



# St Mary's CofE Primary School

*"I can do all things"*

*Living Together, Learning Forever, Loving God's Creation*

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

Newsletter 15

Our core Christian Values: Compassion, Koinonia (Community), Courage, Creativity, Service, Truthfulness

## Key Dates for Summer

We have lots of exciting events happening in term 6!

### Whole School Events

- Volunteer Afternoon - Forest School Tidy: Friday 6th June - 1.30pm - 3.15pm  
<https://forms.gle/ekyPw1tnTJwF6YRH6>
- Sports Day: Wednesday 18th June 9am - 12pm (followed by a picnic lunch on the field)
- PTA Summer Disco: 19th June - KS1 5pm -5:45pm.
- PTA Summer Disco: 19th June - KS2 6pm -6:45pm.
- Volunteer Afternoon - Forest School Tidy: Friday 27th June- 1.30pm - 3.15pm
- 'Shuffle Up Day': Thursday 3rd July
- PTA Summer Fayre: Friday 7th July from 2pm

### Sporting Events

- Eagles Cricket @ Downside School: Friday 6th June
- Parents vs Pupils Football Match - Timsbury Village Day: Saturday 14th June - 1:30pm  
<https://forms.gle/Siia9ArtcaoNM2R79>
- Sports Day: Wednesday 18th June 9am - 12pm (followed by a picnic lunch on the field)
- Eagles and Lions - Quad Kids Athletics: 16th June 3:45pm - 5:45pm

### Year Group Events

- Ducklings Parent Workshop: Thursday 12th June 9am
- Eagles Parent Workshop: Friday 13th June 9am
- Foxes Poetry Slam: Tuesday 17th June 6pm at Writhlington
- Badgers Parent Workshop: Friday 27th June 9am
- Lions Parent Workshop: Monday 30th June 2pm
- Rabbits Parent Workshop: Tuesday 1st July 9am
- Foxes Assembly & Parent Workshop: Monday 7th July 9am
- Eagles Performance: Wednesday 9th July 6pm
- Eagles Performance: Thursday 10th July 2pm
- Hedgehogs Leavers Event: Wednesday 16th July 2pm
- Eagles Leavers Service @ St Mary's Church: Thursday 17th July 9.15am



### School Trips

- Eagles Moving up Celebration Bath Abbey: Thursday 12th June
- Lions Wells Cathedral: Monday 23rd June 2025
- Foxes Folly Farm Residential: Thursday 26th - 27th June
- Badgers SS Great Britain - 1st July 2025
- Ducklings and Rabbits- Longleat: Thursday 10th July

### Non-Uniform Dates

- NSPCC Childhood Day (active clothes) - Friday 6th June
- Non-Uniform in exchange for bringing an item for the Summer Fayre- Friday 4th July
- Rainbow Day (Equalities Crew) - Friday 11th July
- New Reception Class September 2025
- New Parents Meeting: Tuesday 10th June 5.30pm
- Stay & Play Session: Thursday 3rd July 9.30am - 11.00 am
- Story Morning Friday: Friday 11th July 9.30 am - 11.00 am

## House Points Winners

Well done to **RUBY** who are House Point Winners for Term 5!

## Attendance Winners

Congratulations to **Rabbits** for having the highest class attendance week commencing the 4th May.

The Attendance Champions for last week were **Eagles** who managed 100% during SATS week. Well done **Eagles** & **Rabbits**.



# Headteacher's Award



Congratulations to all the children who received a Headteacher Award - keep up the great work!

<b>Ducklings</b>	Tommy, Olly
<b>Rabbits</b>	Vinnie, Esme
<b>Badgers</b>	Spencer, Beatrix
<b>Foxes</b>	Louie & Corey, Willow & Florence
<b>Lions</b>	Arthur, Emily
<b>Eagles</b>	Spike, Finley



## Outside Achievements



This newsletter we would like to celebrate the outside achievements of :

**Esme, Joshua, Arthur & Beatrix for gymnastics**

**Harrison for swimming**

**Joe, Ben, Noah & Rowan for football**

Well done to all of you!

## Hedgehogs

### Class News:

We have had a wonderful couple of weeks learning about *Growth and Life Cycles*. Our book of the week last week '*Rosa Explores Life Cycles*' by Jessica Spanyol was so popular we have continued to focus on it this week too! The Hedgehogs have loved observing the tadpoles in our classroom grow from frog spawn and are very excited to hopefully see them grow into frogs in our pond soon.

We have also been very lucky to visit some baby chicks in Ducklings. We got to see some of the chicks hatch out of their eggs and watch as they became more confident (and noisy!) each day. The children learnt they had to be very quiet and careful with the chicks and when the teachers touched them they had to wash their hands thoroughly afterwards.

We have continued to enjoy the lovely weather with lots of outside PE, visiting the big playground and visiting our woodland area with lots of extra water play!

Have a lovely week off and we look forward to seeing you all in our final term of the year.

Mrs Harrison & Miss James





# Ducklings



## Class News:

What a wonderful term all about *Growth and Life Cycles*.

We have been reading the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle this week. We have labelled our diagrams of the Life Cycle of a Butterfly and compared this to the life cycle of a plant and a frog.

In Maths, we have been grouping and sharing. We have explored equal amounts and learned more about doubles. We continue to learn more about odd and even numbers and have been counting to beyond 30!

In PE this term we have been learning team games. We have got really good at congratulating our friends when they have succeeded and tried their best.

Well done Ducklings for your excellent assembly. What lovely clear voices and some wonderful explanations about what we have been learning about in Reception.

Have a wonderful week's holiday and we will see you ready for Term 6.

Mrs Gillard



# Rabbits



## Class News:

The end of Term 5 has come around quickly. It has been a short term filled with fun learning, events and lots of sunshine.

In English, we have spent the last two weeks planning and writing instructions on how to grow a plant. We have used our knowledge of plants from our Science topics last term to help us write accurate instructions.

In Maths, we have just finished our unit about fractions. We have been recognising and finding halves and quarters of shapes and objects. We have also been building on from our previous unit on division to help us find half and quarter of quantities by sharing between groups.

In RE, we have been learning all about Judaism. We have really enjoyed learning about the different Jewish festivals. We have been exploring Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Bat and Bar Mitzvah. Our favourite lesson was exploring the festival of Rosh Hashanah where we got to try the apples and honey. Some Rabbits even started having it for breakfast at home!

Finally, we really enjoyed our parent workshop where we got to share our learning about fractions. Rabbits went on a hunt, with parents, to find halves and quarters around the playground. We also used playdough and chalk to make halves and quarters. Thank you to all of the parents who were able to come.

Have a fantastic half term everyone!

Miss Tolfree



# Badgers

## Class News:



Badgers have certainly enjoyed Term 5, packed with lots of sunshine, outdoors learning and the beginning of our fundraising.

I am so impressed with how hard the entirety of Badgers have been working this term. All the children have made fantastic progress in their maths, spelling, punctuation, grammar, as well as their reading comprehension. They have all grown so much in their attitude towards their learning, finding a new pride and sense of responsibility for their learning.

We have had a busy few weeks in Maths, practising our core arithmetic skills alongside developing our understanding of time and fractions. In English, we have been writing our own instructions for how to get a goodnight's sleep using time connectives and imperative verbs.

Badgers have enjoyed a Play Leaders session, learning more games to play during lunch times with the help of Lions, and their weekly PE Session with the Bath Cricket coaches.

This week we have begun fundraising for our trip to the SS Great Britain next term, selling ice lollies, plants and handmade crafts in front of school. Badgers have shown great team work and enthusiasm for their initiative, and have already raised £24! Thank you to everyone who has brought in something for our sale. We have received donations of plant pots, seeds, ice lollies, hair braids and bracelets so far.

Well done Badgers, keep up the great work!

Miss Heath



## Foxes

### Class News:



Well this term has certainly flown past and has been action packed with learning and excitement. In Maths, we have concluded our learning on fractions and can now accurately find fractions of an amount and add and subtract fractions. In English, we have written fantastic mythical stories based on our class text *"Who Let The Gods Out"*, and it has been a good opportunity to practise using speech accurately in our writing. We have also been learning how to write a balanced argument and the children have had to work hard to be balanced and impartial until their conclusion where they can explain their own personal opinion.

Reading continues to be a high priority in Foxes and the children have really enjoyed our "Readers Theatres" where they get the chance to practise reading with expression and tone in front of an audience. Every single child has risen to the challenge of this and we are seeing confidence grow week on week. Great effort from the Foxes!

The children have hugely enjoyed their cricket this term and concluded the term with a closely fought match between the Year 3's and 4's. It was a very narrow victory for the Year 4's but lots of fun all round.

In Music, we have enjoyed our learning about *Rock and Roll* and have learnt how to do the hand jive and play a walking bass line on the glockenspiel. The hand jive was incredibly fast and required careful listening to the beat of the music in order to keep in time.

Finally, in Science, we have been learning all about the digestive system and can accurately name the various processes involved in digestion in the human body. The Foxes can also tell you all about how to care for your teeth and the important part that teeth play in helping us eat food. Well done for another super term Foxes, have a great half term break!

Mrs Brown







# Lions

## Class News:

We have certainly packed a lot into this shorter Term 5 with us having enjoyed our educational visit to the National Justice Museum in Bristol and many of the Year 5 Lions also taking part in Bikeability training sessions.

We have been writing news articles in English about both of these events and learning how to write like journalists and deciding how this genre of writing differs from writing a recount. Arthur's report about Bikeability was particularly impressive and hopefully you have enjoyed reading it at the top of this newsletter.

In Maths, we rounded off our work on Fractions, Decimals and Percentages and will now begin to look in more depth at other areas of the Maths curriculum, including Perimeter and Area, Statistics and Shape.

Our Geography and History topics have concluded with us carrying out our POP (Proof of Progress) tasks where we have had to answer the following questions: Is global trade a good thing? and How has the power of the monarchy changed over time?



We have been having fun becoming architects in Art, designing our own buildings and also looking at the work of Friedensreich Hundertwasser. In the photo, you will see that we created information pages about this particular artist making use of his artistic influences.

Our music sessions have continued with us learning all about Blues music and enjoying playing bars of music in this style on the glockenspiels.

Finally, in PE, we enjoyed taking part in trials for the Quad Kids competition where we had to produce our best sprints, jumps and throws. It was great fun.

Well done to all of our Lions for your hard work and super behaviour as always this term. Have a great holiday and we'll see you in Term 6.

Mr Daniels

# Eagles

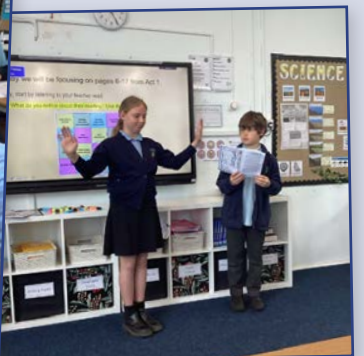
## Class News:



It's been a productive few weeks for Eagles, and we're proud to share that we have now completed our SATs assessments. The children conducted themselves impeccably, showing great resilience and determination throughout what can be a challenging week.

Each morning began with a lovely opportunity to come together as a class over bacon sandwiches, a variety of pastries and cereals. This not only created a strong sense of unity—'we're in this together'—but also helped the children settle their minds before starting their assessments.

With SATs behind us, we moved on to something much more exciting: the big reveal of our Year 6 production! The children were absolutely delighted to discover that we will be performing *Alice in Wonderland* this year. This week, we've been diving into the script during guided reading sessions—taking turns reading parts, discussing characters and getting to know the story in depth. In writing, we've



started drafting character descriptions, bringing these unique and whimsical characters to life.

In PE, the children have been thoroughly enjoying developing their cricket skills. They've shown great enthusiasm during catching and throwing competitions led by our cricket coach, Josh. As a special class treat, we played a full cricket match, and I was genuinely impressed by their bowling skills and their grasp of the game.

This term has certainly been a challenging one, but the children have shown real perseverance and a positive attitude throughout. They've worked hard, supported one another and continued striving to be the best learners that they can be.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break—you've earned it!

Miss Woods

# Fantastic Fundraising!

Thank you to Noah in Badgers who raised £155 for the school by completing a 'Colour Run'. With the money raised we were able to purchase lots of additional fun playtime equipment, we can never have enough Vortexes! Thank you Noah - great work.

## Tommy & Rosie

Thank you to the whole Horler family who have been fundraising by making bird boxes, they are also holding a Line Dancing Event and a Raffle, please see the flyer below if you would like to join the fun this Saturday. All the proceeds are going towards reducing the cost of their class trips to make it more affordable for all families. These really are wonderful examples of how to demonstrate our Christian Value which is this term is **Service**.



## Village Day

### Timsbury Village Day 2025 – Parents vs Pupils Football Match

We're excited to support this year's **Timsbury Village Day** with a fun **Parents vs Pupils Football Match!**

Kick-off is planned for 1:30 PM  
**Saturday 14th June**

- Depending on numbers, we may run separate matches for Key Stage 1 (KS1) and Key Stage 2 (KS2) pupils.

The children are already very excited about the chance to take on their parents—so don't miss out!

**Sign up now** to get involved in the fun and friendly competition in support of **Timsbury Village Day 2025**.

[GoogleForm](#)



## Krazy Angel Sally Afternoon Linedance Social

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May  
12-4pm

Jacket Potatoes: Cheese-Beans-Tuna  
Tea-Coffee-Cake-Raffle-Bingo

Proceeds from refreshments, raffle & bingo will be donated to Tommy's Ducklings class to ensure all children get the chance to go on their trip to Longleat!



£7 Dancers

Prattens Sports & Social Club  
Westfield

## Year 5 children do Bikeability

By Arthur E

The year 5 students from St Mary's Primary School have done Bikeability and learnt how to ride on the road.

Lots of the Year 5s were very excited doing Bikeability around Timsbury. They learnt how to do signals, U turns and what to do at junctions.

The coaches led them around Timsbury safely on their bikes and taught them key things like road signs. Everybody passed the course and was presented with a certificate and badge.

Zach, one of the year 5 pupils, said, *"I am really happy that I did Bikeability, it was really fun!"*

Most of the Year 5s can now ride on the roads safely, without an adult or being on the pavements.





# Nest Project

## EXTENDED TO END OF TERM 6

Thank you to everyone who made our collection for The Nest Project such a success! When Vix from The Nest Project collected the donations from our reception lobby this week, she was astonished by your incredible generosity. Your contributions truly made a difference, especially now that their supplies are so depleted. Following some requests from parents/carers and visitors to St Mary's asking if they can still contribute we have decided to leave the collection point in place for another term.

### What does The Nest Project do?

The Nest Project provides essential items and support to vulnerable families, helping them to create safe, stable, and nurturing environments for their children. They offer a lifeline to those who need it most, ensuring families have access to the basics that

many of us take for granted. Their work includes providing clothing, bedding, baby equipment, and importantly for our current initiative, toiletries.

### How can you help?

We will be collecting donations of new and unused toiletry items to help The Nest Project continue their vital work. These everyday essentials can make a huge difference to families struggling to make ends meet.

### The Nest Project is currently in need of the following items:

- Baby or children's shampoo
- Baby or children's body wash
- Children's toothpaste and toothbrushes (for children aged 0-5)
- Nappies (sizes 3 - 7)
- Nappy cream / Sudocrem
- Sensitive baby wipes



## A note about safeguarding...



If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, please contact the school office and ask to speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Thomson, or any of our Deputy Safeguarding Leads, Mrs Parsons or Mrs Purnell.

### The safety of our young people is the responsibility of us all.

During the school holidays if you have a concern about a child, please contact BANES Social Work Services

You can raise your concerns in any of the following ways:

- Call our Children's Social Work Services on 01225 39 61 11 or 01225 47 79 29 (weekdays, 8.30am to 5pm, except Fridays when we're closed from 4.30pm)
- Drop into the **Keynsham One Stop Shop** and ask for the duty children's social worker

- Discuss your concerns with someone who works with children and families:

- Health visitor
- Social worker
- School nurse
- Teacher

- **Out of office hours**

- If you think a child is in immediate danger please BANES Emergency Duty Team on 01454 61 51 65

Tell us immediately about any of the following and open the relevant option for details on how to report your concern:

- A child is suffering significant harm
- You want to protect a child from abuse or serious neglect
- You feel the child requires urgent or short-term care (acute services)

Or you can contact the NSPCC

NSPCC Contact Us

# Exciting News from Our Hedgehogs Nursery!

We are thrilled to announce that our wonderful Hedgehogs Nursery will have places available for children to join us from **September 2025!**

If you have a little one who will be ready to embark on their learning journey, our Nursery offers a truly special and inclusive setting. We believe in nurturing curious minds through the magic of **learning through play**.

Our Nursery is a truly inclusive place where every child feels valued and celebrated. Where children can develop their social skills, creativity, and early academic understanding – all while having lots of fun!

We can't wait to welcome new faces and watch them blossom as they take their exciting first steps into education.

**To find out more, visit the setting or to express your interest in a place for September 2025, please complete this Google Form or call the school office.**

<https://forms.gle/nqfBU3eWW84VWPpL6>



## FOREST SCHOOL

Every child has an opportunity over the year to enjoy time in our Forest School. The children look like they are enjoying themselves in these photographs.



## FOREST SHELTER —OFFICIAL OPENING!

We were delighted to officially open our new Forest Shelter on Friday 9th of May. Eagles downed their gardening tools, to join us for the opening. It was a busy afternoon with some parent / carer volunteers continuing with the Forest School Tidy.

This wonderful addition comes courtesy of a truly generous donation from Mr. Fisher and his family, a contribution that promises to significantly enhance the already thriving Forest School program and unlock a wealth of new opportunities and experiences for the children. Mr Fisher and his family have links to the school. It has been wonderful working alongside the family to create this new structure which children will benefit from for many years.

Thank you from all the St Mary's Community.





# Family Holiday Activities at Wells Cathedral

## An Anthology of Animals

27, 28, and 29 May 2025

View a colourful Cathedral exhibition, go hunting for a menagerie of animals hidden in the Cathedral\*, have a go at haiku, and try fun, animal themed crafts

With a different creature to craft each day, come to all three events to make your own menagerie!

**FREE with adult entry.**  
**No need to book – simply drop in on the day and ask at the Welcome Desk for directions!**

\*Family trail available throughout half term, based on the book and exhibition, 'A Walk Around Wells Cathedral' by local artist Caroline Byrne

Sessions from 10.30am to 3.30pm

An adult ticket includes re-entry for 12 months giving access to a whole year of family holiday activities as well as other seasonal events and exhibitions. NB: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult; only assistance dogs are permitted at our family activities.



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Timsbury Brownies is looking for new members!

We are a fun and supportive group for girls aged 7-10. We do lots of fun activities, learn new skills, and challenge ourselves.

We meet weekly on a Tuesday evening in Timsbury, as well as frequent day trips at the weekends and residential weekends!

Check out our Facebook page to find out what we've been doing recently:  
<https://facebook.com/1sttimsburybrownies>

Coming up soon: We are having a sleepover at Dartmoor Zoo! Spaces still available.

You can sign your child up via <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/>

Or feel free to contact Amber on 07580191611 or [ajjolan1@gmail.com](mailto:ajjolan1@gmail.com)



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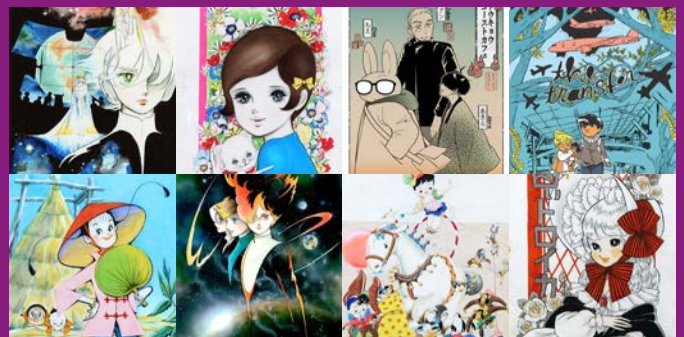
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## Manga character competition inspired by the Make Mine Manga Exhibition at Bath Central Library



**Create a Manga Character and tell us about them.**

Download an entry form from the Virtual Library or pop in Bath Central, the Mobile, Keynsham or Midsomer Norton library to pick one up.

Submit in library by Saturday 21 June at 12pm.

Prizes include weekend passes to the Lakes International Comic Art Festival\*, a signed copy of *10 Step Drawing: Manga* by Chie Kutsuwada and goodies from American Dream Comics

\*Please be aware, tickets for under 12s Little LICAFF need to be purchased separately.

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## Wind Band & Instrument Lessons For Adults

Looking to join a wind band? Want to learn a wind instrument from scratch?  
Good news - we're planning two new opportunities in Bath, from September 2025

- Wind Band: for woodwind, brass and percussion players of Grade 3 standard upwards. Traditional wind band repertoire.
- Lessons & Ensemble: For adults keen to learn a wind instrument from scratch.
- 6.50pm-7.50pm at Hayesfield School, Bath.
- 5.45pm-6.45pm at Hayesfield School, Bath.

Register your interest at:  
[wema.org.uk/adult-wind-band](http://wema.org.uk/adult-wind-band)

## SUPER PIRATES KIDS KINGDOM HOLIDAY CAMPS

A children's holiday camp *all about play!* All day, we let kids be kids. Hosted by a crew of entertainers, playworkers, childcare professionals and Early Years specialists. Play spaces full of awesome things to do, grown-ups full of energy and ideas.

Explore nature, circus, theatre, crafts, sports, discos, inflatables, fun games, toys galore and more!

8.45am - 5pm | ages 3½ - 11 | from £39  
Combe Down Primary School, Bath, BA2 5JQ  
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8.45am - 5pm | ages 4 - 11 | from £36  
St Nicholas Primary School, Radstock, BA3 3QH  
Ofsted registered



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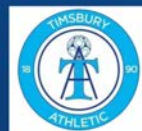


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## RECRUITING GIRLS AGED 6-12

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY - FA QUALIFIED COACHES - 1 MONTHS FREE TRIAL



## TIMSBURY ATHLETIC LIONESSES

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[WWW.TAFC.ORG.UK](http://WWW.TAFC.ORG.UK) - 07939 582 646



## Story & Craft



A free themed story and craft session aimed at age six and under - siblings welcome

10:30-11:30 in Timsbury Library -  
YMCA building BA2 OJH

Saturday 10th May / 7th June / 5th July



## MULTI-SPORTS CAMP!

Join us this May half-term for our multi-sports camp and support a local charity! A range of sporting activities to keep your little ones active during the school break on Tuesday, May 27th and Wednesday, May 28th from 09:00-15:00.



Our Multi-Sports Camp is for primary-school aged children only. £25 per child, per day. Hosted at Camerton Village Hall, Camerton, Meadgate, Bath. BA2 0NL. Please ensure children wear appropriate sporting attire and have a packed lunch.

Contact [Lena@SportingFamilyChange.co.uk](mailto:Lena@SportingFamilyChange.co.uk) to book your place!

## WILD CAMP

GET WILD IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS | RAINBOW WOODS, BATH  
9AM - 4.30PM | FROM £39 PER DAY | AGES 8 - 13

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ROPE SWINGS | TREE CLIMBING | SLACKLINES & MORE



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## Woodwind Lessons

Learn an instrument and develop your skills with woodwind lessons now available at two of our Music Centres. For students of all standards, aged 7-18.

- Tuesdays, St Keyna School, Keynsham  
5.45 - 9pm
- Wednesdays, Hayesfield School, Bath  
5.30pm - 8pm

**Recorder - Flute - Saxophone - Clarinet**

Book lessons now at: [wema.org.uk/register](http://wema.org.uk/register)



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