

Dear Parents and carers



Spring Term Newsletter 3– Friday 9th February 2024

Key Dates

February 2024	
Friday 9 th February	Last day of this half term
Monday 19 th February	All children and staff return to school
Tuesday 20 th February	Y4 Trip to Magdalen Farm
Friday 23 rd February	Careers Day
Monday 26 th February	FS Trip to Axe Valley Wildlife Park
March 2024	
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day!

Y5 Poetry workshops with the Never Such innocence charity

Last week, local poet and former soldier, Clive Saunders, visited our year five pupils to inspire them to write their own poems and to be keepers of peace for their futures. The Foxes and Badgers children will type up their poems based on how war makes people feel and send them to the Never Such innocence charity. They certainly felt empowered by reading their work aloud.



Careers Day – A message from Mrs Wilkins

To launch our 'Dream Big' careers project, we will be holding a careers day on Friday 23rd February. The focus is on breaking stereotypes. There will be lots of activities for the children to take part in throughout the day. Children will have the option to dress up if they wish. Ideas include what they want to be when they are older, a job their parents do or something that breaks a gender stereotype (such as a female builder or a male hairdresser). If your child does not wish to dress up, they must come into school wearing their school uniform. If you yourself have a job that breaks a stereotype, and you would like to come in to speak to the children about this on the day, please get in touch via the school office. We look forward to sharing photos and work from the day!

Parents evenings – Save the dates!

Our next parent's evenings are on Tuesday 12th or Wednesday 13th March 2024. A letter will be sent home to explain how you can book an appointment in the first week back after the half term holidays. Appointments will be booked on a first come first served basis.



Miss Gregory – Early Intervention Officer

Last week we welcomed Miss Laura Gregory back to work from her yearlong maternity leave. Miss Gregory's role within our school is as The Early Intervention Officer; a part time role that provides practical help and emotional support to families experiencing short or long-term difficulties. Laura's goal is to empower families to address various challenges and ultimately reducing problems and risks. The Early Intervention Officer is one of the Deputy Designated Safeguard leads and is also the attendance lead of Manor Court Community Primary School.

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March 2024 – A message from Mrs Terry

World Book Day changes lives through a love of books and reading. At Manor Court, we will next be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March 2024. The mission for the day is to promote reading for pleasure, offering the opportunity for all pupils to be given a book of their own. Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income. We want to see more children with a life-long habit of reading for pleasure and the improved life chances this brings them.

This year, we are inviting pupils to come to school dressed as their favourite book character if they so wish, but we are mindful that dressing-up clothes can be expensive, so there is no need to buy anything new unless you choose to. There is also the option for pupils to wear their own comfy pyjamas to school, as we know a lot of our pupils enjoy reading at bedtime, their favourite everyday clothes, or they can wear their normal school uniform. The children may choose to bring in a prop from their favourite book, or just the book itself.

We're hiring a class teacher to join the team in September!

We are recruiting early to give us time to get the best KS1 or KS2 teacher to commence employment in our team in September. Please do share the advert (that can be found at the end of this newsletter) for this role with any qualified teachers that you know would like to work in our hard-working, high achieving and friendly school.

Mrs Terry, Mr Clode or Mr Talmage would love to show suitable candidates around.



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Smoking at drop off and collection time – A message from Mr Talmage

We have had a few parents mention to us this week that some parents are smoking and vaping immediately outside the school gates at the morning drop off and afternoon collection times. Can we please ask all adults to refrain from doing this and do expect us to ask you to stop. Thank you for your support with this.

FMCA School Disco's

The children had a fabulous time yesterday at the school disco's arranged by our excellent FMCA. The children enjoyed strutting their stuff in the dancing and wearing their party outfits to school. Thank you for supporting this event with your financial contribution and a BIG thank you for the hard work of the FMCA. We will let you know how much was raised during the day as soon as the FMCA have counted the money and let us know their total.



Wrap around care booking reminder

Our wrap around care provision is very popular but we are having an increasing amount of children attend who have not been booked on to sessions. Whilst we make every effort to accommodate them, we cannot always guarantee that there is space.

Please may we remind you of the following booking deadlines:

After school care – 2.00 pm on the day

Breakfast club – 2.00 pm the day before.

Half-term Holiday breakfast scheme

Our friends at St Mary's Church and The Lords Larder are offering free breakfast bags that will last for the school half term holidays. Please see their poster at the end of this newsletter for further information.



Influx of children

We have recently had a wonderful influx of new starters and we will, after the processing of the current applications, have 413 children attending our school (out of a capacity of 420 children) with spaces only remaining in Year 4 and Year 5. We warmly welcome all our new children and their families to our school community.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is the responsibility of everybody. In terms of keeping children safe, please "Don't think "What if I'm wrong Think... 'What if I am right" If you have any concerns about a pupil, you should report this to a member of staff immediately. If you feel a pupil is at risk or a subject of abuse, you must contact the Designated Safeguarding Team immediately.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Clode and Deputy Designated Safeguard leads are Miss Gregory, Mrs Terry, Mrs Wilkins, and Mr Talmage. The school Safeguarding and Child

Protection Governor is Mrs Sue Wakeman

Miss Brown

We are delighted to announce that Miss Brown and her partner are expecting their first child at the very end of July. It is Miss Brown's intention to complete the academic year with her current class. We have started the process of appointing a new teacher to join the Manor Court team in September to enable us time to find the teacher that we need in a nationally challenging time of teacher recruitment.



Year 4 Geography work

Puffins and Eagles class have been learning about sketch maps in Geography and have created a sketch map of the river Axe that flows through Chard Junction. We are sure that you would agree with us that they look great!



More volunteer readers needed – A message from Mrs Terry

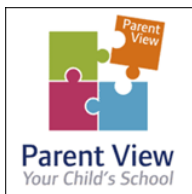
Do you have spare time that you could commit to volunteering at our excellent school in 2024?

We are looking for more adults who can spend time listening to our children read. Full training (including safeguarding) and lots of friendly children and staff will be provided! Each volunteer will require a DBS (paid for by the school) before they can start. If you'd like to find out more information, please contact the school office to speak to me, Mrs Terry (Assistant Headteacher), or Mrs Hunt (Business Manager).

School uniform expectations

We expect all children to conform to the school uniform expectations and for parents to support us in this. We do have a uniform bank for families when they are unable to provide school uniform. This uniform bank contains clean and pre-used shirts, trousers, jumpers, coats, shoes, and ties so please do speak to a member of staff if you'd like to have a piece of uniform.

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Ofsted Parent view

Parent view is a way in which Ofsted surveys the parents of children within a school to find out their views of the school and how it can be improved further. These opinions become part of the overall judgment of the school. If you would like to pass on your opinions to Ofsted, please complete the survey on the parent view website. The website can be found at www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

Pupil Premium

The Pupil Premium is additional funding that the Government provides for each child who they believe may be disadvantaged in achieving their best in education. At Manor Court Community Primary School, we provide high quality education and enrichment opportunities for each pupil regardless of ability or background. However, it is useful to receive this funding for all children entitled to it. If your children are entitled to free school meals or a member of the household is currently in receipt, or has been in the last six years, of Universal credit then please do apply through this hyperlink or ask in the school office for a form that we can send off for you.

https://secure1.somerset.gov.uk/forms/PortalShowForm.asp?fm_formalias=freeschoolmeal



EYC news from Sophie

We have finished our term on a very muddy note! All of the children have enjoyed jumping in muddy puddles as part of our Manor Court 48! We have also enjoyed learning about Pancake Day and the story of Lent. Please make sure that our uniform policy is being followed. All children should be wearing a Manor Court polo shirt and jumper/cardigan - Thank you.

Have we got your correct details? – A message from the school office

To keep your child safe, please make sure that if you have changed your telephone number, email address or home address that you remember to let the school office know so that we can update our records.

P.E News from Mr McCarten

At Manor Court Community Primary School; we know the importance of staying healthy and looking after all the children's wellbeing, below are some top tips for all children to try and follow to stay active and keep healthy!



Top Tips for Young Children to Keep Healthy

1. Drinking plenty of water. (limited juice etc)
2. Eating at least two pieces of fruit a day.
3. Minimal sugar Intake – very little sugar products in packed lunches (No chocolate bars)
4. Less screen time on technology at home.
5. 1 Hour of exercise outside of school. E.g. running, going for a walk, playing down the park.
6. Join a sports club, or a local activity group.

Chard Cricket Club – Youth Indoor Net Sessions

Manor Court is continuing to build its relationship with Chard Cricket Club, and we are very excited to work with them! Chard Cricket Club are offering Indoor Cricket Net Sessions at Holyrood Academy which starts on **Friday 8th March.**

If your child is interested, please look at the information below.

Girls and Boys Years 3-5 (6:00PM – 7:00PM)

Girls Years 6 (7:00PM – 8:00PM)

Boys Year 6 (8:00PM – 9:00PM)

£3.00 PER SESSION

Contact Dan

PLEASE CONTACT: Youthcricket@chardcricketclub.com

T - 07846661220



The FMCA needs you!

The FMCA is a group of parent volunteers who spend time raising money (whilst having fun) for activities or equipment to be used for the children in the school. The work that they do is vital, and the committee needs more volunteers to help them achieve more for the children.

If you would like to find out more about their work and how you can get involved, please do email them on contactfmca@gmail.com or contact them through their Facebook page.



A message from our Eco Warriors

We (the Eco Warriors) are children from year one through to year six who have an active role in our school helping to raise awareness about the environment. We encourage everyone to develop eco-friendly habits throughout the school!

At Manor Court we recycle our class paper and cardboard, paper lunch bags, crisp packets, and batteries. We check that lights are turned off when classrooms are empty, remind teachers to turn off their whiteboards and electrical items when not in use.

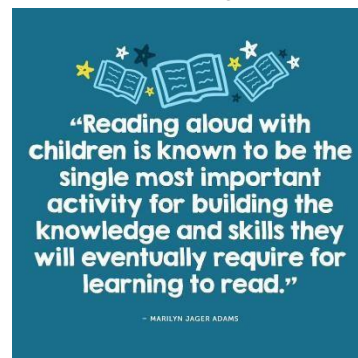
This term we have been busy litter picking, keeping our school grounds free from rubbish. Please help us by putting your rubbish in the bins provided around the school.

Reading expectations – A message from Mrs Terry

At Manor Court Community Primary School, we seek to ensure that children are supported to be confident, lifelong learners with a love of reading. Reading plays a very important role in developing children culturally, emotionally, and socially and we believe literature plays a key role in such development. Reading enables pupils both to acquire knowledge and build on what they already know.

In school children in KS2 are heard reading on a 1:1 basis at least once a week by their class teacher and Learning Support staff and this is much more frequently in Foundation Stage and KS1. Those pupils not at an expected reading level are heard daily. The EYFS and Key Stage 1 reading books follow a clear progression of banding, ensuring fluency is developed. This academic year, you may find your child has a book sent home that they have already read at school, and this is something that is now promoted in all schools. The more a child reads, the larger their vocabulary becomes. When a child reads or hears the same book multiple times, they become familiar and comfortable with a greater number of words. Fluency is the ability to read text “accurately, quickly, and with expression.”

Repetitive reading allows a child to read without stumbling or stopping, and reading time becomes more pleasant for everyone. Once a child masters one book, it makes moving on to another more appealing. Reading comprehension is the ability to understand all the components of a story — from plot to character development to symbolism. Comprehension is “the essence” of reading. Each time your child reads or hears a book read to them; they learn more about the story itself. Each pass through the text or illustrations allows them to dive into the story’s meaning, preparing them for more complex narratives down the road. Children who progress from the banded scheme to ‘free readers’ can access their class library, and the school library, and can be supported to select appropriate books by staff. Pupils are encouraged to take home fiction and non-fiction texts. Children are expected to read at home 5 times a week, ideally daily, as this helps to develop confident and fluent readers. We would recommend 20 minutes of reading a day. Children’s reading logs are checked to ensure this is taking place. Where children are not reading the required amount in school, they are invited to attend a lunchtime reading club. There is also opportunity to read to a member of staff at Homework Club and After-school Club.



Attendance our school expectations – A message from Miss Gregory

Pupil attendance and punctuality is a key focus and priority within our school. Individual attendance will be monitored and reviewed on a bi-weekly basis. We would like to kindly remind parents that the school’s expectations on individual pupil attendance is 95% and above, with the aim of having 100% pupil attendance. Should your child fall behind the school’s expectations a monitoring process is triggered, and we may ask you to come into school to

discuss your child’s attendance with us. Should you have any questions or concerns relating to your child’s attendance please do not hesitate to contact me within the school.

New school website address

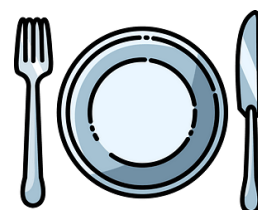
Please be aware that we have changed our school website address, as the previous website domain was owned by Somerset County Council and there was a risk of the school website being lost if the County Council goes further into administration.

Our school website address is now: www.manorcourtcommunityprimary.co.uk

Hot meals parental feedback – A message from Mrs Hunt

Our onsite kitchen is now providing a hot meal for over 190 children each weekday and it appears to us that the children within the school are enjoying the meal that is being offered to them and parents have selected for them through ParentPay.

We would like to ask parents to provide feedback, positive or negative, as to the food that we are providing to your child. If you would like to share this feedback with us, please do email the school office.



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Drop off and collection of children at the end of the school day

We have had reports from parents and members of the public that some parents are stopping their cars in an unsafe manner when dropping and collecting their children to school. Can all parents please take more care and be respectful to other road users when stopping outside of the school during these busy times. This will keep every child (and parent) safe, and we do not wish to have any accidents.

Do remember that we can provide a free parking permit to enable cars to park for up to thirty minutes in the Sainsbury's or Crowshute carparks, please ask at the school office if you would like a new permit.



Remote learning in case of the need to close our school this winter

We are approaching the time of the year when the weather becomes more unsettled and schools may require closing because of poor weather, treacherous driving conditions or heating failures. If we do require to shut the school at any point, work packs are available for all children to complete at home (printed copies were sent home last week in the storms) and can be found in the year group specific page on our school website to be downloaded and printed at home. Please make sure that your child is equipped with the correct clothing

for cold weather. <https://www.manorcourtcommunityprimary.co.uk/remote-learning-in-case-of-school-closure/>

Measles and vaccination

Cases of measles are currently rising nationally. According to data from the UK Health Security Agency, there were 1,603 suspected cases in England and Wales in 2023, compared with 735 in 2022, 360 in 2021, and 695 in 2020.

Measles outbreaks happen when not enough children have been vaccinated. Measles can be a very serious disease, leading to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, and damage to the brain. Measles can kill.

The average number of children starting school having had both MMR doses has dropped to 85%. The World Health Organisation recommends that at least 95% of children be inoculated for diseases that can be stopped by vaccines.

Your child is therefore at risk of measles if he or she hasn't had the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccination.

Two doses of the MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection.

If your child is due to have 2 doses of MMR but has not yet received them, no matter what age they are, you should contact your GP to get them vaccinated as soon as possible.

British values assembly – The Rule of Law

On Monday, Mr Talmage spoke about the Rule of Law in assembly. We uphold the British Values by following the rules of law to ensure we all stay healthy and safe in school and the wider community.



High-Visibility jackets donated by Numatics

A huge thank you to Numatics, who have kindly donated new high-visibility jackets for our staff to be seen when out on the playground and school trips.

PE Days for the Spring Term

The PE days for each class for the Spring Term is listed in the table below and your child can wear their PE kit to school on these days instead of their school uniform. If we need to make any change to the day in which the class has PE this will be communicated to parents via your ParentPay account.

Classes	PE Day
Hedgehogs & Squirrels	Tuesday
Bumblebees & Dragonflies	Wednesday
Magpies & Nightingales	Tuesday & Thursday
Owls & Kingfishers	Wednesday & Friday
Eagles & Puffins	Monday & Friday
Badgers & Foxes	Monday & Thursday
Hérons & Otters	Wednesday & Friday

Year 2 bread making

Year 2 made bread last week as part of their Manor Court 48 activity. They read the recipe carefully before weighing out the ingredients and kneading the dough together. The activity linked really well to their RE work.

Online safety news from Miss Hamilton

On Tuesday afternoon the E-Safety led a whole school assembly for Safer Internet Day. The theme for this year is Inspiring Change, Making a Difference, Managing Influence and Navigating Change Online.

The E -Safety council raised awareness about how to use the internet safely and responsibly by making good choices and keeping safe. They emphasised the importance of remembering to stay SMART- Stay Safe, Meeting, Accepting, Reliability and Tell.



Wrap around care telephone number

The telephone number for our wrap around care provision (breakfast & after school club) is **07471 412147** Please save this telephone number to your phone if you use wrap around care.

Breakfast club is held in the school hall and our after-school wrap around care is held in The Den (a room in the Y1 block). To ensure that we have the correct ratios please ensure that you contact the school office the day before you require club. We appreciate that emergencies sometimes happen.

2024-2025 Term Dates

We have set our term dates for the 2024-2025 academic year. These can be found at the end of this newsletter and on the parent section of our school website.

Swapping of collectable cards and stickers (Pokémon, football etc.)

We understand that children may wish to swap collectable cards and stickers with their friends during morning and lunchtime breaks. However, we are aware that, within our school and each school nationally, these swaps are not always fair and that this can cause friction and disappointment between the children.

Can we please remind all parents and children that cards and stickers must not be brought into school for swapping or trading and that we cannot be responsible for these, unfair deals or arranging the return of cards and stickers that parents may feel have been traded unfairly to their child. We have asked all staff to confiscate cards and stickers found in school and to give them back to the children at the end of the school day to take home safely.

Y6 shirt ironing as part of their Manor Court 48

Year 6 started their next Manor Court 48 on Monday, and they will be learning to iron their shirts in readiness for their secondary education.



Thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luke Talmage'.

Mr Luke Talmage
Headteacher

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Clode'.

Mr Alan Clode
Deputy Headteacher and Inclusion Leader



Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2 Class Teacher

Manor Court Community Primary School, Chard
www.manorcourtcommunityprimary.co.uk

Salary: MPS 1 – 6 or Upper Pay Scale
Full Time

Manor Court Community Primary School (proud to be part of PPAT - the Preston Primary Academy Trust) is a large fourteen class community primary school. We are a busy, inclusive, and friendly school. We take pride in giving each of our children a love of learning through a variety of opportunities. Our school ethos is built upon 'caring and learning together' and we believe that this is evident in all that we do for our children and staff.

We are looking to appoint a talented teacher to work within our school from September 2024. This position would be suitable for a colleague at any point in their teaching career.

The successful candidate will:

- Have high personal and professional expectations especially in achievement and attainment.
- Be able to work collaboratively and positively with all colleagues.
- Be adaptable, innovative, and willing to use a range of teaching styles.

Manor Court Community Primary School has:

- A skilled and supportive Senior Leadership Team.
- Dedicated professionals who readily support each child and each other.
- A commitment to your professional development.
- A well planned and creative curriculum.
- Well-resourced learning environments.
- Welcoming and well-behaved children who have eager minds and wish to learn.

Please apply by letter, outlining your skills and experience relevant to the post and complete the application form which is available from the school and the PPAT website. In your application please clearly state which Key Stage you would wish to be considered for.

Visits to the school are warmly welcome and we would be delighted to show you around. Please also consider looking at our school website and social media accounts (Facebook and X) to gain an understanding of our fun, academically high achieving, and friendly school.

Your completed application form and letter can be posted to the school or emailed to office@manorcourt.ppat365.org Please address it for the attention of Mrs Diana Hunt, Assistant school Business Manager.

Closing Date: Midday on Wednesday 28th February 2024

Interview Date: Week beginning Monday 4th March 2024

Please note: Early applications are encouraged. Manor Court Community Primary School reserves the right to interview and appoint prior to the closing date, should the school be able to appoint a suitable candidate.

Due to the expected number of applications we will only inform applicants if they have been shortlisted and invited to attend an interview.

PPAT is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the children and expects all staff to share this commitment. The successful applicant will require an Enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service check, medical clearance, and references.



Holiday Breakfast Scheme.



Holiday Breakfast Bags are arriving this Half Term Holiday.

Do you think it may help you and your family to start the day with a good solid breakfast?

We will give you a free, no questions asked bag/s, to last a week, which will contain everything that is needed, regardless of your family size.

Just turn up at the St Mary's Centre on Monday 12th Feb between 8.00 and 10.00

Anyone from the family can come to pick them up.



Half-term at Ham Hill



Tuesday 13th February **Fairy Folk Craft Morning** 10am - 11.30am

Join us for a selection of crafts using natural materials to make your very own masterpieces to take away with you! Decorate a stick to turn it into a magical wand, or why not create a mystical wizard from a piece of hazel? Aimed at families with children aged 4 - 7.



Friday 16th February **Roman Centurions Unite! - Craft Morning** 10am - 11.30am

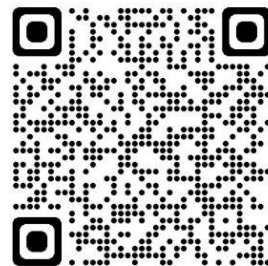
Get creative with these craft activities and make masterpieces to take away with you. Create your very own brave Roman soldier from a piece of hazel, or use paper to make a roman mosaic. Why not decorate your own medal to wear like a real centurion soldier? Aimed at families with children aged 7 - 10.



£6 per child ticket. Booking essential for all events. All children must be supervised by an adult at all times.

See full details and booking on webpage. Follow link or scan QR code.

<https://www.visitsouthsomerset.com/events/nature-and-wildlife>



FREE ENTRY

ALL
WELCOME



Saturday
9
March

10.30am-
3pm
Guildhall
Chard



Dragon Parade from 10am starting at the Guildhall Chard



- Performances
- Workshops
- Stalls
- Foods from around the world



Family Friendly
Dragon Egg hunt



For more information about the event contact: Serena 07793 074 039

@chardtogether





Manor Court Community Primary School School Terms and Holidays 2024-2025

September 2024							October 2024							November 2024						
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Key:	
	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Days

Term dates summary:	
Term 1: 03 September – 25 October 2024 (39 days)	
Term 2: 04 November – 20 December 2024 (35 days)	
Term 3: 06 January – 14 February 2025 (30 days)	
Term 4: 24 February – 04 April 2025 (30 days)	
Term 5: 22 April – 23 May 2025 (23 days)	
Term 6: 02 June – 23 July 2025 (38 days)	TOTAL = 195

Bank and public holidays 2024/25			
Christmas Day	25 December 2024	Easter Monday	21 April 2025
Boxing Day	26 December 2024	May Day Bank Holiday	05 May 2025
New Year's Day	01 January 2025	Spring Bank Holiday	26 May 2025
Good Friday	18 April 2025	Summer Bank Holiday	25 August 2025

Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.

St. Mary's Church, Chard

Family Craft Afternoon

Get Ready for

Mothering Sunday and Easter



Saturday 2nd March 2024

1.30pm to 4pm

THERE WILL BE CRAFTS AND CARDS TO MAKE FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY AND EASTER WHICH ARE ALL FREE.

(Donation to help cover costs of the craft materials would be welcome)

Also available– Refreshments, Raffle, Tombola, Gifts , Games and a Playdough Table.

IN AID OF THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY



INDOOR TENNIS

WITH LA TENNIS COACHING

KEEP WARM AND DRY
WITH OUR JUNIOR INDOOR
TENNIS COACHING!



INDOORS AT WESTFIELD
ACADEMY IN YEOVIL



WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND
SESSIONS AVAILABLE



ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

For further info contact Luke Andrews on:
07437 404242 / Latennis@hotmail.com

Young
Somerset

FREE

POP-UP TOTS

A toddler group for parents/carers with pre-school children, aiming to encourage education through a variety of activities, play and lots of fun!

WHERE:

**The Town Hall, Chard Guildhall
CHARD
TA20 1PP**

Six Week Trial

EVERY THURSDAY

From 1st Feb - 7th March

10:00 - 11:30

For more information please contact:
Beth Ridler- bethridler@youngsomerset.org.uk

WWW.YOUNGSOMERSET.ORG.UK



**JUST
TURN UP!**

SNACKS PROVIDED





HALF TERM EVENT



CHARD COMMUNITY HUB
TUES 13TH FEB

1PM - 3PM

Love Bug Arts & Crafts | Refreshments | All Welcome | Free Event

Kindness | Collaboration | Positivity

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PROJECT FOOD



FREE FAMILY COOKING



Registered Charity 1173120

Holyrood Academy, Zembard Lane, Chard

Wednesday 14th February

10.30am - 1pm



In association with
Abri Homes for their tenants
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RECIPE BAG
TO
TAKE HOME**

Booking is essential and spaces are limited, contact Project Food

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