

Key Dates

| July 2025 | |
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| Friday 18 th July | Last day of the 2024-2025 academic year |
| September 2025 | |
| Tuesday 2 nd September | INSET Day |
| Wednesday 3 rd September | All children return to school |
| Friday 5 th September | Year 6 trip to London |



Farewell Year 6

Our brilliant cohort of Year 6 children have left us today to move onto their secondary education. Most of the children will complete their education at Holyrood with some choosing to go to Axe Valley. As part of the tradition at Manor Court the children in the lower year groups clapped them out as they left our school for the last time. We certainly wish them much happiness and luck in the next stage of their education.

Summer Holiday Club

We are delighted to be running our Summer Holiday club for five of the six weeks of the summer holidays. Bookings for this on ParentPay are now closed. The Holiday Club will be open at the following times.

If you need to contact the staff running the club during the opening hours (09:00 – 15:00), please contact them on our wrap around telephone number – **07471 412147**

- WB 21st July (Mon – Thursday)
- WB 28th July (Mon – Thursday)
- WB 4th August (CLOSED)
- WB 11th August (Mon – Thursday)
- WB 18th August (Mon – Thursday)
- WB 25th August (Tues – Fri as it is Bank Holiday Monday)

Mr Talmage's reflection on the 2024-2025 academic year

As we approach the end of another school year, July always brings with it a time for reflection and planning. It's a moment to look back on our achievements and to begin shaping our hopes and ambitions for the academic year ahead.

At Manor Court Community Primary School, academic excellence remains a cornerstone of our success—and once again, our children have excelled (the attainment summary will be shared with parents at the start of the new school year). However, academic achievement is just one part of our wider vision. We are deeply committed to nurturing the whole child—helping each one discover their hidden talents and ensuring they experience a rich, varied, and inspiring curriculum.



The 2024–2025 academic year has been filled with moments of immense pride and fulfilment. Some personal highlights for me include:

1. Our Ofsted Inspection and 'Outstanding' Judgement

In October, our Ofsted inspection culminated in an 'Outstanding' judgement and a glowing report. This recognition reflects the exceptional dedication of the Manor Court team. For me, it marked the result of eight years of hard work, high expectations, and a deep understanding of the community we serve. It was proof that success will follow when a school is built on strong values and unwavering commitment.

2. Celebration of the Arts

The arts continue to flourish at Manor Court. Daily opportunities in singing, dance, drama and visual art are helping our children to develop confidence, creativity, and joy. Highlights this year included the Christmas Carol Concert at Wells Cathedral, where our choir's performance was truly moving. The joy on the children's faces will stay with me for a long time—and no doubt has created lifelong memories for them, too. We are extremely fortunate to have such talented staff, including Mrs Morton and Miss Prater, leading this important work.



It remains a personal privilege to lead this school—one that continues to thrive, supported by a dedicated and skilled staff team, a committed governing body, and which is a wonderful school community.



Holiday Breakfast Bags

Our friends at St Mary's and The Lord's Larder are offering free breakfast bags throughout the summer holiday. Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter and on our Facebook page for more information.

Year 6 residential to Okehampton

Year 6 had an unforgettable adventure in Okehampton, enjoying sunshine-filled days of paddle boarding, raft building, grass sledging, and high ropes. They conquered fears, explored Dartmoor, and made lasting memories with friends and staff – all fuelled by fun, teamwork, suncream and plenty of water!



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

As you will know, our 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.



Best Career-Focused Primary School – A message from Miss Bagnall

We are so delighted that Manor Court Community Primary School has been named the Best Career-Focused Primary School in the Somerset 2025 Careers Awards. This award is a huge recognition of something we hold close to our hearts: empowering our pupils to dream big and understand the world of work from an early age.

We're proud to be deeply rooted in our local community — and last night's recognition just strengthens our drive to keep making a difference. Do see the write up in this week's Chard and Ilminster Newspaper for more information about this award.

St Mary's Church community say farewell to Year 6

The whole school attended St Mary's on Monday morning as we joined Rev John and Rev Nick who said goodbye to the children. We sang together and the Y5 children read poems about the final week of primary school. St Mary's made a Secondary School survival kit for each of the Y6 children.



Goodbye to Miss Rinaldi and Miss Clarke

Today we said farewell to Miss Rinaldi and Miss Clarke as they left for pastures new. I am sure that you will join us in wishing them much happiness for their future careers.

Items from home – A message from Mr Talmage

Can I please clarify our approach to inclusive aids, such as noise reducing headphones, toys and pencil cases/crayons and pens from home etc.

Unless Mr Clode, or I, have given consent children are not to use, or bring from home: noise reducing headphones, fiddle toys, pencil grips or any other educational aid as we have the correct items to give to children in accordance with their need. Please do speak to Mr Clode, or I if you need clarification about this.

Children are not to bring toys, or personal writing or drawing equipment from home and if they do, I have asked the staff to confiscate it until the end of the school day as this will prevent items from 'going missing'.

Year 6 Portuguese conversation at Lusitana – A message from Sra Gomes

Year 6 had a great time at Lusitana, a Portuguese café in Chard as part of their enrichment week. They practiced their Portuguese language in a real-life situation, and they were amazed with the Portuguese food. We also had many compliments from the public about their impeccable behaviour and how great their Portuguese conversational skills well - Bom trabalho!



Uniform expectation – A message from Mr Talmage

It is our expectation that each child wears the correct school uniform during the school day. Please remember that uniform, with a logo, is now purchased from the Southwest School wear uniform shop in Taunton and all other uniform can be purchased from the provider that you believe provides the best value for money.



Attendance our school expectations – A message from Miss Gregory

Pupil attendance and punctuality is a key focus and priority within our school. Individual attendance is 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.

We take child protection extremely seriously at our school. If you have a concern, you can speak to any of the school's designated and trained Child Protection officers: Mr Clode, Miss Gregory, Mrs Terry, Miss Warren, or Mr Talmage. Alternatively, you can ring Children Social Care on 0300 123 2224 or email childrens@somerset.gov.uk

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.



Foundation Stage trip to Lyme Regis

Last Friday, Foundation stage enjoyed a trip to Lyme Regis to finish off their 'Adventures' topic. The children had a wonderful time on the sand and jumping over the waves in the sea. They also enjoyed a delicious ice cream. There were smiles all round and many compliments about their behaviour from members of the public who saw them with the adults.

Chatterbooks virtual reality

Last week, the last Chatterbooks Club session was held at Chard Library. The children explored a variety of Virtual Reality book worlds and interactive games.

Manor Court children attend the PPAT's Talent Show – A message from Miss Prater

Last week, Manor Court's KS1 and KS2 Talent Show finalists took part in the grand final of the PPAT Talent Show at Kingfisher Primary School — and they were absolutely brilliant!

Our talented pupils competed in the categories of Performing, Singing, and Dancing, showcasing incredible creativity, confidence, and skill.

Mya gave a fantastic dance performance to Shut Up and Dance. Delilah wowed the audience with a stunning routine to Perfection. Eliana sang Lucky Stars beautifully and was awarded Runner-Up in the KS1 Singing category.

Kasey impressed the judges with his original composition 'An Evening Walk', winning First Place in the KS1 performing category.

We are so proud of all our finalists — they represented Manor Court with enthusiasm and excellence. Well done to everyone involved!



EYC news from Miss Warren

We have had a lovely year with your children at preschool, and we hope everyone enjoyed our leavers graduation on Wednesday! All of the staff at EYC would like to wish all the children going to 'Big' school in September, all the luck in the world - we know you will be amazing! From September, EYC will be opening from 8am for those who require an earlier start. This will initially be capped at a small number due to adult ratio. If you are wanting an early drop off on a regular basis, please email Miss Warren, eyc@manorcourt.ppat365.org. We hope that you have a lovely summer!



Online safety news from Miss Hamilton

The holiday period is an ideal time for parents to sit down with their children, play their games and use their apps to get to know the endless fun but also the potential risks. Conversation is the most powerful risk mitigator of all. The NSPCC have put together a fabulous page full of information such as age -appropriate conversations taking into consideration different ages, resources such as tips and quizzes, an understanding of some of the risks, and tackling difficult conversations. You can find more information here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety>

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. As a result of too much unauthorised use we have started to lock the gate to the carpark. Please remember that the school provides free parking permits for parents to park in Sainsbury's carpark at the start and end of the day.

Healthy snacks at Play Times – A message from Mrs Terry

We encourage each pupil at Manor Court to lead a healthy lifestyle. At play times, we provide all our Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils with fruit or vegetables and all pupils have the option of eating a bagel as part of our 'Magic Breakfast' scheme.

If you provide your child with snacks that do not fall into the fruit or vegetable category, these will be kept in their bags or lunch boxes to be eaten at lunch times. Wrapper-type snacks at break times also lead to unwanted litter if not placed into the bins provided.

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns regarding our healthy option break times. Further information can also be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/healthier-snacks>



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Summer Reading Challenge assembly

Katy Chick from Chard Library has informed us of the Summer Reading Challenge. The pupils have to read 6 books between Saturday, 5th July, and the first week of September to receive a special certificate and medal. We hope lots of Manor Court pupils take part!



Year 5 residential to Magdalen Farm

Year 5 children enjoyed an action-packed residential at Magdalen, exploring the farm, feeding animals, harvesting crops, building dens, and testing their waterproof shelters. They sang around the campfire, used the Eggnator 3000, and embraced every muddy, memorable moment of adventure!

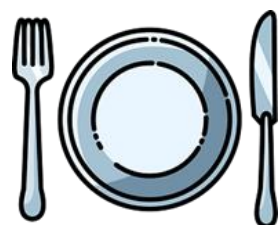
Little Green Change visit

Clare Matheson from Little Green Change has come into school recently and donated some flower and bulb kits for our Eco Warriors. We look forward to planting these in the pond area! Little Green Change is an award winning, nonprofit enterprise, specialising in environmental opportunities for children across the UK.



The Community Fridge – A message from Miss Gregory (Early Intervention Officer)

The Community Fridge is for everyone in Chard and the local area to use without referral. It is open, when there is food available, at set times and is staffed by a team of volunteers. The fridge is based in the front room, of Chard's Community Hub (in the old library in Boden Street) and there are also shelves of food in the food room which is at the back of the premises. Items here include dried food, tins, toiletries, pet food, and some baby food. We also have freezers which can have donations from stores and local shops for people to help themselves to. Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter that explains the times that the Hub and Fridge are open.



Hot meals parental feedback – A message from Mrs Hunt

Our onsite kitchen is now providing a hot meal for average over 200 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.

SEN Support and Parent Carer Forum – A message from Mr Clode

We have been made aware that there are groups in the community that are supporting parents of children with SEND and additional needs. Whilst we would hope the majority are there to help and support, we have been told that some are giving misleading advice and we have even been informed of some parents being asked for money for advice on a case-by-case basis.

If you have any questions around, SEND or additional needs, or need any advice or signposting, please do not hesitate to speak to me at school or contact the Somerset Parent Carer Forum for professional independent advice.

Please do note that we also host regular well-attended Parent Carer Forums with a welcoming and supportive group of parents and led by independent professionals.



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.

Colyton Grammar School Stem workshop

A huge thank you to Mrs Carter and pupils from Colyton Grammar School who spent the morning with our Year 5 pupils leading a STEM workshop, focusing on Fabulous Friction! The chair hovercraft was very popular with pupils – and the Manor Court staff!



Volunteers Needed!



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 2025? We are looking for more adults who can spend time listening to our children to 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 would like to find out more information, please contact the school office to speak to me, Mrs Terry (Assistant Headteacher), or Mrs Hunt (Business Manager).

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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.



Drama club performance of Oliver with a Twist

Drama club finished off their term with two performances of the play Oliver with a Twist. At just an hour a week these children have worked hard to put together such a fun and energetic performance. We would like to say Thank-you to Sara and Axminster Drama Club for the loan of the costumes and alterations specifically for our cast.

Do you think your child needs a Health Care Plan? A message from Mrs Terry

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. I have the responsibility of meeting with parents to ensure that Medical 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 me.



Wrap around care booking reminder from the school office

Our wrap-round 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. From September all bookings, without fail, must be made via ParentPay.



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

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.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility



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.

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

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

The cost-of-living crisis is hitting some hard and we have all noticed that 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 and is based in the Chard Community Hub in Boden Street.

Year 6 Bird of Prey workshop

As part of their enrichment week, Otters and Herons really enjoyed their very up-close experience and highly knowledgeable visitors from Sharandys Birds of Prey who visited us from a bird rescue centre, based near Chard. The children were fascinated by the birds and the insight in which they were given about what they eat, their lifestyle in the wild and how they have been rescued and looked after.



Year 5 Cineworld trip

Year 5 sat back and relaxed on Tuesday as their final MC48 for this academic year is to go to the cinema! They went to Cineworld, Yeovil to watch the new How to Train your Dragon movie.

Foundation Stage Teddy Bears Picnic

Foundation Stage enjoyed a wonderful Teddy bears picnic on Tuesday afternoon. The children loved having their faces painted for the occasion and enjoyed food, dancing and fun in the sunshine with their favourite teddy!

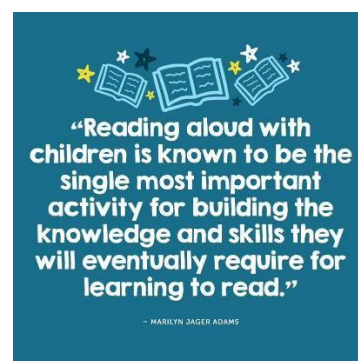


Reading expectations – A message from Mrs Terry

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 an especially vital 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.



We hope that you all have an enjoyable and safe summer holiday and look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 3rd September. Thank you for your ongoing support.



Mr Luke Talmage
Headteacher



Mr Alan Clode
Deputy Headteacher and Inclusion Leader



Manor Court Community Primary School Terms & Holidays 2025/2026 Academic Year

| September 2025 | | | | | October 2025 | | | | | November 2025 | | | | | | |
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| December 2025 | | | | | January 2026 | | | | | February 2026 | | | | | | |
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| March 2026 | | | | | April 2026 | | | | | May 2026 | | | | | | |
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| June 2026 | | | | | July 2026 | | | | | August 2026 | | | | | | |
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| Key: | |
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| | School Holiday |
| | Bank Holiday |
| | Term Time |
| | Inset Days |

| Term dates summary: | |
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| Term 1: 02 September – 24 October 2025 (39 days) | |
| Term 2: 03 November – 19 December 2025 (35 days) | |
| Term 3: 05 January – 13 February 2026 (30 days) | |
| Term 4: 23 February – 02 April 2026 (29 days) | |
| Term 5: 20 April – 22 May 2026 (24 days) | |
| Term 6: 01 June – 22 July 2026 (38 days) | TOTAL = 195 |

| Bank and public holidays 2025/26 | | | |
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| Christmas Day | 25 December 2025 | Easter Monday | 06 April 2026 |
| Boxing Day | 26 December 2025 | May Day Bank Holiday | 04 May 2026 |
| New Year's Day | 01 January 2026 | Spring Bank Holiday | 25 May 2026 |
| Good Friday | 03 April 2026 | Summer Bank Holiday | 31 August 2026 |
| 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. | | | |



Holiday Breakfast Scheme.



Holiday Breakfast Bags are back For the Summer 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
Mondays 21st July, 28th July, 4th August,
11th August, 18th August
Saturday 23rd August
8am to 10am**

Anyone from the family can pick them up. Stay and join us if you would like for coffee and toast while you are here.



FMCA 2025 SUMMER CHALLENGE



Let's finish the year off with a bang!



CAN YOU RAISE £20.25?



Raise as much or as little as you can. Do it on your own, with family or with a friend. Money can be raised in anyway you choose, use your imagination, have fun and be creative.

All in aid of getting some new play equipment for the playground

STARTS SATURDAY 19TH JULY - FINISHES SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

There are lots of ways you can raise the money. Here are a few ideas:

- Cake sale
- Doing household chores
- Sponsored car wash
- Sponsored cycle/ walk/ swim etc
- Sponsored readathon- read 25 books,
- Sponsored silence for 25 hours
- Sponsored litter pick
- Hold a penalty shoot out
- Make and sell products e.g. jewellery, birthday cards, photos

**The list is
endless!**

All monies to be handed in or paid online via paypal by Friday 12th September

Family Friendly Film Festival

at the Axminster Guildhall

£2 per film or £6 for a family of 4



Wonka - 31st July

The Lion King - 5th August

Frozen: Singalong - 14th August

Wicked: Singalong - 21st August

Paddington in Peru - 28th August

www.axminster-guildhall.co.uk

FAMILY FEAST PICNIC

12 TO 3PM SUNDAY 20TH JULY AT GREAT MEAD

Come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon surrounded by nature: magnificent trees, local wildlife, and a peaceful stream. There'll be guided walks to explore this beautiful spot, family activities and live music from **Oconee Bell**. **There's no need to book. All you need to do is bring your own picnic and something to sit on!**

MUSIC FROM OCONEE BELL

Unique on the West Country music scene, **Oconee Bell** perform an entertaining, toe-tapping mix of transatlantic music that draws upon a variety of influences including Americana, folk, and bluegrass.



30-MILE FEAST CHALLENGE



This **free event** is produced as part of the **Somerset Food Trail Festival** which celebrates the best, most sustainably produced local food.

Are you up for the '30-Mile Feast Challenge'? If so, try to include at least one item in your picnic where most of its ingredients are sourced from within 30 miles of your home. You'll have a chance to share your 'picnic story' and give a shoutout to our local food producers.

HOW TO FIND US

Great Mead is within walking distance of the town centre, next to Holyrood Academy and the residential area, Glynswood.

If you're driving, go almost to the end of Zembard Lane. Just before you reach Holyrood Academy, take the lane on the left which leads to a carpark. Great Mead is just ahead of you.

Address: Zembard Lane, TA20 1JL, Chard
www.greatmead.org





Community Fridge

Monday

2pm to 4pm

Tuesday

Closed

Wednesday

10.30am to
12.30pm

Thursday

10am to
midday

Friday

4pm to
5.30pm

Saturday

Closed

Sunday

Closed

Chard Hockey club

Junior Training for ages 7+

No experience
needed and sticks
available

Wednesdays 7-8pm
Girls training

Thursdays 7-8pm
Boys training

Contact: welfare@chardhockeyclub.co.uk