

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Spring is here and the whole community is certainly appreciating the sunshine. One of the best parts of my day is driving across the levels in the morning, viewing the Tor and the picturesque landscape on my journey. On Thursday, I had my first experience of watching people gather on the Tor to mark the Spring Equinox. Not many headteachers get such an iconic and beautiful commute! I consider myself very privileged indeed.

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

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

End of term- school will finish at 3:15 pm



21.03.25

NEXT WEEK
ASSEMBLY
FOCUS:

Knife Crime
Awareness

Key Dates

28.03.25: Year
10 Mock
Interviews

25.03.25-
26.03.25
French Mock
Speaking
Exams

02/04/25-03/0
4/25: School
Production of
The Lion King

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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.

Items to Celebrate

Thankyou to Mrs Pulford and all of the staff involved on Friday's Year 9 trip to Millfield. The focus of the day was on educating students about mental health and how to look after yourself and others. Our students represented the school exceptionally well and feedback from the staff at Millfield was very positive. Students were engaged, very smart and participated with maturity throughout the day.

We are looking forward to welcoming Year 11 families into school on Thursday at 5pm. The evening is intended to support everyone in preparing for the forthcoming GCSE examinations. Navigating through this period for students and parents can be tricky. Sometimes families can be uncertain how much is too much or not enough revision. Students often find revision independently tricky and parents often find themselves unsure of how best to provide support. The Presentations on Thursday are intended to provide families with everything they need as well as provide an opportunity to ask questions. If you haven't signed up for the evening yet, please use the link below. We look forward to seeing you Thursday.

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Thankyou to all Year 9 families for your participation in the Key Stage Four choices events in February. We have now received all student requests for Key Stage choices and will begin the process of building our Key Stage Four offer.



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Please be advised that this process entails several moving parts, not least the added complication of our move to Arbor in the next few weeks. We will aim to share more information in June and confirm choices by the start of July at the latest. In the meantime if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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 children's' 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.

Next week will be a crucial week for the transition. The school will be having a Mock Arbor day on Tuesday, where the platform will be tested by staff to take registers and use several functions. This is intended to 'troubleshoot' any teething issues in advance of the switch. From Wednesday onwards, we will cease to use our current MIS system and the process of migration will commence. We will continue to use Talaxy during this period for attendance, registers and communication. Once Arbor is ready we then adopt this as our new platform for these functions. Families will be informed when we are in a position to do this.

Please be reassured that we have been involved in a very thorough and rigorous process working alongside Arbor and our trust partners to ensure a smooth transition and transfer of data. This includes careful checks, counts and back ups of data. Our admin team have been pivotal to this process and my thanks goes to S Gerrard, M Shepherd and J Rigby Jones for your work to make this process go so smoothly.

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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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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St Dunstan's School
presents...



Disney
**THE
LION KING**

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Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd April
6pm in the Drama Studio

Music & Lyrics by Elton John & Tim Rice

Additional Music & Lyrics by Lebo M, Mark Mancina, Jay Rifkin, and Hans Zimmer

Book by Roger Allers & Irene Mecchi

Based on the Broadway production directed by Julie Taymor

Music Adapted & Arranged and

Additional Music & Lyrics and

"Luau Hawaiian Treat" written by Will Van Dyke

"It's a Small World" written by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman

Disney's The Lion King JR. is presented through special arrangement with and
all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International.

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Tickets available from reception
£2 students
£4 adults



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Production Ticket Sales

Tickets for our Production of The Lion King are now on sale and are already selling very quickly.

Tickets are £4 adults/£2 students and can be purchased from reception during break/lunch time by students. Parents/carers can come to reception during the school day to buy tickets.

Performances are: Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd April at 6pm. Hakuna Matata!

PRODUCTION INTRODUCTIONS...

We are 2 weeks until opening night and would like to introduce you to our 2 strong characters of Mufasa and Scar.

Mufasa is played by Harley in Year 10 who is the wise and strong King of the Pridelands, and teaches Simba all about the 'Circle of Life.'

Meanwhile Oren in Year 9 plays Mufasa's evil brother Scar who claims to have the 'lion's share' of the brains in the family and plots to rule the Pridelands.



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Production Introductions



Introduce the cast

Oren is...

Hi, my name is Oren and I am lucky enough to be playing the role of Scar, who has very strong theatrics, to say the least! I've always enjoyed Drama; even in my first ever lesson all the way back in year 2 I knew I was going to enjoy it for a long time to come. For me, The Lion King is an incredible experience because of the amazing community of people that it brings together, and I can't wait to perform the show in front of you all!



Introduce the cast

Harley is...

Hi, I'm Harley and I'm going to be playing the part of Mufasa. I am enjoying getting to know the other actors and the performance as a whole. I'm looking forward to performing in front of an audience as I am excited to show what an amazing show this is going to be. If possible I would love to become an actor at some stage of my life as acting is one of my favourite things so making a living out of it would be a dream come true.



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Geography Sampling at Paradise Lane

Year 11 Geographers ventured off school site this week to investigate local ecosystems.

As part of the GCSE course, students are required to study a small-scale ecosystem and what better place to explore this than in our own beautiful community.

We were proud as our students displayed a positive attitude and showed enthusiasm for their learning. They were congratulated by several passers by, including tourists, for their politeness and exemplary behaviour.

Well done all!



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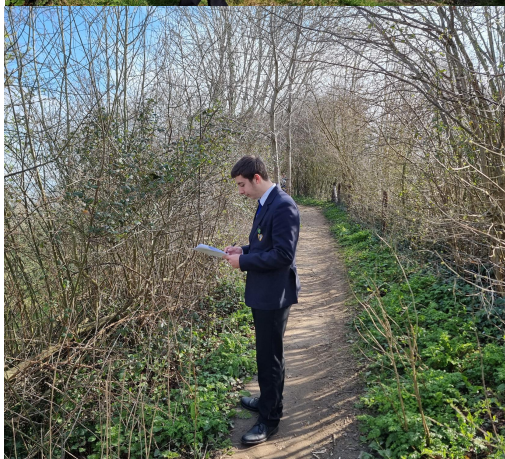
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Yesterday, 2 groups of Year 10 and 11 students had the pleasure of being invited to a fantastic Open Doors event hosted by local company **Kier Transportation**.

The workshops, delivered by Build Uk, showcased the fantastic range of careers available in the construction industry. Students rotated around different aspects of the industry, from project management to hands-on construction skills, speaking with people involved in the project, discussing both graduate and apprenticeship pathways. Some students even had the opportunity to sit up front in a giant spreader!

We are really grateful to Lorraine and all at Kier Transportation for welcoming us and giving our students a really insightful and useful career experience.



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Year 11 Information Evening



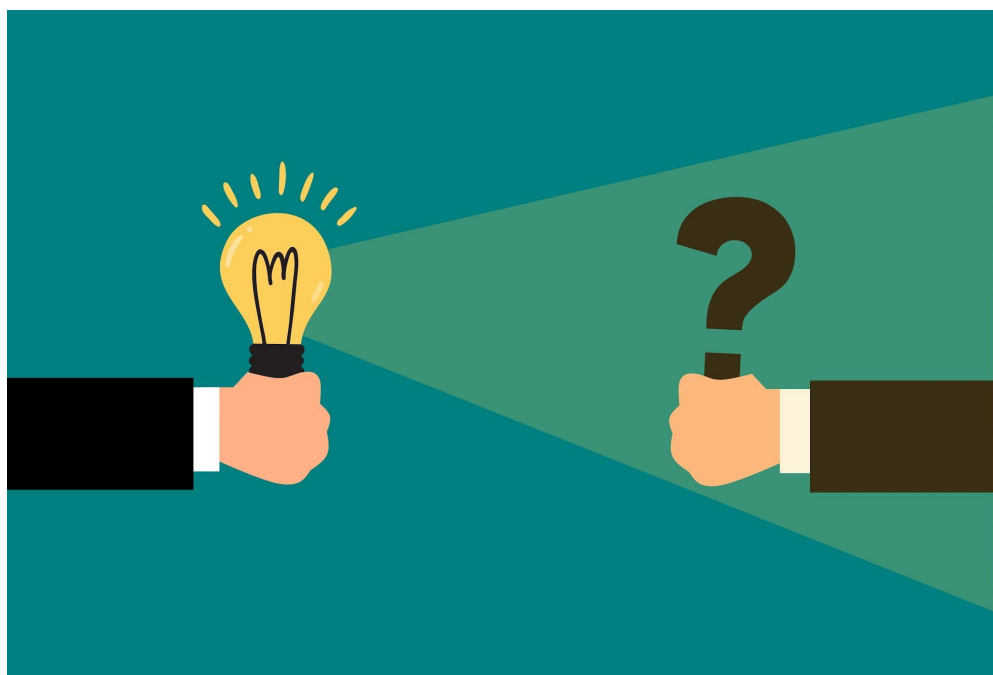
We're excited to invite all Year 11 parents to our Information Evening on Thursday, 27 March, from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

This session will provide key insights into the upcoming exam period, along with practical revision strategies to help both students and parents feel prepared and confident.

Join us for valuable guidance on how to support your child's success!

We look forward to seeing you there.

Please confirm your attendance on the google form sent around by Mr Armstrong.



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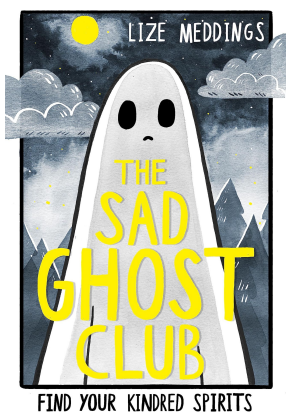
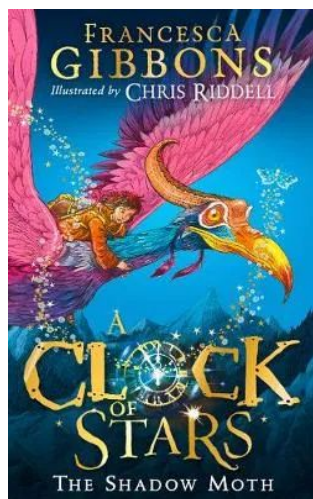
St Dunstan's Library presents...

THE BOOK NOOK

Review by Bess in Year 7



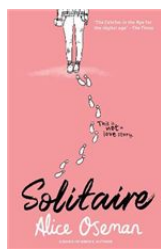
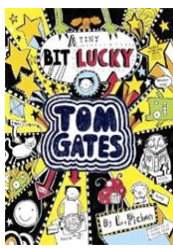
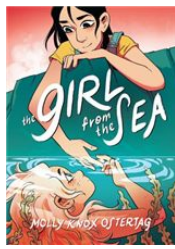
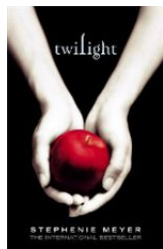
I liked this book because it is very interesting and it is a fantasy style mixed with realism. The characters are curious smart and wonderful. This book is an adventure full of fantastical creatures and people. There are a few, beautiful illustrations scattered throughout the book. This book made me feel happy and interested. Gibbons writes really well, and even though it was a long book, I read it quicker than expected.



Mrs Morris' book of the week...

The Sad Ghost Club is a graphic novel that explores the anxieties and stresses of feeling invisible, and struggling to find your people. It is funny, and charming... honestly a must read for everyone. It explores themes of mental health superbly and is a wholesome read!

Popular loans this week:



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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@arkatwood.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 Gobblins 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 green@gobblinsgamesclub.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



11th

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



11th

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 69 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, Buscraft 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 louisas@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 buscraft day
Wildwood's Forest School, East Street, Drayton, Langport TA19 6JZ.

For the more serious wood-folk: whether experiencing buscraft 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:
www.sasp.co.uk/happy-healthy-holidays
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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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Red Brick Building, Moorland Road, Glastonbury, BA1 9FT

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



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