

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Please read this carefully for updates regarding events in the past week as well as what is coming up over the next few months.

Key Updates for Families

Friday 21 March

Red Nose Day- we will update families shortly regarding fundraising and how we will be marking this event

Thursday 27 March

Year 11 Revision and Exam Preparation Evening

Monday 31 March & Tuesday 1 April

MIS transfer to Arbor

Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 April

School Production

Friday 4 April

Celebration assemblies

Easter Revision

Please note that the school will be running revision sessions during the first week of the holidays (Week commencing 7 April). More information to follow



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NEXT WEEK
ASSEMBLY
FOCUS:

Happiness
Month

Key Dates

21.03.25: Year
9 Mental
Health trip to
Millfield

28.03.25: Year
10 Mock
Interviews

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Items to Celebrate

Thankyou to Mr Waugh and Miss Pengelly for your organisation of the England Rugby Trip last week. I know staff and students alike enjoyed the opportunity to see the England U20s and experience a live sporting event. We hope to organise more events like this in the future.

Well done to all of our Year 11s who were involved in the Food Preparation & Nutrition practical exams this week. The smell from the kitchen was incredible and the food produced was very impressive. Thankyou to Mrs Potter for all of your hard work and support to ensure that the week went smoothly.

Thank you to all the staff who have supported the organisation of the production and well done to all the students involved. As a community, we are really looking forward to seeing the Lion King in a few weeks time.

International Women's day took place last Saturday. This is an event that the school looks to mark each year. It is a great opportunity to celebrate and reflect upon the impact that women have had on our lives and the community. We will be looking to organise a series of events in the summer term to mark this day and will update you soon.

Thankyou to all the families who responded to the questionnaire sent. We value the feedback received and will use it to improve and develop the school further. If you would like to contribute please follow the link below to submit your views.

<https://forms.gle/kvfdBkvRZ1ZTvaJR6>

Wishing you all a great weekend, enjoy the spring sunshine and I look forward to updating you next week.

Best wishes
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MIS Update



Arbor

Over the past few months, we have been working on our planned rollout of Arbor, which is due to start on Tuesday 1 April 2025. This is the system that we use to manage all of the childrens' data, including attendance, communications and assessments. It will eventually bring together all of the functions of ParentPay and Talaxy into one place and accessed through a Parent App.

In the next few weeks, we will be finalising the transfer from our current system and training staff to use the software in preparation for the switchover. Our intended switchover will take place over the weekend commencing Friday 28 March. During the following week we will gradually work towards moving over to Arbor to record and monitor attendance and behaviour. When we have finalised the date for this, we will inform all parents/carers. Until this point, we will continue to use Talaxy.

Please be advised that any updates regarding your child's contact details or information, should be provided to the school by Friday 21 March at the latest. Any updates after this date will be added to the system in April following the transfer to Arbor.

Once we move over to Arbor, we will be using the Parent App as a tool to communicate moving forwards. Talaxy will no longer be used from this point. Parents/carers will be expected to use the Arbor Parent App to access all information regarding their child/children.

What is the Parent App?

The Parent App is the mobile version of our Parent Portal, for use on mobile device such as smartphones and tablets. When we have switched on the Parent Portal, you can download the App and begin using it straight away.

We will write shortly to update you on our progress and provide you with all the information you will need to know about Arbor and the Parent App.



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Teaching & Learning Update

We have had another positive start to a new term, with students showing real focus on their studies and making good progress with their teachers.

As we continue to develop the St Dunstan's Learning Cycle, we want to make sure that all our students are able to engage fully with their learning opportunities and, in particular, with demonstrating the progress they are making live within lessons.

To facilitate this you will no doubt be aware that all students have been issued with a mini whiteboard and a pen which they must bring to school each day as part of the standard equipment expectations for daily use.

Mini whiteboards are a useful learning tool for students at home and at school. They can be used for 'rough work', checking spellings, providing whole class responses to teacher questioning, noting devices for paired discussions and many ,many more uses. Students can use the boards independently as well as guided within the lesson.

We do understand that students forget equipment at times, and this will be managed within the classroom and school to ensure students without their equipment can continue to participate in all learning activities, but it is important that wherever possible equipment is in school every day.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and we will look forward to seeing our students making effective use of the equipment to support their ongoing progress.



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Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

Dear Parent/Carer

We are all too aware of how the recent cost-of-living increases may affect our local community, and we want to encourage you to access appropriate mechanisms of support. The Pupil Premium and Free School Meals funding allows schools to creatively support students. This funding is confidential and used to support your child.

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we will receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

What is Pupil Premium funding?

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

How is the Pupil Premium funding spent?

Schools have the freedom to spend the Premium in a way they think is best to support the raising of attainment. Funding is given to schools and is spent according to a budgeted plan across three areas. These include:

1. High-quality teaching, such as staff professional development.
2. Targeted academic support, such as tutoring.
3. Wider strategies to address non-academic barriers to success in schools, such as attendance, behaviour and social and emotional support.

Parents do not receive this money from schools and there is not a budget to spend per student. Schools are expected to formulate a plan to use the overall funding, this must be based on evidence based research and approved by the Governing body.

How do I register?

To register, please visit the following web page.

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/free-school-meals/>

Similarly please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or would like to update us about your child and their eligibility for funding.



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Production Introductions

As we step another week closer to the performances of The Lion King we would like to introduce you to some more of the cast members. Lilu in Year 9 is playing the main role of Simba and Bella in Year 8 is playing Older Nala.

These characters are the main focus for the show, as we follow their journey from cubs exploring the Pridelands, to the courage shown to face up to past mistakes; becoming the rightful King and falling in love with your best friend at the same time.

These are not Lilu and Bella's first performances, as they were in Aladdin last year, but this year they have leading roles.

Tickets will be on sale next week, so get them quick as we are expecting 2 sell out shows!



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Production Introductions



Introduce the cast

Bella is...

Hello everyone! My name is Bella and I play Older Nala in the Lion King. I love being part of a team and doing what I love which includes acting. This play means a lot to me and I love working with others and creating bonds that go further than just on the stage. I think I am like Nala in many different ways as I am headstrong and independent and doesn't like to be told what to do! I am particularly looking forward to the songs in the play as I love singing and it has been a part of my life for a long time. I am so excited to share the magic of performing with you all!



Introduce the cast

Lilu is...

Hi I'm Lilu and I'm going to be playing the part of Simba. I love my part, especially because I get to explore the transition of Simba maturing from an excitable young cub into a fully grown and powerful lion like his dad, Mufasa. I'm looking forward to seeing how everything comes together with the play and seeing everyone's hard work pay off in the end result.



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International Women's Day

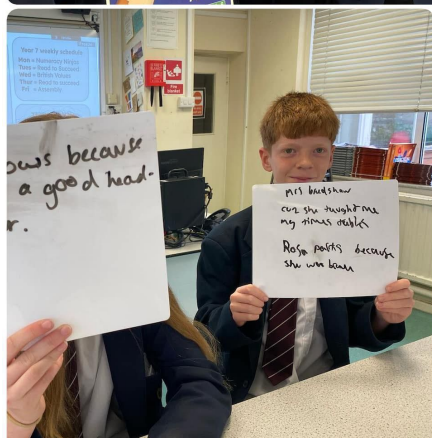


Happy International Women's Day for last weekend!

International Women's Day has been celebrated every year since 1911. It aims to celebrate and appreciate the impact of women in our lives and society, for the differences they have made and continue to make.

The day belongs to all who care about women's equality and anyone who wants to celebrate women's achievement; raise awareness about discrimination and take action to forge gender parity.

Our International Women's Day event will be held in the near future; some time in term 6. We are excited to be planning a brilliant event where students can bring a female relative or friend back to school to do some shared workshops...



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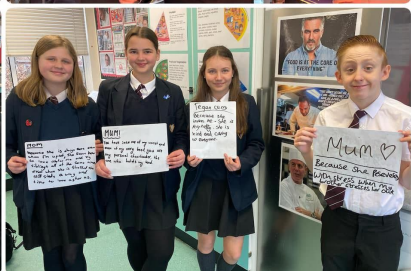
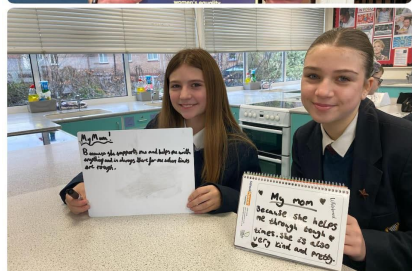
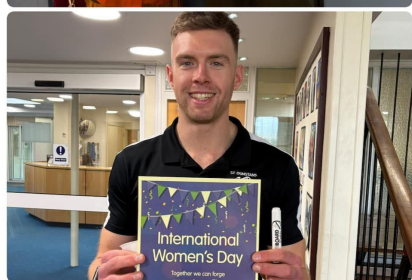
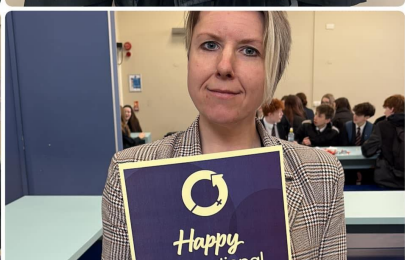
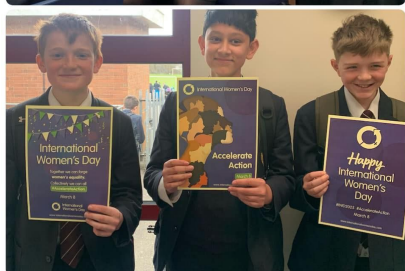
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International Women's Day



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Just Write Club



Just Write Club has been steadily growing in popularity and it is absolutely wonderful to see so many budding writers amongst our students. This week we started work on a local writing competition, whilst others continued working on their ongoing WIPs (works in progress).

We have stories that include an evacuee's tale involving a mystery cave, two sisters that get separated at a young age, a story about a girl who meets her knights in shining armour (yes there are two!), a twisted greek mythology inspired tale, a story about a girl who starts a scouts-but-not-scouts club and a short story that begins with 'I managed to get my head stuck in a bush' as its first line.

Lots of imagination and creativity to celebrate amongst this lot. Well done, keep writing...



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Year 5 Transition Day

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This week we welcomed Year 5 students into school to give them a taste of what life at St Dunstan's is all about.

From practical music sessions playing Mary Had A Little Lamb and Don't Stop Believin', to drama games involving parachutes and purple parrots, to poetry about Spring and all the lovely things it has to offer.

The students were brilliant and got a great taste of what we offer here at St Dunstan's, and our Year 7 helpers made the day even smoother with their support.

We hope they had a lovely day.

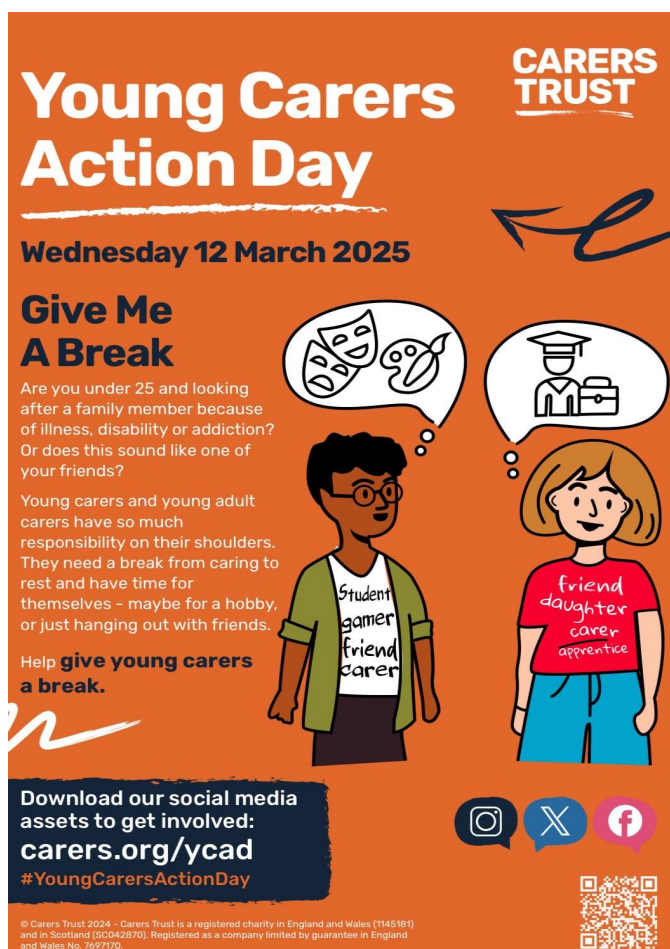
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Young Carers' Action Day is an annual event, organised each year by the Carers' Trust.

It's a day for raising public awareness of young carers and young adult carers, the pressures and challenges they face, and the incredible contribution they make by caring for their family members and friends.

Ms Ardeshir is the Young Carers' Lead for St Dunstan's School. She runs a Young Carers' drop in session every Wednesday Lunchtime in room 8.

For further details please contact Ms Ardeshir in Pastoral or visit: <https://youngcarersinschools.com>



Young Carers Action Day

CARERS TRUST

Wednesday 12 March 2025

Give Me A Break

Are you under 25 and looking after a family member because of illness, disability or addiction? Or does this sound like one of your friends?

Young carers and young adult carers have so much responsibility on their shoulders. They need a break from caring to rest and have time for themselves - maybe for a hobby, or just hanging out with friends.

Help **give young carers a break.**

Download our social media assets to get involved:
carers.org/ycad
#YoungCarersActionDay

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St Dunstan's Library presents...

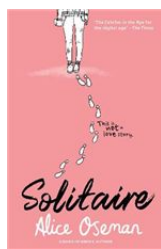
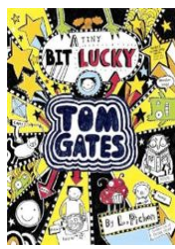
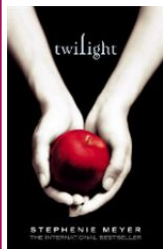
THE BOOK NOOK

Our MNSP Book Awards Book Club has been going really well, with lots of our group having already read half the shortlist already!

From murder mystery, to historical fantasy, these books have pushed lots of us out of our usual comfort zone of typical reads and encouraged us to try new things, which has been refreshing and very enjoyable.

We only have a few more weeks of reading before we have to cast our votes on our favourite book that we think should win the Book Awards, so it is all systems go in the library at the moment.

Popular loans this week:



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**Room 8 with Miss Kench
Tuesday Lunchtimes 12.30pm**

KS4 Lunchtime Drop-In Sessions

**Chat about post-16 options,
work experience, revision, on
TRACK programme, wellbeing
and lots more! All welcome!**

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Local Easter Activities



Activity Calendar

Community Inclusion
and Activity Team

Easter Holidays

Monday 7 - 18 April 2025



For ALL children and young people in Somerset with a disability or additional needs
*You DO NOT have to be referred to any service to access these activities, unless otherwise stated.

Children's Autism Outreach Team CAOT: If you are known to CAOT please go to the Local Offer for more details or call your allocated CAOT worker for all CAOT holiday activities.

Key for activities:

-  **Family Activity** - for all members of the family to attend and enjoy
-  **Child/Young person can attend on their own under group supervision or with parent/carer if additional 1:1 support is required** - please call the organisation to have a chat
-  **Child/young person must attend with a parent or carer**
-  **Staff provided by the organisation to support the child/young person 1:1 if required** - please call the organisation to see what they can provide as this may not include personal care
-  **Some parts of the activity are wheelchair accessible please call the organisation to find out more**
-  **Accessible changing facilities are available please call the venue to find out more**
-  **Activities aimed at young people/teenagers/young adults**

Useful Information

Who are the people offering the activities? Organisations who have experience of working with children and young people with a disability or additional need and their families. Activities can be adapted to suit the children and young people who would like to attend. Please call them to chat about your child / young person's needs.

Activities offered by the Community Inclusion and Activity Team - Dependant on the child / young person needs, we can provide a day out without parent / carer as we offer group supervision. If it is the first time your child / young person has accessed a trip with our team, a parent / carer will need to attend. We require payment a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the day. Please note, spaces for children and young people with a disability or additional need will be prioritised first, with spaces offered to siblings once bookings have closed if we have room. Online payment at www.somerset.gov.uk/cwd

Don't forget our Activity Day Passes - Available to ALL families in Somerset with a child or young person with a disability or additional need - Puxton Park, Noah's Ark, Abbotsbury, Ferne Animal Sanctuary, Hestercombe gardens, Court farm and Wild Place. Please email CIATeam@somerset.gov.uk to find out more or visit www.somerset.gov.uk/cwd to view the flyer.

Max Card - A FREE card for all children and young people with a disability or additional need in Somerset aged 0-25 years. This card can be used at many places all over the UK offering discounts and special rates when you show the card. Visit www.mymaxcard.co.uk for more info. Cards can ONLY be issued by Somerset County Council to people living in Somerset. Call 01823 358117 or email ciateam@somerset.gov.uk

If you would like help with the calendar and how to access activities please email the team ciateam@somerset.gov.uk



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MONDAY 7TH APRIL

Neroche Woodlanders

Young Wood, Staple Fitzpaine TA3 5AZ.
Seasonal Forest Activities, including identifying trees, buds and leaves and looking for animal tracks. We return for a snack/ lunch and have some seasonal craft and play options with child led activities. Families will be asked to bring their own food, and we do a small campfire cooking activity. There are hot drinks 'on tap' for parent carers, and cold drinks are also available. 11am-2pm. For 2-18th birthday. £10 per family.

To book, please email sarah@nerochewoodlanders.org/ or go to www.nerochewoodlanders.org or call Sarah Holdway on 07784 899641



7th

Nova Sports: Football Frome Town United Football Club

Fun, inclusive football sessions on astroturf with specialist Nova coaches! 1:30-3pm 10-18th birthday. £10 per child.

To book, please email bookings@novasportsandcoaching.co.uk or call 07860 743453



ACTIVITY PACKS

Step4ward-in2-growth
Activity packs tailored to the young person's interests and abilities, including Easter themed crafts, such as bunny and carrot kits. Hand delivered if local to Shepton Mallet or sent by Royal Mail. For ages 3-18th Birthday. £3 per pack.
To order, please contact Becky on 07737 331174 or email Step4ward-in2growth@mail.com

9th

Somerset Arts Therapies Centre
SATC, Bartlett's Farm, Hayes Rd, Compton Dundon, TA11 6PF.
Fun-filled holiday club in a beautiful rural setting. Sessions include outdoor adventures such as woodland welly walks and ball games in our paddock, creative activities including arts, crafts and music workshops, as well as active play through sports, movement, and mindfulness exercises. A healthy hot meal and snacks will be provided each day. 10am-2pm. For 5-18 yrs. £5 per child.

To book, please call 07432 384287 or email louisa@somersetartstherapies.org



TUESDAY 8TH APRIL

Community Inclusion Activity Day: Young Person's Day

Yeovil Hollywood Bowl, Old Station Way, Yeovil, BA20 1NP. 2 Games of bowling and lunch. Young people need to our service will need to attend with a parent carer or if 1-1 support is required. 11am-1:30pm. Ages 8-18th birthday. £10 per person.

To book, call 07977 412199 from 10am on 18 March.



8th

The Mendip School Farrington's Play Barn, BS39 6UB.

Soft Play 10am-11am Food 11am-12pm.
For 9-16 yrs. £1 per family.

To book, please email vkingsnorth@themendipschool.com or call 01749 838 640



9th

Nova Sports: Hydrotherapy
Harry's Hydro, Frome, BA11 4LB.
Shared family swim sessions in warm water for young people with physical/ learning/ sensory disabilities. Max 8 people in pool. Private hire available on request. 10am-12pm.
For all ages. £20 per family (up to 4 people).

To book, please email bookings@novasportsandcoaching.co.uk or call 07860 743453



WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL

Shared Earth Learning

Vallis Veg, Frome, BA11 3JG.
Nature based activities and play incorporating nature-studies, crafts, gardening, games, shelter-building and simple campfire cooking. Child led games and activities to enhance environmental awareness and appreciation of the outdoors. 10am-2:30pm. For 6-18th birthday. £12 per person.

To book, please email shareearthbookings@gmail.com



9th

Purple Elephant: Accessible Multipurpose
Victoria Park, Weymouth Road, Frome BA11 1HJ.
Family holiday fun - activities for the whole family with a free meal. 10am-1pm. For all ages. £2 suggested donation per child but free to those on free school meals.

To book, please email rebecca.harrison@purpleelephant.org.uk



9th

Ark at Egwood Egwood, Merriott, Somerset, TA16 5GN.

Ark Experience Day comprising of outdoor activities including, meeting our animals, accessible games, seasonal themed activities and games and sports, arts & crafts, bushcraft activities and social time around a campfire. A tasty lunch and refreshments throughout the day are also provided. 10am-2pm. For ages 5+. £3 per young person. £3 per parent carer.

To book, please email Office@arkatagwood.com or call 01460 391974.



SATURDAY 12TH APRIL

In the Mix
The Hub Centre, Hartswell, South Street, Wiveliscombe, TA4 2NE.
Bowled over for Easter! Join us for a fun filled bowling event at Hollywood Bowl and Easter themed challenges! Transport available from The Hub Centre in Wiveliscombe. 10am-12:30pm. For 11-18 yrs. £2 per person.

To book, please email Jemma.Lay@inthemixproject.org.uk or call 01984 629510.



THURSDAY 10TH APRIL

Community Inclusion Activity Day: Family Day

Butlins Minehead, Warren Rd, Minehead, TA245SH.
Enjoy a great day at Butlins, including swimming, fairground, inclusive playground, entertainment & places to eat. Staff on site for support from 10am-3pm (Butlins closes at 6pm). For all ages. £15 per adult, £10 per child.

To book, call 07977 412199 from 10am on 18th March.



10th

Purple Elephant: Family Cookery

Trinity Church Hall, Trinity Street, Frome, BA11 3DE.
Family holiday fun - activities for the whole family with a free meal. 10am-1pm. For all ages. £2 suggested donation per child but free to those on free school meals.

To book, please email purpleelephant.org.uk



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To book, please call 07432 384287 or email louisa@somersetartstherapies.org



SATURDAY 12TH APRIL

The Octagon Theatre & Westlands Entertainment Venue
Yeovil, BA20 2DD.
Drama for All: We will be holding fun and interactive drama and theatre workshops led by drama therapist & inclusivity champion, Donna Osmond. These workshops are ideal for anyone who is new to performing or theatre-making, as well as those who already enjoy participating in theatre projects. Fully inclusive & accessible with an emphasis on self-expression and creativity. The aim of the sessions is to explore self-expression, play and have fun whilst building new friendships and strengthening relationships in an inclusive & joyful environment. Parents/ carers are very welcome (and encouraged) to join in too! 10-11am: Workshop 1 (6-12 yrs) 11:30am-1pm: Workshop 2 (13-18 yrs) £4 per person.

To book, please go to www.westlands-yeovil.co.uk or call 01935 422 884



FRIDAY 11TH APRIL

Green Goblins Games Club

Riverside Church, The Exchange, Hamilton Rd, Taunton, TA1 2EQ.
Tabletop games including Pokemon Trading Card Game, Board Games and D&D Roleplay Games. 6-10:30pm. For age 10+ (under 19s may attend when accompanied by a parent carer). £4 entry. First time free. Parent carers free.

To book, please call Michael Ford on 07733866157 or email greengoblinsgamesclub.co.uk



11th

Purple Elephant: Fun Science
St Catherine's Hall, Park Road, Frome BA11 1EL.
Family holiday fun - activities for the whole family with a free meal. 10am-1pm. For all ages. £2 suggested donation per child but free to those on free school meals.

To book, please email rebecca.harrison@purpleelephant.org.uk



Wildwoods: Junior bushcraft day

Wildwoods Forest School, East Street, Drayton, Langport TA10 8JZ.
Drop-off day camp for all nature minded children. As part of a small team, explore the woods, build a fire, prepare your lunch and learn the skills to survive in the wild. Join us for fun and games in the woods. Fire cooked lunch included. 10:30am-3:30pm. For 8-12 yrs. 17 per child, £11 for low-income and Siblings.

To book, please email marie@wildwoods.org or call 07443 604955



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SASP: Family Roller Skating
Blackbrook Leisure Centre, Taunton, TA1 2RW.
An Inclusive Family Roller Skating Session for young people with a disability and their siblings/family members. Equipment hire is available. Please note that all children MUST attend with a parent/ carer, although adults are not required to skate. 1-2:30pm. For 6-18th birthday. £5 per young person & £2.50 for parent/carers.

To book, please email NSnow@sasp.co.uk



For more inclusive activities, groups and organisations in your area, please visit the Local Offer:-

www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/the-local-offer/send-events/

where you can search by **keyword** or **location**.



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MONDAY 14TH APRIL

Purple Elephant: Bulb planting and flower fun!
Fair Frome, Unit 7, Longacre, Marston Trading Estate, Frome BA11 4BG.
Family holiday fun - activities for the whole family with a free meal. 2-5pm. For all ages. £2 suggested donation per child but free to those on free school meals.

To book, please email rebecca.harrison@purpleelephant.org.uk



TUESDAY 15TH APRIL

Community Inclusion Activity Day: Young Person's Day
Flip out Somerset, Unit C, Castle Road, Chelston Business Park Wellington Somerset TA21 9JQ.
2 hour jump session at Flip Out. Socks, slushy token and 3 pizza slices included (cheese and tomato or pepperoni). VIP area just for our group. This is not an ASD session, but should be quieter due to time of session. Young people new to our service will need to attend with a parent carer or if 11 support is required. 4-6pm. Ages 8-18th birthday. £16 per person.

To book, call 07777 412199 from 10am on 18TH March.



WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL

Purple Elephant: Art & crafts
Key Centre, Feltham Lane, Frome BA11 5AJ.
Family holiday fun - activities for the whole family with a free meal. 10am-1pm. For all ages. £2 suggested donation per child but free to those on free school meals.

To book, please email rebecca.harrison@purpleelephant.org.uk



THURSDAY 17TH APRIL

Community Inclusion Activity Day: Family Day
Creaty Theme Park, Sidmouth Road, Exeter, EX5 1DR.
Family adventure park with over 60 rides and attractions, including live shows & animals. Staff on site for support from 10am - 3pm (park closes at 5pm). For all ages. £16 per person.

To book, call 07777 412199 from 10am on 18TH March.



FRIDAY 18TH APRIL

Minehead Eye
Minehead EYE, Mart Road, Minehead, TA24 5BJ.
Bloom Holiday Special.
Exclusive access to the whole Minehead Eye Centre including: skatepark, cafe, climbing cave and music rooms. There will be art and crafts area along with a relax room with Lego and quiet activities too. The Skatepark will be open with scooters, skateboards, roller skates & all equipment included. The cafe will be open throughout the session. 3.30-5.30pm. For ages 4+. £2 per person.

Enquires to reception@minehead-eye.co.uk
Booking online at www.mineheadeye.co.uk



15th

Nova Sports: Mendip Activity Day
Mendip Activity Centre, BS25 5PQ.
Activities include tobogganing, active archery, and the new Hangar 51 area for a nerf battle. 10am-3pm. For 7-16 yrs. £25 per person.

To book, please email at bookings@novasportsandcoaching.co.uk or call 07860 743453



15th

Nova Sports: Skiing
Mendip Activity Centre, BS25 5PQ.
A ski lesson on the dry-slopes of Mendip Activity Centre! Young people supported by an experienced Nova ski-instructor. This is for young people who have not skied before. They are beginners. 3.30-5pm. For 7-18th birthday. £20 per person.

To book, please email bookings@novasportsandcoaching.co.uk or call 07860 743453



15th

SASP: Multi-sports Session
Bridgwater and Taunton College (Bridgwater Centre), Bridgwater, TA6 4PZ.
An Inclusive Multi-Sports Session for young people with disabilities and their siblings. To include a variety of activities, such as tagging games, cricket, dodgeball and basketball. 10am-12:30pm. For 8-18th birthday. £5 per person

To book, please email NSnow@sasp.co.uk



Shared Earth Learning
Vallis Veg, Frome, BA11 3JQ.
Nature based activities & play incorporating nature-studies, crafts, gardening, games, shelter-building and simple campfire cooking. Child led games and activities to enhance environmental awareness and appreciation of the outdoors. 10am-2.30pm. For 6-18th birthday. £12 per person.

To book, please email sharedearthbookings@gmail.com



15th

Ark at Egwood
Egwood, Merriott, Somerset, TA16 5GN.
Ark Experience Day comprising of outdoor activities including: meeting our animals, accessible games including Seasonal themed adventure games and sports, Arts & Craft opportunities, Bushcraft activities & social time around a campfire. A tasty lunch and refreshments throughout the day are also provided. 10am-2pm. For ages 5+. £3 a head per young person. £3 a head per parent/carers.

To book, please email Office@arkategwood.com or call 01466 391974.



15th

The Mendip School
Wells Swimming Pool at the Leisure Centre, BA5 2FB.
Swimming 11am-12pm. Food in the cafe 12pm-1pm. For 9-12 yrs. £5 per child and parent carer. £3 per additional child/parent carer.

To book, please email vkingsnorth@themendipschool.co.uk or call 01749 638 040



16th

Somerset Arts Therapies Centre
SATC, Bartlett's Farm, Hayes Rd, Compton Dundon, TA11 6PF.
Fun-filled holiday club in a beautiful rural setting. Sessions include outdoor adventures such as woodland welly walks and ball games in our paddock, creative activities including arts, crafts and music workshops, as well as active play through sports, movement, and mindfulness exercises. A healthy hot meal and snacks will be provided each day. 10am-2pm. For 5-16 yrs. £5 per child.

To book, please call 07432 384287 or email louisa@somersetartstherapies.org



16th

Nova Sports: Hydrotherapy
Harry's Hydro, Frome, BA11 4LB.
Shared family swim sessions in warm water for young people with physical/ learning/ sensory disabilities. Max 8 people in pool. Private hire available on request. 10am-12pm. For all ages. £20 per family (up to 4 people).

To book, please email bookings@novasportsandcoaching.co.uk or call 07460 743453



16th

Nova Sports: Football
Frome Town United Football Club.
Fun, inclusive football sessions on astroturf with specialist Nova coaches! 10-11.30am 19-18th birthday. £10 per child.

To book, please email bookings@novasportsandcoaching.co.uk or call 07860 743453



17th

Purple Elephant: Dancing and games with Mojo Moves plus Easter Crafts
Trinity Church Hall, Trinity Street, Frome, BA11 3DE.
Family holiday fun - activities for the whole family with a free meal. 10am-1pm. For all ages. £2 suggested donation per child but free to those on free school meals.

To book, please email rebecca.harrison@purpleelephant.org.uk



17th

Wildwood's: Teenage bushcraft day
Wildwood's Forest School, East Street, Drayton, Langport TA19 6JZ.

For the more serious wood-folk: whether experiencing bushcraft for the first time or taking their skills further. Go beyond fire-lighting to learn practical methods for independence, self-reliance and survival in the woods. Includes knife and axe skills, open fire cooking techniques, and tarpsology. Fire cooked lunch included. 10.30am-3.30pm. For 13-17 yrs. 17 per child, £11 for low-income and Siblings.

To book, please email marie@wildwoods.org or call 07443049585



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18th

Green Gobins Games Club
Riverside Church, The Exchange, Hamilton Rd, Taunton, TA1 2EQ.
Tabletop games including Pokemon Trading Card Game, Board Games and D&D Roleplay Games. 6-10.30pm. For age 10+ (under 10s may attend when accompanied by a parent carer). £4 entry. First time free. Parent carers free.

To book, please call Michael Ford on 07733066157 or email email@greengobinsgamesclub.co.uk



18th

Children's World
Pilton Working Men's Club St Mary's Lane, Pilton, Shepton Mallet BA4 4BB.
Join Children's World for their interactive and inclusive DJ experience in partnership with Big Man Disco. Fun for all ages and abilities. Experience and learn to DJ yourself with Bass and Rave classics or simply join us for dancing and fun. 2-4pm. For all ages. £4 entry per person - ticket sales prior to the event, and then £5 on the door. 15 sign up spaces for budding DJ's to have a go and learn.

To book, please email info@childrensworldcharity.org or call 01458 833693



17th

SASP: Inclusive kayaking
YMCA Bridgwater, The George Williams Centre, Bridgwater, TA6 3RF.
A fun-filled Inclusive Kayaking Session for young people with disabilities and their siblings. Please note that you will need to bring swimwear for this activity. 11am-1pm (8-12 years) and 2-4pm (13-18 years). £10 per person

To book, please email NSnow@sasp.co.uk



WHAT'S ON AROUND THE WEEK?

Monday 7 - Thursday 17 April

Brookside Academy, Street, BA16 0PR

A variety of indoor and outdoor activities, including arts & crafts, cooking, messy and sensory play, sports and more! There will be themed activities throughout the holiday.

All our activities are fully inclusive, allowing us to meet all needs. We are a wheelchair accessible setting with changing facilities. For 4-13 years (must be school age), 9am-3pm, £27pp. For 14-18th birthday, 9am-3pm, £30pp. Wrap around care available from 3-4pm. Cost £4.50pp.

For siblings:

For 4-13 years (must be school age), 9am-3pm, £24pp. Wrap around care available 3-4pm. Cost £4.20pp.

To book, please email Sandra.Cinicola@extendedschools@brooksideacademy.co.uk or call 01458 443340



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Things to do this Easter Holidays



HAPPY HEALTHY HOLIDAYS... IS BACK FOR EASTER!

Exciting activity clubs for children aged 5 - 16, who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals across Somerset

4 SESSIONS
PER CHILD
ONLY



GET A
BOOKING
CODE FROM
YOUR
SCHOOL

BOOKINGS
OPEN ON
17TH
MARCH



FOOD
INCLUDED!



Find and book **FREE** local activities by visiting:
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Things to do this Easter Holidays



Key information for Happy Healthy Holidays Easter!

- Before bookings go live take a look at our 'how to make a bookings video' using this link
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7fInPPFjSbU>
- Bookings open on Monday 17th March at 10am which you can access
<https://www.sasp.co.uk/happy-healthy-holidays>
- To book onto activities you will need to login into Playwaze, and enter the code your school should have given you
- Your Playwaze login is the same you used for the winter programme, if you have forgotten your password you can reset it by clicking the reset button
- Book your desired activities, you can book up to 4 days of provision per individual child
- If you need assistance you can email our HHH team or call between 9am-1pm Monday- Friday



✉ hhh@sasp.co.uk ☎ 07843 816168 / 01823 653992 (Open 9am - 1pm)



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**Need help with booking?
Watch this video**



**Bookings open on
Monday 17th March at 10am**



LOG IN

**Login to Playwaze
(same login as used at winter)**



**Enter the code your school
has given you**

4

4 sessions of provision per child only



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PARENTS –

**GUIDING OUR CHILDREN THROUGH
THEIR EDUCATION IS ONE OF OUR
GREATEST ROLES.**



MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Consistent support and motivation from you plays a pivotal role in their success, and this begins with school attendance – that isn't just about adhering to school rules; it's about shaping their future, one day at a time.

**If your child is struggling with school attendance, our tips overleaf can help you help them.
Or if you have any concerns contact your child's school.**



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YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD BY:

- ensuring your child understands the importance of excellent attendance and punctuality.
- asking about school work and encourage them to get involved in school activities.
- discussing any problems they may have and inform their Form Tutor to pass on concerns.
- not allowing them take time off school for minor ailments – particularly those which would not prevent you from going to work.
- arranging appointments after school hours, at weekends or during the holidays, to prevent disruption to your child's education and to the school.
- being open and willing to work with us to improve your child's attendance.



If you are concerned about your child's school attendance, it's best to contact their school first. Our dedicated Attendance Team are on hand to support pupils and families.

For more information about school attendance visit our website: www.midsomernortonschoolspartnership.com/attendance

We're here to help if you need it.



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TIMETABLE

Mondays

4.45 PM Junior Beginner Silks

6.00 PM Junior Intermediate Silks

Tuesdays

5.00 PM Teens Beginner Silks

6.15 PM Teens Intermediate Silks

Wednesdays

3.45 PM Kids Mixed Aerial

5.00 PM Juniors Mixed Aerial

6:15PM Teens Intermediate Hoop

Thursdays

4.15 PM Junior Beginner Silks

Fridays

3.45 PM Junior Intermediate Silks

4.50 PM Teens Intermediate Silks



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Local Events

YMCA BRUNEL GROUP

BATH | BRISTOL | WILTSHIRE
EAST & SOUTH SOMERSET

GLASTONBURY YOUTH CLUBS

**An exciting opportunity to
meet new friends & join in
fun activities.**

Mondays 7-9pm: Windmill Hill

Fridays 7-9pm: Red Brick

Term-time only | Entry £1



Weekly youth clubs & extra events and trips

Hang out with your friends | Meet new people | Activities & games | Free food

we
welcome all
young
people
aged 10-19



let's all
catch up,
have fun
and support
each other!

To sign up please access the consent form by scanning the QR code or via the link
<https://forms.gle/AvNMEj3MqWZv3rux5> Consent must be provided by a parent/carer

Contact us:

Glastonbury: SiobhanWhite@ymca-bg.org
www.ymca-bg.org

Find us:

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<u>O</u>rganised & Proactive	<p>Bringing the correct equipment, kit and uniform</p> <p>Meeting deadlines</p> <p>Working on tasks independently and completing homework to a high standard</p>
<u>N</u>eat & Tidy work	<p>Smart, well presented books demonstrating your best work</p>
<u>T</u>enacity	<p>Trying your hardest, rising to challenges, having a 'can do' attitude, working out solutions and taking ownership of your learning</p>
<u>R</u>eady, Respectful and Responsible	<p>Being a role model by consistently demonstrating our basic expectations</p>
<u>A</u>nswering, reading and listening like an expert	<p>Sophisticated full sentence answers using technical terms</p> <p>Following along, tracking the text and ready to read aloud in class.</p> <p>Reading widely and for pleasure</p> <p>Listening and considering the views of others</p> <p>Taking in turns to respond</p>
<u>C</u>ontributing to the class	<p>Playing an active role in every lesson</p> <p>Attention to the speaker, sat up straight, arms still, pens down</p> <p>Teacher focused</p>
<u>K</u>indness & Community minded	<p>Caring, polite, looking after one another and the site</p> <p>Speaking with kindness and respect</p> <p>Supporting staff and other students to create a positive learning environment for all</p>



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