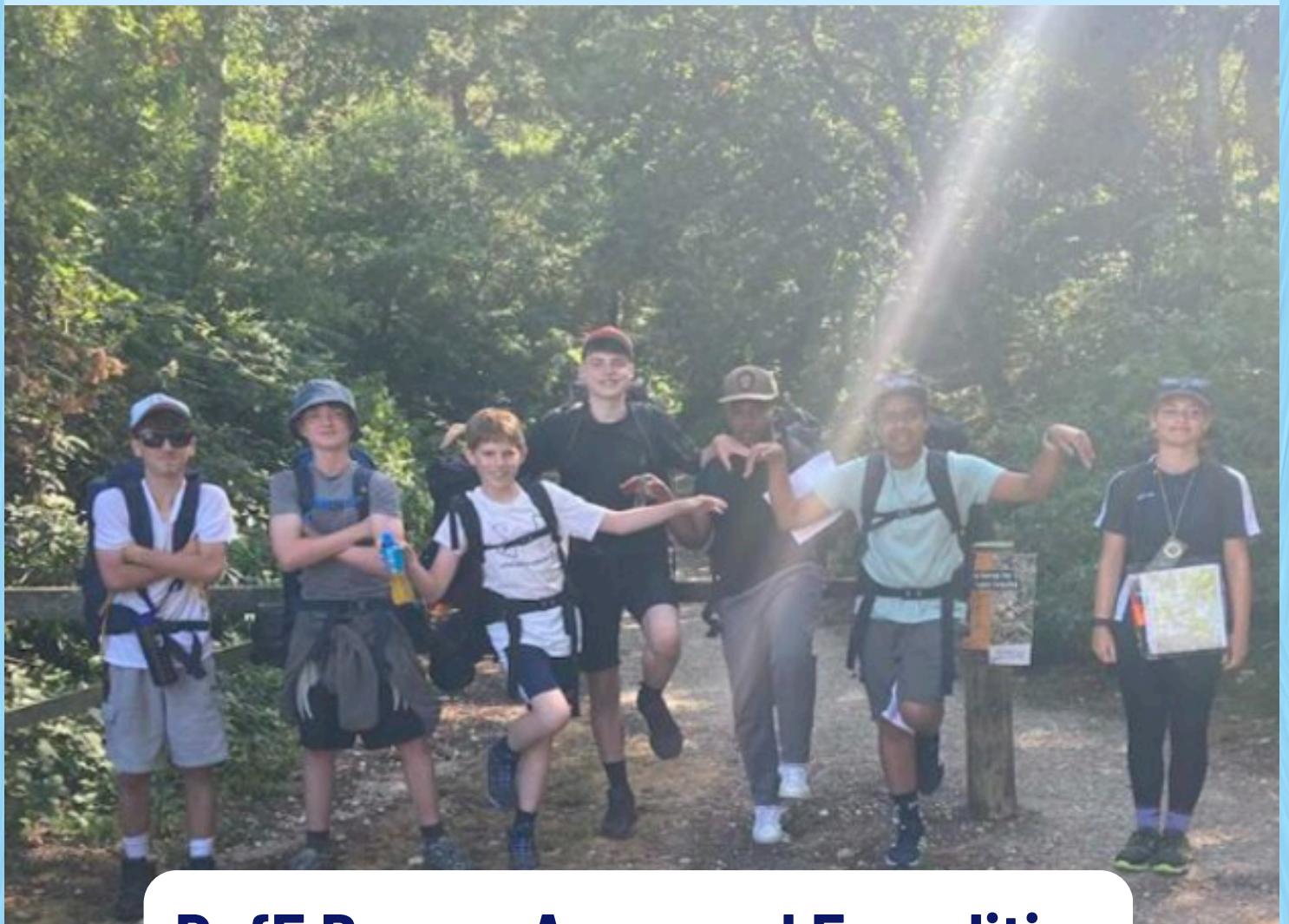
A huge well done to everyone involved! 🎉





DofE Bronze Assessed Expedition



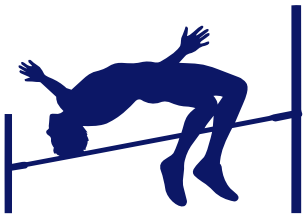


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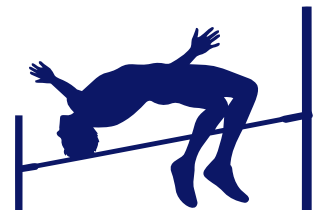


Town Sports

Town Sports was a great success! All students performed tremendously well and represented The Grange School with pride. Well done to all students involved!

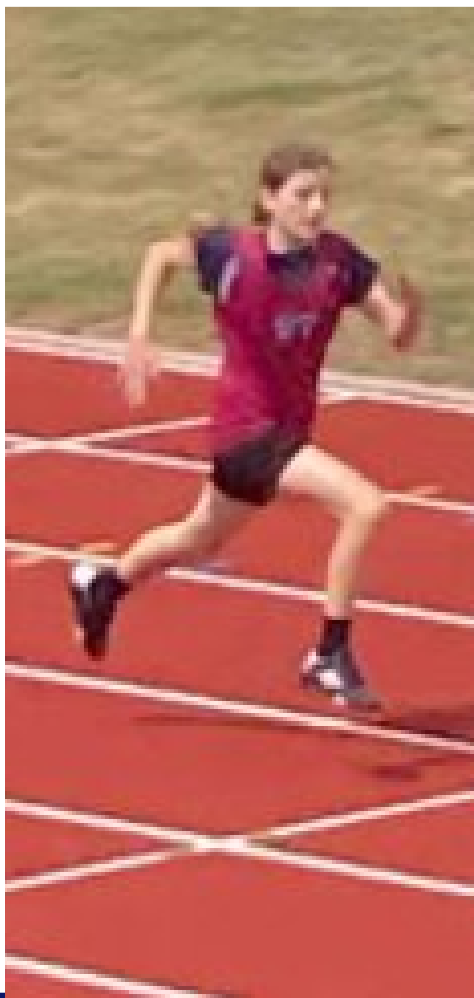


Huge shout outs to:
Jude – High Jump 2nd
TJ – 800m 4th
Ella – 100m 4th
Lilia 800m 4th





Town Sports



Sports Personality of the Year



Ruda C
Holly W
Luka C
Jude W

CLUBS AT TGS



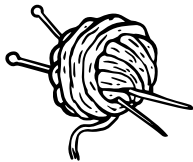
This term, our students have been making the most of the fantastic range of clubs and activities on offer at TGS. There's truly something for everyone, whether you're into sports, creativity, strategy, or music!



Sports Clubs



Our sports clubs continue to thrive, with football, netball, and other activities giving students the chance to stay active, build teamwork skills, and have fun.

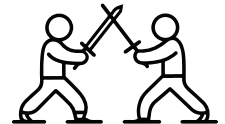


Knitting & Crochet Club



A new addition for this term to our club timetable. A creative space for students to learn new skills, share patterns, and create beautiful handmade pieces. We look forward to seeing many students enjoying this relaxing and rewarding craft.

Warhammer Club

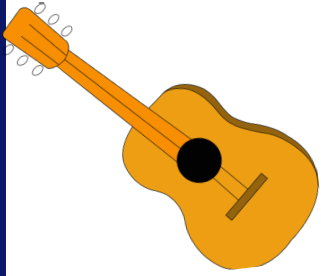


For those who love strategy and creativity, Warhammer Club has been a big hit! Students have been painting miniatures and planning epic battles—great for developing patience and problem-solving skills.



Dungeons & Dragons Club

Adventure awaits in our D&D sessions! Students have been crafting characters, exploring imaginative worlds, and working together to overcome challenges in this popular role-playing game.



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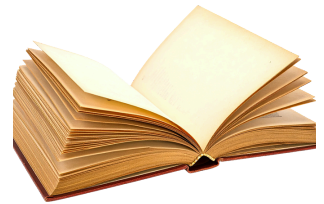


Music Clubs

From choir to instrumental groups, our music clubs are buzzing with talent. Students are rehearsing for upcoming performances and enjoying the chance to collaborate and express themselves through music.



Library and Book Club



A haven for book lovers! Our new Library and Book clubs offer a quiet space to read, share recommendations, and take part in fun literary activities.

We're proud of the incredible variety of opportunities available to our students—thank you to all staff and students who make these clubs such a success!

Clubs meet weekly and are open to all students.

Club Sign-Up Information:

Sign up for all clubs is available via Arbor > Trips

Please ensure that parental consent has been given on Arbor, as students cannot attend clubs without consent.

We look forward to seeing students get involved again next term!

SIGN UP

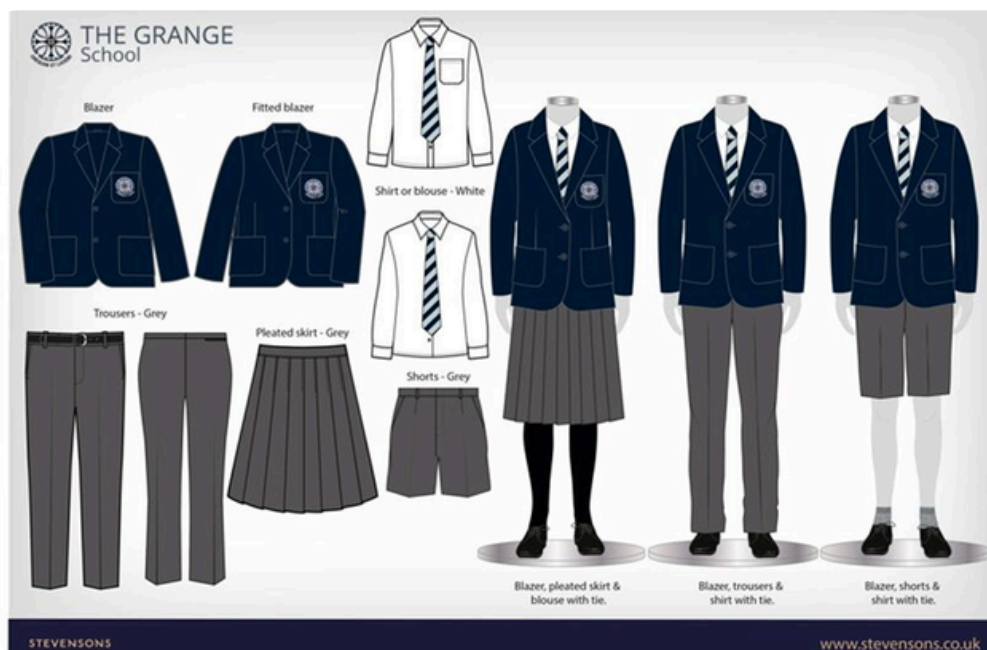
**You'll find clubs
open to your child
in Arbor > Clubs**

Uniform Expectations

Uniform Guidelines for ALL students:

The school uniform must be worn when coming to school and going home from school, and during lessons. All students must ensure that their uniform is correct and smart when leaving registration periods and between all lessons. All students should follow the below uniform expectations:

School uniform including a tie



School uniform without a tie



PE Kit

Please note that all jewellery must be removed for PE. We cannot be held responsible for lost jewellery. PE Kit should be brought in for all PE lessons.

It is recommended to name all items.



Stevensons

148-150 Seabourne Road, Southbourne

Tel: 01202 425192

Please click [here](#) for website
information

PMG Schoolwear

110 Station Road, New Milton, Hants BH25 6LQ

Tel: 01425 617277

Please click [here](#) for website information

Acceptable Alternatives to Suppliers Items of School Uniform

Please click on the links below for examples of our school uniform:

Trousers

[Asda](#)

[TU Clothing](#)

[Matalan](#)

[M&S](#)

Skirts

[Asda](#)

[TU Clothing](#)

[Matalan](#)

[M&S](#)

Shorts

[Asda](#)

[TU Clothing](#)

[Matalan](#)

[M&S](#)

Equipment

One of our expectations of students is that they attend school fully equipped for their learning. This means being punctual, smartly dressed and fully equipped for their learning. To this end we have an equipment list detailing what students should bring with them to school every day.



Blue and black pens
Mini white board pen
Scientific calculator
Reading book
Pencils
Pencil sharpener
Planner
Standards card
Water bottle

The School Day

08:40 – Line-Up
08:45 – 09:00 – Tutor Time
09:05 – 10:00 – Lesson 1
10:05 – 11:00 – Lesson 2
11:00 – 11:20 – Break
11:20 – Line-Up
11:25 – 12:20 – Lesson 3
12:25 – 13:20 – Lesson 4
13:20 – 13:50 – Lunch
13:50 – Line-Up
13:55 – 15:05 – Lesson 5
15:05 – 16:05 – Extra-Curricular Activities



RESPONSIBLE

OUR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS



ASPIRATIONAL

Good attendance at school is not just beneficial, it's essential...here's why:

190 school days per year

100% Excellent attendance

Well done, you have been in school every day and haven't missed any learning.

0 days absent

99-97% Very good attendance

Keep going, you are doing really well!
Catch up on any work you miss.

1 – 6 days absent

95% basic attendance

Talk to your parent about your attendance. You have missed 50 hours of learning. Set a goal for how you will improve

10 days absent

93% Attendance concern

You have missed 75 hours of learning. Talk to your tutor about your attendance and how you can improve.

15 days absent

90% Persistent absence

You have missed 100 hours of learning.

20 days absent

50% Severe absence

You have missed 490 hours of learning.

98 days absent



Attend a meeting to find out how we can help you.

Financial Support

If you are a parent or a carer on a low income or if you are in receipt of any of the benefits mentioned below, your child may be entitled to Free School Meals. This meal can be taken at break time or lunch time.

[You can apply for Free School meals here](#)

Transitional protections will end on 31 August 2026. If your child currently gets free school meals, you must reapply from 1 June 2026 to continue receiving them from 1 September 2026.

If your circumstances have changed since your last application, you may no longer be eligible. If you do not qualify, your child will stop receiving free school meals after 31 August 2026.

From September 2026, all children with a parent/carers who gets any level of Universal Credit can have free school meals. You need to apply for this from 1 June 2026.

There will be 2 levels of eligibility: targeted free school meals and expanded free school meals.

Targeted free school meals for families who get:

- Universal Credit and earn less than £7,400 per year
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- the guarantee element of Pension Credit
- households with families with no recourse to public funds (NRPF)

Families in the Targeted group may be able to access further related benefits, for example, [pupil premium](#) and [free holiday activities and food \(HAF\) programme](#).

Expanded free school meals are for families receiving Universal Credit with earnings over £7,400 per year. They cover free school meals only.

All students that meet the criteria are entitled to apply for and receive Free School Meals.

NOTE: Upon a successful application using the above link the school will automatically be notified of successful applications and Arbor will be updated to reflect this which will then automatically update the following date at the tills in the canteen.

Friends of Twynham

Second-Hand Uniform Shop

Looking for affordable school uniform? Friends of Twynham run a fantastic second-hand uniform shop at Portfield Hall, offering great value on TGS uniform and more:

- **Blazers – £5**
- **Shirts – £2**
- **Jumpers – £2**
- **Trousers & Skirts – 75p each**
- **PE Kit – from £2**
- **Coats – from £3**
- **Trainers – various prices**
- **Revision Guides – available**
- **School Shoes – FREE!**

Opening Times:

Every **Wednesday, 2:00–3:30pm** during term time, plus extra sessions in school holidays.

Find out more:

- Facebook: [Friends of Twynham](#)
- Messenger: Send a message via Facebook
- Email: friendsoftwynham@gmail.com

Location:

**Portfield Hall
Portfield Road
Christchurch
BH23 2AQ**



The People's Pantry

The People's Pantry is a community food store run by volunteers for the benefit of their local community. It is a membership scheme aimed at helping people make their money go further by reducing food shopping bills (members can potentially save over £500 each year).

Membership to the People's Pantry is FREE but to become a member an application form needs to be completed with proof of ID and home address required. Upon acceptance members are entitled, at a cost of £5 per visit, to select up to 10 food products. They can visit once a week.

It is a requirement from our suppliers that all members are issued with an insulated carrier bag which must be brought along on each visit to ensure the chilled and frozen food leaves The Pantry in a controlled temperature.

When visiting the Pantry we request that members wear a face covering and maintain a safe social distance between themselves and other Pantry users. We would politely request that, where possible, only one household member comes into the Pantry on each visit.

Opening times:

Tuesday 8.45am – 10.45am

Thursday 3 – 6pm

Friday 3pm – 5pm

Saturday 9am – 11.30am

Somerford Youth and Community Centre,
Bingham Road,
Christchurch,
BH23 3AH



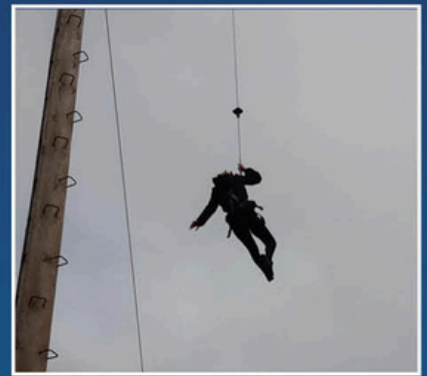
**People's
Pantry**



Somerford Youth & Community Centre

Would you like to join the fastest growing uniformed youth group in the UK as a Volunteer Cadet Leader?

- » Can you help inspire young people?
- » Encourage the spirit of adventure and good citizenship?
- » Support local policing priorities through volunteering and give young people a chance to be heard?
- » Inspire young people to participate positively in their communities?



Make a difference in the community by joining Dorset Police

 **Dorset Police**
 **@dorsetpolice**

 **dorset_police**
 **DorsetPoliceHQ**



**DORSET
POLICE**



**Volunteer
Police
Cadets**



WE ARE RECRUITING NOW FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 13-16 TO JOIN DORSET POLICE CADETS

**We can offer you the chance to learn more about policing,
become a volunteer and give something back to your
community while having fun and making new friends.**



**Thinking of joining Police Cadets? For more
information visit, VPC.police.uk and submit an
expression of interest.**



**DORSET
POLICE**



Family Hub

Parents
and carers

Healthy relationships: getting on better

Information, advice and support for all parents and carers on how to maintain healthy relationships, whether this is as a couple, co-parenting, separated or in the process of separating.

Happy homes, happy
children, happy lives



Online relationship support for parents



Parents in this area can now access THREE ONLINE COURSES from the relationship experts at OnePlusOne. Learn to cope with stress and communicate better, wherever you are in your parenting journey.



Arguing better

Disagreements are a normal part of life. How you approach them can make all the difference to you, your partner, and your children. You will learn:

- How to recognise stress and how it can affect you.
- How to support each other through difficult times.
- What causes arguments and how to stop them.



Me, You and Baby Too

Learn how to navigate the changes that happen in a relationship when a baby arrives, including:

- How you and your partner can support each other.
- How to talk to bring up difficult topics.
- How arguments start, and how to stop them.



Getting it right for children

When parents are separating or separated, children can often get caught in the middle. Learn how to communicate better to minimise the impact this can have on your children, as well as:

- How to stop a discussion from turning into an argument.
- How to stay calm and listen as well as talk.
- Skills for finding solutions and making compromises.

Find out further information about the healthy relationships programme offered by BCP Council Family Hubs:
www.bpcouncil.gov.uk/healthyrelationships
or relationships@bpcouncil.gov.uk



Relationships support

You may experience stresses and ups and downs within your daily family life for many reasons.

It may be hard to talk to your partner, or ex-partner about things such as, parenting your children, spending money, chores around the home, who sees the children and when, or other issues.

All of this can cause your family life to become unhappy.

Don't feel alone, there is help and support available for you:

- find that spark again
- separate well, for your children
- communicate better
- find solutions
- negotiate together
- get on better
- feel calmer
- share your stress.



Scan the QR for more information

Further information

You will find further information and organisations that can help and support you on our web pages:

bpcouncil.gov.uk/healthyrelationships

relationships@bpcouncil.gov.uk

If you would like to talk to someone about further support and information please contact our friendly Family Information Service who can provide you with information and advice specific to your needs:

familyinformation@bpcouncil.gov.uk

01202 093131

If you feel scared or controlled in your relationship please telephone the National Domestic Abuse Helpline on:

0808 2000 247



To access the courses, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and a good internet connection. They are all FREE to use, so you'll just need to select your local authority area and create an account with a username and password. You can get started by scanning the QR code or visiting: www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents

[BCP Council Family Hubs](https://www.bpcouncil.gov.uk/familyhubs)
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JOIN US AT



CHRISTCHURCH FAMILY HUB FOR OUR **FUN DAY**

Wednesday 29 July, 10am – 2pm



FREEBIE BAGS FOR ALL CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Fun for ages 0–18+!

Enjoy **Sumo Suits, Zorb Football, Arts & Crafts, Bike Repairs, Car Seat Checks**, and meet amazing reptiles and insects with **Creature Teachers** – if you're brave enough!

Plus, look out for a special appearance from **Pantosaurus the Dinosaur!**

 Collect an information ticket from a partner agency to claim **FREE snacks and refreshments**.

Free

No need to book, just turn up!
Draper Road, Christchurch BH23 3AS

**BEST
START
IN LIFE**

Play Netball



Love to Run, Pass & Shoot? Play Netball!

Looking for a fun, fast-paced team sport? Whether you're a seasoned player or a total beginner, netball is a great way to stay active, meet new people, and challenge yourself. Join a team, boost your fitness, and enjoy the thrill of the game!



All skill levels welcome



Social & competitive leagues available



Great for fitness, fun, and friendship!



Register today and get on court!

**PLAY IN OUR
WOMEN'S**

SOCIAL NETBALL

LEAGUE

WHY CHOOSE US?

- 🏐 End of Season prizes
- 🏐 We're all about having fun!
- 🏐 All experience & abilities
- 🏐 We're completely cashless
- 🏐 No hidden costs
- 🏐 Umpire payment included
- 🏐 No extra fee for friendlies



**PLAY
NETBALL**



Email: info@play-netball.co.uk

Phone: 01256 644049

www.play-netball.co.uk



Other Messages

LOST PROPERTY



You wouldn't believe how much uniform is collected every half term in the school. We know parents spend a lot of money on it so we're always surprised by how much we find IS NOT NAMED.

Named items are reunited with its owner quickly and efficiently by our reception team. Please take the opportunity over the break to check and name/rename all uniform (even shoes!) and especially PE bags!

Thank you



ChatHealth is a confidential text messaging service that enables children and young people (aged 11-19) in Dorset to send questions via text message to their school nursing team. They will then receive a reply that includes signposting to additional services.

The service is available Monday to Friday between 8.30am-4.30pm. This includes school holidays but not bank holidays.

If a child or young person sends a text outside these hours they will receive an automated message with advice on where to get help if they require it urgently. The ChatHealth nurse will reply to the message when the service reopens.

Children and young people can text about a range of issues including:

- relationships
- weight
- anxiety
- depression
- drugs
- smoking
- stress
- alcohol
- self harm
- Sexual health.



If you're aged 11-19
(year 7 and above) text
your School Nursing Team
07480 635511

NHS
Dorset HealthCare
University
NHS Foundation Trust



If you want to talk about:

Problems with
friends or family

Relationships

If you are feeling
sad or angry

Bullying

Drinking alcohol
or smoking

Changes to
your body





Twynham School & The Grange School Term Dates 2026-2027



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*Yr7, Yr11 & Yr12 Only

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^ Fri 18h Dec - 12.20pm finish for students

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^ Fri 16th July - 12.20pm finish for students

* Dissagregatged Training - School Closed to Staff & Students

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Key

X	Bank Holiday
X	School Holiday
X	School INSET (school closed to students)
X	Trust Training Day (school closed to students)

