



# St Andrew's Church of England

## Junior School

### St Andrew's Signpost

Issue 5

Week Commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> February



#### Notes for the week: 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

##### Monday

Year 3 Swimming from

**13.01.25 – 24.03.25**

PE Heron Class 6GK

PE Magpie Class 4M

##### Tuesday

PE Otter Class 6H

PE Bramble Class 5L

PE Willow Class 5D

PE Kingfisher Class 4B

##### Wednesday

Year 4 Swimming from

**15.01.25 – 26.03.25**

PE Heron Class 6GK

PE Raven Class 5K

PE Wren Class 3N

Forest School – Otter Class, 6H

##### Thursday

PE Newt Class 6G

PE Willow Class 5D

PE Bramble Class 5L

PE Raven Class 5K

##### Friday

PE Dandelion Class 3P

PE Acorn Class 3GD

PE Weasel Class 4S

PE Newt Class 6G


#### Headteacher Information

I can hardly believe we're already in February! Time seems to be flying by, and this week marks the end of an era for St Andrew's School as we close our doors as a Local Authority school and prepare to reopen on Monday as proud members of The Priory Learning Trust. This transition is a significant milestone in our school's journey, and we are excited for the opportunities ahead.

Despite the changes happening behind the scenes, the children have continued to work incredibly hard. This week, I had the privilege of seeing our Year 6 pupils tackling fractions and decimals in maths with determination. Year 5 have been immersing themselves in creative diary writing about a UFO visitation, while Year 4 have been exploring the science of sound. Over in Year 3, the children have been crafting imaginative fantasy stories inspired by Fantastic Mr. Fox. It's been another busy and productive week at St Andrew's!

#### PE and Sports


Sports Update – Exciting Achievements & Upcoming Events!

 Cross Country Success!

We are thrilled to share the final results of the Sedgemoor Area Cross Country competition! St. Andrew's placed 4th overall among all competing schools—a fantastic achievement! We are now eagerly awaiting news on whether any of our runners will be selected to represent Sedgemoor in the Somerset Area Finals in Yeovil this April/May. As soon as we receive confirmation, we will inform those who have been chosen. Well done to all our runners!

 Raven Class Sports Morning

On Wednesday, Raven Class had an action-packed morning at Bridgwater College Academy, where they took part in a variety of sporting activities designed to develop their skills. The children showed great enthusiasm and gave it their all—well done, Raven Class!

 Gymnastics Competitions.

We are excited to announce the dates for the upcoming Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Gymnastics Competitions. Each event allows us to enter a team of 6–8 gymnasts. If your child is interested in being considered for the team, they should see Miss Sylvester to receive a list of required moves and the preferred routine. They will need to practice at home and be confident in performing all the moves to take part. As spaces are limited, we appreciate your understanding if not all children can be selected. Thank you for your continued support—here's to more sporting success ahead!

#### SASA

You can save and raise a donation of up to £886.37 for St Andrew's Burnham when you use #easyfundraising to switch your car insurance. More Than, AA, MoneySupermarket, Direct

Line and many more are offering big donations when you switch!  
Visit:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/standrewsburnham/?searchSessionId=92694da9-6c73-470c-be7a-6761929a6261>



### Year 6 Holocaust

A short service of remembrance was held on Monday at the Frank Foley Statue. A special commendation is due to our year 6 children Oscar Whiting, Alfie Holley, Archie Bond, Samuel Tennant, Charlotte Duke, Kenzie Morris, Betsy Plant, Eniolami Pickard, Oscar Hedley, Mabel-Rose Warrilow, Evan Siviter and Freya Jeffries who, with grace and dignity, represented our school admirably during the service. Your commitment to upholding the values of compassion and unity within our community has not gone unnoticed. Well done on a job impeccably done.

### WhatsApp Groups

Recently there have been several incidents related to the misuse of WhatsApp groups. We would like to remind parents and children that the minimum age for using WhatsApp is 16 or over.



WhatsApp is a chat application which can be used on a mobile phone or tablet, it lets you send messages, images and videos to friends. You can have one to one and group conversations. We urge all parents to keep an eye on their child's mobile phone or online activities involving social media. The children are constantly reminded that they must tell a parent / adult if they receive anything inappropriate from any application. As a school we strongly advise you to remove the chat groups involving other children as this can cause issues in and outside of school. As these incidents happen outside of school, we are unable to monitor children and address issues.

[what-parents-need-to-know-about-whatsapp-parents-guide.pdf](#)

### Term Dates 2025-26

Please see the term dates for 2025-26 including INSET days. Please note we will not be having a two week break in October 2025.

#### Term Dates 2025-26

##### Term 1

Start: Monday 1st September 2025 (INSET Day – children return Tuesday 2nd September)

End: Friday 24th October 2025

##### Term 2

Start: Monday 3rd November 2025 (INSET Day – children return Tuesday 4th November)

	<p>End: Friday 19th December 2025</p> <p><b>Term 3</b>  Start: Monday 5th January 2026 (<b>INSET Day – children return Tuesday 6th January</b>)  End: Friday 13th February 2026</p> <p><b>Term 4</b>  Start: Monday 23rd February 2026 (<b>INSET Day – children return Tuesday 24th February</b>)  End: Thursday 2nd April 2026</p> <p><b>Term 5</b>  Start: Monday 20th April 2026  End: Friday 22nd May 2026</p> <p><b>Term 6</b>  Start: Monday 1st June 2026 (<b>INSET Day – children return Tuesday 2nd June</b>)  End: Tuesday 21st July 2026</p> <p><b>INSET Days 2025-26:</b>  Monday 1st September 2025  Monday 3rd November 2025  Monday 5th January 2026  Monday 23rd February 2026  Monday 1st June 2026</p>
<p><b>Multi academy Trust Update</b></p>	<p>As mentioned above, from Monday, we are thrilled to officially open our doors as part of The Priory Learning Trust. This marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for our school, and we are really looking forward to working closely with the Trust to continue providing the best possible opportunities for our children.</p> <p>While this new beginning will bring some changes, rest assured that for our staff and children, daily school life will remain largely unchanged. Behind the scenes, however, we will be transitioning to new systems in the office. We kindly ask for your patience and understanding as we make these adjustments.</p> <p>Thank you for your continued support during this important time for our school.</p>
<p><b>Attendance</b></p>	<p>We would like to remind all families about the importance of regular school attendance and to provide clarity regarding the Department for Education's (DfE) penalty notice consideration threshold. The threshold for considering a penalty notice is 10 or more unauthorised absences (sessions) within a 10-week rolling period. Please note that each school day is made up of two sessions: a morning session and an afternoon session. Therefore, 10 unauthorised absences equate to 5 full school days.</p> <p>Unauthorised absences can accumulate quickly, so we kindly ask that you notify us promptly of any reasons for absence and work with us to support your child's attendance. Consistent attendance plays a vital role in your child's education and well-being, and we are here to support families in overcoming any barriers.</p> <p>If you have any questions or need further clarification, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.</p>
<p><b>Absence</b></p>	<p>A reminder about our school's absence reporting procedure. If your child is unable to attend school, we kindly request that <b>you call the school office on the first day of their absence before 8:45AM.</b></p> <p>In case we do not receive a call from you by <b>8:45 AM</b>, our school will initiate a follow-up call to check on your child's well-being and the reason for their absence.</p>

Please provide specific details about the nature of the absence during your call. If your child needs to be absent for more than one day, kindly keep us informed each day.

### Price and Buckland – School Uniform

Price and Buckland are excited to announce that they have a new website that will be launching on 11th February. To help parents and guardians' transition smoothly, they have produced a flyer which is shown below. Parents who have ordered from us previously will need to re-set their password and they can use the same password as before. Parents, who are new to Price & Buckland, will need to register as usual.

The new website will give parents the following benefits:

- Parents with children at different schools will be able to order from multiple schools with ease.
- Parents will be able to spread payment across 3 months through Klarna.
- Parents will be prompted how close they are to the free delivery threshold.
- Parents will have more payment options with the introduction of Apple Pay and Google Pay.

**Price & Buckland**  
SCHOOLWEAR SINCE 1989

## NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM WEBSITE LAUNCH

On the **11th** of February we will launch our **NEW** website.  
The URL remains:  
[www.price-buckland.co.uk](http://www.price-buckland.co.uk)

Website QR code. This will take you to the homepage to search for your school

Account

If you have ordered from our website before, go to the **Account Section** and **re-set** your password. You can use the same password that you have currently.

Orders

You can then see previous orders and manage your account.

Any Questions? Call us on 01159 640827

### Staffing

#### Lunchtime Supervisor

The Priory Learning Trust (Somerset Business Award winner for Employer of the Year) is looking to recruit a Lunchtime Supervisor to work at our St Andrew's Junior Church School. **This position is for five days a week (Monday - Friday) from 11:55am - 13:10pm.**

We are seeking a warm, compassionate, and supportive Lunchtime Supervisor to join our school. This role involves

	<p>supervising and interacting with children during playtime, promoting healthy eating habits, recognising positive behaviour and social skills, and fostering meaningful relationships. As part of this role, you will;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Oversee children at lunchtime and lead play activities.</li> <li>•Listen to the children and encourage their play, but also has the necessary skills to maintain discipline in the playground.</li> <li>•Promote student well-being by encouraging them to develop good relationships with others, develop their self-reliance and self-esteem.</li> <li>•Help children to practice good standards of personal health and hygiene.</li> </ul> <p>The successful candidate will have;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Good interpersonal skills with both adults and children.</li> <li>•Ability to work flexibly within a team and motivate students.</li> <li>•Understanding of the developmental needs of children.</li> <li>•Ability to maintain confidentiality.</li> <li>•First Aid qualification desirable but not essential.</li> <li>•Experience of working with children desirable but not essential.</li> </ul> <p><b>Application Deadline: 2nd February 2025</b>  <b>Interviews: Wednesday 5th February 2025</b></p> <p>Full details can be found at <a href="#">Job Details</a> or on our school website - <a href="https://www.standrewsjuniors.co.uk/vacancies/">https://www.standrewsjuniors.co.uk/vacancies/</a></p>
<p><b>Foley Nonuniform Day</b></p>	<p>As Foley (Yellow) House won the house cup last term and they have earned themselves a non-uniform day. After meeting with the Foley house captains last week. We have agreed on <b>Friday 14th February</b> for their reward non-uniform day.</p>
<p><b>Email address and communication</b></p>	<p>Starting from 1st February, we will be moving to a new platform for communicating with parents: WEDUC - Reach More Parents.</p> <p>To ensure a smooth transition, it's important that we have the correct email address on file for you. If you have changed your email address within the past year and have not yet notified the school office, please email us at <a href="mailto:office@saja.theplt.org.uk">office@saja.theplt.org.uk</a> with your new or preferred email address.</p> <p>If you already receive emails from us regularly or know that we have your most up-to-date email address, there is no need to contact us.</p> <p>Thank you for your cooperation as we make this transition to enhance our communication with you!</p>
<p><b>PFSA resources and Support</b></p>	<p>We're pleased to share that our local Parent Family Support Advisor, Chloe Steventon, has created a dedicated webpage for the PFSA service. This new resource provides valuable information about the support available to families and how Chloe can assist with any challenges you may be facing.</p> <p>We encourage you to take a look at the webpage to explore the range of support on offer. It's a great way to stay informed and access the help you need.</p> <p><a href="https://www.berrowprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Parent+and+Family+Support+%28PFSA%29&amp;pid=91">https://www.berrowprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Parent+and+Family+Support+%28PFSA%29&amp;pid=91</a></p>

**Rewarding Reading**

Star Quizzers – Passing AR Quizzes  
 This week receiving their 50 Quiz certificates:  
**Ezra Gratton**

Reading Champions  
 Massive well done to **Rosie Whitcombe and Kenzie Morris** for becoming a Reading Half Millionaire

**Weekly Value Award**

This award is given by the Senior Leadership Team and the office staff for a child who has demonstrated one or more of the school values during the week.

This week's winner is:  
**Harley Smith**

**Celebration and Praise**

We held our Celebration and Praise Assembly this week to award children who have worked hard this week.

Well done to the winners:  
 Acorn Class – Libby Nall  
 Wren Class – Theo Cunningham  
 Dandelion Class – George Freeman  
 Magpie Class – Wania Khan  
 Weasel Class – Morayo Pickard  
 Kingfisher Class – Sofia Hall  
 Willow Class – Evelyn McGovern  
 Bramble Class – Rory Martin  
 Raven Class – Erin Hawkes  
 Heron Class – Alfie Ackroyd  
 Otter Class – Harley Smith  
 Newt Class – Oscar Whiting

**TT Rock Stars****Results from this week's tournament:**

## Year 6 Tournament

1	Hadley	Velda Rocket	6H Otter	4565
2	Nithin	Frank Palmer	6G Newt	3353
3	Theo	Count Bowie	6G Newt	2912
4	Sufyan	Jayden Jorgensen	6GK Heron	2885
5	Mya	Sky Cronin	6H Otter	2055
6	Oliver	Nika Lightspeed	6GK Heron	1998
7	Mollie	Grace Dederer	6H Otter	1822
8	Freya	Bella Bell	6GK Heron	1643
9	Sophie	Pearl Volkman	6GK Heron	1493
10	Reece	Johnny Steele	6H Otter	1419

## Year 5 Tournament

1	Jesse	Maynard Howe	5D Willow	3253
2	Nancy	Angelo White	5K Raven	2599
3	Jayden	Michael Manson	5D Willow	1766
4	Emily	Lauren Wagler	5L Bramble	1284
5	Alfie	Freddy Robinson	5D Willow	1264
6	Louie	Logan Rockingchair	5K Raven	1138
7	Amelia	Joel Jules	5L Bramble	952
8	Jack	Alexx Useche	5D Willow	905
9	Finlay	Aaron G. Hendrix	5L Bramble	895
10	Reuben	M. A. Hendrix	5D Willow	884

### Year 4 Tournament

1	Josie	Sunshine Powers	4B Kingfisher	3104
2	Codie	Toryn McKeon	4S Weasel	3014
3	Lily	Susan Andrews	4M Magpie	2503
4	Eliza	Sunshine Dunn	4B Kingfisher	2499
5	Frederick	Baz Walla	4B Kingfisher	2082
6	Alen	Don The Rock	4S Weasel	1483
7	Imogen	Rockin' Rose	4B Kingfisher	1285
8	Demi-Mae	Mad Bruno	4M Magpie	1187
9	Morayo	Pearl Comstock	4S Weasel	922
10	Eliza	Sean Daly	4S Weasel	908

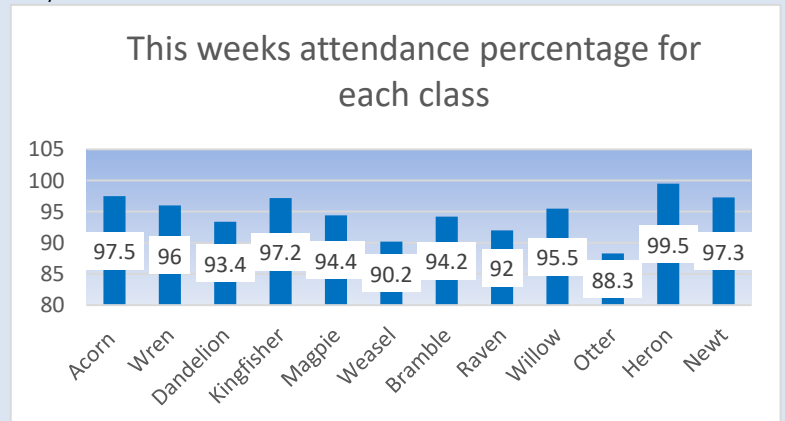
### Year 3 Tournament

1	Hugo	Win Hart	3P Dandelion	1927
2	Lucas	Chuck Manga	3P Dandelion	1539
3	Freddie	V V Cox	3N Wren	1456
4	Charlie	Thomas Berry	3DG Acorn	1034
5	Gabrielle	Bella Sally	3N Wren	900
6	Mia	Taylor Fox	3N Wren	888
7	Harrison	Rippy Martin	3N Wren	753
8	Ava	Mindy DiFulvio	3N Wren	719
9	Ollie	Marc Falco	3P Dandelion	712
10	Poppy-Mae	Blayze Frusciante	3N Wren	587

### Promoting Attendance at St. Andrew's School

#### Current Attendance Overview:

To keep you informed, we have included a chart below, displaying our overall attendance percentage and a breakdown by class. This transparency allows us to collectively work towards our attendance target and celebrate our successes along the way.



### Lateness

We are pleased to note a reduction in lateness this week. This improvement has been noticeable at the gate in the mornings. Thank you for your efforts in ensuring timely arrivals

House	Nos of Lates	
	W/C 27/01/25	W/C 20/01/25
Blackwell	10	14
Foley	4	7
Macmillan	9	13
Reed	9	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>50</b>

Please remember that being late can lead to your child:

- Feeling embarrassed in front of their friends
- Missing the beginning of vital lessons making them fall behind
- Missing important instructions for the rest of the school day
- Learning bad habits which could affect their employability in the future

The impact of being just a little late can accumulate to a loss in learning time:

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year
5 mins	3.4 days
10 mins	6.9 days
15 mins	10.3 days
20 mins	13.8 days
30 mins	20.7 days

### Safeguarding

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Wayne Higgins and our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL) are Tamsin Thomson, Chrissie Collett. Our safeguarding governor is Kerry Andrews

Here are some useful websites recommended by our DSL;

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/>

<https://getsetsomerset.org.uk/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

If you have concerns about your child at home or school, see the office to book an appointment. Alternatively, if you are worried about a child or young person who could be in danger please contact Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224, by email at [childrens@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:childrens@somerset.gov.uk) or the police. You can contact the police directly by dialling 101 and they will discuss with Children's Social Care what action should be taken. In an emergency always contact the police by dialling 999. If you would like to speak to a social worker outside of office hours please phone the Emergency Duty Team (EDT) on 0300 123 23 27.

### Change of Numbers and email addresses

**\*\*Important\*\***

If you have changed your telephone number or email address can you please let the school office know so that we can update our records. We need to have at least 3 contact numbers for your children in the event that we are unable to reach the main contacts.

### Online safety

Most parents frequently chat with their child about how things are going at school or what's happening in their friendship groups – but those discussions often do not extend to youngsters' online activities. In fact, National Online Safety conducted a recent survey which found that only slightly more than half (54%) of parents regularly talk to their children about staying safe online.

It can be an awkward topic to broach and, of course, it needs not to feel intrusive. However, just checking in with your child about their digital life can get them thinking about online safety and alert you to any issues they might be having. In support of Safer Internet Day 2025, the guide has some useful tips on potential

ways to start those conversations. In the guide you'll find a number of useful tips such as being as honest as possible, discussing how misleading

[tips-for-encouraging-open-discussions-about-digital-lives-parents-guide.pdf](https://www.tennis-extreme.com/tips-for-encouraging-open-discussions-about-digital-lives-parents-guide.pdf)

### SEND Newsletter

This week's SEND weekly newsletter is now available – please click on the link below or the following [SEND News](#) to read the latest stories.

Please click on the link below to find out more about Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Somerset.

[Special Educational Needs and Disabilities \(SEND\)](#)

### For your Information

**PLACES ARE LIMITED SO PLEASE BOOK EARLY**



## February H/T Holiday Tennis Camps 2025



### Avenue Tennis Club - Burnham on Sea

**Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th February**  
9.30 - 12.30pm (4 - 9 Years)  
1.30 - 4.30pm (10 - 16 Years)



### Lympsham Tennis Club

**Thursday 20th & Friday 21st February**  
9.30 - 12.30pm (4 - 12 Years)



### Bridgwater Tennis Club

**Thursday 20th February**  
1.30 - 4.30pm (4 - 12 Years)



**Fees: £36.00 - 2 Days / £18.00 - 1 Day**

Online booking and payment available at  
**[www.tennis-extreme.com](http://www.tennis-extreme.com)**

For further details please contact Tim Seymour on 07887 723554 or e-mail [tennisextremeuk@gmail.com](mailto:tennisextreuk@gmail.com)



## Activity Calendar

Community Inclusion and Activity Team

February Half term  
Monday 17 - 21 Feb 2025



For ALL children and young people in Somerset with a disability or additional needs  
\*You DO NOT have to be referred to any service to access these activities, unless otherwise stated.

### MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

**Meriton Woodlanders**  
Young Wood, Staple Foss Lane  
TS1 3LZ.  
Seasonal Forest Activities,  
including identifying trees, birds  
and insects and making for air-dry  
herbs. We return for a wood-  
burn and have water-saturated  
cottoned play equipment (200g  
and activities). Families will be  
asked to bring their own food,  
and we do a small campfire  
cooking activity. There are  
hot drinks, tea for parents  
and cold drinks are also  
available. Time: 10am - 2.30pm.  
100-150p. £10 per family.

**To book, please email:** [woodlanders@meriton.org](mailto:woodlanders@meriton.org)  
or go to:  
[www.meritonwoodlanders.org](http://www.meritonwoodlanders.org)  
or call Sarah Hildrew on  
01756 886661

### TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

**Community Inclusive Activity Day: Young Person's Day**  
Tashton Holmwood Lane, Haver-  
gate, TS2 2LZ.  
2 Games of bowling and lunch.  
Young people use to our service  
will need to attend with a parent/  
carer or 2:1 support if required.  
Time: 12.30pm. Ages: 8-16.  
100-150p. £10 per person.

**To book, call 01757 412199  
from 10am on 28th January.**

### WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

**Meriton Sports: Men's Activity Day**  
Meriton Activity Centre,  
8523 5PZ.  
2 day of the Meriton Activity  
Centre with New Caledonia  
Activities include fitness golf,  
air rifle shooting and basketball.  
Places left on 19th Feb. Day 19  
places available. Sports 10pm.  
For 17-19 yrs. £20 per person.

**To book, please email:**  
[bookings@meriton.org](mailto:bookings@meriton.org)  
or call 01756 743493

### THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

**Community Inclusive Activity Day: Family Day**  
Ocean Adventure's, Unit 75,  
Cheddar Business Park,  
BS27 1BB.  
Family fun at Ocean Adventure's  
will play board and outdoor  
games in the C13 Theatre, so it will be  
a relaxed session. Refreshments  
available to purchase on site.  
Start on site 10.30am for  
support. 9.30am. For all ages.  
£5 per child, plus 2.00p fee.  
Additional adults £3.00.

**To book, call 01757 412199  
from 10am on 28th January.**

### FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY

**Green Goddess Games Club**  
Meriton Church, The Exchange  
Hillside, H1, Taunton, TS1 2DD.  
Table-top games including  
Monopoly, Trivial Pursuit, Cluedo,  
Board Games and D&D Roleplay  
Games. 8.15-10.30pm.  
For age 11+ under 18s may  
attend when accompanied by  
a parent/carer. £4 entry. Free  
one free. Parent/carer free.

**To book, please call Michael  
Ford on 01753666157 or  
[mcford@greengoddess.com](mailto:mcford@greengoddess.com)**

### People Elephant Arts and Crafts

Chapel Club, Badden Road,  
Ponson 8271 2241.  
Family holiday fun - activities  
for the whole family with a fee  
rival. 1.30-4.30pm.  
For all ages. £2 suggested  
donation per child but free to  
those on FSM.

**To book, please email:**  
[peoplearts@bt.com](mailto:peoplearts@bt.com)  
[peoplearts@bt.com](mailto:peoplearts@bt.com)

### Meriton Sports: Hydrotherapy

Meriton's Hydro, Ponsion, BS17 8LZ.  
Shared family swim sessions in  
warm water for young people  
with physical/learning/ sensory  
disabilities. Max 6 people by  
pool. Private hire available on-  
request. 10.30am-12pm. For all  
ages. £20 per family (up to 6  
people).

**To book, please email:**  
[bookings@meriton.org](mailto:bookings@meriton.org)  
or call 01756 743493

### Meriton Sports: Bowling

Meriton Activity Centre  
8523 5PZ.  
A 60 lesson for people  
who have skilled before on  
the day of Meriton Activity  
Centre's Young people  
supported by an experienced  
coach and instructor. 8.30am-  
10.30am. 3.30-5pm. For 7-18s.  
100-150p. £20 per person.

**To book, please email:**  
[bookings@meriton.org](mailto:bookings@meriton.org)  
or call 01756 743493

### People Elephant Family Cattery

Trinity Church Hall, Trinity  
Street, Ponsion, BS21 3DE.  
Family holiday fun - activities  
for the whole family with a free  
meal. 10am-5pm. For all ages.  
£2 suggested donation per  
child but free to those on FSM.

**To book, please email:**  
[peopleelephant@bt.com](mailto:peopleelephant@bt.com)  
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### Meriton Sports: Football

Ponsion Team United Football  
Club.  
Fun, inclusive football sessions  
on artificial turf available.  
New coaches.  
10.15-11.30am. 10-100 on Friday.  
£10 per child.

**To book, please email:**  
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### Meriton Sports: Badminton

Meriton Activity Centre,  
8523 5PZ.  
An inclusive Multi-sports  
session for young people with  
disabilities and their siblings.  
To include a variety of activities,  
such as legging games, cricket,  
dodgeball and basketball.  
10am-12pm. For 8-16s.  
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[bookings@meriton.org](mailto:bookings@meriton.org)

### Meriton Sports: Badminton

Meriton Activity Centre,  
8523 5PZ.  
An inclusive Multi-sports  
session for young people with  
disabilities and their siblings.  
To include a variety of activities,  
such as legging games, cricket,  
dodgeball and basketball.  
10am-12pm. For 8-16s.  
100-150p. £10 per person.

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## ACTIVITY PACKS

**Meriton 6-9 years**  
Activity packs tailored to the young person's  
interests and abilities. Activities can be done  
at home or at the Meriton Activity Centre.  
For 6-9 years. For 10-12 years. For 13-17 years.  
For 18-25 years. For 26-35 years.  
For 36-45 years. For 46-55 years.  
For 56-65 years. For 66-75 years.  
For 76-85 years. For 86-95 years.  
For 96-100 years.

**Meriton 10-12 years**  
Activity packs tailored to the young person's  
interests and abilities. Activities can be done  
at home or at the Meriton Activity Centre.  
For 10-12 years. For 13-17 years. For 18-25 years.  
For 26-35 years. For 36-45 years. For 46-55 years.  
For 56-65 years. For 66-75 years. For 76-85 years.  
For 86-95 years. For 96-100 years.

**Meriton 13-17 years**  
Activity packs tailored to the young person's  
interests and abilities. Activities can be done  
at home or at the Meriton Activity Centre.  
For 13-17 years. For 18-25 years. For 26-35 years.  
For 36-45 years. For 46-55 years. For 56-65 years.  
For 66-75 years. For 76-85 years. For 86-95 years.  
For 96-100 years.

**Meriton 18-25 years**  
Activity packs tailored to the young person's  
interests and abilities. Activities can be done  
at home or at the Meriton Activity Centre.  
For 18-25 years. For 26-35 years. For 36-45 years.  
For 46-55 years. For 56-65 years. For 66-75 years.  
For 76-85 years. For 86-95 years. For 96-100 years.

**Meriton 26-35 years**  
Activity packs tailored to the young person's  
interests and abilities. Activities can be done  
at home or at the Meriton Activity Centre.  
For 26-35 years. For 36-45 years. For 46-55 years.  
For 56-65 years. For 66-75 years. For 76-85 years.  
For 86-95 years. For 96-100 years.

**Meriton 36-45 years**  
Activity packs tailored to the young person's  
interests and abilities. Activities can be done  
at home or at the Meriton Activity Centre.  
For 36-45 years. For 46-55 years. For 56-65 years.  
For 66-75 years. For 76-85 years. For 86-95 years.  
For 96-100 years.

**Meriton 46-55 years**  
Activity packs tailored to the young person's  
interests and abilities. Activities can be done  
at home or at the Meriton Activity Centre.  
For 46-55 years. For 56-65 years. For 66-75 years.  
For 76-85 years. For 86-95 years. For 96-100 years.

**Meriton 56-65 years**  
Activity packs tailored to the young person's  
interests and abilities. Activities can be done  
at home or at the Meriton Activity Centre.  
For 56-65 years. For 66-75 years. For 76-85 years.  
For 86-95 years. For 96-100 years.

**Meriton 66-75 years**  
Activity packs tailored to the young person's  
interests and abilities. Activities can be done  
at home or at the Meriton Activity Centre.  
For 66-75 years. For 76-85 years. For 86-95 years.  
For 96-100 years.

**Meriton 76-85 years**  
Activity packs tailored to the young person's  
interests and abilities. Activities can be done  
at home or at the Meriton Activity Centre.  
For 76-85 years. For 86-95 years. For 96-100 years.

**Meriton 86-95 years**  
Activity packs tailored to the young person's  
interests and abilities. Activities can be done  
at home or at the Meriton Activity Centre.  
For 86-95 years. For 96-100 years.

**Meriton 96-100 years**  
Activity packs tailored to the young person's  
interests and abilities. Activities can be done  
at home or at the Meriton Activity Centre.  
For 96-100 years.

## WHAT'S ON ACROSS THE WEEK?

**Monday 17 - Friday 21 February**

**Meriton Academy, Street, BA26 0PE**  
A variety of indoor and outdoor activities, including arts &  
crafts, cooking, singing and sensory play, sports and more.  
There will be themed activities throughout the holiday.  
All our activities are fully inclusive, allowing us to meet all  
needs. We are a voluntary organisation setting up with changing  
sessions. For 4-11 years. 10am-12pm. 12.30pm-2.30pm. 2.30pm-4.30pm.  
For 18-25 years. 10am-12pm. 12.30pm-2.30pm. 2.30pm-4.30pm.  
Available from 8.30am. Cost £4.50pp.

**For siblings:**  
For 4-11 years. 10am-12pm. 12.30pm-2.30pm. 2.30pm-4.30pm.  
10am-12pm. 12.30pm-2.30pm. 2.30pm-4.30pm.  
Available from 8.30am. Cost £4.50pp.

**To book, please email Sandra Chiswick at**  
[sandra.chiswick@meritonacademy.co.uk](mailto:sandra.chiswick@meritonacademy.co.uk)  
or call 01268 941340

### Children's Autism Outreach Team CAOT: If you are known to CAOT please go to the Local Offer for more details or call your allocated CAOT worker for all CAOT holiday activities.

### Useful Information

**Who are the people offering the activities?** Organisations who have experience of working with children and young people with a disability or additional need and their families. Activities can be adapted to suit the children and young people who would like to attend. Please call them to chat about your child / young person's needs.

**Activities offered by the Community Inclusion and Activity Team** - Dependent on the child / young person's needs, we can provide a day out without parent / carer as we offer group supervision. If it is the first time your child / young person has accessed a trip with our team, a parent / carer will need to attend. We require payment a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the day. Please note, spaces for children and young people with a disability or additional need will be prioritised first, with spaces offered to siblings once bookings have closed if we have room. Online payment at [www.somerset.gov.uk/cwd](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/cwd)

**Don't forget our Activity Day Passes** - Available to ALL families in Somerset with a child or young person with a disability or additional need - Puxton Park, Noah's Ark, Abbotsbury, Fenne Animal Sanctuary, Hestercombe gardens, Court farm and Wild Place. Please email [CIATeam@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:CIATeam@somerset.gov.uk) to find out more or visit [www.somerset.gov.uk/cwd](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/cwd) to view the flyer.

**Max Card** - A FREE card for all children and young people with a disability or additional need in Somerset aged 0-25 years. This card can be used at many places all over the UK offering discounts and special rates when you show the card. Visit [www.mymaxcard.co.uk](http://www.mymaxcard.co.uk) for more info. Cards can ONLY be issued by Somerset County Council to people living in Somerset. Call 01823 358117 or email [ciatam@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:ciatam@somerset.gov.uk)

**If you would like help with the calendar and how to access activities please email the team** [ciatam@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:ciatam@somerset.gov.uk)

### Key for activities:

- Family Activity - for all members of the family to attend and enjoy
- Child/Young person can attend on their own under group supervision or with parent/carer if additional 1:1 support is required - please call the organisation to have a chat
- Child/young person must attend with a parent or carer
- Staff provided by the organisation to support the child/young person 1:1 if required - please call the organisation to see what they can provide as this may not include personal care
- Some parts of the activity are wheelchair accessible please call the organisation to find out more
- Accessible changing facilities are available please call the venue to find out more
- Activities aimed at young people/teenagers/young adults

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Please go to our website address above, for more information.

\*Please take note of the online live webinar sessions that **MUST** be attended to complete this full time 6 week course, and the ESFA's (Education Skills Funding Agency) eligibility criteria.



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Just send a text

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Term Dates for  
2024-25

Please see below our term dates for 2024-25 including our  
school INSET days.



September 2024					October 2024					November 2024							
M	2	9	16	23	30	M	7	14	21	28	M	4	11	18	25		
Tu	3	10	17	24		Tu	1	8	15	22	29	Tu	5	12	19	26	
W	4	11	18	25		W	2	9	16	23	30	W	6	13	20	27	
Th	5	12	19	26		Th	3	10	17	24	31	Th	7	14	21	28	
F	6	13	20	27		F	4	11	18	25		F	1	8	15	22	29
Sa	7	14	21	28		Sa	5	12	19	26		Sa	2	9	16	23	30
Su	1	8	15	22	29	Su	6	13	20	27		Su	3	10	17	24	
December 2024					January 2025					February 2025							
M	2	9	16	23	30	M	6	13	20	27	M	3	10	17	24		
Tu	3	10	17	24	31	Tu	7	14	21	28	Tu	4	11	18	25		
W	4	11	18	25		W	1	8	15	22	29	W	5	12	19	26	
Th	5	12	19	26		Th	2	9	16	23	30	Th	6	13	20	27	
F	6	13	20	27		F	3	10	17	24	31	F	7	14	21	28	
Sa	7	14	21	28		Sa	4	11	18	25		Sa	1	8	15	22	
Su	1	8	15	22	29	Su	5	12	19	26		Su	2	9	16	23	
March 2025					April 2025					May 2025							
M	3	10	17	24	31	M	7	14	21	28	M	5	12	19	26		
Tu	4	11	18	25		Tu	1	8	15	22	29	Tu	6	13	20	27	
W	5	12	19	26		W	2	9	16	23	30	W	7	14	21	28	
Th	6	13	20	27		Th	3	10	17	24		Th	1	8	15	22	29
F	7	14	21	28		F	4	11	18	25		F	2	9	16	23	30
Sa	1	8	15	22	29	Sa	5	12	19	26		Sa	3	10	17	24	31
Su	2	9	16	23	30	Su	6	13	20	27		Su	4	11	18	25	
June 2025					July 2025					August 2025							
M	2	9	16	23	30	M	7	14	21	28	M	4	11	18	25		
Tu	3	10	17	24		Tu	1	8	15	22	29	Tu	5	12	19	26	
W	4	11	18	25		W	2	9	16	23	30	W	6	13	20	27	
Th	5	12	19	26		Th	3	10	17	24	31	Th	7	14	21	28	
F	6	13	20	27		F	4	11	18	25		F	1	8	15	22	29
Sa	7	14	21	28		Sa	5	12	19	26		Sa	2	9	16	23	30
Su	1	8	15	22	29	Su	6	13	20	27		Su	3	10	17	24	31

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Term Date Summary	
Term 1:	2 September 2024 – 18 October 2024
Term 2:	4 November 2024 – 20 December 2024
Term 3:	6 January 2025 – 14 February 2025
Term 4:	24 February 2025 – 4 April 2025
Term 5:	22 April 2025 – 23 May 2025
Term 6:	2 June 2025 – 22 July 2025

Bank Holidays and public Holiday 2024-2025			
Christmas Day Bank Holiday	25 December 2024	Easter Monday	21 April 2025
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	26 December 2024	May Day Bank Holiday	5 May 2025
New Year's Day Holiday	1 January 2025	Spring Bank Holiday	26 May 2025
Good Friday	18 April 2025	Summer Bank Holiday	25 August 2025