



The  
**Redstart**  
Primary School



## Message from Mrs Collins

30<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Photo of the week

As we come to the end of a wonderfully busy spring term, I would like to take a moment to celebrate the many exciting learning experiences our children have enjoyed over the past few weeks. Our staff have worked hard to provide enriching opportunities that spark curiosity, deepen understanding, and inspire the children to do their very best.

Our Reception children were thrilled to meet some extraordinary visitors from Fangs and Feathers, who introduced them to a range of exotic creatures—including snakes and giant millipedes. This hands-on experience certainly sparked plenty of awe and wonder!

Year 5 enjoyed an engaging day at the Fleet Air Arm Museum, exploring Britain's naval aviation history, while another group of Year 5 pupils had the remarkable opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament. Hosted by Adam Dance MP and supported by the organisation Never Such Innocence, the children gained fascinating insights into how democracy works and the importance of avoiding war.

Across the school, all children took part in an inspiring sports activity day led by Paralympian footballer Jack Rutter, who shared powerful messages about resilience, determination, and giving your best despite challenges.

Years 5 and 6 also joined an online mathematics event, where they met professionals working in maths-related careers—helping them understand just how many exciting paths maths can lead to.

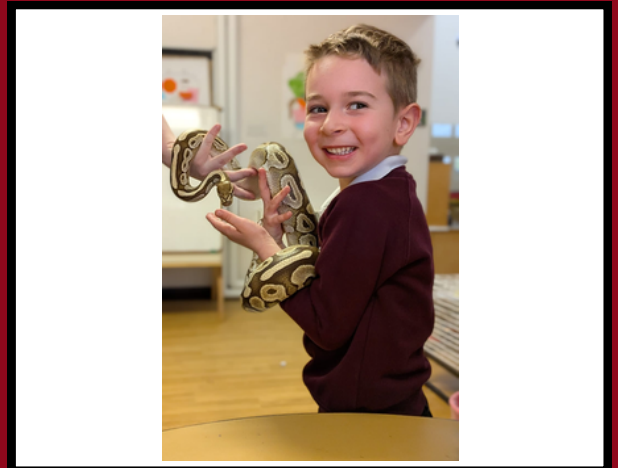
Our KS2 children were captivated by a visiting storyteller, Tom Spencer, whose imaginative tales transported them to new worlds and sparked their interest in developing their own original stories. This was part of our month focusing on reading and writing and culminating in our story-writing competition - Mr Platt and Mr Storey were very impressed to receive over 100 entries, proving that Redstart children love to write! Meanwhile, teachers also had the chance to broaden their horizons by visiting schools across the CLF Trust on our recent INSET day, gathering ideas and inspiration to help us continue improving practice here at Redstart.

We were delighted to welcome parents into school as well. Year 1 and 2 families joined us for reading afternoons to learn more about how we teach early reading, and our new Nursery parents enjoyed an open afternoon to meet staff and learn about life in our Early Years setting. Some of you also joined our parents' evening, where hopefully you gained more of an insight into your child's learning.

### Academy Councillors Needed

We currently have vacancies for sponsor councillors on our Academy Council. While our parent and staff roles are fully filled, we are looking for community members who are not already directly involved with the school. If you know someone who is passionate about making a difference to the education of hundreds of children and is able to commit to just six evenings a year, please encourage them to get in touch with the school office. Their contribution would be hugely valued.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this vibrant and productive term. We will break up on Thursday at the usual time (please note there is no tea club on the final day). We wish all our families a restful break and look forward to welcoming the children back for the summer term.



### Dates for your Diary

- 31st March-Easter concert for Pianist's
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April-FoRS Non-School uniform day
- \*\*\*3rd-17th April Half term\*\*\***
- 20<sup>th</sup> April-Summer Term Starts
- 23<sup>rd</sup> April-YR 4 Swimming starts (Osprey Class)
- 27<sup>th</sup> April-No School uniform for winning house
- 28<sup>th</sup> April-FoRS Cake Sale YR5 & Nursery
- 29<sup>th</sup> April-Tempest Class photos
- 4<sup>th</sup> May-Bank Holiday
- 6<sup>th</sup> May-Parent drop in
- 11<sup>th</sup> May-Year 6 SATS week

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# General Information

## **Attendance & Term-Time Holidays**

We understand that family time is important, but we kindly remind parents that holidays during term time should be avoided. Taking children out of school can significantly impact their learning.

Please understand the following:

Even if you are taking your child out for a day only, please complete the term-time leave form. If we don't know where your child is, we have to instigate our safeguarding procedures which take up valuable time.

One of our core values is honesty. If you are planning a holiday, please be truthful. We value open communication and trust between school and home.

You can use the absence line (01460 67457 option 1) to leave messages at any time of the day or night. We can administer medicine if needed and will send children home if they are too poorly to attend school.

## **Office Hours & Contact**

Please note that the school office opens after **9:00am**. If you arrive before this time, we kindly ask that you wait outside. For general queries, you can:

- Visit our school website
- Phone the office (01460 67457)
- Email us (info@rps.clf.uk)

We aim to respond promptly and appreciate your patience.

## **School Hours & Gate Access**

- Gates open at 8:40am

Classroom doors open at 8:45am

If you arrive at 8:50am or later, please go to the front entrance and sign in at the late gate. Punctuality helps children start their day calmly and confidently.

## **School Trips & Contributions**

We love offering trips and experiences that enhance learning. However, when voluntary contributions aren't made, the school absorbs the cost, which limits what we can offer in the future.

If you're unable to contribute, please speak to us—we're here to help. Every little bit makes a difference and means we can continue to offer experiences to the children that enrich their learning.

**Contact Details**— As per our attendance policy it is the Parents/Carers duty to ensure contact details are kept up to date. It is also important for School to hold details of at least 2 emergency contacts for each pupil. This information can be sent to the School office at Info@rps.co.uk

**School Dinners**— Please book School dinners 2 days in advance via the MCAS app.

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## **Important Update: New Telephone Answer Machine Options**

**We have updated our telephone answer machine to help direct your calls more efficiently. When you call the school, you will now hear the following options:**

1. Student Absence (Main School) – To report a pupil absence for the main school.
2. Nursery Student Absence – To report an absence for a Nursery child.
3. Safeguarding Team – For any safeguarding messages/concerns.
4. General Messages – For all nonabsence related enquiries.
5. Extension Number – For staff use only.
6. Reception – To speak directly with our school office.
7. Staff Absence Reporting – For staff use only.

**Thank you for your cooperation as we improve our communication systems.**

# Nursery

The nursery children have really enjoyed the topic 'Up on the farm' they have engaged well with the core books 'The three Billy Goat gruff, 'The little red hen' and 'Rosie walk' and have been looking at other supporting texts, watching videos on the interactive whiteboard.

The Little Red hen story has given the children the opportunities for further number recognition and counting set amounts. They have enjoyed listening to and following simple counting experiences. The pre-reception children have started further phonic activities within story time especially around letter sounds, looking at the letters within their name and making marks.

We have observed and supported the children in lots of conversations about farm animals in small world play and they have engaged in all tactile experiences. The children are now using the correct language when identifying and describing various farm animals. They have been making and designing Farm books and using appropriate tools.

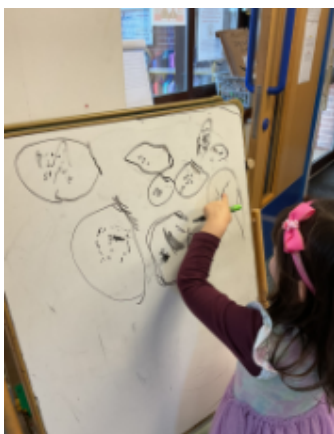
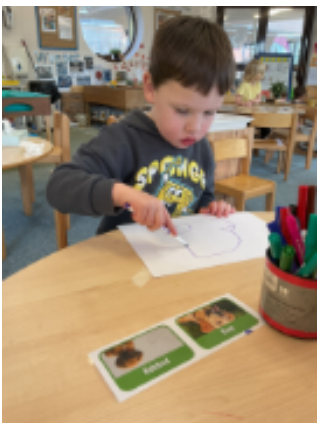
All the children have been recently making their easter eggs cards as they are getting ready for the easter holidays celebrations learning about new life and spring. The easter bunny will be coming to nursery and we will be having an easter egg hunt in on the nursery garden.

We have a lovely new home corner in the nursery support by the Tesco Grant money. The children have enjoyed playing and exploring the new resources, which has supported their language, social skills and imaginative play. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the blue token collection in Tesco's.

We continue to have regular story sessions with Holyrood school, who have been reading to the nursery in small groups.

We have welcomed new families into the setting on open days and have settled children. We continue to welcome more children after Easter.

We wish all our families a happy Holiday.



# Reception

Puffins and Penguins have enjoyed exploring the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff during our Literacy sessions, independent learning and afternoon groups. We have retold the story, creating bridges for the goats to cross the river using different types of resources and materials both inside the classroom and in our outdoor area.

Discussing the characteristics of the troll led to some fabulous writing as well as making a meal to eat with the troll where we were able to teach him some better table manners and observe what happened to the food items as they were heated.

We have also been investigating how other things change – the children were amazed to watch what happens to fruit when it is peeled and left out for days! Having learned about the life cycle of a frog we were hoping to find some evidence of frogspawn in the pond on our forest school days but unfortunately there was nothing to be seen! However, using the book 'Tad', some models and playdough we were able to discover how frogspawn develops into tadpoles, before growing legs to transform into froglets and finally becoming fully grown frogs.

The highlight of the term for most was the visit from 'Fangs and Feathers' who visited with a number of creatures including snakes, reptiles and millipedes. The children were able to learn more about the animals including how they grow and change. Many of us were brave enough to handle them, taking care to be gentle and keep them safe. It was a very exciting day!



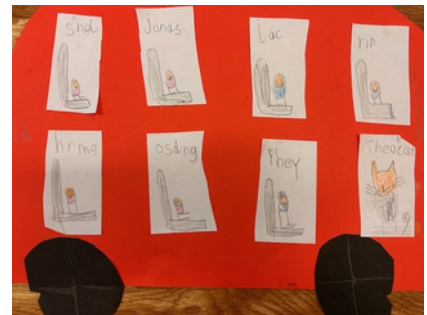
We have had another really busy term in Year One. We cannot believe where the time is going! This half term, we concluded our Geography work on The United Kingdom. Ask your child if they can tell you the four Countries, and their Capital Cities. This work has linked to our Writing. We have been finding out all about London. The children have written and illustrated some amazing postcards, which are on display in the classrooms. They know so much about the London Landmarks and have really enjoyed this topic.

In DT, we have learnt about towers and bridges. The children designed and built their own, and learnt a lesson about being resilient – this wasn't as easy as they first thought.

Thank you to those of you who gained sponsorship for our Sport for School Visit. We had great fun participating in a very energetic session with Jack Rutter. We were very inspired by his story and his achievements.

You will find a Phonic Screening information pack in your child's book bag. Alongside your usual reading, we would be extremely grateful if you could find some time to work through this with your child. This is very familiar to the children and every bit of extra practise supports their progress and success.

We have enjoyed a few breaktimes at school now in warmer weather without the need for coats. However, as the weather is so interchangeable, please do continue to send in a coat every day. This is also a good time for a polite reminder to make sure that your child's clothing is named. We've had a few missing jumpers recently! Please also check their PE kit, as the children continue to grow! We wish you all a lovely break and we hope that the weather will become more Spring like when we welcome you back.



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a busy and exciting time in Year 2, and we wanted to share some of the fantastic learning that has been happening in class!

The children have been learning lots of fascinating facts about emperor penguins. They have been using interesting sentence openers, such as "Did you know...?", to write engaging information sentences. We have been so impressed with how confidently they are beginning to write like real researchers!

In Maths, the children have been exploring multiplication and have practised drawing arrays to help them understand how groups and repeated addition work. We have now moved on to fractions, where the children have been learning how to find a half, a quarter, and a third of shapes and different amounts. They are doing brilliantly with this new learning.

A huge thank you for all your support with World Book Day! The children looked absolutely amazing in their costumes. We were blown away by their creativity, imagination, and enthusiasm. What a joyful day it was!

Thank you to those who are continuing to support the children's learning at home. Please remember that the school's expectation is that the children read at least 4 times a week. This makes such a big difference to their confidence and fluency.

We add the week's spellings to Spelling Shed which is a perfect for practising weekly spellings in a fun and interactive way.

We now have access to Times Tables Rock Stars! The children can now show off how brilliant their maths skills are by practising their times tables online.

Thank you for your continued support. We are incredibly proud of our Year 2 learners!

The Year 2 Team



In Writing, we have been exploring *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. The children have designed their own imaginative characters and produced some fantastic descriptive writing. We are now beginning to plan a letter from Hogarth to the Iron Man.

In Maths, we have been working with money. Some children are still finding this a little tricky, so any practice at home counting coins or adding small totals would be a great help. We continue to rehearse our 2 times tables and are also building confidence with column addition and subtraction.

Our Science topic is plants. The children really enjoyed carrying out an experiment to see how plants transport water through their stems. We have also been learning about seed dispersal and the role of pollinators. While out and about, it would be lovely to chat with your child about the signs of spring—hopefully they can tell you how different plants spread their seeds!

In Art, the children have been creating mono prints using their own cardboard printing blocks. We are exploring the Iron Age and how people lived during this fascinating period. Ham Hill now has a new visitor centre all about its hillfort—if your child is keen to discover more, it could make a wonderful weekend visit.

Please keep reading at home with your child; reading aloud to an audience really helps develop expression, confidence and fluency. It also provides a great opportunity for children to ask questions about unfamiliar vocabulary. TT Rockstars can be played as often as your child finds helpful, and it will automatically set the times tables they need to strengthen playing the Garage game. Please remember not to complete the Gigs at home, as we do this monthly in school. Thank you for your support.



Well, it has been another busy few weeks in Year 4!

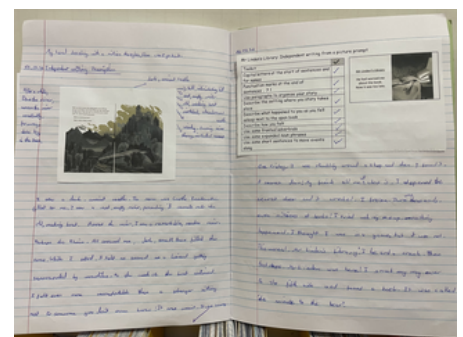
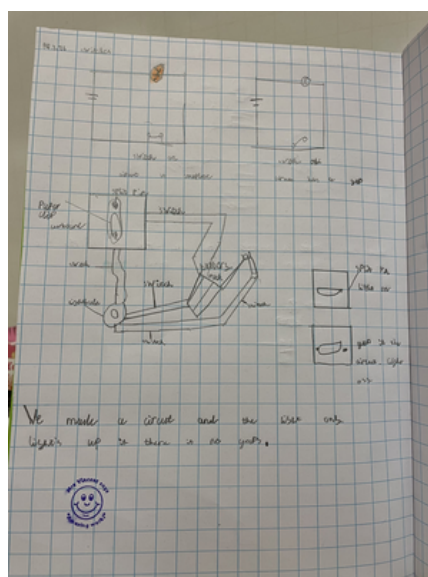
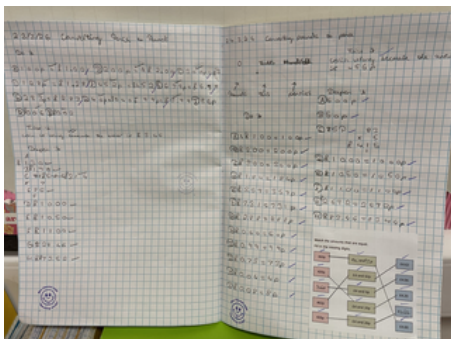
In Maths, we have been working on decimals, linking this work to money. After the Easter holiday, we will be starting our new unit on fractions, before finishing the year building on our understanding of measure, capacity and time. Please do feel free to complete some Maths over the holidays too, it is then not so much of a shock when the children return to school after a 2-week break! The children will all complete a national Year 4 times table check in June, so any practise at recalling their times tables will really help them with this. There are lots of free websites to further support them, such as [timestables.co.uk](http://timestables.co.uk) and [Topmarks Maths](http://Topmarks Maths), which have lots of resources and games the children can access to help their learning. They can also use their Times Table Rock Stars account over the Easter holidays too.

In Literacy, we have just completed a unit of work writing a story inspired by Mary Shelley, who wrote Frankenstein, and are now working towards creating a biography about her life using everything we have learnt about her this half term. The children are enjoying learning key facts about her life. Thank you to all of those who are reading regularly with their children at home, it really does have a huge impact on your child's progress in all curriculum areas. The children love choosing their next book from our school library. As you read with your children, see if they can find any grammatical features we have been looking at, such as apostrophes, inverted commas, fronted adverbials and subordinate clauses.

Our Science and D&T topic this half term has been Electricity. As part of this unit of work, the children have all designed and will be creating their own night lights. They had to create a success criteria for their finished product, which we will use to evaluate their final piece. We will then use the Crumble Kits to programme their night lights to turn on and off. As we've been learning how to use the programming software, it's been lovely to see so many children helping others with their work, either by helping to find solutions if something didn't work or helping with the coding.

Our exciting swimming lessons will start on Thursday afternoons on our return to school after the Easter break. Osprey Class swim first on Thursday 23rd April for their 6 weeks. It will then be Buzzard Class for 6 weeks from Thursday 11th June.

Have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing you all again for the Summer Term.



The children have had a super Spring term in Year 5.

We all really enjoyed our trip to the Fleet Air Arm Museum to support our history of flight topic.

In Maths, we are continuing to learn about fractions and decimals. The children have worked hard to apply their knowledge of fractions to solve problems and we've even had a go at rounding. Please remind your child of our expectation of doing at least 10 minutes of Maths homework per week, which acts as revision from our lessons in school. All children in Y5 need to know their times tables so please encourage your child to practise them through TT Rock Stars. Your child has their log in and passwords in their homework book.

In our writing lessons, the enthusiasm has been fantastic! We've been using the book *Lost Happy Endings* as our springboard for creativity. The children then designed their own character and wrote their story around their new character. They are now just finishing off their recount text in our non-fiction unit where they are writing about the trip to FAAM.

For Science, our focus is Forces and so far, we have had a great time learning about friction, gravity and air resistance. In RE, we are finishing off our study of Judaism. The children have finished their 'Space' art for our Art project and we are coming to the end of our class read 'Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen.

Thank you for your support with encouraging your child to read 4 times a week and continuing to work hard with their homework.



We are so proud of how hard all the children have been working this term, especially as they prepare for their SATs heading towards Easter.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed finishing their Geography topic on Volcanoes and Earthquakes. As part of this, they created some fantastic art pieces inspired by Edvard Munch – we were blown away by their creativity! We've now moved on to learning about the Geography of North America. The children have shown great interest and are enjoying discovering the diverse landscapes, cultures, and landmarks of this fascinating continent.

We recently completed a Science unit on Evolution. The children took part in an engaging experiment exploring how different birds' beaks have evolved to suit the food available to them – they really enjoyed this hands-on approach to learning!

In English, the children had great fun producing a Survival Guide for a Post-Apocalyptic Earth. Their imaginative and creative ideas were incredible. We are also really impressed with the number of children who have worked hard to be awarded a fountain pen for their beautiful handwriting.

Mrs Rose from Holyrood has now met with all the children to help them feel more comfortable about their transition to Year 7. This has been a valuable opportunity for them to ask questions and ease any worries about the move to secondary school. She will continue her visits through the next term.

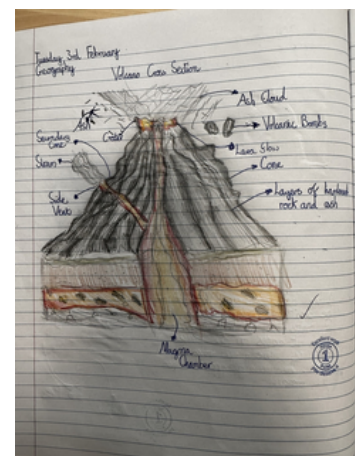
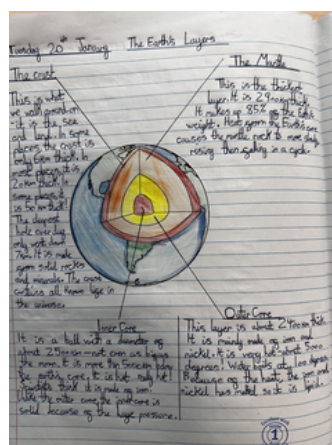
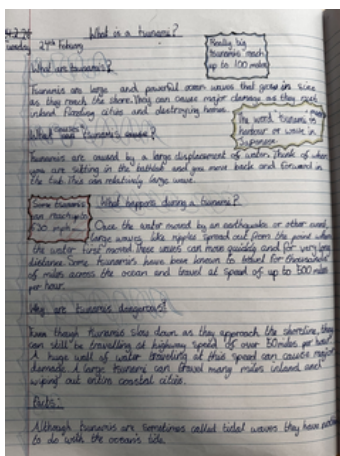
We will be sending home some practice SATs papers over the Easter holiday. Please encourage your child to complete them and bring them back at the start of next term. This will really help them feel confident and prepared for SATs week. We'll also be sending out a separate newsletter after the holiday with more detailed information about SATs week.

We hope all the children have a wonderful Easter break, full of rest and fun! We look forward to seeing them back refreshed and ready for a successful term ahead.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

The Year 6 Team



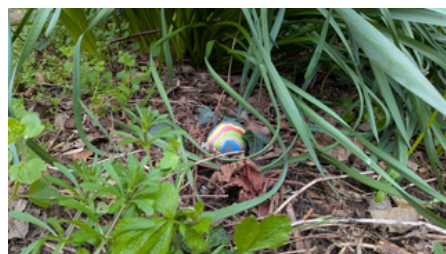
We have had some great days out at Forest School over the last few weeks. The most exciting thing is the arrival of Spring. There are buds on the trees and a host of flowers have all come through: from snowdrops to crocuses to daffodils and now lots of daisies! There has also been activity back in the pond and a few frogs have been observed - we are still perplexed as to what happened to the rest of the frogs. Ten years ago we would see 300 plus frogs coming back to our pond every Spring. We now don't see more than a dozen or so. This has coincided with a huge increase in our nest population.

Children have done a whole host of activities in the grounds, from shelter building to making fairy doors to bridge building and tripod building.

In loving memory



The Y2 children have been painting rocks in loving memory of our dear Redstart child, Xander so that his joy of rainbows can live on within the Forest School.



# Safeguarding Team

**Safeguarding is high priority at The Redstart Primary School. We take every opportunity to ensure that our pupil's safety is paramount. We want our pupils to be healthy and happy and to develop well, both physically and mentally.**

**Our Safeguarding Team**



**Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mrs Rebecca Collins:**



**Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are:  
Mrs Joanne Margetts, Early Intervention and Attendance Lead**



**Mrs Tara Duke, Nurture Lead**



**The DSL for Nursery is Mrs Caroline Miller:**



**Mrs Kerri Norman, Senco**

# ONLINE SAFETY FOR UNDER 5s

## 10 Top Tips for Parents and Carers

According to Ofcom's most recent research, a significant proportion of children are already online by the time they start school, with 17% of 5-year-olds owning their own mobile phone and 50% using messaging platforms. As becoming familiar with technology is generally encouraged in younger children – and has been essential for education during the pandemic – it is crucial that trusted adults recognise both the benefits and the risks of infants and toddlers using digital devices. We've compiled our top tips to help the under-5s start their online safety journey.

### 1 USE DEVICES TOGETHER

This lets you monitor and control what your child is using the device for. It also provides the interaction that supports children's understanding of what they're seeing – allowing them to ask you questions, and so on.

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### 6 BLOCK IN-APP PURCHASES

If your child uses a device that's linked to a payment method (such as a bank card), use the parental controls to block buys from app stores, as well as in-app purchases. That will prevent your child from accidentally spending money while on your device.

### 2 ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most digital devices have built-in parental controls that can limit the type of content children have access to. If your little one uses any device (even borrowing yours), it's a good idea to explore what controls the device has and enable them whenever they have access to it.

### 7 CHOOSE SAFE APPS AND SITES

There are some fantastic apps and platforms that are specifically designed to be safe for children. Always check the PEGI age rating before downloading an app, and test it yourself before allowing your child to use it.

### 3 MANAGE SCREEN TIME

This can be tricky, especially if your child is interested in a certain video, app or game. Try to agree on some ground rules and get your child into a routine which includes certain times of the day when they go without devices.

### 8 INVOLVE THE FAMILY

If your toddler has older siblings, it's likely that their rules for device use will be different – and that they'll access content that isn't appropriate for younger ones (a particular worry if they share devices). Encourage the whole family to be good role models and help little ones stay safe online.

### 4 TALK ABOUT BEING SAFE ONLINE

Just like we teach children about being safe in the real world, we need to educate them about how to stay safe online. Use age-appropriate language to help them understand, and plenty of hand gestures can reinforce what you're telling them.

### 9 IF IN DOUBT, ASK

The easiest way to find out what your child is doing online is usually just to talk about it with them. Developing an open dialogue at an early age helps them grow up feeling able to talk to you about their digital life – providing opportunities to intervene if you're concerned.

### 5 SET A GOOD EXAMPLE

Children often learn by watching and copying those around them, and using digital devices is no exception. When you're around your child, try to follow the same rules that you've set for them. Let them see you balancing your time online with interacting with people in real life, too.

### 10 SUPPORT CREATIVE & ACTIVE PLAY

Physical and creative activities are important for a child's wellbeing, and there are plenty of ways to incorporate technology into that. For example, you could encourage games that require physical movement; dance and sing along to songs your child loves; and follow step-by-step crafting videos.

### Meet Our Expert

Konstantina Moustaka is a professional development and EYFS coordinator at an 'outstanding' nursery school in London. She has been working as a nursery and early years practitioner, both in the UK and internationally, for the past 18 years.



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## **Parent & Family Support Service**

**We would like to remind our school community that if any parent or carer is looking for extra support around matters including but not limited to;**

- **separation**
- **parent communication**
- **tricky behaviours**
- **debt**
- **housing**
- **mental health/emotional wellbeing**

**please feel free to have a conversation with a member of our safeguarding team who would be happy to discuss a referral to the Parent & Family Support Advisor, or other service if necessary.**

**If you are concerned about your child's attendance, please contact the school office to make an appointment with Mrs Margetts who will be happy to offer you and your family support.**

**If you have recently had a change of circumstance, please consider whether this may have affected your entitlement to financial support. Any of our parents/carers are welcome to request an assessment of their means to see if their child may qualify for Free School Meals. Also, please remember that we are always happy to request food parcels for any of our families. These requests will be dealt with confidentially and on a 'no questions asked' basis.**

**Please see the Somerset School Nurse Team Newsletter leaflet regarding 'Chat Health' for advice and support from the School Nurse Team. Again, if you wish to talk about a referral, please**



Jan/Feb/March 2026



**Somerset  
Council**

# Somerset School Nurse Team Newsletter

## Welcome to the new Somerset School Nurse Team newsletter!

The school nurse team is made up of Specialist Community Public Health Nurses, and Assistant Practitioners. We specialise in promoting the health and wellbeing of children and young people aged 5–19 years and cover primary and secondary schools across Somerset.

This newsletter will be delivered termly, and is intended to keep you up-to-date on all the things we are doing as a service, and will include topics and links relevant to physical and mental health.

We hope you find this newsletter helpful but please do feedback anything you would like to be added.

[Somerset children & young people : Health & Wellbeing : Phn School Nursing](#)



Feedback QR code

**SAINT**  
School Aged Immunisation Nursing Team

**NHS Somerset**  
NHS Foundation Trust

School aged vaccinations

Did you know they will be offered these routine vaccinations at school?

- FLU - Reception - Year 11
- MMR - Year 8
- HPV - Year 8
- Meningitis ACWY - Year 9
- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP)

Did you miss us?  
We also have community clinics across Somerset for:

- Home Educated Children
- Anxious Children
- Children who missed the session at School

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For further information scan the QR code or please speak with a member of the team

Call us on **0300 323 0032**

Kindness, Respect, Teamwork  
Everyone, Every day

## Children's Mental Health Week 2026

9–15 February 2026



If your child is struggling with their mental health speak with a school nurse or your GP.

Further support can be found:

[Mental Health Issues | Young Somerset](#)

[YoungMinds | Mental Health Charity For Children And Young People | YoungMinds](#)

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**85258**  
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## Are you looking for support with your child's bedwetting?

If so please contact your school nurse team for advice or make contact via the Chat Health Text service.

For more information regarding this topic please visit the following website:

[\*\*ERIC\*\*](#)

Free helpline:  
0808 801 0343



Do you have a child with additional needs/and or disabilities?

Are you looking for advice and support?

The Somerset Parent Carer Forum provides a range of information and support for parents and carers in Somerset. They run a range of support groups and workshops for parents/carers to attend, and also provide a phoneline where you can speak to a parent representative.

For more information click on the link below:

[Somerset Parent Carer Forum C.I.C Ltd \(not for profit\) company](#)



### 6 ways to help your child with their weight



Small lifestyle changes can make a big difference – try these top tips.

**1. Find some support**

Speak to your child's school nurse, GP or practice nurse who will help support your family with diet and lifestyle changes if needed.

**2. Make some healthier food swaps**

There are lots of easy ways to cut back on sugar, salt and saturated fat – get started with our top tips and simple swaps.

[Food facts - Healthier Families - NHS](#)

**3. Eat balanced meals**

Find out what a healthy, balanced diet looks like. [The Eatwell Guide - NHS](#)

**4. Try some new recipes**

Get inspiration to help your family eat well every day. [Recipes - Healthier Families - NHS](#)

**5. Get moving**

Try boosting your family's activity levels in 10-minute bursts with our Disney inspired play along games.

[10 Minute Shake Up games – Healthier Families - NHS](#)

**ChatHealth**

- Parent advice & support
- Healthy lifestyles
- School transitioning
- Emotional health

**is your child 5-19 and are you looking for confidential help and support?**

A safe and easy way to contact your School Nursing Team

Just send a text  
**07480 635 515**

Disclaimer: This is not an emergency service. It operates Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm and is only available by using a UK mobile number. Your messages are stored on our secure system and can be seen by the School Nursing Team who run our ChatHealth service. Although this is a confidential service, in the event of a safeguarding issue the School Nurse has a duty of care to act on this and may escalate the concern.

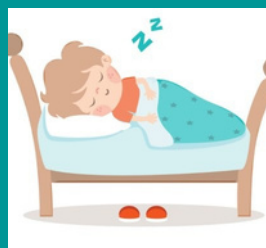
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**Somerset School Nurse Team Contact Details:**

Email: [schoolnurseduty@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:schoolnurseduty@somerset.gov.uk)

Tel: 0300 790 9854



## SLEEP

Is your child struggling with sleep?

For practical advice & support visit...



[Home - The Sleep Charity](#)

Alternatively, speak with a school nurse using our ChatHealth text service  
Tel: 07480635 515

### National Childhood Measurement Programme (NCMP)

Is your child in RECEPTION or Year 6?

If so, the school nurse team will begin visiting schools in the New Year to complete the height and weight measurements of all children in Reception and Year 6.

For more information regarding the programme please click on the link below:

[Somerset children & young people: Health & Wellbeing : F2f Ph Ncmp](#)



## School Attendance - information for parents/carers

As per our attendance policy, the school undertakes regular monitoring of attendance to ensure that, where required, help and support is offered at the earliest opportunity.

In order to ensure parent/carers are kept up to date with their child's attendance record, the school will send out letters at specific intervals, for example, where there have been frequent absences or where attendance has fallen below a certain percentage. This is regardless of whether absences are authorised or where the school has been kept fully updated with the reasons for absence.

We do appreciate that it can be frustrating to receive a letter when your child has suffered absences which could not be helped i.e. where there is a rule to stay at home for 48 hours. Where the school identifies concerns (unexplained, sporadic or lengthy absences or continued lateness) parents/carers will be invited in for a meeting to discuss what support the school can provide to improve attendance.

Descriptor	Attendance	Whole Days Absent	Lost Hours of Learning
Excellent	100% - 99%	0 - 2	0 - 10
Good	98% - 96%	4 - 7.5	20-37.5
Requires Improvement	95% - 91%	9.5 - 17	47.5 - 85
Persistent Absentee	90% - 86%	19 - 27	95 - 135
Critical	85% - 80%	28.5 - 38	142.5 - 190

We thank all our parents/carers for continuing to update the school office where your child has been unable to come into school.

If your child is unable to attend school due to a medical appointment, please ensure you provide us with evidence of their appointment. This could be a letter from a hospital or GP or even a screenshot of an appointment email or text.

Also, please do not inform the school that your child has an appointment or is sick if you are, in fact, going on holiday. At Redstart we teach the children the importance of integrity and this is undermined if you ask them to lie about where they have been.

It is most likely that we will find out anyway since children like to talk about their lives

outside of school. We would rather you were honest and we can code your child's absence correctly and know that they are safe.

## Food Parcel Support

If any of our families are in need of a food parcel, please contact the school office and ask to speak with our Early Intervention Lead, Mrs Margetts. The food parcel service is provided by the Community Hub in town. Referrals made are treated confidentially. It is a 'no questions asked' service.

You do not need to explain your circumstances unless you wish to and there are no income thresholds to meet to qualify. Some families may require a little support for a short time or there may be reasons for longer lasting support.

# Volunteer as an Academy Councillor



The  
**Redstart**  
Primary School



## Volunteer as an Academy Councillor at The Redstart Primary School

Make a difference in your community by joining our Academy Council – a local governing board that works with school leaders to support and challenge decisions, ensuring the best outcomes for every child.

### What does an Academy Councillor do?

As a Councillor, you'll work closely with the Principal and leadership team, help guide strategic decisions, support school improvement, and represent the voice of the community.

### Time commitment:

- 6 meetings per year (late afternoon/evening)
- Occasional link meetings or panels

### What you'll gain:

- Full training and support
- Leadership and strategic experience
- An opportunity to influence the future of The Redstart Primary School



Find out more or express your interest at:

[www.clf.uk/volunteer-with-us](http://www.clf.uk/volunteer-with-us)



**FREE LIVE WEBINARS**  
**RELATIONSHIP FITNESS**  
**FOR FAMILY LIFE**

Find out how to boost your relationship for a calmer, happier family life

More information:  
Ruth James, [ruth.james@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:ruth.james@somerset.gov.uk)

 Communications for couples  
5 & 19 May 7PM-8PM

 Managing stress and conflict  
together 9&16 June 7PM-8PM

 Parenting together without  
drama 8 July 7PM-8PM

To find out  
more and  
book your  
place:



## FREE live webinars: Relationship fitness for family life

I thought you might be interested in the free live webinars we are running over the next few months.

Investing time in building a stronger relationship between you as a couple helps you create a safe, supportive environment where your children can thrive. Ruth James, Reducing Parental Conflict Coordinator, [ruth.james@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:ruth.james@somerset.gov.uk), has been working with couples and will be sharing her practical tools to help strengthen your relationship.

Whether you attend as a couple or on your own, you'll leave with practical tips you can use in your day-to-day family life.

All webinars are 7PM – 8PM and you are welcome to join one or all of the steps.

Step 1: Communication skills for busy couples is run over 2 webinars on Tues 5 & 19 May This webinar will show couples simple ways to argue less, talk better, and feel closer. Strong communications between couples creates the foundation for a calm family life where your children can thrive. To book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1984464705354?aff=oddtcreator>

Step 2: Conflict without chaos for couples is also run over 2 webinars on Tues 9 & 16 June

This webinar helps couples learn practical ways to handle disagreements without damaging their connection. You'll discover tools to reduce tension, improve how you argue, and create a calmer family life.

To book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1984955744064?aff=oddtcreator>

Step 3: Parenting your children together without drama – 1 webinar on 8 July Parenting is a team effort, but having different parenting styles can cause conflict and stress. This webinar is designed for couples who want to strengthen their ability to work as a team, so they parent their children together.

To book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1984960772103?aff=oddtcreator>

For more information about relationship support, please go to:  
[https://www.cypsomersethealth.org/managing\\_relationship\\_conflict](https://www.cypsomersethealth.org/managing_relationship_conflict)

# SEND Information



SENshine Support

## GARDENING CLUB

For SEN children aged 4-13

Monthly Clubs 1-3pm

Starting Saturday 28 February 2026

AT OUR CHILDREN'S ALLOTMENT IN CHILTHORNE DOMER

[www.skoolbeanscic.com](http://www.skoolbeanscic.com)

COMMUNITY INCLUSION ACTIVITY TEAM

£10 PER PERSON

10-2PM

FOR AGES 8-18 YEARS

14TH APRIL 2026

## YOUNG PERSONS DAY

ACTIVITIES

PIZZA LUNCH

ENJOY A FUN FILLED DAY WITH THE LOST PROJECTS WHERE YOU CAN MERGE MUSIC, ART BOULDERING AND SKATING IN A SECURE INDOOR ENVIRONMENT.

HELMETS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHEN SKATING AND BOULDERING PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN STUNT SCOOTER (NON COLLAPSIBLE) OR INLINE SKATES AND HELMET.

YOUNG PEOPLE NEW TO OUR SERVICE WILL NEED TO ATTEND WITH A PARENT CARER OR IF 1:1 SUPPORT IS REQUIRED.

LOST PROJECTS, UNIT 12, WELL ROAD TRADING ESTATE, GLASTONBURY, BA6 9QU

Somerset Council

TO BOOK, EMAIL [CIATeam@SOMERSET.GOV.UK](mailto:CIATeam@SOMERSET.GOV.UK)

Somerset Parent Carer Forum  
Community Inclusion & Activity Team

## Family Fun Day

Saturday 27th June  
10am to 2pm

THE MENDIP SCHOOL, PRESTLEIGH,  
EDMUND RACK ROAD,  
SHEPTON MALLET, BA4 4FZ

FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

MEET PROVIDERS AND TRY OUT INCLUSIVE ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AND ADDITIONAL NEEDS IN SOMERSET

FOOD STALLS, FACE PAINTING, INFLATABLE ASSAULT COURSE, SPORTS, LEGO, ARTS & CRAFTS, ANIMALS, SENSOY TOYS, BOARD GAMES

## Accelerate Mini Gym



**Date:** Friday 17th April 2026  
**Time:** 14:30-16:00  
**Location:** Accelerate Mini Gym, Yeovil  
**Cost:** £5 per child

We've hired Accelerate Mini Gym in Yeovil exclusively for our families. This activity is perfect for children aged 0-10 years.

Come and enjoy full access to the Mini Gym, including the trampoline, air track, trampette, beams, bars, slides, balancing and climbing equipment.

Sessions are parent-led, and our staff will be there for the whole session to support and join in the fun.

It's a space for our children to explore, move, and enjoy a wide range of activities in a relaxed and supportive space.

Somerset Parent Carer Forum Ltd | ACCELERATE | COMMUNITY FUND

## SPRING INTO DANCE

An inclusive dance session for young people aged 8 to 18 years with a disability and their siblings. Join us for a morning of dance games and a sensory friendly disco!

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April  
10am to 11:30am

The MAD Hub,  
The Orchard Shopping Centre,  
Taunton, TA1 3TP

£5 per young person

\*Please note that we are unable to offer 1-to-1 support at this activity, although parents/carers are welcome to attend if required\*



Contact Emily:  
[EMoule@sasp.co.uk](mailto:EMoule@sasp.co.uk) or 01823 653990

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## JUST ACT NATURAL: BE IN NATURE, BE YOURSELF

For families with a young person with SEND up to 25 years.

Enjoy outdoor nature based activities on the farm.

### 1 NIGHT SLEEPOVER

14th - 15th April 2026

BOOKING ESSENTIAL  
[www.magdalen.farm](http://www.magdalen.farm)

Meals included

£30 pp

OFF ROAD TRAMPER AVAILABLE



UPCOMING EVENTS  
25<sup>th</sup> May Day Visit  
27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May Escape Sleepover  
24<sup>th</sup> July Escape Day Visit



Magdalen Environmental Trust  
TA20 4PA

what3words: amphibian.crispy.umbrella

Registered charity no: 1000373

Magdalen Environmental Trust | Cymmer Environmental Trust

# SEND Information

Somerset Parent Carer Forum  
Community Inclusion & Activity Team

## Family Fun Day

Saturday 11th July  
10am to 2pm

**POLDEN BOWER SCHOOL,  
BOWER LANE, BRIDGWATER  
TA6 4GU**

**FREE ENTRY**

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!  
MEET PROVIDERS AND TRY OUT INCLUSIVE  
ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES  
AND ADDITIONAL NEEDS IN SOMERSET

FOOD STALLS, FACE PAINTING, INFLATABLE  
ASSAULT COURSE, SPORTS, LEGO, ARTS &  
CRAFTS, ANIMALS, SENSORY  
TOYS, BOARD GAMES

Community Inclusion and Activity Team

## Polden Family Club

Drop-in club for families with children or young people with disabilities and/or additional needs. Siblings are also invited!

**10am - 1pm**

**Polden Bower School**  
Bower Lane  
Bridgwater  
Somerset  
TA6 4GU

10th January 2026  
7th February 2026  
7th March 2026  
25th April 2026  
9th May 2026  
6th June 2026

**Activities Include:**  
Arts & Crafts  
Outside play area  
Indoor games  
Sensory Activities  
Legos

£3 per child (cash only)  
No need to book - Just turn up!

Parent carers must be in attendance and are to remain responsible for their children at all times.

Please check the Somerset's SEND Local Offer Facebook page for any updates or cancellations  
<https://facebook.com/LocalOfferSomerset/>

For more information, please email:  
[CIATeam@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:CIATeam@somerset.gov.uk)

## NEW SEND JUNIOR CLASSES

SEND JUNIORZ (Ages 7-13)

- Fridays at Taunton Catholic Centre
- Small groups
- Structured but flexible sessions

**Calm. Supportive. Inclusive.**  
Designed for children who need a little extra support.

Our SEND Junior Street Dance classes are designed for children with additional needs, including Autism, ADHD, sensory differences and anxiety.

- ✓ Building clear confidence through movement.
- ✓ Clear routines and structure.
- ✓ Encouragement, no pressure.
- ✓ Fun, freedom and self expression.

SEND aware teachers  
DBS Checked  
Inclusive and child-led

[www.mtdance.co.uk](http://www.mtdance.co.uk)

## INCLUSIVE FAMILY ARCHERY AND PIZZA MAKING SESSION

Open to young people aged 8 to 18 years with a disability and their families

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April  
10am to 1pm  
Greensand Wood, Wellington, TA21 9PD

**£15 per participant**

Contact Tash Snow:  
[NSnow@sasp.co.uk](mailto:NSnow@sasp.co.uk)  
01823 653990



*\*\*Please note that ALL young people MUST attend with a parent or carer, although adults are not required to take part\*\**

## Sound Lab

MUSIC GROUP FOR NEURODIVERSE YOUNG PEOPLE

### YEOVIL

Join Sound Lab Yeovil to collaborate, express your inner musicality and have fun through improvisation, songwriting, music technology, instrumental performance & games.

**When:**  
Tuesdays 5.30pm - 7pm during term time

**Where:**  
The GateWay  
Addlewell Ln  
BA20 1QN

Sound Lab Yeovil is a weekly after-school creative music programme for young people aged 14+ with ASC and/or additional learning needs. No prior musical knowledge or experience required.

Contact [mark@evolvemusic.org.uk](mailto:mark@evolvemusic.org.uk) for further details or visit:

EVOLVE MUSIC  
www.evolvemusic.org.uk  
Registered Charity No. 117191

Somerset Council

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

# SEND Information

COMMUNITY INCLUSION ACTIVITY TEAM



THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

## FAMILY DAY



### MAGDALEN FARM

10AM-2.30PM

MAGDALEN FARM, MAUDLIN LANE, CHARD, TA20 4PA

A HANDS-ON FAMILY DAY AT MAGDALEN FARM WITH THE CIA TEAM INCLUDING ANIMAL CARE, ECO COOKING (PIZZA) AND WOODLAND ADVENTURES.

£5 PER PERSON



TO BOOK, EMAIL [Ciateam@Somerset.gov.uk](mailto:Ciateam@Somerset.gov.uk)

COMMUNITY INCLUSION ACTIVITY TEAM

## YOUTH COOKING SESSION

MONKTON HEATHFIELD VILLAGE HALL, TAUNTON TA2 8NE

TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026

10AM - 2:00PM

COST: £10 PER CHILD/YOUNG PERSON (CARER FREE)  
LUNCH IS INCLUDED IN THE ACTIVITY (SEE BELOW)



JOIN THE CIA TEAM AND IN THE MIX FOR A FUN COOKING SESSION LED BY YOUTH WORKERS, WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE WILL WORK TOGETHER, LEARN TO MAKE A RECIPE, BUILD SKILLS, BOOST CONFIDENCE, AND ENJOY CREATING HEALTHY, TASTY MEALS IN A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT. THEY WILL MAKE THEIR OWN LUNCH OF LASAGNE OR VEG LASAGNE, GARLIC BREAD AND SALAD.

YOUNG PEOPLE NEW TO OUR SERVICE WILL NEED TO ATTEND WITH A PARENT/CARER OR IF 1-1 SUPPORT IS REQUIRED.

AGES 8 - 18<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

TO BOOK PLEASE EMAIL [Ciateam@Somerset.gov.uk](mailto:Ciateam@Somerset.gov.uk)



## INCLUSIVE FAMILY ROLLER SKATING SESSION

Open to young people aged 8 to 18 years with a disability and their families

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April  
1pm to 2:30pm  
Wellsprings Leisure Centre, Taunton

£5 per young person

£2.50 for participating parents and carers

Please contact Tash Snow on:  
[NSnow@sasp.co.uk](mailto:NSnow@sasp.co.uk) or 01823 653990



**sasp** Somerset Autism Support Partnership



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*\*Please note that children MUST attend with a parent or carer, although adults are not required to skate\**

## SENSORY FRIENDLY EVENING

AT COW & APPLE

MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

FROM 4:30PM

BOOKING ONLY

A supportive, sensory-friendly space for neurodivergent people.

SPECIAL EVENT MENU AVAILABLE

Please email [yeovil@cowandapple.co.uk](mailto:yeovil@cowandapple.co.uk) for more information.

1a Vicarage Walk, Yeovil  
[www.cowandapple.co.uk](https://www.cowandapple.co.uk) / [@cowandappleyeovil](https://www.instagram.com/cowandappleyeovil)



# Nursery Spaces

**REGISTER NOW!**

 **The Redstart**  
Primary School & Nursery

**Places available**

To book a tour visit reception or contact:  
☎ 01460 67457 ✉ [info@rps.clf.uk](mailto:info@rps.clf.uk)



  [theredstartprimaryschool.clf.uk](https://www.facebook.com/theredstartprimaryschool.clf.uk)

 Celtic Learning Federation

## Nursery Spaces Available

We currently have spaces available in our nursery! If you're interested in a place for your child, please complete an Expression of Interest form on our website Welcome to the Nursery - The Redstart Primary School



If you need to contact FoRS regarding any of the events they organise for the school, please email them at [friendsofredstart@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofredstart@gmail.com)

**REDSTART PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**FORS**

**FAMILY BINGO NIGHT!**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH**  
**DOORS OPEN 6PM**  
**EYES DOWN 6:30PM**

**£10 PER BOOK, FLYER & RAFFLE TICKETS**

The flyer features a wooden building facade with a red roof. Two bingo cards are displayed: one on the left with numbers 3, 12, 53, 88, 34, 4, 15, 90, 91, 83, 14, 15, 23, 8, 10, 77, 91, and one on the right with numbers 74, 31, 14, 50, 17, 29, 22, 25, 86, 4, 19, 30, 91, 95, 29, 27, 80, 93. Various bingo balls with numbers (7, 7, 16, 23, 23, 15, 4, 15) and stacks of raffle tickets are scattered around. Confetti is falling from the top.

# RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED

Christmas has come and gone, so you're probably sifting through piles of stuff that either needs a place in your home or needs to find a new one. Of course, we all get so much at this time of year with not everything being needed, so what do you do with unwanted Christmas gifts? Donate, of course! To raise Funds for Upcoming Raffles!

A circular image showing a variety of products including Victoria Quality Spread, Pampering Moisturizers, Nivea products, and various snacks like Heroes and Wotsits.

**DONATE NOW** Please Drop of at Main Reception  
 Fors @ Redstart School, Chard

**SAVE THE DATE!**

# Summer Fayre

**20th June 2026**

**Fun, Games, Food & Music!**

**BURGERS**

**ALL WELCOME!**

The flyer depicts a vibrant summer fair scene with a red and white striped tent, a red burger van, a Ferris wheel, hot air balloons, and children playing. A woman is holding a pink cotton candy. The background is a bright blue sky with white clouds.

**2026 Update!**

## Grief Support Hubs

Grief can feel very lonely but it doesn't have to be.

Join us in a safe and confidential space to share experiences and meet others.

- A welcoming space to connect with others who are dealing with loss.
- Led by a grief professional, offering guidance and support.
- Come as you are – no pressure, just a warm drink, cake and a chat.
- Creating a community of connection.

✉ For more details, contact [maria@griefspecialists.org](mailto:maria@griefspecialists.org)

In association with Grief Specialists CIC and Watch CIO.

### Crewkerne

Henhayes Centre, South St,  
Crewkerne, TA18 8DA  
First Thursday of every month  
from 11am - 12pm

### Chard

The Hive (Young People's Centre)  
Essex Close, Chard, TA20 1RH  
Third Thursday of every month  
from 1.45pm - 3pm

\*New details

v. January 2026

**Open Mental Health**

Giving you the support you need, when you need it.

Lots of things can impact our mental health. If you are an adult living in Somerset and need support, Open Mental Health are here to help. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**Young Somerset**

Chard Community Hub

**STARTING 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

# Early Years Explorers

DISCOVER. PLAY. GROW.

**FREE GROUP**

**FRIDAYS**  
(EXCEPT LAST FRIDAY IN THE MONTH)  
**10:00 - 11:30**  
CHARD COMMUNITY HUB  
BODEN CENTRE, BODEN STREET,  
CHARD, TA20 2AX

SNACKS INCLUDED

For more information, please contact [wellbeing@youngsomerset.org.uk](mailto:wellbeing@youngsomerset.org.uk)

[www.youngsomerset.org.uk](http://www.youngsomerset.org.uk)

# pop-in for a chat

## TALKING CAFE

- Health
- Finances
- Housing
- Feelings of loneliness and isolation.

**Monkton Elm Garden Centre**  
1st Wednesday of the month  
10am - 12 noon

Drop-in to the Talking Cafe for support and advice from a Village Agent.

Monkton Elm Garden Centre (Cafe), Taunton

[info@thrivesomerset.org.uk](mailto:info@thrivesomerset.org.uk)  
[www.thrivesomerset.org.uk](http://www.thrivesomerset.org.uk)

funded by **Somerset Council** **NHS Somerset**

**Open Mental Health** **NHS Somerset**

### Free Activities and Groups in Somerset

Activity / Group	What they offer
Somerset Community Connect – Talking Cafes	Find local services, support, advice, and activities. Friendly and informal drop-ins for over 18s
Somerset Wildlife Trust	The "Somerset Nature Connections" project aims to tackle some of the barriers that prevent people experiencing the health and well-being benefits of Somerset's spectacular natural environment.
Carers Support Groups	Somerset Partnership NHS Trust support groups for carers of adults with mental health problems.
Somerset Libraries	Not just books! Other resources include internet access, DVDs, talking books and regular events.
Mind in Somerset Recovery and Wellbeing Groups	Available to anyone over 18 and living in Somerset and provide a relaxed, safe and supportive environment to explore ways to stay well.
Gardening Groups	Free weekly gardening sessions in Glastonbury and Shepton Mallet.
Somerset Health Walks	Walking for well-being can help you to feel good, to have more energy, to sleep better and manage your weight. All walks are free of charge and are led by a team of Volunteer Walk Leaders.

**EASTER 2026**

**The WOW Camp**

SCIENCE  
LASER TAG  
VIRTUAL REALITY  
MINECRAFT  
ANIMAL WORKSHOPS  
STREET DANCE  
ROBOTS  
INFLATABLES

STEM. Creativity. Physical Play  
All in one camp

HMRC TAX-FREE CHILDCARE ACCEPTED

www.nextthing.education

HAF PLACES AVAILABLE

## EASTER CAMPS 2026

Tech-powered camps, packed with **WOW** experiences!

### Example camp activities

Camps run 9 am - 4 pm



### ★ NEW FOR EASTER - WOW EXPERIENCES ★



Activities vary by location. Please visit our website to see what's running at your venue.

### WHAT TO EXPECT:

Blending hands-on tech exploration with unforgettable WOW experiences, we inspire children to invent, create, and discover. Led by DBS-checked, friendly and supportive instructors, kids build confidence while diving into exciting activities, challenges, and real skill-building adventures.

AGES 5-11, £45 PER DAY OR £162 FOR 4 DAYS

LIMITED SPACES - **BOOK NOW!**

WWW.NEXTTHING.EDUCATION T: 01442 873150

## MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP

*Wonka*

featuring  
**Jenny Legg**  
Assistant Choreographer  
on the Wonka movie



AND



West End Director  
**Tolley Angell**

Friday 10th April 2026  
King's College, Taunton

Ages 5 - 18  
9am to 4pm

Free demonstration for families at the end of the workshop.  
£40 per child (£35 per additional sibling)

Singing, Dancing, and Acting!

To book your place,  
email [tolley.angell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tolley.angell@yahoo.co.uk)



Chard Community Hub  
Community Hub

## Sewing Workshop



**Chard Community Hub**  
Tuesdays, 6pm to 8pm

Sew together | Learn clothing repair and other new skills | Beginners welcome | Free to attend | Warm Space | Refreshments  
13+ welcome with a parent/carer

For more info: [secretary@chardcommunityhub.com](mailto:secretary@chardcommunityhub.com)

Kindness | Collaboration | Positivity

# Families & Local Events



## We're a Warm Space



Join us on

**Tuesdays, 10am to 1pm**  
**Chard Community Hub**  
**Boden Street, TA20 2AX**

for arts and crafts, board games and puzzles,  
great company and a cuppa.

For more information: [tgreynolds@holyrood.bep.ac](mailto:tgreynolds@holyrood.bep.ac) or 01460 923149

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## Mobile Community Pantry



Join our Community Pantry on wheels!  
£3.50 for 10 items

Help us prevent food waste

**Every Tuesday**

10:15am Alun Rees Way, TA20 2HQ

10:35am Bubwith Close, TA20 2BL

11am Jarman Way, TA20 1FB

11:20am Skate Park car park, TA20 1NW

11.45am Bishops Court, TA20 2FA

For more info: [secretary@chardcommunityhub.com](mailto:secretary@chardcommunityhub.com)

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## TABLETOP GAMES NIGHT



**Thursdays 6pm to 9pm**  
**Chard Community Hub**  
**Boden Centre, Boden Street**  
**TA20 2AX**

Free to attend | Warm Space | 18 +  
For more info visit Chard Games Hub on Facebook

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**THE HIVE**  
Young People's Centre

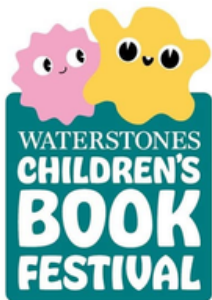
**Friday Nights**  
**8-11 years old**  
**6pm - 8pm**  
**Essex Close**

**FREE ENTRY**

**FREE**

# Families & Local Events

3 LOCATIONS, 1 BOOK FESTIVAL



RETURNING IN 2026  
AND TAKING PLACE IN  
THREE LOCATIONS

A FAMILY-FRIENDLY  
CELEBRATION  
OF STORIES AND  
ILLUSTRATION

**DUNDEE**  
6 - 7 FEBRUARY

**LINCOLN**  
13 - 14 FEBRUARY

**TAUNTON**  
15 - 16 MAY



Sound of the Streets  
Street Band Workshop  
Saturday 31 January, 10am-11am and 11.20am-12.20pm  
At Guildhall Young Artists Taunton, at Wellington School, Wellington

A free opportunity for all young players of brass, wind and drums (ideally Grade 3+) to come explore the exciting and inspiring world of street band music with The Sound of The Streets.

The workshop will be given by 3 leading music educators and street band musicians.

Street bands are one of the musical wonders of the world, making strong and rhythmic music full of life and energy, the sound of celebration from New Orleans to South Africa, Delhi to the Balkans.

This is music that is great for developing musical skills, ensemble playing, rhythmic sense, improvisation, and confidence, learning to play by ear and exploring your instrument. We will use a mixture of playing by ear and from music, whatever people are most comfortable with.

The workshop is for all young musicians from Guildhall Young Artists Taunton and any other young musicians under 19 years of age. Players should be Grade 3 equivalent or above, i.e. comfortable with their instrument.

Free admission but advance booking is essential. To book a place please email [gyataunton@gsmid.ac.uk](mailto:gyataunton@gsmid.ac.uk)

#### ABOUT THE WORKSHOP LEADERS

The workshop will be led by drummer Sean O'Hara, brass player Tom Francombe and saxophonist leader Tim Hill. Together they have a wealth of experience, as Emma is a top rock and funk player, Tom is head of brass at John Packer Ltd, and Tim is a veteran street band musician who has led workshops and started street bands around the country. They are all part of the music charity The Sound of the Streets and play in Tim's band Tongues of Fire.

[www.tonguesoffirestreetband.co.uk](http://www.tonguesoffirestreetband.co.uk)  
[www.thesoundofthestreets.com](http://www.thesoundofthestreets.com)

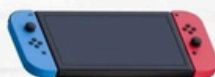
## Chard Youth Hub



Drop in to this safe  
space and chill  
with a youth  
worker.



Play Games!



3:15-5:15PM

Every Wednesday

@ ChardCommunityHub, BodenStreet, Chard



**T.O.T.S**  
Tots On Tuesday  
@stmaryschurch

**PLAY CRAFT SING**

PLAY DOH PUZZLES

10-11.30AM EVERY TUESDAY  
(TERM TIME)  
ST MARY'S CHURCH ROOMS

£1 DONATION FOR UNLIMITED  
TOAST, FRUIT, PANCAKES,  
YOGURTS ETC  
TEA AND COFFEE

ALSO FREE CLOTHES BANK  
FOR AGES 0-5YRS

BUBBLES SLIDE CLIMBING FRAME



## PCSO Drop-In



**Tuesdays, 11am to midday**  
 Upcoming dates:  
 20 January, 17 February,  
 17 March and 14 April

Drop in to meet our local PCSO for policing support and advice.

**Chard Community Hub, Boden Street, TA20 2AX**

Kindness | Collaboration | Positivity

## TOGETHER ON TUESDAY

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

Join us for Crafts, Cooked Tea, Songs & Story

New craft each week  
 Cooked tea provided  
 Short bible story and song

Every Tuesday during term time

**ALL WELCOME**  
 3.30pm - 5pm  
 St Mary's Church rooms

**THIS IS A FREE CLUB BUT DONATIONS ARE WELCOME**




## EASTER FAMILY FUN

A relaxed family craft morning with a fun game of Bingo to finish!

- ADULT & CHILD
- £5 PER PERSON
- UNDER 3'S FREE

**COMMUNITY RAMA LIFE**

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March | 10am-12noon  
 Rama Life, Frogmary Green Farm,  
 South Petherton, Somerset, TA13 5DJ



**RENEW EDUCATION.**  
 Reset. Rebuild. Renew.

## EASTER HOLIDAY

### ACTIVITY DAYS

**FINAL TWO DAYS**  
 NOW AVAILABLE TO BOOK

**DAY 3**

**NOAH'S ARK ZOO DAY**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April  
 Ages 8 - 12  
**£10 PER CHILD**

**DAY 4**

**SIDMOUTH DONKEY SANCTUARY & BEACH DAY**

Friday 17 April  
 Ages 11 - 14  
**£10 PER CHILD**

**FUN & ADVENTURE** | **OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**

**BOOKING LINK LIVE NOW!** Scan To Book

<https://www.reneweducation.uk/holiday-camps>

Limited spaces available | £10 per child, per day

## Easter Trail

Can you and your family solve the clues and find all the eggs?

3/4/26 - 8/4/26



**Register now!**

Please bring the completed answer sheet to Chard Baptist Church on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April between 10am and 12 noon to get a prize.

Please collect a Easter Trail form from Redstart School reception if you would like to take part



We are looking into the future at  
Chard Town Football Club  
and preparing to develop a youth structure

We need Coaches to run  
Boys and Girls teams from  
U6's to U16's

Contact: Chris Perry  
Joint Vice Chairman  
07894053012  
pezza1@hotmail.co.uk

## BOARDGAME CLUB!!

AT JENNY'S CAFÉ AND BISTRO  
38A Fore st chard TA20 1PT

There is a menu available  
with a food deal

Can drink - pizza or  
chips for £5

Limited space up to 35  
people

Ages 11-18 are welcome!!

GAMES AVAILABLE  
- exploding kittens  
- ludo  
- hungry hippos  
- articulate  
And more!!

You are welcome to  
bring your own games  
too!!



Opening date:  
27th march

Open Fridays  
4:30-7:30

### RULES

- if you misbehave you will be asked to leave
- if you cause any damages you will be charged
- be respectful to the staff, building and to the others there

# FREE ENTRY



## Crochet Group



**Mondays, 12.30pm to 2.30pm**  
**Tuesdays, 6pm to 8pm**

### Upcoming dates:

Tuesday 6 and Monday 19 January  
Tuesday 3 and Monday 16 February  
Tuesday 3 and Monday 16 March  
Tuesday 7 and Monday 20 April

Free to attend | Learn a new skill | Refreshments | Warm Space

Kindness | Collaboration | Positivity



## Repair Hub



**Saturday, 9am to midday**

Upcoming dates:  
14 and 28 March  
11 and 25 April

Household & other repairs in exchange for a donation

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## No.9 Pop Up Shop



**Saturday 18 April**  
**Saturday 9 May**  
**9am to midday**  
**No.9 Fore Street**

Pop Up 'Shop' | Pre-loved jigsaw puzzles | Clothes Swap  
Refreshments | Reducing waste | Saving money

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## Soup and Snack Hub



**Tuesdays, 1pm to 2pm**

Anyone in need of a free, hot lunch is welcome to join us.

**Chard Community Hub  
Boden Street, TA20 2AX**

For more info: [secretary@chardcommunityhub.com](mailto:secretary@chardcommunityhub.com)

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## Join us for **EASTER HOLIDAY COOKING AND LUNCH**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April  
10:30am - 1pm  
@St Marys Centre, Holyrood Street  
Chard

Email [info@project-food.org.uk](mailto:info@project-food.org.uk), call 01297 631782  
or scan the QR code to book

**PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO ABRİ HOMES  
TENANTS AND LOW INCOME FAMILIES LIVING  
IN CHARD.**



**PLEASE NOTE YOU MUST STAY WITH YOUR  
CHILD.**



## Holiday Play Sessions



**Wednesday 8 April  
Monday 13 April  
9.30am to 11am**

For parents and children looking for something fun and free to do in the school holidays.

School Uniform | Messy Play | Crafts | Toys | Refreshments | Free to Attend

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## Fundraising Hub Cafe



**Thursdays, 9am to 1pm  
Chard Guildhall**

Join us during the Guildhall Thursday Market  
Hot and cold drinks | Sausage, egg and veggie rolls  
Fundraising to support the work of  
Chard Community Hub

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# Music Teacher Information



**Piano Teacher-Mike Hurley ( [mike\\_hurley@outlook.com](mailto:mike_hurley@outlook.com) )**



**Guitar Teacher-Mr Pomeroy ( [fdpomeroy@yahoo.com](mailto:fdpomeroy@yahoo.com) )**

## Parking Safely Outside School

We kindly ask all families to park considerately outside the school to help keep children safe. Please avoid blocking driveways, stopping on zigzag lines, or parking too close to crossings and corners. These areas must remain clear so children can walk safely and drivers can see them.

Thank you for helping us protect our pupils and keep drop-off and pick-up times calm and safe for everyone

**Selfish and  
Dangerous**

**School Keep Clear**

**No Stopping,  
No Excuses**

**School Keep Clear**

**DON'T STOP  
HERE**

# We are an Operation Encompass School

For further information, please come and see us.



OPERATION  
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