

Dear Parents and carers



Autumn Term Newsletter 7 – Friday 28th November 2025

December 2025	
Wednesday 3 rd December	Year 6 Make £5 grow Rev Nick to lead a whole school Christingle Assembly
Friday 5 th December at 15:30	Year 4 residential meeting in Puffins
Monday 15 th December	Year 1 trip to the Pantomime
Wednesday 17 th December	Whole School Christmas Treat – Further information to follow
Friday 19 th December	Last Day of the term before the Christmas Holiday
January 2025	
Tuesday 6 th January	Children return to school after the Christmas Holiday
Friday 23 rd January	Art Exhibition at Chard Guildhall

Sunflowers of Somerset Poetry Competition

Last Saturday morning Ava, Victoria, Emelia and Amelia read their poems and stories they had entered into the 'Sunflowers of Somerset' competition at Monks Yard. Their writing has been published in a special book that is available to buy.



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.

Mr Clode's Birthday Celebrations – Tank Top Day!

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and children who helped make Mr Clode's 50th birthday such a joyful celebration on Tuesday. He was truly overwhelmed and surprised by the incredible number of pupils who came to school proudly wearing colourful tank tops in his honour! The variety, creativity, and enthusiasm brought so much fun to the day and meant the world to him. Mr Clode was deeply touched by all the warm wishes, cards, gifts, personal greetings, and love shared by our wonderful school community. Thank you for helping make his milestone birthday one he will always remember and for keeping the day a complete secret.



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.



Save the dates for our Christmas performances

We are swiftly moving into the Christmas period, and the children will soon start to perform their Christmas events 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. Tickets have been issued to family

members to enable safe attendance to these performances. Tickets are not needed for the St Mary's Services.

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

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Year 6 Make £5 grow – Christmas Fete

Our Y6 children will be hosting a Christmas Fete throughout the morning of Wednesday 3rd December where they will be selling items that they have made for their 'Make £5 grow' Young Enterprise project. The event will open at 09:00 where parents are invited to come into school to view and purchase items until 10:00. After 10:00 children in each of the other Key Stage 2 classes will have opportunity to support their Year 6 friends and buy items. On this day children in Key Stage 2 may wish to bring a small amount of money into school to buy products.



Pre-loved Christmas Jumper Sale

After school on Thursday 4th December the school council are holding a pre-loved Christmas Jumper Sale to raise money for their charity of the year. Please do bring any clean, unwanted, Christmas jumpers or t-shirts into school by the morning of the day of the sale and these can be sold. All items will cost £1.

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Workshop

Year 2 enjoyed their morning with our visitors from the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra on Tuesday. They listened to tunes played on the Cello and Bozo and worked together to create part of a song that will be performed at their concert in April.



Christmas Carols at the Beacon

The time for Christmas carolling will soon be here. The Christmas Carols at the Beacon will once more be hosted by Chard Churches Together on Saturday 6th December. This lovely event will start outside the front of our school at 16:00 and individuals will walk to the Beacon together to sing carols. Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter for more information.



Christmas Dinner for each child

Don't forget to book your child's free school Christmas Dinner on ParentPay by the end of the day today. A letter has been sent home that explains how to do this and can be found on the school website.

2027-2028 Admissions Policy Consultation

We are consulting on our admissions policy and arrangements to come into effect from September 2027. To view and comment on the arrangements please follow this link: <https://sومersetcouncil.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/2027-arrangements>.

The consultation will end on Monday 5th January 2026 and the final determined arrangements will be published on our school website by 15th March 2026. Our new admissions policy will provide a priority for admission to the main school from September 2027 to any child who has attended our Early Years Centre for two terms.

Winter contingency plan

The temperature had certainly dropped last week and many places in the United Kingdom experienced plenty of snow and ice! We have a thorough contingency plan in place and a very supportive and hardworking staff team so it is unlikely that we will need to close the school. Last week we sent home, via ParentPay, a letter to remind parents of the plans in case we are required to close for any reason. Please do read it to ensure you are aware of what will happen.



EYC news from Miss Warren

Thank you to those who attended our parents evening. It was so lovely to chat to you all about how your children are progressing. Our next parents evening will be in the spring term. The children have been taking part in our MC48 for this half term - kite flying! This has been great fun and very much enjoyed by the children and staff! With the colder weather now here, please make sure your child comes to preschool with a winter coat and hat. All items of clothing must be named.

The Mayor of Chard's Christmas Carol Concert

The Mayor of Chard's Christmas Carol Concert will take place on Wednesday 3rd 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.



Easy Fund Raising – A message from the FMCA

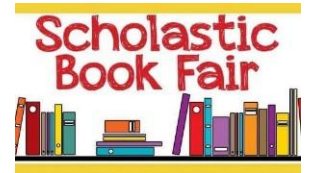
The FMCA need your help. A quick and easy way for the FMCA to raise additional funds is through using Easy Fundraising when doing your online shopping. It is a really easy way to raise money. People just need to sign up and have the FMCA as the cause and then every time they go to buy something online it will prompt them to add donation with a pop up which you click yes and then carry on as normal during online shopping. Please use the link that can be found on the school

Facebook page and do contact the FMCA if you need any help.

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Scholastic Book Fair

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding a **HALF PRICE** Scholastic book fair! The fair opened on Tuesday and will run until Monday 1st 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!



Music G&T Day – A message from Miss Prater

On Wednesday Year 1 to Year 4 were busy learning about lots of different instruments and even had a go at playing each one. They blew Miss Prater away with their musical skills and ended their sessions by performing as a group and sharing what they had been learning. Year 5 and Year 6 were introduced to a music-recording program called GarageBand. They became music producers for the day, each creating their own song using newly learned production techniques and shared their work with the group at the end of the session.

The Chard Christmas Present Appeal

The Lords Larder 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.



EFSA Girls Football Competition

Our Year 5 & 6 girls did us proud at the ESFA Girls' Football Competition at Bucklers Mead during the afternoon of Thursday 21st November. They gave it their all, enjoyed every moment, and showed fantastic resilience out in the blistering cold.

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.

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.



Gifted and Talented Art Day

Our Gifted & Talented Artists have been using acrylic paints to create their own masterpieces inspired by this term's artist, Frida Kahlo.

Year 2-4 are painting animal portraits on metallic card based on 'The Frame' which Frida Kahlo painted on a mirror and was the first painting by a Mexican artist to be bought by the Louvre in Paris.

Year 5&6 are painting wooden blocks with images inspired by Frida Kahlo's work, quotes or her life, e.g. her home 'La Casa Azul' or her favourite animals - spider

monkeys and parrots. They will finish them next week and they will be on display at the public Art Exhibition at the Guildhall in January.

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Year 2 Trip to the Fleet Air Arm Museum



Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic and truly memorable visit to the Fleet Air Arm Museum this week. The children were fully engaged as they learned about record-breaking achievements and key innovators in the history of flight, making meaningful links to our current history work on John Stringfellow.

Throughout the day, they explored the fascinating world of naval aviation, past and present, by getting up close to real aircraft, discovering how technology has evolved over time, and taking part in a range of interactive exhibits. A particular highlight was the opportunity to board the iconic Concorde 002.

As we moved through the museum, the classes deepened their understanding of how flight has changed and the remarkable individuals who contributed to its development. It was an inspiring day that brought our learning to life and sparked lots of curiosity and discussion back in the classroom.



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.

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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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 increased number of places are filling up 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.

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.



PE Days for Autumn Term 2

Our PE Days have been set for the next 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
Herons & Otters	Wednesday & Thursday

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Numatic prizes

Jonathan from Numatic Community & Careers has visited again to hand over the prizes for the colouring competition that he set during our recent careers' day. The children were so pleased to receive their Henry and Hetty book and jigsaw puzzle! A huge congratulations to our winners and a massive thanks to Jonathon for giving up his time to do this.



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.



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.

Chard Museum Christmas Tree Festival

It's that lovely time of the year when as a school we will participate in the variety of fantastic Christmas community events. One of the events in Chard is the Chard Museum Christmas Tree Festival. Please do support the Chard Museum by attending their Christmas Tree festival; more information can be found in their poster at the end of this newsletter.

Geography Fieldwork in Year 6

In Geography recently, Year 6 conducted some fieldwork within the school field, looking for evidence to support that we live in a temperate deciduous biome.



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.

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

Online Safety news from Miss Hamilton

Christmas can be an exciting time when many children are given new devices and gadgets. Ireland's online safety charity, CyberSafeKids, have put together a brand-new guide for parents and carers covering: The benefits and risks of popular smart devices and toys, what you can do to make them safer, age recommendations and lots more.

You can find the guide here: <https://www.cybersafekids.ie/giftguide/>



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



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 or contact them through their Facebook page.

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.

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.



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.

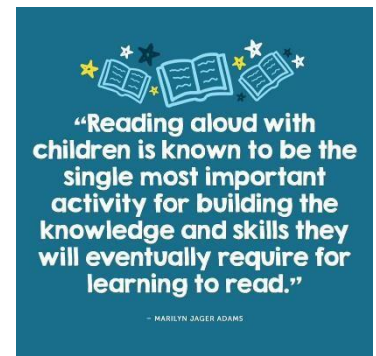
If you have any spare or unwanted gardening equipment such as trowels, gloves, spades, forks or rakes please bring them to the school office to help with the setting up of the groups. Thank you.

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.



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

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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.



Thank you for your continued support.

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Mr Luke Talmage
Headteacher

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Mr Alan Clode
Deputy Headteacher and Inclusion Leader

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



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Key:

	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Days

Term dates summary:

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

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.



PRESENTS



CHRISTMAS CAROLS
AROUND THE ILLUMINATED NATIVITY
AT CHARD BEACON



4PM SATURDAY DECEMBER 6TH

MEETING OUTSIDE MANOR COURT SCHOOL

WALKING IN PROCESSION TO THE BEACON

COME IN COSTUME (OPTIONAL)



BRING A TORCH
FREE HOT CHOCOLATE





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



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

5th / 6th / 7th
DECEMBER 2025
10am - 3.30pm

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SEE TREES DECORATED BY
LOCAL GROUPS & SCHOOLS

MADE IN CHARD
HAND CRAFTED GIFTS

MUSIC & REFRESHMENTS
SOUP & HOTDOGS
AVAILABLE 12 - 2PM DAILY

FREE ADMISSION
(Donations welcome)

*Meet Santa 11am - 2pm
Saturday 6th December*

Gift for all visitors under 13

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Christmas MARKET

29TH & 30TH NOVEMBER

OPENING HOURS:
11:00 - 15:00

GIFTS * CRAFTS * FOOD

FREE ENTRY

AXMINSTER GUILDHALL

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 Eve Movie Night

How the Grinch Stole Christmas

Wednesday, December 24th

Doors 2PM - Film 3 PM - 4:45 PM

Axminster Guildhall

Children £1.50
Adult £2
(includes drink and mince pie)
see booking page for more details

www.axminster-guildhall.co.uk

Show profits will support

- children's hospice SOUTH WEST
- Libraries Unlimited
- Axminster Library
- CIRC

Scan QR code for info and tickets.

Tickets also available at the door.

PLYMUG presents

AXMINSTER BRICKTACULAR 2

3rd January 2026 10am to 4.30pm
Axminster Guildhall, 5 West St, EX13 5NX

QUIET TIME SESSION - CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
FANTASTIC DISPLAYS - ON-SITE VENDORS

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**SUITABLE FOR YEAR 5 & 6 CHILDREN INTERESTED
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TRAINING IN CHARD - TUESDAYS 7-8PM

MATCHES - 10AM SATURDAYS

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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 - 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.

 **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 16TH JANUARY 26

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

Book a table by contacting
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

