

# **GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL**

**Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools**

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## **Ilminster Rotary Crocus project**

This week we have been fortunate to receive packs of crocus corms to give to the children to grow as part of Ilminster Rotary's support for Polio Plus which seeks ways to prevent people around the world catching this disease. The purple colour of the crocus is the colour of the Polio Plus campaign and is aimed to remind people that this disease still exists in the world and why work is needed to help people be saved. This has fitted in with our collective worship theme this week of compassion and today your child will bring home their corms. We are asking you to plant these in a garden or pot and then look after until they flower when we would love you to share photographs of the flowers in bloom.

These have kindly been given to all the children by Ilminster Rotary but we are asking that if any families would like to make a voluntary donation of 50p per family to support the Polio Plus campaign that this is brought to your child's class on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

Thank you for your support and happy growing!

## **Future Events**

Even with Covid restrictions we are trying to keep as many events as possible in the school calendar and we thought you would appreciate advance notice of the following:

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need – wear something cheerful from your wardrobe on an own clothes day – voluntary donation of 50p per family.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November** – we're still going to dress up in Victorian Clothes to have a fun History Day in school and we'll also be having a lantern display in the Ilminster Emporium.

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Save the Children Christmas jumper days – wear your favourite Christmas/Winter jumper or just a jumper of your choice for a voluntary donation of 50p per family

## **Coming and going from school**

Thank you to everyone who is supporting a safe entry and exit to school for our pupils. Please can we remind families that the site is no smoking or vaping throughout and this includes the front path to the gate on Silver Street. We appreciate everyone working with us in these Covid times and supporting waiting in a socially distanced way on the dots so everyone can be ready for their turn to drop off/collect their children. Please try to ensure classes who are going in can get to the front of their lines in their designated drop off slot.



## Harvest – dates for the diary

A reminder about Harvest dates when all are welcome via Zoom. It would be wonderful if we could ask for one item from every child to support the Ilminster food bank, especially Baked beans, Tuna, Corned beef, Tinned hot dogs sausages, Tinned fruit, Custard powder, Angel delight or equivalent, Fruit Squash and Cookie/muffin cake mixes and these can be brought into classes from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	
Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)	9.15am
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	
EYFS (Reception)	9.15am
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	
Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)	9.15am



## Coats

Please can we ask families to help us in ensuring children can fasten their own coats and if the weather isn't good to send children with a coat with a hood? We are trying to take the children outside when we can but the Autumnal weather means we are encouraging children to fasten coats and put their hoods up to stay warm and dry.



## Star of the Week

Congratulations to our stars of the week.

Dove	Elliot W & Dorothy W
Pippin	Lydia G & Gus K
Golden	Penelope P & Alfie C
Puffin	Larissa K & Alice S
Camelot	Lisette W & Sam W-F
Hook	Liam C & Elsie J
Dunkerton	Reggie S & Phoebe G
Morgan	Mollie Mae A & Eoghan N
Ashton	Emily S & Charlie D
Coker	Bailey B & Mason W
Coopers	Faith A & Poppy G
Gatcombe	Olive C & Tyler B

Children will have their certificates and stars presented in class on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 1.30pm for Years 3 and 4 ([note change of time due to Harvest for KS1](#)).

Families of the recipients are welcome to attend via Zoom and a link will be sent out to the contact emails we have for our Stars of the Week. We encourage all family members to stay until the end of the celebration if possible which is

Please note if joining via Zoom no recordings or screen shots should be taken of the sessions for safeguarding.



# Sunny-Ile Pre-School Cygnet Pre-School



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## Sunny Ile and Cygnet Pre School

Lots has been happening this week. We have been designing Christmas Cards for the FROGS fundraising activity and still enjoying some warm sunshine. There are lots of leaves falling now, it would be lovely to hear about Autumnal walks you have been on and how many different types of leaves you see? – Please add to your Tapestry for us to share.

### Safeguarding

Please remember the weather is now getting colder and raining lots. Please send your child in a suitable warm, waterproof coat.

### Carnival Umbrella Competition

Please remember your entries for the umbrella competition needs to be returned to us this coming Monday. You can add labels and other explanations if this helps (adults can help with this for the younger ones) and we will be awarding certificates and hope that these can be judged by members of the Ilminster Carnival Committee. Your child will come home with an entry form and these should be returned to Preschool by Monday 12th October.

### Dates for the Diary

**October Half term** - Pre School closes after school on Friday 23 October 2020. We reopen on Tuesday 3 November 2020.

The 2 November is an INSET day for both preschools.

## Sunny Ile Pre School

### STC Signs

The children have learnt our STC signs of “Yes” and “No” this week. Ask your child if they can remember them. We will be learning two new signs next week.

### Tapestry

At present we are settling the children into their routines and making notes for their baseline. This will be published by the end of next week. This gives us a guidance where to plan for next steps. The baseline is there to observe play, look at strengths and which areas will need support. We will begin to do planning and observing after the half term, so don't worry we will start to upload photographs and observations including ones for you to carry out at home.

### Lunchboxes

Can we please remind all our parents to cut up your child's sausages in half – **Lengthways**; this also includes tomatoes and grapes

### Timings

Please can we remind parents that our gates open at 9am and 3.30pm. We have had a few children being dropped off or picked up beyond these times. We can only staff these gates at certain times, as we cannot mix with the other bubbles within the school grounds. We would appreciate your cooperation in this matter, as ratios and the health and safety of our children is important to us.



**Sunny-Ile Pre-School**  
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**Cygnnet Pre School**

Thank you all for your continued support in the current times. Can we please remind you that drop off and collection times should be prompt at all times throughout the day.

Please can we remind again that children are not to be bringing any toys from home due to our Covid risk assessment and guidelines.

With the weather changing please can children bring appropriate named clothing and also named wellies to ensure we can make the most of being outside.

Our yellow preschool T-shirts with logo are in short supply at the moment but if you would like any iron on transfers please ask as we have plenty of those.

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# Activity Calendar

Community Inclusion and Activity Team



## October Half Term Monday 26 - Friday 30 October

### Monday 26 Oct

#### Neroche Woodlanders

Young Wood, Staple Fitzpaine  
Nr Taunton TA3 5AZ  
Structured session with child/family activities based around Forest School ethos; circle time, woodland exploring, mud kitchens, crafting, nature play and large seating area around campfire. Bring your own food, hot drinks available. Composting loos.

To book <https://bookwhen.com/woodlanders#focus> to our booking pages



### Activity Packs

**Art Club in a Box from SPAEDA**  
Thanks to the support of the CJA team, the All-Weather Art Club in a Box is now available FREE. Safety delivered to your door includes 8 activity boxes bursting with exciting art activities inspired by the Gallery and Gardens at Hestoncombe. Each box contains links to films and resources and all the instructions, equipment and materials needed to create your own artistic masterpieces. Send us photos of your creations and you can exhibit in our online gallery!

"We loved it all! The excitement of opening the box to unveil the contents was magical!"

Sign up to receive your FREE art boxes by emailing Jenna on [info@spaeda.org.uk](mailto:info@spaeda.org.uk)

### Tuesday 27 Oct

#### Community Inclusion Activity Team

**Family Day to Noahs Ark Zoo Farm** Meet at venue  
Clevedon Rd, Wraxall, Nr Bristol BS48 1PG  
10.30 to 5pm (Staff on site as support until 2.30pm)  
£6 per person

To book call 07977412199 on 6th Oct from 10am (No more than 6 in family group)



### Wednesday 28 Oct

#### WildierWoods One-at-a-time

**Visits** Opportunities for one or two family 'bubble' households (maximum 6 people) to visit woods for 2 hour sessions. Drayton Woods near Langport. Offers a private 2 acre woodland, ideal for free roaming & exploratory play. Ideas and resources for age/ability appropriate activities and exploratory trails available. Families responsible for their own children in the woodland. Easy parking, accessible toilet & handwashing facilities, wheelchair accessible pathways.

Sessions available 10.30am-12.30pm or 2-4pm £10 one household; £15 two households, payable in advance on booking (cheque/bank transfer)  
Contact Hannah Aitken by email: [hannah@wilderwoods.org](mailto:hannah@wilderwoods.org) or call 01458 252463.



### Online Activities

We will set up all our sessions on a new remote Activity Partnership YouTube channel. We will have a story telling and Arts & Craft session. The videos will be able to be accessed as many times as you like and stopped and started if you wish. Arts and crafts resources for the session will be delivered to your door ahead of the holiday and our staff will give you step by step instructions. FREE

Please text or email Steve Coles - Partnership Activity Leader  
Text: 07786 992229 or E-mail: [SCColes@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:SCColes@educ.somerset.gov.uk)



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All activities are subject to change due to COVID-19 Government restrictions. Please ensure you check with the provider prior to the activity day to ensure the activity day is still running. Families are required to meet all Government requirements subject to COVID-19. If you have any concerns please speak direct to the Activity provider.

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Monday 26 Oct

**Somerset Activity & Sports Partnership (SASP)**  
Taunton (C.O.A.C.H Centre, French Weir Park, TA1 1XF)  
Inclusive Outdoor activities – including tree climbing, bush camp, axe throwing, orienteering, kayaking, paddle boarding and inflatable rafting

11am – 1pm (8 – 12years) and 2pm – 4pm (13 – 18years)  
£5 pp To book Carly Ridgwell CRidgwell@SASP.co.uk 01823 653990



Wednesday 28 Oct

**Shared Earth Learning**  
Vallis Veg agro-ecological farm, Frome BA11 3JQ  
10am to 2.30pm  
Outdoor activities, including nature-studies, crafts, gardening, games, shelter-building and simple campfire cooking. All geared towards environmental awareness and appreciation of the natural world.

To book: Ginny Appleton shareearthlearning@gmail.com 07935 068254



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Tuesday 27 Oct

**Nova Sports & Coaching**  
Young people to meet at the Mendip Activity Centre. There they will take part in rock climbing, have lunch, and then do archery/axe throwing and tobogganing! What a day of fun!  
Ages 9-15yrs £15 00 pp

To book jenny@novasportsandcoaching.co.uk 07880743453



### Activity Packs

Ups and Downs Southwest are offering children/young people a FREE arts and crafts pack to help entertain them through the October half term. The pack will consist of a Halloween/kulites themed craft, colouring sticks/pens and a glue stick.

To receive a pack please go to [www.upsanddowns.net](http://www.upsanddowns.net) and complete the form. Bookings will open on the 6th October 2020 with a deadline of the 19th October 2020. Packs are limited so be quick!

### Activity Packs

**Purple Elephant Summer Holiday packs**  
We offer 2 different activity packs for families in Frome and surrounding villages for delivery and a postal pack for those elsewhere in Somerset. Cookery pack including all the ingredients with full instructions OR Craft pack with all the resources needed to make a cuddly emotions cushion and feelings puppets (involves some sewing). All packs will need adult supervision.

To order a pack email [sue@fromechildrensfestival.org](mailto:sue@fromechildrensfestival.org) with the following information: Family name, Childs name, Childs DOB Address including postcode, Nature of child's disability, Which pack you are ordering – postal, craft (to be delivered) or cookery (to be delivered) Dietary requirements (if you are ordering the cookery pack)

### 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
- Some parts of the activity are wheelchair accessible please call the organisation to find out more

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Monday to Friday

**Brookside Academy Street, BA16 0PR**

A variety of indoor and outdoor activities including arts & crafts, cookery, Wii games and sports! For 4-14 years (must be school age), 9am – 3pm, £21pp & for 14-18 years, 9am – 3pm, £24pp. Booking is required no later than 24 hours before via the magic

Booking website [www.brooksideacademy.co.uk/Magic-Booking/](http://www.brooksideacademy.co.uk/Magic-Booking/) For general enquiries call Jess, Harriet or Sandra on: 01458 443340 / [office@brooksideacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@brooksideacademy.co.uk)

### 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.

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, Bristol Zoo & The Wild Place, Abbottsbury Children's Farm, Fams Animal Sanctuary, Hestercombe, Court farm, Kingston Maunward. Call the CIA Team on 01823 358117 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.

If you would like help with the calendar and how to access activities, call the Team office on 01823 358117. If you no longer wish to receive this information, please email [CIAteam@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:CIAteam@somerset.gov.uk) and we will remove your details from our mailing list.

### Activity Packs

**Community Inclusion Activity**  
Co-ordinators will deliver to your door a choice of packs (one for under 10yrs or 10yrs to 18yrs). Free of charge. The pack includes activity suggestions, colouring craft, cooking recipes, forage hunts, word searches etc... deliver to your door or in the post.

To order please email [ciateam@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:ciateam@somerset.gov.uk) with your child's name, disability address, age of pack required

These will be delivered week commencing the 19th October ready for half term