

Dear Parents and carers

Autumn Term Newsletter 6 – Friday 29th November 2024



Key Dates

December 2024	
Monday 2 nd to Thursday 5 th December	Year 5 Bikeability
Tuesday 3 rd December	FMCA Christmas Break the Rules Day. Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter for more information
Thursday 5 th & Friday 6 th December	Year 1 & 2 Year 2 Christmas performance to parents
Monday 9 th December	Choir performance at Wells Cathedral Carol Concert
Tuesday 10 th & Wednesday 11 th December	Foundation Stage Nativity to parents
Thursday 12 th December	KS2 Carol Concerts at St Mary's Church all welcome
Friday 20 th December	Last day of the Autumn Term
January 2025	
Monday 6 th January 2025	INSET Day
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	All children return to school or the EYC
Friday 24 th January 2025	Whole School Art Exhibition at Chard Guildhall/Y4 Stargazing residential

Year 6 Make £5 grow – Christmas Fete

Our Y6 children hosted a Christmas Fete throughout the morning today where they sold items that they have made for their 'Make £5 grow' Young Enterprise project. Earlier this week the children presented their ideas in a Dragon's Den Style Pitch to Mrs Wakeman (Chair of Governors) and Mr Talmage and were judged on their ideas and the way in which they shared their ideas. Prizes were given in our singing assembly on Tuesday for the group with the best idea and the group who presented their ideas in the most interesting way.



As soon as the children have counted their profits, we will let parents know how much the Year 6's raised, and each penny will go towards their end of year party.

After School Wrap Around Care on Thursday 19th December 2024

On Thursday 19th December it is necessary to close our wrap around care provision at 17:15. This is to enable each member of the school staff team to attend our Christmas meal. We will not be taking any bookings for the final session on this day. Please do ensure that you pick your child up promptly on this day.



We need your opinion please

We are considering increasing the number of children who can attend our pre-school. Before we move forward with our plans, we need to see if it is necessary for the families in Chard. If you have children under the age of five, please take the time to complete this short survey. Thank you! The survey can be found at <https://forms.office.com/e/qJySbczXac>

Children in Need

We raised £224.97 for Children in Need this year! Thank you everyone for your support in raising money for this worthy cause.

Save the dates for our Christmas performances

We are swiftly moving into the Christmas period and the children will start to prepare our Christmas events to perform to you. We want to give you plenty of advanced warning so that you can request the time off from work, if necessary, to attend the performances for your children. Tickets have now been handed out to parents and letters were sent home with information.



Thursday 5 th December at 14:15	Y1 & Y2 Christmas production in the School Hall (first performance)
Friday 6 th December at 14:15	Y1 & Y2 Christmas production in the School Hall (second performance)
Tuesday 10 th December at 14:15	Foundation Stage Nativity in the school hall (first performance)
Wednesday 11 th December at 14:15	Foundation Stage Nativity in the school hall (second performance)
Thursday 12 th December at 09:30	Year 3 and Year 4 Carol Service at St Mary's Church
Thursday 12 th December at 11:00	Year 5 and Year 6 Carol Service at St Mary's Church

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French Zoom

Last Monday afternoon, Year 5 held a Zoom meeting with an International School in France. The children shared war poetry they had been writing and our pupils sang 'Flanders Fields' that they had learnt for our Remembrance assembly. Thank you to the French teacher, Claire Elston, for organising this.



Do you think your child needs a Health Care Plan?

Parents of children with medical conditions are often concerned that their child's health will deteriorate when they attend school. This is because pupils with long-term and complex medical conditions may require ongoing support, medicines or care while at school to help them manage their condition and keep them well. Others may require monitoring and interventions in emergency circumstances. At Manor Court Community Primary, we want our parents to feel confident that we will provide effective support for their child's medical condition and that our pupils feel safe. In making decisions about the support, we provide; we may need to have a meeting with you to discuss your child's needs. Mrs Terry has met with parents this term to ensure that Health Care Plans are in place for those children who need one, but if you are unsure or if your child has a health condition that you don't feel the school is fully aware of, please speak to your child's class teacher or make an appointment through the Office to speak to Mrs Terry.

Year 5 and Year 6 Boys Football Tournament at Bucklers Mead Academy

The Y5 and Y6 Boys football team played very well in their tournament at Bucklers Mead in Yeovil! They played five games - winning 2, drawing 2 and losing 1! The boys were delighted to each take home a medal.



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

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



Latest careers assembly

For our latest careers assembly, we were visited by Milly Whitefield. Milly is a junior costume maker for the Royal Shakespeare company based in Stratford-Upon-Avon. She told us about her career and her journey from being taught by Mrs Morton as a child, to the University of Bournemouth to complete her degree!

Please help us – A message to all parents (especially our new Foundation Stage parents)

Please be mindful of parents and children trying to get past the Foundation Stage area and into the main school. Please try to not block the pathway as it is exceedingly difficult for wheelchair users or parents with buggies and prams to get past. Thank you.



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 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 on our school website and can be printed at home.

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

Please do make sure that your child is equipped with the correct clothing for cold weather.

Chard food pantry – A message from Miss Gregory (Early Intervention Officer)

The cost-of-living crisis is hitting some families hard and the cost of food has increased incredibly. The Chard Community Pantry is a local initiative that provides food and household supplies for only £5 a week. Please speak to Mr Clode or me if you require any further information about this place of support.

Foundation Stage Forest School

Foundation Stage enjoyed outdoor Forest school learning last Monday. The children enjoyed making bird feeders, rainbow wands, and pinecone creatures. They also enjoyed a scavenger hunt, making magic wands and creating hedgehog houses and bird feeders!



St Mary's Christmas Fete

Our friends at St Mary's Church are holding their annual Christmas Fair tomorrow. There are lots of free crafts for children and tables to raise more funds for the Tuesday clubs, for the Children's Society and many more to raise money for the Church. Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter for more information.

Christmas Dinner Day

Don't forget to access your ParentPay account to book your child a free Christmas dinner. The deadline for booking each meal is Monday 2nd December.

EYFS & KS1 Christmas Dinner Day is on Thursday 12th December and KS2 Christmas Dinner Day is on Friday 13th December. The children can wear their Christmas jumpers to school on these days.



Gifted and Talented music day

On Tuesday our gifted and talented musicians spent time with Miss Prater and Miss Smith in a music workshop. The children spent time rehearsing with a variety of instruments and performed a song together that was recorded to be shared on Facebook. The joy that they experienced in sharing music together is clear for all to see in the photographs that have been taken.

Year 5 and Year 6 Basketball at Holyrood Academy - A message from Mr McCarten

Selected Year 5 & Year 6's went to Holyrood Academy on Tuesday for a Basketball Development Day with Mr McCarten. The children loved it and each child involved themselves in the different activities to test their teamwork and technical skills.



Trim Trail – A message from Mrs Jones

Can we please remind all parents that children are not to use either Trim Trails at the start, or end of the day, and must only use them under the supervision of school staff during the school day.



Miss Langdown

We are delighted to announce that Miss Langdown and her partner are expecting their first child at the very end of April 2025. We will start the process of appointing a new teacher to join the Manor Court teaching team to cover her absence in the next few weeks and will inform you as soon as we know the outcome.

FMCA Activities

The FMCA have planned lots of exciting and varied fundraising activities for this school year. Please see their poster at the end of this newsletter for further information.

Year 5 History work

Year 5 have discovered how propaganda was used to support the war effort in their history lessons recently. They designed their own posters with important propaganda messages that would have saved lives in World War 2.



Year 2 visit to the Fleet Air Arm Museum

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Fleet Air Arm Museum. Each child was engaged in discovering more about the history of flight and loved exploring the inside of Concorde, along with many other aircraft!



After school enrichment clubs – A message from Mr Clode

Please can I politely remind all parents that our afterschool enrichment clubs finish at 16:15 and ask you to arrive promptly to collect your children.

Miss Clarke

Last Friday we arranged a surprise afternoon tea for Miss Clarke as we celebrated the twenty-year anniversary of her starting employment at Manor Court. We were joined by a number of colleagues and friends who had left us for pastures new and we exchanged gifts and ate lots of cake!



Staff car park – A message from Mr Talmage

Can we please remind all parents that the staff car park at the rear of the school is not to be used by parents at any point as a place to park during drop off or collection times. The school does provide free parking permits for parents to park in Sainsbury's carpark.

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, and Mr Talmage. The school Safeguarding and Child Protection Governor is Mrs Sue Wakeman.

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Come and join us in September 2025

The application process for starting Foundation Stage in September 2025 has now opened through the Somerset County Council portal. If you would like your child to join our happy, caring, fun and academically achieving (the highest results in Chard for many consecutive years) school then do apply through this link <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/apply-to-start-school-for-the-first-time/>

If you would like to look around before making your final decision, please contact the school office to make an appointment with Mrs Terry, Mr Clode or Mr Talmage.

COME AND SEE



Online safety news from Miss Hamilton

Roblox, the game used by 90 million people daily, announced some major updates which are available to users and parents. This will be fully implemented by March 2025. These safety updates include: Limits to how children under 13 can communicate. Parental controls accessible from the parents phone rather from the child's device.

You can find more information here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/roblox-parental-controls/>



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.



Celebration Assemblies

Family members are very welcome to join us at our EYFS & KS1 and KS2 celebration assembly each Friday. KS2 Assembly will start at 08:50 in the school hall and KS1 and EYFS Assembly will start at 10:30 in the school hall.

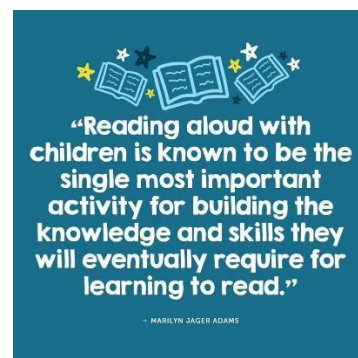
Please enter the school site through the main gate at the front of the school and enter the hall via the normal door, after crossing the Key Stage 1 playground and walking around the back of the hall.

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 five 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.



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Foundation Stage Christmas window display in Jam

Squirrels and Hedgehogs classes (our Foundation Stage children) have made beautiful Christmas Trees that are being displayed in the window of Jam the delicatessen in Holyrood Street. If you are walking by, please do stop to have a look at this beautiful display.

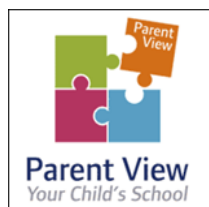


Whole School Art exhibition – Save the date!

Our annual Whole School Art exhibition, where every child from Foundation Stage to Year 6 will exhibit their work, will be held at The Guildhall on Friday 24th January. Do Save the date for this special event in your diary.

School uniform provider – A message from Mrs Hunt (Assistant School Business Manager)

As you will now know, our new school uniform provider is South-West School wear. The uniform can be purchased from the Taunton store, or online. Please see the letter that was sent home via ParentPay and can be found on our website for further details about the service that will be provided to Manor Court families.



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

EYC news from Miss Warren

The preschool children very much enjoyed the snow! We had a great time outside making snowmen and snowballs. It was lovely to see the children experience this, as for most of the children it was their first-time seeing snow!

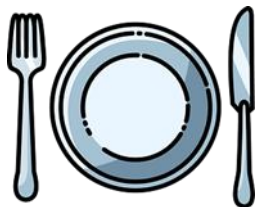
We are delighted to welcome our new apprentice practitioner - Miss Everitt. She began with us on Monday, and we are looking forward to working with her!



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



Hot meals parental feedback – A message from Mrs Hunt

Our onsite kitchen is now providing a hot meal for average 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.

Poetry Workshops with Clive Saunders

Last week Year 5 and Year 6 participated in poetry workshops with Clive Saunders, local veteran and poet. The children wrote poems to enter into the Never Such Innocence competition. They held conversations on conflict to make a difference to their futures.



Wrap around care booking reminder from the school office

Our wrap around care provision is extremely popular but we are having an increasing number 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 – 14:00 on the day.

Breakfast club – 14:00 the day before.

The Apple Tree Press meets the FMCA

On Monday the Apple Tree Press interviewed Mrs Bagg and Mrs Birks who are members of the FMCA. We discussed upcoming events, what it means to be a member of the FMCA and how other parents can join. They are always looking for new members to join this hard-working team.





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

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 Year 1 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.



Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Luke Talmage
Headteacher

Mr Alan Clode
Deputy Headteacher and Inclusion Leader



Christmas Menu

Roast Turkey with Pigs in Blankets and Stuffing Ball

Or

Vegan Slice with Stuffing Ball (V)

Roast Potatoes

Peas/Carrot Mixed

Savoy Cabbage

Gravy and Cranberry Sauce

Warm Mince Pie

or

Christmas Pudding Krispie Cake

EVERYONE GETS A CHRISTMAS CRACKER!





FESTIVE BREAK THE RULES DAY!

 Tuesday 3rd December

Rules to be Broken:

1. Crazy, wacky or temporary coloured hair
2. Christmas hair accessories
3. Christmas or crazy tie
4. Funky socks or tights
5. Non school shoes
6. Temporary tattoo
7. Wear glitter/ make up
8. Wear nail varnish



How it works...

Wear school uniform but pick up to 4 rules from above to break

Pay 50p for every rule you want to break to the FMCA.
Maximum of 4 rules.





Christmas Fair

St Mary's Church, Chard

Children's activities Tombola Toys

Gifts Christmas cards Puzzles & Books

Mother Christmas' Lucky dip Cakes & Preserves

Raffle Mystery Bottle tombola Refreshments

Saturday November 30th
10 am – 1pm



Stop by for Refreshments and
Unique Christmas Presents



If you or someone you are supporting, are finding it difficult to manage financially due to the additional pressures that winter can bring, our **help through winter** services can help.

We can help you with?

- Benefit checks – are you getting what you are entitled to?
- Budgeting support
- Charitable grants to help you through winter
- Help with Council Tax and Water support schemes to reduce your bills Specialist debt advice

When you speak to us...

To best help you, we'll explore your situation and ask about:

- who you live with
- your income and expenses
- your utility suppliers
- health difficulties
- children or caring
- any money worries

Have you got a question?

Give us a call on free phone **0808 278 7842** our advisers are available Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm and Thursdays until 7.30pm

Visit us in person or get advice by email **scan the QR code** for full details



Need to refer someone you're supporting?

Use the [secure online referral form](#) on our website:

<https://citizensadvice-somerset.org.uk/htw-sasp/>





PRESENTS



CHRISTMAS CAROLS
AROUND THE ILLUMINATED NATIVITY
AT CHARD BEACON



4PM SATURDAY DECEMBER 7TH

MEETING OUTSIDE MANOR COURT SCHOOL

WALKING IN PROCESSION TO THE BEACON

COME IN COSTUME (OPTIONAL)



BRING A TORCH

FREE HOT CHOCOLATE



Random Acts of Kindness Advent calendar

1 Give someone a hug	2 Tell your family that you love them	3 Smile at everyone you see today	4 Do an extra house chore	5 Bake cookies or cakes and give them to your neighbours
10 Wash the dishes	9 Leave a positive note for someone	8 Donate food to your local food bank	7 Tell your family that you love them	6 Help cook dinner
11 Donate something to charity	12 Give someone a hug	13 Offer to play with someone who is alone at school	14 Make a handmade gift for someone	15 Call someone you haven't spoken to in a while
20 Give someone a compliment	19 Pick up any litter and throw it in the bin	18 Make a handmade gift for someone	17 Hold the door open for someone	16 Clean up a mess
21 Make a Thank you card for your parents and say what you are grateful for	22 Clean up a mess	23 Try not to complain about anything today	24 Ask someone how you can help them today	



FMCA



Events Calendar

2024-2025

23 Oct

FMCA Annual General Meeting

22 Nov

Christmas Wreath Workshop

03 Dec

Break the Rules Day

14 Dec

Children's Table Decoration Workshop

31 Jan

Winter Quiz

12 Feb

Non School Uniform & Disco

06 Mar

World Book Day- Talmage Treat Bar

28 Mar

Easter Bingo

16 May

Colour Run

Other events TBC



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.

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TOGETHER ON TUESDAY

A club for primary school children
and their parents, carers & siblings

**Join us for Crafts, Cooked Tea,
Songs & Story**

New craft each week

Cooked tea provided

Short bible story and song

**Every Tuesday during term
time**

Starting the 10th September

3.30pm - 5pm

St Mary's Church rooms

THIS IS A FREE CLUB BUT DONATIONS ARE WELCOME

FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

FEATURING: LYME REGIS TOWN BAND



FREE
ENTRY



AXMINSTER GUILDHALL
22ND DECEMBER 2024
15:00

TICKETS NEEDED FOR NUMBERS
WWW.AXMINSTER-GUILDHALL.CO.UK

All profits made will support:

children's hospice SOUTH WEST & arc



Scan QR code for info and tickets

PLYMUG presents

AXMINSTER BRICKTACULAR

28th December 10am to 4pm
Axminster Guildhall, 5 West St, EX13 5NX



Axminster's first LEGO® charity event

Children's activities and prizes

A range of fantastic displays - Quiet session 10 to 11.30



This event is officially sponsored by Unique Displays, the perfect solution for your premium display needs
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Christmas Eve Movie Night



Tuesday, December 24th

3 PM - 4:30 PM

Axminster Guildhall

£1 per ticket

(includes drink and mince pie)*

*see booking page for more details

www.axminster-guildhall.co.uk



Activity Calendar

Community Inclusion
and Activity Team

Christmas Holidays
Saturday 21 Dec - 3 Jan 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.

SATURDAY 21ST DECEMBER

Wilderwoods

Wilderwoods Forest School, Drayton, TA10 0JZ. Midwinter Candlelit Celebration- Decorations, candles and songs in the woods with refreshments around the campfire afterwards. 3-6pm. For ages 0-16. £5 per child. £10 per family (max 1 adult and 3 children).

To book, please call Hannah Aitken 07970 883264 or email hannah@wilderwoods.org



SATURDAY 28TH DECEMBER

In the Mix Project

The Hub Centre, Hartswell, South Street, Wiveliscombe TA4 2NE. A Christmas treat - Baking fudge and making chocolates, and truffles, christmas crafts and creating your own gift box. 10am-12:30pm. For ages 11-18. £2 per person.

To book, please email Jemma.lay@inthemixproject.org.uk.



FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY

Green Goblins Games Club

Riverside Church, The Exchange, Hamilton Rd, Taunton, TA1 2EQ. Tabletop games including Pokemon Trading Card Game, Board Games and D&D Roleplay Games. 6-10.30pm. For age 10+ (under 10s may attend when accompanied by a parent carer). £3 entry. First time free. Parent carers free.

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



FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY

Minehead Eye

1A Mart road, Minehead, Somerset, TA24 5BJ. include games, music, lights, lego and a water and sand tray activity area in our pod. The centre includes a café style space for parents. Children and parents can use both spaces throughout the 2 hour session. They will be supported and advised by our 2 qualified youth workers. One in each area. 3-5pm. For ages 0-10. £1 per family.

To book, please email reception@minehead-eye.co.uk



MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER

Purple Elephant

The Assembly Rooms, Christchurch Street West, Frome BA11 1EB. Family holiday fun - Christmas party! With festive crafts, Santa and a hot meal followed by a silent disco. 10am-2pm. For all ages. £2 suggested donation per child but free to those on FSMs.

To book, email rebeccaharrison@purpleelephant.org.uk



THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY

Community Inclusion Activity Team Family Day

Sanders Garden Centre, Brent Knoll, Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset, TA9 4HJ.

In the festive Big Top prepare to be mesmerised by spinning fairies, elf on a shelf mischief, incredible aerialists, acrobats, rollerskaters, the heart stopping wheel of death and the adrenaline pumping motorbikes in the globe. Even Santa makes an appearance! Venue has a limited number of ear defenders which can be borrowed for the duration of the show, so please bring your own if you think you'll need them. Show includes flashing lights. 5:30-7:30pm. Please arrive at 5pm to allow time to be seated. For all ages. £5 per person. Under 2s free but will need to be seated on parent carer's lap. Please make payment by 13th December.

To book, call 07977 412199 from 10am on Tuesday 3 December.



FRIDAY 27TH DECEMBER

Neroche

Young Wood, Staple Fitzpaine TA3 5AZ. Seasonal Forest Activities. We will base the sessions on seasonal themes - ID trees, buds and leaves and look 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@nerocheewoodlanders.org/ or info@nerocheewoodlanders.org or go to www.nerocheewoodlanders.org or call Sarah Holdway on 07784 800641



XMAS ACTIVITY PACKS

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Christmas Activity Packs. Each pack will be focused on Christmas crafts, fun and fact, and I will include a letter to Santa kit in their activity packs, along with the tailor-made element. 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

Community Inclusion Activity Team

Winter' or 'Christmas' themed activity packs, containing arts & crafts, puzzles and more! £3 per pack, to be paid prior to delivery. Please ensure payment is made by 13 December.

To order, please email ciateam@somerset.gov.uk by 9 December with your child's name, age, nature of disability, address, phone number and where we can safely leave the pack if you're not in. Delivery w/c 16 December.

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