



West Moors Middle School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to our Open Evening on **Tuesday 22nd September 2026**. The school will be open from 5.20pm, with a **Headteacher and student talk at 5.30pm**, followed by a tour of the school with our students.

We realise that selecting a Middle School for your son or daughter is an important decision and we would therefore like to give you as much information as possible, to allow you to make a fully informed choice. On the evening, you will have a chance to speak to our staff, as well as with some of our current students and of course you will have the opportunity to walk around our school site, where there will be a range of activities from our subject areas to experience.

If you are unable to make the 22nd September, or would like to see the school during its normal working day, there will be tours (09:00-10:00) available-see, below. May I urge you to take advantage of this opportunity, as the best way to judge a school is to see it in action. We are very proud at West Moors Middle of how well behaved and engaged our children are, and we would love for you to be able to experience this first hand.

Open Evening Tuesday 22nd September 2026	5.20pm to 7.20pm Headteacher's Talk and students' presentation at 5.30pm
Open Tour Thursday 24th September 2026	09:00-10:00
Open Tour Thursday 1st October 2026	09:00-10:00
Open Tour Tuesday 6th October 2026	09:00-10:00
Open Tour Thursday 8th October 2026	09:00-10:00

To attend a morning tour, please email office@westmoorsmid.dorset.sch.uk to book your place. If you are unable to attend those dates and would like to arrange another, more convenient time, then please email this request so an alternative date can be arranged.

We also have an informative website <https://westmoorsmid.dorset.sch.uk/> where you will also be able to access information about the school as well as our school's X (formerly called Twitter) feed (@west_moors) and Instagram account (westmoors_middle), where parents and carers can keep abreast of children's learning in action throughout the week.



Thriving to Achieve our Best – Together
Head Teacher: Dr D Craddock PhD MA BSc (Hons) NPQEL



To give you a flavour of what West Moors Middle School has to offer, we were recently inspected by Ofsted in June 2026. Inspectors recognised the many strengths of the school, particularly our ambitious vision for pupils, the strong quality of education, the extensive opportunities available beyond the classroom and the way pupils develop confidence, character and a genuine sense of belonging. They highlighted that pupils are highly ambitious, enjoy their learning and benefit from a wide range of opportunities to extend their learning both within and beyond the curriculum.

We are incredibly proud of our children's academic achievements. In the 2026 Key Stage 2 SATs, **19% achieved Greater Depth across all three subjects**, compared with **8% nationally**.

Reading was a particular strength, with **78% of pupils achieving the expected standard** and **34% achieving Greater Depth**, both above national figures. Writing continues to be one of the school's strongest subjects, with **27% of pupils achieving Greater Depth**, more than double the national figure of **13%**. Mathematics outcomes also improved significantly, with **31% of pupils achieving Greater Depth**, exceeding the national average of **27%**.

Academic success is complemented by an exceptional range of wider opportunities. Pupils benefit from extensive sports provision, music, drama, educational visits, leadership roles, careers education, global learning projects and enrichment activities that help them develop confidence, resilience and aspiration. Ofsted recognised that pupils are very well prepared for the future and that they make meaningful contributions to school life through the many leadership opportunities available to them.

At West Moors Middle School, we are committed to ensuring that every child is challenged, supported and inspired to achieve their very best. Our strong academic outcomes, high-quality teaching, excellent pastoral care and extensive enrichment opportunities combine to create an environment where children flourish and are exceptionally well prepared for the next stage of their education.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school on **Tuesday 22nd September 2026** and showing you first-hand the ambition, opportunities and sense of belonging that make West Moors Middle School such a successful and vibrant community.

Yours faithfully,



Dr Deborah Craddock
Headteacher
West Moors Middle School

