



**Believe**

**Respect**

**Determination**

# Newsletter

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"Everybody has talent,  
it's just a matter of moving  
around,  
until you've discovered  
what it is".

George Lucas



## A Message from Ms Williams

Dear Parent/Carer

Never a day goes by at Applemore when I am not wowed by our amazing students. Whether they helped with Open mornings, the Primary Maths challenge, Year 6 inductions or touring interview candidates this week, their leadership qualities have really shone through. On Thursday evening talent proved this in the abundance with 20 fantastic acts from pianists to drummers to guitarists to singers in our amazing 'Applemore's got talent' competition for 2025. From Year 7's through to Year 10's our values of believe, respect and determination were echoed by everyone who performed, I could not be prouder of you all! Have a wonderful weekend.

Clare

## Farewell and Goodbye

**Sylvia Barns - Governor**

A huge thank you to **Sylvia Barns** who retires from governorship at Applemore this week after 26 years. Sylvia's compassion for children's education, opportunities and their futures is unsurpassable. We all sincerely thank you for all your dedication and hard work.



## The Stars that Shine!

**APPLEMORES GOT TALENT**

The recent *Applemore's Got Talent* show was a **resounding success**, showcasing the incredible **determination and talent** of every student who took to the stage. Each performer **radiated** a strong sense of **personal achievement**, and their belief in themselves truly shone through. From **heartfelt musical numbers** to **dazzling drum** routines, the audience was treated to an evening full of unforgettable performances. **Congratulations** to all who took part—you made the night truly special!

Massive thank to Mr Wickens and all those involved in make the entire event the success it is.



## Maths? Problem solved!

### Primary School Maths Challenge

On Tuesday morning, 48 Year 5 pupils came to Applemore to participate in our annual **Primary Schools' Maths Challenge**.

We had 12 teams participating this year, from **Marchwood**, **Orchard**, **Wildground**, **Blackfield**, **Hythe** and **Beaulieu**.

The teams got stuck in to a variety of **challenges and problem solving tasks**, from **constructing bridges** with mini gem sweets and cocktail sticks, to **deciphering codes with Caesar Cipher wheels**.

A special thanks must go to the **superb Year 8 students** who ran the activities and **supported the Year 5 pupils**.

**Wildground finished as the winning team**, after achieving the **highest possible** score in **5 out of 7 of the challenges**!

**Congratulations to Wildground** and to all pupils that participated in this years' challenge. We can't wait to **welcome our local primary schools** back again next year!



## Science

### This week in Science

Year 8 doing an investigation into whether the **crater impact** size would double if the meteor was **dropped from double the height**. Part of their **space topic** this term.




## English

### Summer Reading Challenge

Reading a good book can be incredibly rewarding. It not only **strengthens language** and **literacy skills**, but also sparks **imagination and creativity**. A well-written story can **transport you** to different worlds, **introduce you to new ideas**, and help you **understand complex emotions** and situations. Additionally, **reading can be a relaxing escape** from the pressures of school life, offering a quiet space for **reflection and enjoyment**. Overall, a good book can **inspire, educate, and entertain**—making reading a powerful tool for both **learning and personal development**.

For more info about the Summer Reading Challenge, see **Mrs Lowe**

A graphic for the Summer Reading Challenge. It features a boy and a girl sitting on a couch, reading books. The boy is holding a book with a blue cover, and the girl is holding a book with a green cover. Above them is a large, colorful, stylized text that says "SUMMER READING Challenge". The background is a warm, golden light coming from a window.

### Summer Reading Challenge: Dive into Books!

Get ready for an exciting summer filled with incredible stories, new knowledge, and thrilling adventures, all found within the pages of a book.

### How the Challenge Works:

Complete as many of the following categories as you can. For each book you read that fits a category, tick it off, take a photo and receive house points for September 2025!  
Try to read at least 5 books over the summer to complete the basic challenge but aim for more if you can!

**See Mrs Lowe for more information about the challenge**

## Ambitious for All Foundation - Auction

### Signed, Official Match-day Programme

The Ambitious for ALL Foundation are holding an online auction of this **incredible, Signed copy of the official match-day programme**. This official match-day programme from the **England vs USA** match last November, is signed by Sarina Wiegman and members of the England team, **could be yours! Be in it, to WIN it**, at:

<https://www.theambitiousforallfoundation.org.uk/auction/2/lionesses-signed-programme>

# LOVE FOOTBALL?

This incredible SIGNED copy of the official match-day programme is up for auction!

*DON'T MISS OUT, CHECK IT OUT!*



## Applemore Poets

### Poetry Slam

Poetry Slam 2025

Our 6 Poetry Slam finalists – Matilda, Austin, Lucia, Toby, Saskia and Poppy stood in the spotlight of the Mayflower stage, with professional poets Matt West and Bella Cox, to perform their poems to a lively audience. Each one showed incredible skill in using the power of words to express complex ideas. Their confidence and creativity were stunning. Competition was fierce: 24 different poets performed, and our representatives were some of the youngest taking part!

Special mention to those who were runners-up for the main awards.

Best Performance – Matilda K

Best line in a poem – Lucia S, Poppy W

Matt's Favourites – Toby H



### Poetry Slam

Huge congratulations to all our **Applemore poets!**

*Last week we featured excerpts from Matilda and Lucia. This week, two **very personal poems** from **Saskia and Austin's work can be found below.***

### **One Day in November by Saskia T-T**

Ask me about what happened on November 23rd  
The day when her soul left her body.  
Her tan skin now painted white as she crashed into that fence  
Her lifeless body falling down the hill, her mother looks in horror as she dies.

Her name was Tara Young.  
Her name is my best friend.

Ask me about what happened on May 14th.  
Ask me about the day she turned 11.  
Her excited face gleamed as those big doe eyes looked at her red velvet cake topped with cherries that would stain her lips blood-red.  
We would pretend it was lipstick, and we would dress all posh and have tea parties with our favourite teddy, Sir Thompson.  
We would drink tea until her parents stooped shouting and...  
For once the world felt still, calm, a sort of normal.

Ask me about my best friend.

### **A Life Like a Rose by Austin O**

Ask me about my friends and enemies all around,  
School year after school year I got beat into the ground.  
There was just this one kid, but I won't mention his name;  
Being dumb and mean always his claim to fame.

A squabble always went too far, and reddened became the sky;  
Deep in each other's emotions best to not go nigh.  
Ask me who this horrid child was but I won't relive the pain,  
Roses and more drawing; my sanity regained.

The memory still burns, clear as child's song,  
Rose petals on a page; ask me, am I wrong?  
A thread of dreams and friends, in my mind are grounded,  
Warriors of flame and past, their shining light rebounded.

Some things always have to change  
But others stay the same.  
I will always shine but it's time to evolve;  
I now have moved on, my trauma all resolved

Coming here the final stand, looking through the gem  
On a bracelet of our friendship, to know that I miss them.  
My time is now over, and I must bid you adieu.  
New friends now have my back, and a last thing I must do  
Ask me am I happy, and I will say... **THANK YOU**

# Art is Everywhere!

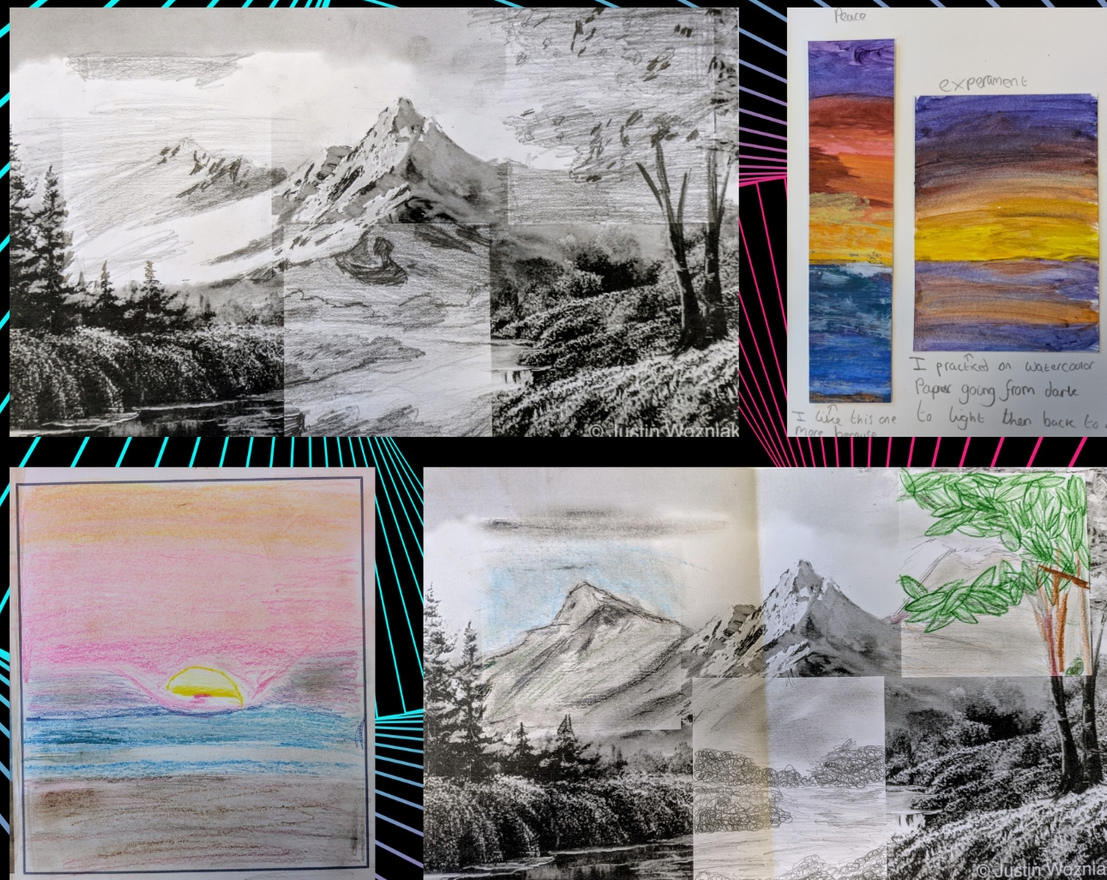
## Arty News

This week's arty **superstars** have been year 7 artists, who have been completing their **sunset bookmarks** and working on a controlled assessment, which brings together skills learnt this year to complete a partially drawn landscape in their own style. I am so proud of the way that year 7 have approached their art lessons this year. **Much of the success of the year is down to Mrs Lowe**, whose skill, positivity and use of the word '**sweetheart**' has inspired her artists to produce some fabulous work.

Year 10 artists were visited today by a **post graduate fine artist**, who was blown away by the **quality and neatness of their sketchbooks**. It was so lovely to share the great work which goes on in the art department. **We need to do much more of this**. Memo to self for September....

Have a lovely weekend, and look out for art, wherever you are.

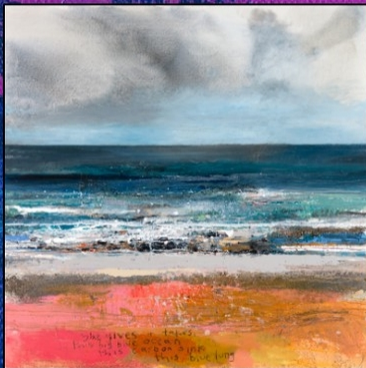
### Mr Wheatley - Head of Art & Photography





## Artist of the Week

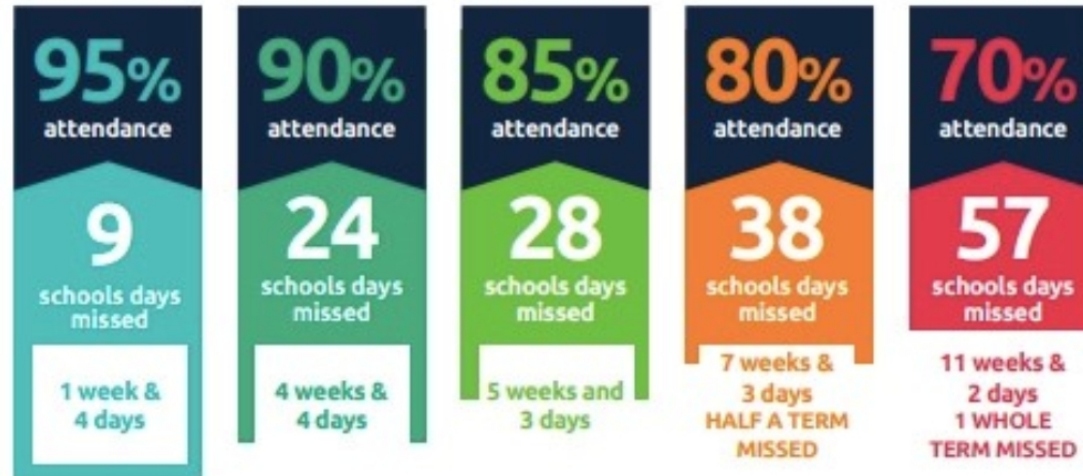
### Artist of the Week: Kurt Jackson



Kurt Jackson is a contemporary British painter, whose large canvases reflect natural history, ecology and environmental issues. He is based in Cornwall, and I visited his amazing gallery during the summer. Go check out his art or find some art of your own!

## Attendance

# Every day in school counts...



## and every minute counts...



## PE Update

### County Athletics

Some great results to share from a **fantastic** (but very hot) county finals day!

#### Results are...

Elijah C - 1st PLACE! Javelin  
Elsie B - 6th Shot Put  
Jenson D - 6th 200m  
Holly H - 6th 100m  
Esme D - 12th 800m

Our students were **amazing**, and we are so proud! They are now **officially** down as the position they finished in for the **whole of the New Forest**.

Elijah will now also progress onto the **National Finals in Birmingham** and represent **Hampshire**.



## Future Fridays

### Military

#### Future Fridays – Military Edition

What an *electrifying* Future Friday! Our students were absolutely *captivated by a powerful* and *inspiring assembly* led by Captain Paul Whiting. With *passion and purpose*, he brought the world of the *Army to life*—sharing real stories, leadership lessons, and the incredible opportunities a military career can offer. It was a truly *unforgettable experience* that left our students motivated, curious, and ready to explore new horizons!

We're really looking forward to seeing Captain Paul Whiting again in the new school year, solidifying our close relationships with the Armed Services.

If you have a career story or experience you'd be happy to share with our eager students, *please get in touch with Ms Charrett* at [k.charrett@applemore.hants.sch.uk](mailto:k.charrett@applemore.hants.sch.uk).

*Let's keep inspiring futures — one Friday at a time!*



# Careers Update

## Richard Tauntons College Taster Day

On Monday, a small group of our Year 10 students had the wonderful opportunity to experience a taster day at **Taunton's College**. They explored sessions in **Sports Science**, **Sports**, **Criminology** and **Acting** —and truly made the most of every moment.

### A Shining Example – Applemore Students

Mr. Tim Lewis, **Teacher of Uniformed Protective Services**, was full of **praise** for our incredible students. He described them as a **true testament** to the values we hold dear, highlighting their **effort**, **kindness**, and **positivity** throughout the event. Their **enthusiasm and respectful engagement** made a **lasting impression** and reflected the **very best of Applemore**. It was a day full of inspiration, learning, and pride. **Well done** to everyone involved!

If you have a career story or experience you'd be happy to share with our eager students, **please get in touch with Ms Charrett** at [k.charrett@applemore.hants.sch.uk](mailto:k.charrett@applemore.hants.sch.uk).

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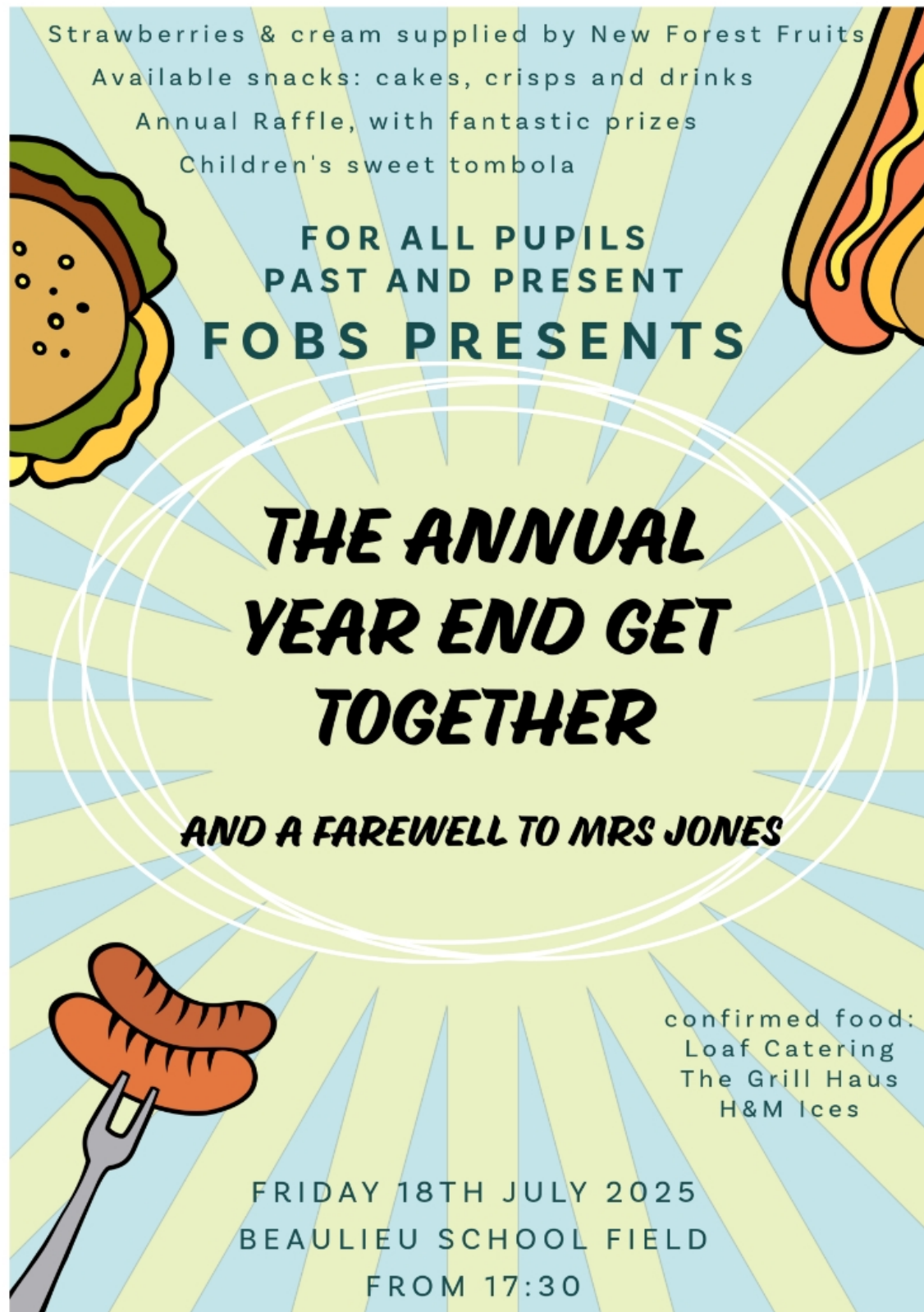


Applemore Careers Guidance

# Community News

## Community NEWS

Looks like a **fun packed** afternoon/evening at **Beaulieu School** at their Annual End of Year Get Together. If you were a **former pupil** here (past or present) then this maybe the event for you.



### Community News

Look at these **incredible Summer Holiday activities** from **Eastleigh Football Club**, just right for anyone looking for **something to do** in the holidays! Have a better browse here:

<https://eastleighfc.com/community/holiday-courses/>

# SUMMER

## HOLIDAY COURSES

9am - 3pm | Ages 5-13  
EASTLEIGH FC 3G PITCH



All Abilities Welcome | First team tickets | Meet First Team Players

FOOTBALL

GAMING CONSOLES

DODGEBALL

MINI GOLF

ARTS AND CRAFTS

CRICKET/ROUNDERS

SCAN BELOW  
TO BOOK ON



SCAN ME

£20 PER DAY | £30 PER WK (WK 1) | £75 PER WK (WKS 2-6)  
SPECIAL SUMMER OFFER - £200 SUMMER PASS - UNLIMITED  
ACCESS ALL SUMMER - LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

 CONTACT JOSH: JNACE@EASTLEIGHFC.COM

# SUMMER

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EUROS WEEK  
WEDS 23RD JULY - FRI 25TH JULY

GOALS GALORE  
MON 28TH JULY - FRI 1ST AUGUST

PREMIER LEAGUE WEEK  
MON 4TH AUGUST - FRI 8TH AUGUST

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WEEK  
MON 11TH AUGUST - FRI 15TH AUGUST

WORLD CUP WEEK  
MON 18TH AUGUST - FRI 22ND AUGUST

CHAMPIONSHIP WEEK  
MON 25TH AUGUST - FRI 29TH AUGUST

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## Community News

Visiting our coastal town of [Lymington](#)? Well, the [St Barbe Museum and Art Gallery](#) have some great [boredom busting activies](#) on over the summer. [Deep dive into what's on here:](#)  
<https://www.stbarbe-museum.org.uk/whats-on/>

# Summer Holidays 2025



**ST BARBE**  
MUSEUM+ART GALLERY  
LYMINGTON



## Around the Gallery

**Wed 23 July – Tues 2 Sept**

### Summer Holidays! Explore the Exhibition

Families | Available all day | Included in entry price

Self-led family fun activities around our Mexico exhibition. Dress up in traditional costumes, play a game of Lotería (Mexican bingo) and have a go at making some Mexican music.

## Fri 1 August

### Mexican Paper Flowers

Ages 3+ | Drop-in 10:30-12:30 & 1:30-3:30 | Free

Join us to create your very own beautiful paper flowers inspired by the colourful crafts of Mexico.

## Thursdays in August

### "Arriba!" Let's Go!

Ages 3+ | Drop-in 10:30-12:30 | Free | @ St Barbe

Drop-in family craft session based on our Viva Mexico exhibition - different each week!

Mexican Dolls | Tin Art | Mini Pinatas | Mexican Decorations

## Mon 4 August

### St Barbe Out and About – summer holiday activities

Ages 3+ | Drop-in 11-12:30 | Free | PENNINGTON

We've popped over to Pennington to bring you some family fun activities inspired by our Viva Mexico exhibition. – Mexican Fiesta! Make a Mexican inspired musical instrument and party decorations.

Find us at St Mark's Community Hall, Pennington SO41 8EJ

## Mon 18 August

### St Barbe Out and About – summer holiday activities

Ages 3+ | Drop-in 11-12:30 | Free | SWAY

We've skipped over to Sway to bring you some family fun activities inspired by our Viva Mexico exhibition – Mexican Folk Art - make Mexican inspired dolls and tin art designs. Find us at Sway Village Hall SO41 6BB

## Tues & Weds in August

### St Barbe at Large

Ages 3+ | Drop-in 11-3 | Free | At Emsworth Road Park

A range of craft activities for all ages out in the open air.

## Fri 22 August

### Marvellous Mexican Music

Ages 7+ | 10-11am, 11:30-12:30 & 3-4pm | £7 | Limited places | Adult supervision for under 13 years

Immerse yourself in ancient Mexican culture: Investigate unusual instruments played by the Aztecs and the Maya centuries ago and try on traditional styles of clothing that have changed very little in hundreds of years. Be introduced to the variety of instruments, hear them being played and have a go yourself.

**St Barbe Museum + Art Gallery, New Street, Lymington SO41 9BH**

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registered charity no 1018779

## Mental Health & Wellbeing

### Information for young people - The Children's Society

A mental health crisis is an emergency that has a direct and immediate threat to your physical or emotional wellbeing. In these situations, it's important to get help quickly. Try to stay calm and ask someone for help if you need it. It could help to tell someone you trust,

maybe a family member or a friend. They can be with you and help you decide what to do. They can also contact: <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/information/young-people>



## Extra-Curricular Clubs

### Fantasy Gaming Club

Mr Mills is excited to launch a **brand-new Fantasy Gaming Club** for students in **Years 7 to 11**, starting in the **2025/26 school year this September**. Building on the **success** of the former **Warhammer Club**, which saw **fantastic engagement and creativity**, this new club aims to expand the horizons of tabletop and fantasy gaming. With a growing gaming community already thriving within the school, interest is at an **all-time high**. The club is **open to everyone** who's curious about fantasy worlds, strategy games, and collaborative storytelling —**no experience needed**, just imagination and enthusiasm!

**Warhammer 40k**

**Necromunda**

**HeroQuest**

**Dungeons & Dragons**

These are just some of the games that can be explored.

Mr Mills experience as a keen **miniature painter**, expands over **40 years!** So get your brushes, glue, and paints at the ready. Prepare your men for battle, or explore the **unknown** depths in search of **glory and treasures** alike.



## #WakeUpWednesday

**AI** can be an amazing tool for **education and creativity** – sadly, it's also become a tool for **online scammers**. This week's #WakeUpWednesday guide shines a light on the dark side of using AI, including **phishing emails, fake voice calls, and influencer-based frauds** targeting younger users.

From **deepfake videos to romance scams powered by chat bots** the tactics are getting more convincing – and the consequences more serious. If you're looking to help children and young people navigate the online world with confidence and caution, this guide offers **key insights and practical advice to keep them safe**.

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about AI-ENABLED SCAMS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Artificial intelligence (AI) is quickly becoming a widely used tool, with lots of positive applications being discussed and developed. Sadly, however, as with most technology tools, there are those who will seek to use it for malicious and dishonest practices, with children and other vulnerable groups particularly at risk.

### PHISHING EMAILS: BETTER & QUICKER

Phishing scams – emails designed to trick people into handing over login details or money – are not new, and do not rely on AI; however, AI has made them far more dangerous. Criminals can now generate highly convincing emails at speed, mimicking an organisation's tone, branding and language with ease. This makes phishing attempts harder to spot, especially for young people who may not yet know what to look out for.

### ONLINE MARKETPLACE FRAUD

Online marketplaces are now a common way to buy and sell everything, from second-hand clothes to cars. Criminals are exploiting this by using AI to enhance or completely fake product photos and videos, and pressure buyers into paying deposits or full amounts upfront. These tactics are becoming more advanced, making it vital to pause, check, and verify the sale before parting with any money.

### VOICE IMPERSONATION

AI can now realistically impersonate a person's voice when given a small sample of someone's speech patterns. This is especially concerning where voice has been enabled as an alternative to password-based logins. One such example was the use of AI deepfake audio as part of a fake kidnapping scam: the criminals used an AI voice clone of a 15-year-old to convince her parents she had been kidnapped and elicit a ransom.

### EMPLOYMENT SCAMS

Using AI, criminals can create fake online profiles that seem completely real. These synthetic identities can chat with young people about fake job offers, asking for money to secure a visa or paperwork. In 2025, The Guardian reported a scam targeting young people with promises of quick cash, posing as TikTok staff.

### INFLUENCER & INVESTMENT SCAMS

AI tools now make it easy to manipulate video and audio, with technology available that can generate entirely fake content using the likeness of celebrities or influencers. Criminals are using this to create convincing videos of well-known figures promoting fake products or services, which young people can be particularly susceptible to. Cryptocurrency scams are a common tactic, luring people into investing in schemes that do not exist. Once payment is made, the criminal simply disappears with the money.

### ROMANCE SCAMS & SEXTORTION

AI chat bots can now mimic real conversations, often accompanied with realistic fake photos and videos, which makes it easier for criminals to build trust with young people – among other things, this can lead to fraud or sextortion. In 2024, the NCA's CEOP Safety Centre received 380 reports of sextortion. Alarmingly, in the first five months alone, police received an average of 117 monthly reports involving under-18s, showing how serious and targeted this threat has become.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### THINK CRITICALLY

The key to addressing the increasing growth of AI-enabled scams is to think critically and show caution. Inform children that if something is too good to be true, then it probably is. Encourage them to stop and carefully consider what they are seeing and reading before taking any action. For example, if a social media post expresses urgency, proceed with caution; if content seems unusual, even from a known person, it may be that their account has been hacked.

### USE TRUSTWORTHY SITES AND SERVICES

Online marketplaces are useful when buying and selling items; however, where possible, encourage children to use reputable companies and their online shopping sites. These companies are likely to have more sophisticated cyber-security safeguards in place, underpinned by consumer legislation, enabling them to control how products and services are displayed and traded on their sites.

### SEEK TO VERIFY

Criminals may breach an influencer's account or spread misinformation and fake content; however, their approach will generally be limited to a single account, site or service. Where possible, show children how to verify information to check its legitimacy before proceeding. Small actions, such as phoning the person who is the subject of a suspicious email, or checking content via an individual or company website or social media sites can make the difference. The greater the risk, the more effort we should expend to confirm whether the information presented is true or false.

### REPORT IT

As the sophistication of scams increases, the likelihood of being tricked by them also increases, especially when not paying attention or acting quickly. It is important that young people know how to report incidents as they happen. Show children how to report their concerns to the social media site, Action Fraud, banks, and other individuals or organisations linked or involved. If you are unsure of the most effective reporting channel, contact Action Fraud.

### Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at Millfield, a large independent boarding school in Somerset, as well as a member of the Digital Futures Group, Vice Chair of the ISC Digital Advisory Group and an Association of Network Managers in Education (ANME) Ambassador.



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