

**Autumn Term Newsletter 6 – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

<b>November 2025</b>	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Girls Football at Bucklers Mead Academy & EYC Parents Evening
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole school assessment week begins
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Scholastic half price book fair arrives
<b>December 2025</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Rev Nick to lead a whole school Christingle Assembly



**Career’s Day – A message from Miss Bagnall**

Last week, our School was buzzing with excitement as pupils took part in our annual Career’s Day — a wonderful opportunity to explore aspirations and inspire future ambitions! Children arrived dressed as what they would like to be when they grow up, and the creativity was fantastic to see — from doctors, vets, and teachers to astronauts, artists, and even a few future engineers!

The day began with a special assembly led by our Career Champions, who spoke about the importance of aiming high, working hard, and following your passions, as well as what the day would hold. Pupils

were encouraged to think about the many different paths their interests could lead them down.

A highlight of the day was a visit from Jonathan from Numatic, who led exciting ‘Build a Henry’ workshops for our Year 3 and Year 4 classes. Children had the chance to learn more about engineering, teamwork, and problem-solving as they assembled their very own Henry vacuums — a truly hands-on experience!



Meanwhile, our Key Stage 1 pupils took part in a Career’s Day colouring competition, showing off their artistic talents and imagination. Jonathan will join us once again, next week, in our celebration assembly to announce the winner, who will proudly receive a special Numatic goodie bag.

It was a fantastic day full of inspiration, curiosity, and creativity — a big thank you to Jonathan and everyone who helped make the day so memorable. We can’t wait to see where our pupils’ dreams take them in the future!

**Remembering Together**

At our school, we take great pride in teaching our children the importance of remembering and honouring those who have served our country. Each year, the build-up to Remembrance Day offers valuable opportunities for reflection, creativity, and community spirit.

As always, our commemorations began in October when the Year 6 pupils, supported by volunteers from the Men’s Shed in Yeovil, created a stunning display, for the front of the school, that set a thoughtful tone for the weeks ahead. Their work beautifully captured the themes of remembrance, peace, and gratitude.



On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November, during the town’s Remembrance Service at St Mary’s Church, our House Captains laid two wreaths on behalf of the school. A group of Year 5 and 6 pupils also read moving poems they had written in workshops with local poet Clive Saunders.

The commemorations continued on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November when Reverend John led our whole-school remembrance assembly. The children listened respectfully, sang the remembrance song taught by Miss Prater, and reflected on the meaning of the poppy. We also shared the wonderful work created by each class as an act of remembrance which had been on display at St Mary’s. It has been a truly meaningful period of reflection, gratitude, and community.



**Punctuality Matters – A message from Mr Talmage and Mr Clode**



We would like to remind parents and carers that the school gates open at 8:35am and lessons begin promptly at 8:45am. Children should be in class, ready to learn by this time.

Punctuality is essential. Arriving late disrupts the start of lessons and can impact children’s confidence, learning, and progress. Persistent lateness will be closely monitored and may result in contact from school leaders or a referral to the Education Welfare Service.

Parents and carers are legally responsible for ensuring their child attends school on time every day. Good routines in the morning help children arrive prepared, calm, and ready to learn. Please also ensure your child is collected promptly at the end of the day. Late collection causes distress and creates additional supervision pressures for staff. Thank you for supporting our high expectations around attendance and punctuality.

## Anti-Bullying Week 2025 – Power for Good – A message from Miss Gregory

This week at Manor Court Primary School, we have been celebrating Anti-Bullying Week, a national event that reminds us all how important it is to treat one another with kindness and respect. This year's theme, "Power for Good," encourages everyone to recognise the positive impact we can have when we choose to be kind, speak up, and support one another.

At Manor Court, we believe that every child and adult have the power to make our school a happier, safer, and more inclusive place. Whether it's speaking up when we see unkind behaviour, including someone who feels left out, or simply offering a friendly smile—small acts of kindness can make a big difference.



Throughout the week, classes across the school took part in a range of activities to explore how they can use their "Power for Good." On Monday, children and staff showed off their creativity for Odd Socks Day, celebrating individuality with the wackiest socks imaginable—spots, stripes, bright colours, and even socks with ears! Mrs Terry's class explored the "Wrinkled Wander" experiment, which demonstrated how unkind words can leave lasting "creases" that can't always be smoothed away. Foundation to Year 3 enjoyed completing Random Acts of Kindness challenges, learning that being kind not only helps others but also boosts their own wellbeing. Year 6 took part in a thoughtful compliment exchange, writing kind and anonymous messages for everyone in their class. At the heart of



Manor Court Primary is our belief that everyone belongs. Anti-Bullying Week links directly to our ongoing work on inclusion, equality, and wellbeing. Together, we can all use our Power for Good—at school, at home, and in our community.

## EYC news from Miss Warren

It has been a great first two weeks of term. We have begun to learn about the season of Autumn. Over the next week, we will be flying kites as part of our MC48. The preschool children have also enjoyed learning about 2d shapes.

Parents evening will be held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> of November. Please sign up for an appointment with your child's key person. This sign up sheets are available to you at the end of your child's session up until the 25<sup>th</sup> of November.



## The Mayor of Chard's Christmas Carol Concert

The Mayor of Chard's Christmas Carol Concert will take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025 in the Guildhall. Doors will open at 5.30pm and the concert will start at 6.00pm. Our choir will be performing alongside Avishayes. Tickets can be purchased from the Guildhall reception only and we are unable to sell them at school. Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter for more information.

## Blythwood Christmas Shoe Box appeal

This morning a trolley full of Christmas shoe boxes were collected by a volunteer from the Blythwood Christmas Shoe Box appeal. We are always amazed by your generosity; thank you very much.



## Save the dates for our Christmas performances

We are swiftly moving into the Christmas period and the children will soon start to prepare our Christmas events to perform to you. We would like 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. Please save the dates in your diary so that you are not disappointed.

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December at 14:30	Foundation Stage Nativity. Performance 1
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December at 09:30	Foundation Stage Nativity. Performance 2
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December at 09:30	Y3 & Y4 Carol Concert at St Mary's Church
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December at 11:00	Y5 & Y6 Carol Concert at St Mary's Church
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December at 09:30	Y1 & Y2 Christmas play to parents. Performance 1
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December at 14:00	Y1 & Y2 Christmas play to parents. Performance 2

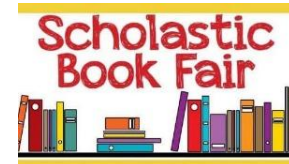
## Have we got your correct details? – A message from the school office

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.

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](mailto:childrens@somerset.gov.uk)

## Scholastic Book Fair

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding a **HALF PRICE** Scholastic book fair! The fair will open on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November and will run until Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December. The book fair will be in the school library. Cash or card payments can be taken. Every book will be at least half price, making for some great Christmas gifts!



### The Little Green Change Assembly

On Wednesday 12th November, the whole school enjoyed a special assembly led by The Little Green Change charity. We learned all about the different varieties of bees and how certain plants attract these important pollinators. The session was led by a wonderful volunteer from the charity, who also helped us plant bee-friendly flowers around the school grounds. We can't wait to see them bloom in spring and welcome our buzzing visitors!

### The Chard Christmas Present Appeal

The Lords Larder and Chard Community Hub need peoples help to bring Christmas joy to local children. If you can help, please do see the poster at the end of this newsletter for more information.



### Healthy snacks at play time – A message from Mrs Terry

We encourage each pupil at Manor Court to lead a healthy lifestyle. At play times we provide all of our Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils with fruit or vegetables and 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 fit into the cereal, fruit, or vegetable category, these will be kept in their bags or lunch boxes to be eaten at lunch time. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns regarding our healthy play times.

### 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. The Community Hub also have freezers which can have donations from the local supermarkets and local shops for people to help themselves to.

### Starting school for the first time in September 2026

The application process for starting the Foundation Stage in September 2026 opened on Monday 29th September and closes on Monday 15th January 2026! If you would like your child to join our happy, caring, fun, high academically achieving 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'd 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.



### Pre-school provision

We are delighted that the renovation works for our enhanced and expanded pre-school provision is making great progress. Please do look at our Facebook page for some photo updates. Our places are filling up extremely quickly so please do share the news of this provision and contact us if you would like a space for your child. Please do phone the school office or use the link on the EYC section of the website to book a meeting to discuss a space.



### Year 10 Drama students visit Key Stage 1

On Monday morning KS1 were entertained by Year 10 drama students from Holyrood Academy. They took us on a Bear Hunt, we fed a Hungry Caterpillar, helped George make some Marvelous Medicine, partied with the Midnight Gang and not forgetting helping Gangsta Granny.

### 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.

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## Year 2 visit to Chard Museum

Magpies have thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Chard Museum this week. Children loved discovering more fascinating facts about Stringfellow and his pioneering work in flight, and they have been impressing us all with their newfound knowledge!

## PE Days for Autumn Term 2

Our PE Days have been set for this half term and are unlikely to be changed, if we need to change them, we will inform you through your Eylog or ParentPay account. Children should wear their PE kits to school on the days listed below. Last year we noticed that some children are wearing their PE hoodies into school on different days and on all other days it is important that full school uniform is worn.

The children who have chosen to have swimming lessons during the school day will have their school lessons on a Thursday.

Classes	PE Day on which PE Kits must be worn
Squirrels & Hedgehogs	Monday
Dragonflies & Bumblebees	Wednesday
Nightingales & Magpies	Wednesday & Thursday
Owls & Kingfishers	Tuesday & Friday
Eagles & Puffins	Thursday (swimming) & Friday
Foxes & Badgers	Monday & Thursday
Hérons & Otters	Wednesday & Thursday



## Do you think your child needs a Medical 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 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 that the school is fully aware of, please speak to your child's class teacher or make an appointment through the school Office to speak to me.

## Celebration Assemblies

Family members are very welcome to join us at our KS1 and Foundation Stage and KS2 celebration assembly each Friday. KS2 Assembly starts at 08:50 in the school hall and KS1 Assembly begins at 10:50 in the school hall.



## 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.

## 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 all our pupils 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.

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## Online Safety news from Miss Hamilton

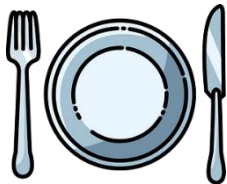
Children being bullied online, particularly in games and via messaging apps, remains one of the top concerns of many parents and their children. Internet Matters have a range of guides and articles to support parents and carers. These include what is Cyberbullying and what are the signs, helpful ways to prevent cyberbullying, and how to deal with it. More information can be found at: [www.internetmatters.org/issues/cyberbullying/resources](http://www.internetmatters.org/issues/cyberbullying/resources)



## Staff car park - A message from Mr Talmage

Can I 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. Please remember that the school provides free parking permits for parents to park in Sainsbury's car park at the start and end of the school day

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### Hot meals parental feedback – A message from Mrs Hunt

Our onsite kitchen is now providing a hot meal for 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. If for any reason you are unhappy with the meals provided, please do email the office and we can arrange for our catering manager to contact you to rectify this.

### 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 (School Business Manager).



### 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](mailto: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 Y1 block). To ensure that we have the correct ratios please ensure that you contact the school office the day before you require club.

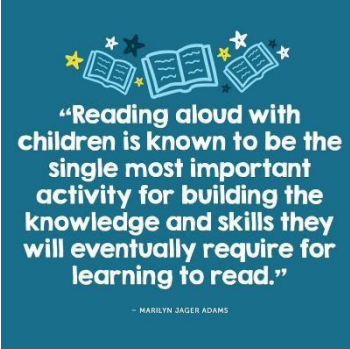


### Wet and cold weather – please send your child to school with a named coat

The weather has started to become unpredictable with lots of rain and cold weather to be expected. It is important that every child is sent to school with a named coat so that they can stay dry, warm and not become unwell.

### 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 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 deeper into the story’s meaning, preparing them for more complex narratives down the road. Children who progress from the banded scheme to ‘free readers’ are able to 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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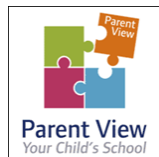
## Attendance our school expectations – A message from Miss Gregory

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.



## Winsham United U'11s football team

Winsham United Under 11's football team are looking to recruit new players from Year 5 and Year 6. Training is held in Chard on a Tuesday, and they play their matches on a Saturday morning. Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter for more information and details of who to contact.



## 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](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)

## Outdoor equipment – A message from Mr Clode

We are further developing our provision by setting up some more Outdoor Learning Groups after Half Term. The children in these groups will be working in our Nature Area and learning gardening skills through a Nurture Approach to develop teamwork, communication skills and confidence.

If you have any spare or unwanted gardening equipment such as trowels, gloves, spades, forks or rakes please bring them to the school office to help with the setting up of the groups. Thank you.

## Boys football at Bucklers Mead

Yesterday the Year 5 and Year 6 boys football team went to Bucklers Mead School in Yeovil to compete in a friendly tournament. The boys competed competitively and showed excellent skills and sportsmanship.



## 2026-2027 Term dates

The 2026-2027 school term dates are now on our school website and have been sent home to all parents via ParentPay. They can be found at the end of this newsletter for you to screenshot and save to your phone or to print for the fridge at home.

## Cleaning vacancy

We are looking to employ a hardworking and friendly person to join our premises team as a cleaner. This role is for ten hours a week and is flexible – it can be completed before or after school hours. Please contact Mrs Hunt (School Business Manager) for more information via the school office or look at the vacancies section on our school website. The job advert is at the end of this newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Luke Talmage  
Headteacher

Mr Alan Clode  
Deputy Headteacher and Inclusion Leader



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# **Cleaner Vacancy**

Fixed term Contract until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026 in the first instance.

Grade 17 point 2 - £12.65 an hour and an employers pension contribution of 24.5%

10 hours per week - Monday – Friday term time only plus six additional weeks to be worked across a variety of the school holidays

### **Job Summary**

Manor Court Community Primary School is looking for a cleaner to start working as soon as possible. The position is for 10 hours per week, working Monday to Friday, working two hours each day, with the option of working in the morning before school commences or after school finishes. The vacancy is term time only plus six additional weeks to be worked across a variety of the school holidays.

Preston Primary Academy trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The position is subject to an enhanced DBS check, medical clearance and references.

Visits to our school are welcome: please telephone to make an appointment on 01460 62350

Please apply in writing by completing the application form available from the trust or school website [www.manorcourtcommunityprimary.co.uk](http://www.manorcourtcommunityprimary.co.uk) or [www.prestonprimaryacademytrust.co.uk](http://www.prestonprimaryacademytrust.co.uk)

Applications should be returned to the school office by email or at the address provided above. Due to the volume of applications received if you have not heard from the school by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025 unfortunately you have not been successful in securing an interview.

**Closing date:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**Interviews:** W/c 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Manor Court Community Primary School Terms and Holidays  
2026/2027 Academic Year



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**Term dates summary:**

<b>Term 1:</b> 03 September – 23 October 2026 (37 days)
<b>Term 2:</b> 02 November – 18 December 2026 (35 days)
<b>Term 3:</b> 04 January – 12 February 2027 (30 days)
<b>Term 4:</b> 22 February – 25 March 2027 (24 days)
<b>Term 5:</b> 12 April – 28 May 2027 (34 days)
<b>Term 6:</b> 07 June – 23 July 2027 (35 days)
<b>TOTAL = 195</b>

**Bank and public holidays 2026/27**

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	25 December 2026
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	28 December 2026*
New Year's Day Holiday	01 January 2027
	Summer Bank Holiday

\*Replacement Bank Holiday when Bank Holidays falls on a weekend.  
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.



Collecting and distributing presents for children who might otherwise go without.

# Chard Christmas Present Appeal

Give a little back  
this Christmas

2025



Donate **new** and **unwrapped**  
toys and gifts for children aged  
0 to 18 years.

Drop off at **Forefront  
Community Centre, South  
Chard Church** or **Chard  
Community Hub**  
by **Friday 28 November**.

You can also support the appeal  
with a financial contribution:

**Bank Name:** Natwest

**Account Name:** Lords Larder  
Christmas Present Donation

**Sort Code:** 60-05-06

**Account Number:** 15185478

**Ref:** Toy Appeal 2025

For more info: 01460 66080 or [office@forefront.org.uk](mailto:office@forefront.org.uk)



# **WINSHAM UNITED U11'S ARE RECRUITING**

**SUITABLE FOR YEAR 5 & 6 CHILDREN INTERESTED  
IN LEARNING AND PLAYING FOOTBALL**

**TRAINING IN CHARD - TUESDAYS 7-8PM  
MATCHES - 10AM SATURDAYS**

**CONTACT LEE - 07939416355**





# THE MAYOR OF CHARD'S CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

**WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER**


**MANOR COURT  
AVISHAYES PRIMARY**

**6:00pm (doors 5:30pm)**

**You are encouraged to wear Christmas jumpers!  
Please bring cash for raffle and a donation for refreshments.**

**The Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard, TA20 1PP  
Advance tickets available from the Guildhall reception  
Adults: £2.50 Children: £1**

**All proceeds to the Mayor's charities.**



# St. Mary's Church, Chard



**Saturday 29th November**  
**10am to 1pm**

**Father Christmas, Mother Christmas' Lucky  
dip, Reindeer Food, Children's Activities,  
Toys, Gifts, Christmas Cards, Puzzles,  
Books, Tombola, Hyacinth Bulbs,  
Cakes & Preserves, Raffle  
Refreshments. Plus much more**

In Aid of St. Mary's Church Funds

@St Mary's Church, Chard - Christmas Fair

Saturday 29 November 2025

10am to 1pm

CHRISTMAS COLOURING COMPETITION

Name..... AGE.....

Address.....

.....Telephone Number .....



Please return your entry to St Mary's Christmas Bazaar at the church on Saturday 29th November 2025 from 10am to 1pm. There will be box near the craft table.

There will be a chance to **make Christmas Cards and different Christmas Crafts**, which are free, although a donation to cover the costs of craft materials will be welcome.

Also, lots of stalls for all your Christmas Gifts, Tombola, Toys & Children's Books, Gifts Christmas cards, Puzzles & Books, Mother Christmas' Lucky dip, Cakes & Preserves, Raffle Reindeer Food & Father Christmas and not forgetting lovely seasonal refreshments.

# FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT



**AT AXMINSTER GUILDHALL**

**SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER | 3:00PM**



**LYME REGIS  
TOWN BAND  
&  
AXE VALLEY  
COMMUNITY  
CHOIR**



**MULLED WINE**



**MINCE PIES**



**BAR**

**Tickets needed for numbers**

 **CHRISTMAS  
PRIZE BINGO**   
**IN AID OF MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT**



**IN MEMORY OF MY DAD**

**Please join us**

**Friday 5th December**

**Doors Open 6pm, Eyes Down 7pm**

**Manor Court School Hall, Chard**

**To raise money in memory of my Dad, Guy Warren**

**Prizes for a line and 2 lines. Hampers for a house!**

**Space limited so booking advisable**

**To book a table, please contact 07805623041**

**(Cash Only Payments)**



**Event to include:**

Prize hampers and line prizes very kindly sponsored by many local businesses  
Lots of Tea, Coffee and Homemade Cake  
Raffle, with lots of donations from many local businesses  
Knitted/Crocheted gifts for sale  
**AND LOTS OF FESTIVE SPIRIT!**

Without Macmillan, my dad's last 19 days, after diagnosis, would not have been as comfortable as they were, surrounded by his family who he loved and thought the world of, as we do him.

# QUIZ NIGHT 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 26

Manor Court Hall - door open at 6 start 6:30

Book a table by contacting  
[dwp944@btinternet.com](mailto:dwp944@btinternet.com)

TEAMS OF 6 £2 PER PLAYER  
PAY ON NIGHT

This Quiz Night is to raise Funds to support previous student Isobel Pritchard cricketing adventure

Isobel is a local Chard CC player that started her career in cricket as a 6 year old All Star, she has strived and battled her way in to this years Somerset U15 Squad.

please help support a once in a lifetime time chance to tour Sri Lanka this February

Raffle £5 a Strip

