



Dorchester Middle School

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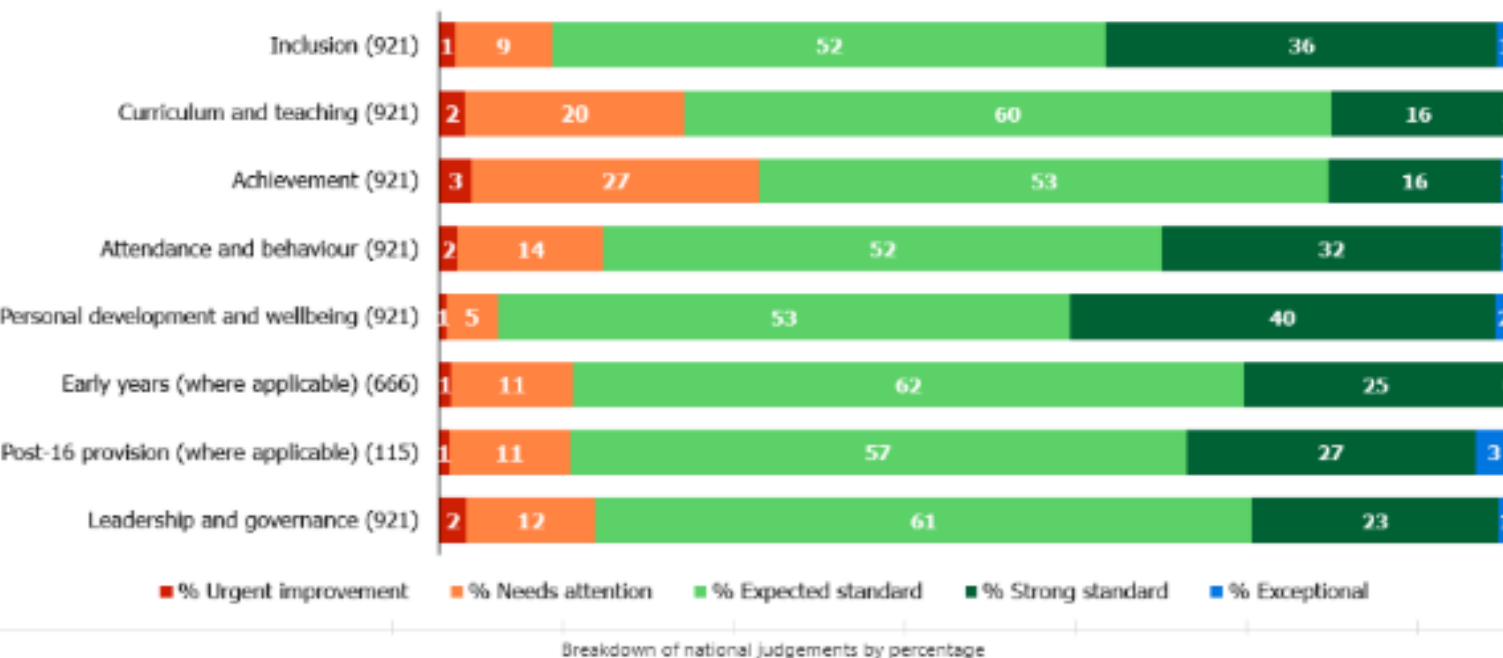


Headteacher – Mrs King



Head of Year 5

Transition – joining 'Year 5'



Inclusion	EXPECTED STANDARD
Curriculum and Teaching	EXPECTED STANDARD
Achievement	NEEDS ATTENTION
Attendance and Behaviour	STRONG STANDARD
Personal Development and well-being	EXPECTED STANDARD
Leadership and Governance	EXPECTED STANDARD

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WESSEX MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

**Celebrating significant progress
Recognised by Ofsted**

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High expectations
and a nurturing
culture help pupils
thrive
Ofsted 2026

Year 5 Tutors 2026-27

Mrs Sage	Mr Duffy	Miss Woodley	Mr Haigh	Mrs Hughes	Mr Sadler
					

Tutor Groups

- Feedback from first schools
- Academic profile
- Friendships
- Some subjects - Tech/Eng/Maths will be different
- Identified from A-F - 5A etc.

British Values Rule of Law Democracy Respect and Tolerance Individual Liberty	Religious Events	School Focus (Reading, T&L, Inclusion, Curriculum)	School Values/ Important qualities	National Events
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Assemblies

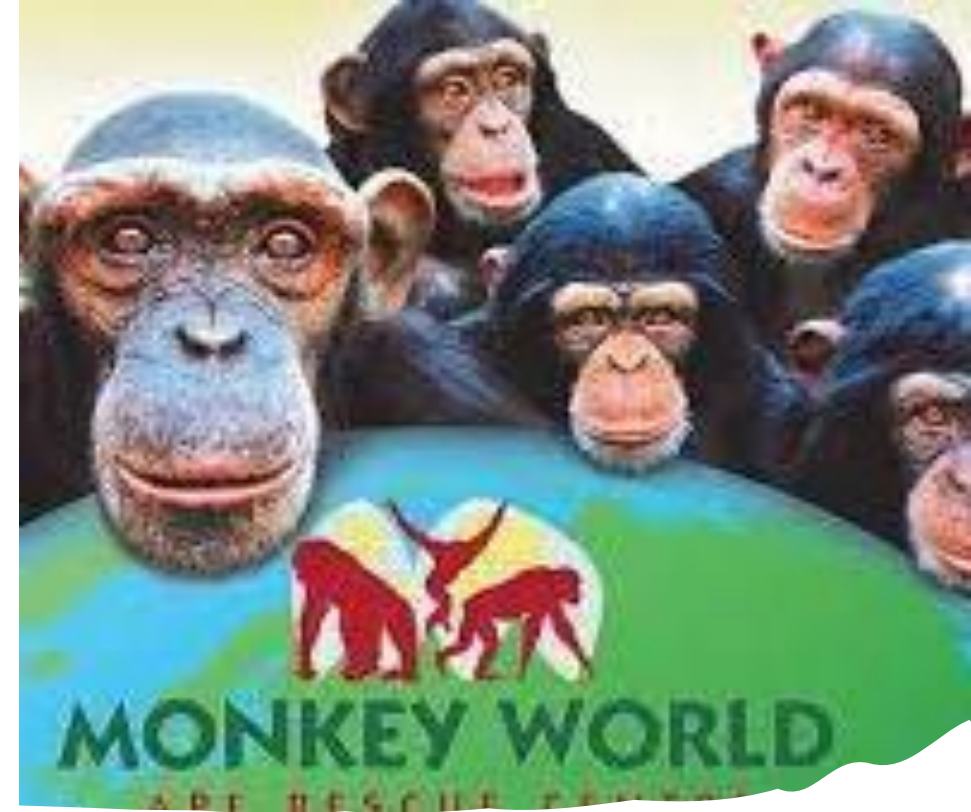
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- English
- Maths
- PE
- Science
- Design Technology
- Art
- Humanities
- Music
- IT
- French
- PSHE

Curriculum 'in advance'

- By half term
- Helps parents to support their children

Subject	What we are learning in T1	How parents/carers can help
Maths	Number and place value - • Read, write, compare, order and round whole numbers to a million Addition and subtraction - • Mental and written methods and then use them to solve problems involving real-life contexts.	Support with the homework set and encourage tables practice (through Times Tables Rockstars). Find, read and compare large numbers in real life. Use coins and notes (and know equivalence) to work out totals and change.



Trips in Year 5 – enriching the curriculum

School Ready Checklist

In my school bag I need to pack:



- ☐ pencil case 
- ☐ home-school diary 
- ☐ reading book 
- ☐ homework 
- ☐ snack & lunch box 
- ☐ drink 

I might also need to take to school:

- ☐ Food Tech Ingredients (if needed) 



- ☐ PE kit 

Name:

Class:

PENS - HANDWRITING

- Ideally, a BLUE pen
- Handwriting pen
- Bíro

Have a look at a current Year Five **TIMETABLE:**

Day	Lesson 1	B	Lesson 2	L	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	HB
Monday	Maths		English		Humanities	Art	Reading
Tuesday	Maths		English		Technology	Technology	Reading
Wednesday	Maths		English		ICT	PE	Assembly
Thursday	Maths		English		French	Humanities	Reading
Friday	Maths		English		Science	Music	Assembly

These are the timings of the school day for Year Five:

Start of school	8.55am
Morning Homebase	8.55am - 9.10am
Lesson 1	9.10am - 10.35am
Breaktime	10.35am – 10.55am
Lesson 2	10.55am - 12.15pm

Lunchtime	12.15pm - 1.10pm
Lesson 3	1.10pm - 2.05pm
Lesson 4	2.05pm - 3.00pm
Afternoon Homebase	3.00pm - 3.25pm
End of school	3.30pm

CALENDAR

July 2025

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
Week 1	Week 1	Week 1	Week 1	Week 1		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Week 2	Week 2	Week 2	Week 2	Week 2		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Week 1	Week 1	Week 1	Week 1	Week 1		

Communication and Reporting – Year 5

Autumn	Spring	Summer
✓ Reading Test ✓ Spelling Test ✓ Cognitive Ability Test ✓ Termly Report ✓ 'Settling In' Evening	✓ Parental 'book looks' ✓ Mock SATs report ✓ Consultation Evening ✓ Termly Report	✓ Reading Test ✓ Spelling Test ✓ Termly Report ✓ Mock SATS report

Clubs

- Cheer Leading
- Running
- Football
- Tag Rugby
- Book Club
- Performing Arts
- Music
- Mindfulness
- Netball



Reading

- Every night for twenty minutes
- Support for struggling readers (interventions)
- Good word recognition
- Good Language comprehension
- Read at 'at speed'
- We develop these across all the curriculum.
- Library access – timetabled as well as breaktimes.





Rewards - Stripes

- Bronze
- Silver
- Gold
- Platinum
- 'Roarsome'
- Headteacher



We also have a House System in the school

- The whole of DMS have been given Houses.
- They are:
 - **Le Bron**
 - **Malala**
 - **Simmonds**
 - **Attenborough**
- We have lots of fun inter-House competitions throughout the year including: Quizes, Spelling Bees, Sports Challenges and more recently, the DMS Community Challenge.

Uniform

- A light blue school buttoned front shirt
- Smart dark grey/black trousers, plain knee length skirt or plain grey/black knee length shorts
- Blue v-Neck school sweatshirt
- Black, leather look shoes
- Black/grey ankle or knee length socks or thick tights
- School tie



<https://www.dorsetschoolwear.sh>



PE Uniform



Rugby Top
Sports Hoodie

OPTIONAL!





Improving the School Environment

- ✓ IT lab
 - ✓ Food Tech room
 - ✓ Classrooms
 - ✓ Toilets – Year 5 girls
 - ✓ Library – expansion
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- ✓ By August 2027 X2 new Science labs



PUPIL VOICE

- *Student Council Member*
- *House Captain or Vice Captain*
- *Sports Ambassador*
- *Reading Ambassador*
- *Art Ambassador*
- *Music Ambassador*
- *School Prefect*
- *Head/Deputy Boy or Girl*



Smart Phones

The DMS View

Alternatives



ALTERNATIVES

App phones – No internet searching or social media but you can make calls, send texts and use apps like maps, music, a bus pass etc.



ALTERNATIVES

Tags - If your parents want to know where you are, they put a smart tag on your bag or your coat.



WHAT WILL I DO?

Sport

Arts
and
crafts

Play
music

Do a
puzzle

Read

Explore
outside

Running
around
games

Sleep

Have a
movie
night

Board
games

Sing,
dance
or act

Time
with
family

Chat

Play
with
pets

Play
with
friends

Wrap-Around Care

- 7.30 - 8.30 £6.00
- 8.30 - 9.00 FREE
- 3.30 - 4.30 £6.00
- 4.30 - 5.30 £6.00
- 3.30 - 5.30 £11.00



Free school meals eligibility changes on 1 September 2026.

- From 1 September 2026, all children with a parent/carer who gets any level of Universal Credit can have free school meals.
- From 1 June 2026 all parents who have Universal Credit or another qualifying benefit can apply under the new criteria.

Free School Meals

There will be two levels of eligibility:

- **Targeted** - FSM for families who get Universal Credit and earn less than £7,400 per year. Families who get other qualifying benefits may also be entitled. Eligibility for FSM will start from date of approval for this group. Families in the Targeted group may be able to access further related benefits, eg Pupil premium, Holiday Activities & Food Programme.
- **Expanded** - FSM for families who get Universal Credit with earnings over £7,400 per year . Expanded FSM covers free school meals only. Eligibility for FSM will start from 1 September 2026 for this group.

Applications made from 1 June 2026 will be assessed on the new criteria and results will be valid until 31 August 2027. [Apply for free school meals - Dorset Council](#)

Free School Meals

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IMPORTANT NOTE:

Transitional protections for Free School Meals end this 2025/26 school year **so all families currently receiving FSM MUST reapply for their children to continue receiving meals from 1 September**. Parents whose circumstances have changed since they last applied may be ineligible going forward.



DORCHESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA)

Bingo Nights

Quiz Nights

School Discos

Raffles

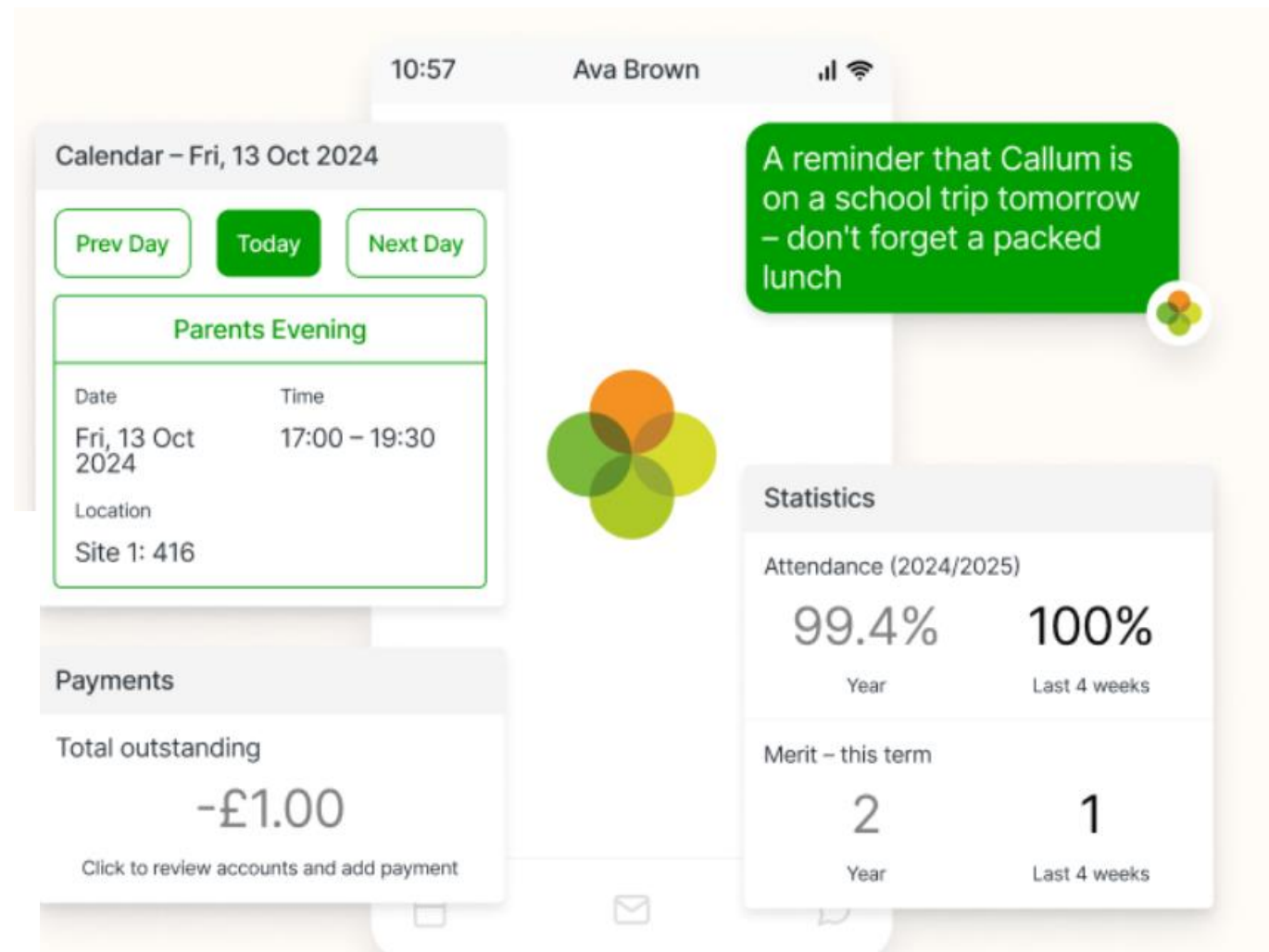
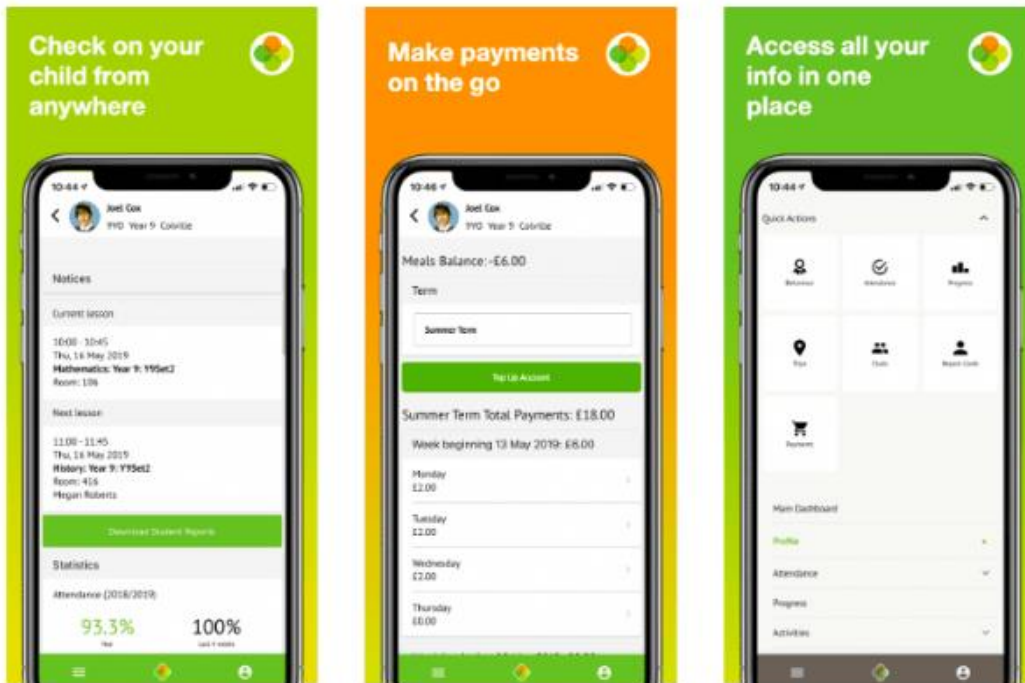
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Community Challenge

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Meet the Tutors



Questions for Senior Leaders