

Petherton Park School Newsletter

June 2026

School Leadership Message

As we come to the end of another busy term, I would like to begin by acknowledging the exceptionally hot weather experienced recently. I hope that all of our families have managed to stay safe, keep hydrated and find ways to stay cool.

Pupils also deserve credit for their approaches throughout the warmer days. We have been impressed by how sensibly our pupils have responded, remembering to drink fluids, taking opportunities to cool down (even though this meant a change in routine on occasions) and looking out for one another.

The Phoenix Gardening Competition has been a wonderful celebration of the creativity, care and imagination of our pupils. Pupil linked, themed installations showcased special interests and favourite things, set up carefully despite the rain! Jurassic Petherton Park will always be a fond memory for me, along with seeing the Weetabix construction workers.

As we move towards the final weeks of the school year, there is still plenty to look forward to. We hope to see as many of you as possible at the end of term celebration and I have been immensely proud of every one of the pupils whilst reading their end of year reports. It is also wonderful to see just how many activities and learning sessions the pupils have contributed to in past 12 months. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. Together, we continue to create a vibrant, creative and caring environment with pupils at the centre of all we do.

On a final note, it has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with the children at Petherton Park. I will miss them all for a variety of reasons, each linked to their personalities and strengths as individuals. I wish them every success on their school journey and know they will become fantastic adults with much to offer the world with their unique and creative perspectives and resilience.

Beccy Wainwright, Headteacher

July - Key Dates

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| 3 | School closed for INSET |
| 10 | Pupil Party @ 2.00 |
| 14 | Y9&10 Vaccination Catch Up |
| 21 | End of Year Picnic @ 11-12 |
| 21 | End of Term @ 12.00 |

Safeguarding

~ Is everyone's responsibility ~

If you have any safeguarding concerns about any child (not just a child within our setting), please contact our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL):

Zoey Shelley 07725 406993

zshelley@phoenixschools.org.uk

or

Beccy Wainwright 0330 1358 200

beccy.wainwright@phoenixschools.org.uk

Alternatively, contact our Operations Director responsible for Safeguarding Governance:

Darren Jackson

djackson@plcl.org.uk

Pupils' Gallery



It's been competition time at Petherton Park School this month. For the Phoenix Learning and Care's best garden setting, our entry 'The Pocket People of Petherton Park' was small but mighty! Our school's Bake Off entry was appropriately rainbow themed and almost as tall as Joel's unifix cube tower! Pennywell Farm was a new venue for some of our pupils and almost as lovely as Little Clayhill Farm ☺



Therapies Team

Using 'Empathy' in the PACE Approach

What is Empathy?

Being empathetic means the adult actively showing that the child's inner life is important to the adult and that they want to support the child during their hard times.

The adult is demonstrating that they know how difficult that experience is for the child.

The adult is telling the child that they will not have to deal with the distress alone.

The adult is communicating strength, love and commitment; and building confidence within the child that sharing their distress won't be too much for the adult - that TOGETHER they will get through it.

Useful Strategies

"You are so upset about this right now. That must be really hard!"

"You wanted to have another turn so badly. You were so excited about it and it's so unfair that we ran out of time"

"I know it's hard for you to hear what I'm saying."

"I can see it is hard to be close to me; I will be here when you are ready."

"It's really nice to be sitting here with you now. I was really worried about how you were feeling when you wanted to run away. Those feelings must have been really big. I wonder if you thought..."

"How are those big feelings now, do you think we can get going on this together?"

"So, we need to find a way together for this to feel possible. Because I am worried about you and I am interested in your learning."

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Useful Strategies

"I'm going to get everyone else started, and then I am going to come back to you."

"How are those big feelings now, do you think they're going to let us get any work done?"

"What I would like to try is that we'll look again together at what you need to do. I will start you off and then I will check back in with you, how does that feel to you?"

Sentence starters

- It sounds like it's been really tough...
- You have had lots of tricky times...
- I am so sorry it's been so hard for you...
- I can't even imagine how that was for you...
- I really want to hear how it's been for you...
- That must have been so painful...
- I think you are saying...
- I think I get it...
- That makes real sense for me...
- I think I am starting to understand now...
- I think you might be letting me know that...
- If you had words for those feelings, I wonder what they would be...
- Let's make sure I've got that right...
- As you were talking, I was starting to think that maybe...?
- Does this make any sense...?

See 17/6/26 email for details.
Please RSVP as soon as possible!

YOU'RE INVITED!

END OF TERM

Parent Picnic — AND — Graduation

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE!

We warmly invite all parents and carers to join us for a special morning of celebration on the last day of term. ♥



11:00 – 12:00



TUESDAY
21ST JULY
(LAST DAY OF TERM)

VIEWING BOOKS AND CLASSROOMS



Take a look at your child's learning and their classroom. ♥

PICNIC



Bring a blanket and enjoy time together as a school community. ♥

SANDWICHES & CREAM TEA



Refreshments provided for everyone to enjoy! ♥

♥ PUPILS TO LEAVE WITH PARENTS ♥

*Thank you for your continued support
throughout the year! ♥*

PUPIL PARTY

END OF TERM BEACH PARTY!

HAWAIIAN THEME!



2:00PM –
2:45PM



10TH JULY



ICECREAM!



PIZZA!



HOT DOGS!

AND
MUCH
MORE!



COME DRESSED IN YOUR
BEST HAWAIIAN OUTFIT!

FUN • FOOD • MUSIC • GAMES • BEACH VIBES!

BEACH
VIBES
GOOD TIMES
GREAT
FRIENDS!

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about GENERATIVE AI SAFETY

Generative AI tools – such as ChatGPT – are now commonly used by children. In fact, 3 in 4 pupils in the 2024 Annual Literacy Survey reported using generative AI, up from just 2 in 5 the previous year. While these tools can boost learning and creativity, they also raise concerns around misinformation, privacy and overuse. This guide explores the key risks and how to support safe use.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISINFORMATION AND ACCURACY



Generative AI can sometimes produce false or misleading content. Children – and even adults – may assume the information is accurate and trustworthy. This can affect learning and understanding of important topics. It's vital to teach children to critically assess all information, even when it comes from AI.

EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Because generative AI is trained on vast datasets from across the internet, there is a chance it may occasionally generate harmful or inappropriate content. Without supervision, children could encounter disturbing or unsuitable material. Active monitoring and clear usage boundaries can help reduce this risk.

PRIVACY AND DATA SECURITY

Some AI tools ask for personal details or store users' interactions. If privacy settings are not correctly configured, children's personal data could be exposed or misused. Teaching good digital hygiene and setting strong privacy controls is essential for protecting children online.

REDUCED CRITICAL THINKING



Relying too heavily on AI-generated responses may reduce children's willingness to think independently. If they consistently use AI to solve problems or complete tasks, it could impact their ability to reason, analyse and form their own ideas. Encouraging thoughtful reflection is key.

DIGITAL DEPENDENCY



Regular use of generative AI can contribute to increased screen time and less real-world interaction. If left unmanaged, it may affect physical activity levels, sleep, and social development. Striking a healthy balance between online and offline activities is important for wellbeing.

UNCLEAR ETHICAL BOUNDARIES



Children may not fully understand the ethical implications of using AI to complete homework or creative tasks. This can lead to unintentional plagiarism or dishonest academic practices. Conversations around responsible use and academic honesty are crucial.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ESTABLISH CLEAR GUIDELINES

Set clear, age-appropriate rules for when and how generative AI can be used. Reinforce these regularly to help children develop a healthy, respectful and informed relationship with the technology.



ENCOURAGE CRITICAL EVALUATION

Help children to question the accuracy of AI-generated information and seek out additional trusted sources. This builds essential digital literacy skills and supports better decision-making.



PROMOTE ACTIVE SUPERVISION

Keep an eye on how the children in your care use AI tools. Check in regularly to ensure they're using them appropriately and be ready to step in if something doesn't feel right.



ENHANCE PRIVACY AWARENESS

Talk to children about the importance of keeping personal information private. Make sure privacy settings are in place and explain how data shared with AI tools could be used.



Meet Our Expert

Brendan O'Keeffe, Deputy Headmaster and Director of Digital Strategy at Eaton House Schools, has extensive expertise in digital safety, safeguarding, and generative AI in education. As an author and speaker on digital literacy and online safety for institutions such as The National College, Brendan guides parents and educators in creating safe digital learning environments.



The National College®

Inclusive Activities Calendar for the Summer Holiday from the Somerset CIA Team

Here is the CIA team's inclusive activities calendar for Summer, which is full of fun activities for children and young people who have a disability and/or additional need. Activities include nature story walks, tabletop games, music making, hydrotherapy, soft play and many more! The Community Inclusion Activity team are going to deliver 2 trip per week – please see the calendar for more information!

The calendar, and more information about the Community Inclusion Activity Team, can be found under the Local Offer at [Activities for families \(somerset.gov.uk\)](https://www.somerset.gov.uk/activities-for-families)



Activity Calendar

Community Inclusion
and Activity Team

Summer Holidays
23 July - 28 August 2026



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.



HOLIDAY STORY CLUB

Emma Bettridge Projects
Chocolate Books, 9 High Street,
Wiveliscombe, TA4 2JX.
Holiday Story Club - book club for
kids! Make up stories with us, talk
about books we like (or don't!)
and share our ideas. Recurring
sessions for same participants
per group.

Group 1: 28, 29, 30 July
Group 2: 3, 4, 5 August
Group 3: 17, 18, 19 August

10:30am-11:30am. For ages 9-18
yrs. £8 per person for 3 sessions.

**To book, please call Emma
Bettridge on 07930846722 or
email elbettridge@outlook.com**



THURSDAY 23 JULY

Purple Elephant
Trinity Church Hall, Trinity Street,
Frome BA11 3DE.
Family Holiday Fun: Cookery.
10am-1pm. For ages 9-18yrs.
£3 suggested donation. Free
to those on free school
meals.

**To book, please email
rebeccaharrison@purpleelephant.org.uk**

FRIDAY 24 JULY

Purple Elephant
Boulder Rooms, The Cotton Works,
Vallis Road, BA11 3EN. Family
Holiday Fun: Boulderling.
9am - 1pm For ages 9-18yrs.
£3 suggested donation. Free
to those on free school meals.

**To book, please email
rebeccaharrison@purpleelephant.org.uk**

WHAT'S ON ACROSS THE HOLIDAYS?

Virtual School Activity Days

The aim of our low-key activities is to support families of neurodivergent children in accessing their local community. We will offer support wherever possible. We understand that it can feel daunting if you haven't joined us before, but we want all families to feel welcome, relaxed, and able to take part in a way that suits them. There is no pressure to stay for the full session - families are free to arrive and leave when it feels right for them, and to engage at their own pace.

This summer, we will be meeting at:

Charmouth Beach - Wed 29 July | 11am - 3pm

Meet us at Charmouth Beach, where you can choose to base yourselves on the grassy area with access to the estuary, or on the sandy beach - depending on your child's preference. It's a great spot for families, with picnic areas, ample parking, cafes, and toilets nearby.

Somerton Recreation Park - Wed 5 August | 11am - 3pm

A newly refurbished play area with a skate park and toilets on site.

Wookey Farm - Wed 12 August | 11am-3pm

Join us for a visit to the farm, where children can paddle in the stream, visit the animals, and play in the camping field.

Great Wood - Wed 19 August | 11am-3pm

Come along for a gentle stroll through the woods, enjoy a paddle in the stream, and join us for a picnic and games.

Nine Springs Country Park - Wed 26 August 11am-3pm

Explore the woodland in search of the springs, followed by a visit to the park. There's also a cafe and toilets nearby for convenience.

Booking Information

To book onto any of these activities, please click the link below, which will take you to the Local Offer and then just search 'Virtual school activity days'. [SEND events](#). If you incur any problems please contact kate.standen@somerset.gov.uk and we look forward to seeing some of you soon.

WHAT'S ON ACROSS THE HOLIDAYS

27 July - 28 August 2026

Brookside Academy, Street, BA16 0PR

A variety of indoor and outdoor activities, including arts & crafts, cooking, messy 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 wheelchair accessible setting with changing facilities. For 4-11 yrs (must be school age), 9am-3pm, £27pp. Wrap around care available from 3-4pm. Cost £4.50pp.

For siblings:

For 4-11 years (must be school age), 9am-3pm, £24pp. Wrap around care available 3pm-4pm. Cost £4.20pp.

To book, please email Sandra Cinicola at extendedschools@brooksideacademy.co.uk or call 01458 443340

ACTIVITY PACKS

Step4ward-in2-growth

Activity packs available before or at the start of summer holidays focused on the great outdoors. At the end of the summer holidays, packs will be available focused on going back to school with cute stationary packs and picture planners. All screen free activities and no special equipment needed. Hand delivered if local to Shepton Mallet or sent by Royal Mail. For ages 3-18th birthday. £3 per pack.

To order, please contact Becky on 07737 331174 or email Step4ward-in2growth@mail.com

For more inclusive activities, groups and organisations in your area,

please visit the Local Offer: www.somerset.gov.uk/send-events where you can search

by (keyword) or (location). Please also visit www.somerset.gov.uk/leisure for accessible places to go in Somerset.



Summer Holidays Week 2

MONDAY 27 JULY

Nova Sports
Hydrotherapy, Harry's Hydro, BA11 4LB.
Family swim sessions in warm water during the holidays. Have a swim, splash and play with pool toys! 10am-12pm. For all ages. £5 per person.

To book, please email bookings@novasports.org.uk



27th

Nova Sports
Mendip Activity Day, Mendip Activity Centre, BS25 5PG.
A day at the Mendip Activity Centre with Nova Coaches. Enquire with Nova directly for itinerary for the day. Places sell out FAST! 10am-3pm. For ages 6-16yrs. £25 per person.

To book, please email bookings@novasports.org.uk



28th

Rainbow Roots
Dove Barn, Manor Farm, Silver St, Barton St David, TA11 6DB.
Woodland Adventure Sessions. Join us in the woodland for den building, nature crafts, imaginative play and campfire fun. These relaxed outdoor sessions encourage creativity, confidence and connection through child-led exploration and gentle adventure. Designed to support children with additional needs in a calm, inclusive environment where they can play, discover and belong! 10:30am-12:30pm. For ages 8-12 yrs. £9.50 per person.

To book, please call 07432384287 or email events@rainbowroots.uk



28th

Evolve Music
The Gateway, Addlewell Lane, Yeovil BA20 1QN.
Explore inclusive music-making activities, express your inner musicality, have fun through improvisation, songwriting, music technology, instrumental performance and games using traditional instruments and accessible technologies. 4.30-6pm. For ages 14-18 yrs. £5 per person.

To book, please email mark@evolvemusic.org.uk or call 07943 973473.



TUESDAY 28 JULY

Ark at Egwood
Egwood, Merrlott TA16 5GN.
Ark Experience Day comprising of outdoor activities including, meeting our animals, accessible games including adventure games and sports, Arts and Craft opportunities, Bushcraft activities and social time around a campfire. A tasty lunch and refreshments throughout the day are also provided. 10am-2pm. For over 5's. £3 per young person, £3 per parent carer.

To book, please email Office@arkategwood.com or call 01460 391974



28th

Community Inclusion Activity Team
Woodland Play Centre Near Lydeard St Lawrence
Full directions on booking. Adventure in the woods! Discover wildlife and explore nature's playground. Including den building, campfires cooking and wild art. Young people new to our service will need to attend with a parent carer or if 1:1 support is required. 10am-2pm. For ages 8-18th birthday. £10 per person.

To book, call 07977 412199 from 10am on 7 July. From 8 July onwards, bookings can be made via email only: CIATeam@somerset.gov.uk



28th

Nova Sports
Frome Boulder Rooms, BA11 3EN.
Try out the climbing walls at Frome Boulder Rooms. Supported by Nova Sports staff. 10-11am For ages 8-16yrs. £10 per person.

To book, please email bookings@novasports.org.uk



29th

Rainbow Roots
Dove Barn, Manor Farm, Silver St, Barton St David, TA11 6DB.
Family Creative Sessions A gentle, welcoming space for families to create, play and connect. Explore crafts, sensory activities, nature play, stories and imaginative adventures, all at your own pace. Designed to nurture creativity, confidence and calm, these sessions offer quality time to bond, with inclusive support for children with additional needs. 10:30am-1:30pm. For ages 0-8 yrs. £15 per family (laddit, 2 children).

To book, please call 07432384287 or email events@rainbowroots.uk



WEDNESDAY 29 JULY

Purple Elephant
Welshmill Park BA11 2LX, along the river and in the allotments. Family Holiday Fun: Fun in the woods, walk, games and visit to the allotment. 10am-2pm. For ages 6-18yrs. £3 suggested donation. Free to those on free school meals.

To book, please email rebeccaharrison@purpleelephant.org.uk



29th

The Balsam Centre
The Balsam Centre, Balsam Park, Wincanton, BA9 9HB. (Parking postcode BA9 9PA). Together in Nature: Gardening and games. Spend time outdoors gardening and playing games as a family. 10am-1pm. For all ages. £5 per family.

To book, please email info@balsamcentre.org.uk



29th

Nova Sports
Sport in the Park, Victoria Park, Frome, BA11 1HB.
Fun in the sun (we hope!) at the local park in Frome with all kinds of sports on offer! Includes basketball, football, multisports, dodgeball and more. 1-2:30pm. For ages 8-16yrs. £5 per person.

To book, please email bookings@novasports.org.uk



29th

Nova Sports
Frome Town United, BA11 4LJ.
Fun, inclusive football sessions with specialist Nova coaches! Skills, drills and matchplay guaranteed! 10-11:30am For ages 10-18yrs. £10 per person.

To book, please email bookings@novasports.org.uk



29th

Evolve Music
The Gateway, Addlewell Lane, Yeovil BA20 1QN.
Explore inclusive music-making activities, express your inner musicality, have fun through improvisation, songwriting, music technology, instrumental performance and games using traditional instruments and accessible technologies. 4.30-6pm. For ages 14-18 yrs. £5 per person.

To book, please email mark@evolvemusic.org.uk or call 07943 973473.



THURSDAY 30 JULY

Community Inclusion Activity Team
Creaty Theme Park, Sidmouth Rd, Clyst St Mary, Exeter EX5 1DR.
Family adventure park with over 60 rides and attractions, including live shows & animals. Park open from 9.30am-5pm. Staff on site for support from 10am-3pm. For all ages. £10 per person.

To book, call 07977 412199 from 10am on 7 July. From 8 July onwards, bookings can be made via email only: CIATeam@somerset.gov.uk



30th

Purple Elephant
Rossett House, Welshmill Lane, Frome BA11 2AA.
Family Holiday Fun: Watch a family film in the cozy cinema. 10am-1pm. For ages 6-18yrs. £3 suggested donation. Free to those on free school meals.

To book, please email rebeccaharrison@purpleelephant.org.uk



30th

Jump Start Therapy
The Mendip School, Edmund Rack Road, Prestleigh, Shepton Mallet, BA4 4FZ.
Fun, inclusive and sensory-safe rebound (trampoline) sessions tailored for SEND children and their families. Led by expert coaches in a supportive environment, we focus on building physical confidence and joy through movement. Siblings are welcome to join the fun as we bounce and smile together! 9am-2pm (30 min sessions). For ages 3+. £8 per family, maximum 3 participants. Additional observers welcome.

To book, email amie@jumpstarttherapy.org.uk or whatsapp 07920 573860.



30th

Evolve Music
The Gateway, Addlewell Lane, Yeovil BA20 1QN.
Explore inclusive music-making activities, express your inner musicality, have fun through improvisation, songwriting, music technology, instrumental performance and games using traditional instruments and accessible technologies. 4.30-6pm. For ages 14-18 yrs. £5 per person.

To book, please email mark@evolvemusic.org.uk or call 07943 973473



29th

Renew Education
1 Kings Square, Bridgwater, TA6 3DG.
Bowling and cinema. A fun social day out where children can enjoy a game of bowling together, followed by a suitable cinema screening. The focus will be on positive social interaction, teamwork, confidence and having a relaxed, enjoyable experience with peers. 9am-3pm. For ages 8-11 yrs. £5 per person.

To book, please call 01278 552629 or email pete.ford@reneweducation.uk



FRIDAY 31 JULY

Green Goblins Games Club
Riverside Church, The Exchange, Hamilton Rd, Taunton, TA1 2EQ.
Tabletop games including Pokemon Trading Card Game, Board Games and D&D Roleplay Games. 6-10.30pm. For age 10+ (under 10s may attend when accompanied by a parent carer). £4 entry. First time free. Parent carers free.

To book, please contact Michael Ford on 07733666157 or email email@greengoblinsgamesclub.co.uk



31st

Minehead Eye
Minehead Eye Centre, 1A Mart Road, Minehead, TA24 5BJ.
Bloom Holiday Special. This session offers exclusive access to the whole of Minehead Eye centre including: skatepark, cafe, climbing cave and music rooms. There will be an arts and crafts area along with a relax room with Lego and quiet activities too. Each week will focus on a different theme. The Skatepark will be open with scooters, skateboards, roller skates and all equipment included. The cafe will also be open. 2.30-4.30pm. For ages 4+ £2 per child.

To book, please email www.mineheadeye.co.uk



31st

Moor Outdoor CIC
North Hill Tank Tracks, TA24 5LB.
Inclusive beginners mountain biking. For those who can ride a bike and would like to try riding off-road. The session will be a mix of skills, games and a led ride. All equipment provided, but welcome to bring a bike if preferred if it meets safety checks. No off-road experience necessary. 10am-12pm. For ages 8-18yrs. £5 per person.

To book, please email hellto@mooroutdoor.org



31st

Purple Elephant
The Old Quarry, Witham Friary, Frome BA11 5HD.
Family Holiday Fun: Zip wiring, crafts and campfire fun. 10am-2pm. For ages 6-18yrs. £3 suggested donation. Free to those on free school meals.

To book, please email rebeccaharrison@purpleelephant.org.uk



31st

Emma Bettridge Projects
Whitelscombe Library, TA4 2JT.
Stories in the Wilds - making up stories, on a walk, with author Emma and her dog Nell. 2-3.30pm. For ages 6-18 yrs. £3 per person.

To book, please call 07930846722 or email elbettridge@outlook.com



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MONDAY 3 AUGUST

Nova Sports
Hydrotherapy, Harry's Hydro, BA11 4LB.
Family swim sessions in warm water during the holidays. Have a swim, splash and play with pool toys! 10am-12pm. For all ages. £5 per person.

To book, please email bookings@novasports.org.uk



3+

Nova Sports
Surfing at The Wave, Bristol, BS35 5RE.
Surfing lessons at The Wave Bristol! Fun for beginners or for people that have tried it a few times before! Not suitable for young people with physical disabilities. 12:30-2pm. For ages 8-18yrs. £25 per person.

To book, please email bookings@novasports.org.uk



3+

Nova Sports
Adapted Surfing at The Wave, Bristol, BS35 5RE.
Surfing lessons at The Wave Bristol! Fun for beginners or for people that have tried it a before! Suitable for young people with physical disabilities. 9:30pm-11am (1 place available) 1:30-3pm (1 place available) For ages 8-18yrs. £25 per person.

To book, please email bookings@novasports.org.uk



4+

Rainbow Roots
Dove Barn, Manor Farm, Silver St, Barton St David, TA11 6DB.
Woodland Adventure Sessions: Join us in the woodland for den building, nature crafts, imaginative play and campfire fun. These relaxed outdoor sessions encourage creativity, confidence & connection through child-led exploration & gentle adventure. Designed to support children with additional needs in a calm, inclusive environment where they can play, discover and belong. 10:30am-12:30pm. For ages 8-12 yrs. £9.50 per person.

To book, please call 07432384267 or email events@rainbowroots.co.uk



4+

Thrive
13 Church Path, Meare, BA6 9TH.
Gentle & structured summer programme with limited spaces for calm & quiet activities rooted in nature, creativity & nature. High support available. 9:30am-2:30pm. For ages 8-11 yrs. £5 per person.

To book, please email thriveinmeare@gmail.com or call 07966287092



TUESDAY 4 AUGUST

Community Inclusion Activity Team
Taunton Hollywood Bowl, Heron Gate, Taunton TA1 2LP.
2 games of bowling & lunch. Young people new to our service will need to attend with a parent/carer or if 1-1 support is required. 11am-1:30pm. For ages 8-18th birthday. £10 per person.

To book, call 07977 412199 from 10am on 7 July. From 8 July onwards, bookings can be made via email only: CIATeam@somerset.gov.uk



4+

Shared Earth
Vallis Veg, BA11 3JQ.
Nature based activities and play incorporating nature-studies, crafts, gardening, games, shelter-building and simple campfire cooking. Child led games and activities to enhance environmental awareness and appreciation of the outdoors. 10am-2:30pm. For ages 8-18yrs. £15 per person.

To book, please email shareearthbookings@gmail.com



4+

The Mendip School
Farrington's Farm, Home Farm, Farrington Gurney, Bristol, BS39 6UB.
Farrington's Indoor Soft Play Barn - is an indoor soft play with three levels. Enjoy 2 hours of fun. Suitable for children up to 12years old. Café on site if parents wish to buy food while there. 10am-12pm. For ages 0-12yrs. £5 per one adult and one child. £3 per additional adult/child.

To book, please email jtare@themendipschool.com



4+

Ark at Egwood
Egwood, Merriott TA16 5GN.
Ark Experience Day comprising of outdoor activities including, meeting our animals, accessible games including adventure games and sports, Arts and Craft opportunities, Bushcraft activities and social time around a campfire. A tasty lunch and refreshments throughout the day are also provided. 10am-2pm. For over 5's. £3 per young person, £3 per parent carer.

To book, please email Office@arkategwood.com or call 01460 391974



WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST

Escape
Wokey Hole. The Mill High Street, Wells, BA5 1BA.
Step into a world of wonder as you explore the breathtaking Wokey Hole Caves - home to ancient legends and stunning rock formations. Enjoy a mix of indoor & outdoor attractions, including adventure golf, soft play, penny arcade, museum and more! 8:30am-6pm. For ages 0-16 yrs. Coach: Carer £8, Adult £20.40, 3-15yrs £17.90, 2-3yrs £7.01, under 2s £2. Self drive: Under 3s £2, 3-15yrs £12, Adult £14.50, Carer £2

Book online at Escape Support Group or email fundraising@escapesupportgroup.com



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Family Creative Sessions A gentle, welcoming space for families to create, play and connect. Explore crafts, sensory activities, nature play, stories and imaginative adventures, all at your own pace. Designed to nurture creativity, confidence and calm, these sessions offer quality time to bond, with inclusive support for children with additional needs. 10:30am-1:30pm. For ages 0-8 yrs. £15 per family (1adult, 2 children).

To book, please call 07432384267 or email events@rainbowroots.co.uk



5+

Thrive
13 Church Path, Meare, BA6 9TH.
Gentle and structured summer programme with limited spaces for calm and quiet activities rooted in nature, creativity and nature. High support available. 9:30am-2:30pm. For ages 8-11 yrs. £5 per person.

To book, please email thriveinmeare@gmail.com or call 07966287092



5+

Renew Education
1 Kings Square, Bridgwater, TA6 3DG.
Bowling and cinema. A structured day trip giving older young people the opportunity to socialise, build confidence in a public setting and enjoy a positive group experience through bowling and a cinema visit. 9am-3pm. For ages 11-14 yrs. £5 per person.

To book, please call 01278 552629 or email pete.ford@reneweducation.uk



THURSDAY 6 AUGUST

Community Inclusion Activity Day
The Mendip School, Prestleigh, Shepton Mallet. A fun-filled family day at The Mendip School with arts, crafts, toys, glitter tattoos and outdoor play. 10am-1pm. For all ages. £5 per family.

To book, call 07977 412199 from 10am on 7 July. From 8 July onwards, bookings can be made via email only: CIATeam@somerset.gov.uk



6+

The Mendip School
Charter Way, Wells BA5 2FB.
Enjoy a fun family swim session, parents and children can exercise, explore the water and engage together. Parents must stay in the pool with their children in line with Pool terms and conditions. Mendip staff will supervise from poolside. No food is provided, but the café will be open after the session. 11am-12pm. For ages 0-12yrs. £5 per one adult and one child, £3 per additional adult/child.

To book, please email jtare@themendipschool.com



6+

Purple Elephant
Trinity Church Hall, Trinity Street, Frome BA11 3DE.
Family Holiday Fun: Family cookery. 10am-1pm. For ages 0-18yrs. £3 suggested donation. Free to those on free school meals.

To book, please email rebeccaharrison@purpleelephant.org.uk



7+

Emma Bettridge Projects Wiveliscombe Library, TA4 2JT.
Stories in the Wilds - making up stories, on a walk, with author Emma and her dog Nell. 2-3:30pm. For ages 0-18 yrs. £3 per person.

To book, please call Emma Bettridge on 07930846722 or email elbettridge@outlook.com



SUNDAY 9 AUGUST

Wilderwoods
Wilderwoods Forest School, East Street, Drayton, Langport, TA19 6JZ.
Bat and Night Wildlife Walk - Get to know Drayton Woods...at night! Join us in the evening as the light fades and the animals of the darkness emerge. Learn to love the night with a short walk as we hope to observe and listen to bats, owls, and maybe more. Hot drinks and marshmallows afterwards. 8-10:30pm. For ages 7 and over. £15 per family.

To book, please go to www.bookwhen.com/wilderwoods, email joe@wilderwoods.org or call 07552230302



FRIDAY 7 AUGUST

Green Goblins Games Club
Riverside Church, The Exchange, Hamilton Rd, Taunton, TA1 2EQ.
Tabletop games including Pokemon Trading Card Game, Board Games and D&D Roleplay Games.

6-10:30pm. For age 10+ (under 10s may attend when accompanied by a parent carer). £4 entry. First time free. Parent carers free.

To book, please contact Michael Ford 07733066157 or email email@greengoblinsgamesclub.co.uk



7+

Minehead Eye
Minehead Eye Centre, 1A Mart Road, Minehead, TA24 5BJ.
Bloom Holiday Special. This session offers exclusive access to the whole of Minehead Eye centre including: skatepark, cafe, climbing cave and music rooms. There will be an arts and crafts area along with a relax room with Lego and quiet activities too. Each week will focus on a different theme. The Skatepark will be open with scooters, skateboards, roller skates and all equipment included. The cafe will also be open. 2:30-4:30pm. For ages 4-12 per child.

To book, please email www.mineheadeye.co.uk



7+

Moor Outdoor CIC
Imham Road Tennis Courts, TA24 5DN.
Inclusive intermediate mountain biking. For those who can confidently ride a bike and have some experience riding off road. Able to confidently use brakes and gears as well as riding out of the seat. The session will be a mix of skills, games and a led ride. All equipment provided but welcome to bring your own if preferred if it meets safety checks. 10am-12pm. For ages 8-18yrs. £5 per person.

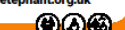
To book, please email helo@mooroutdoor.org



7+

Purple Elephant
The Old Quarry, Witham Friary, Frome BA11 5HD.
Family Holiday Fun: Zip wiring, crafts and camp fire fun. 10am-2pm. For ages 9-18yrs. £3 suggested donation. Free to those on free school meals.

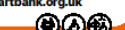
To book, please email rebeccaharrison@purpleelephant.org.uk



7+

The Artbank Café CIC
13 High Street, Shepton Mallet, BA4 5AA.
Child led creative activities, including art, outdoor learning, free play, cooking, clay and games. 10am-2pm. For ages 8-12 yrs. £10 per person.

To book, please email info@artbank.org.uk





MONDAY 10 AUGUST

Nova Sports
Hydrotherapy, Harry's Hydro, BA11 4LB.
Family swim sessions in warm water during the holidays. Have a swim, splash and play with pool toys! 10am-12pm. For all ages. £5 per person.

To book, please email bookings@novasports.org.uk

Rainbow Roots
Dove Barn, Manor Farm, Silver St, Barton St David, TA11 6DB.
Woodland Adventure Sessions: Join us in the woodland for den building, nature crafts, imaginative play and campfire fun. These relaxed outdoor sessions encourage creativity, confidence and connection through child-led exploration and gentle adventure. Designed to support children with additional needs in a calm, inclusive environment where they can play, discover and belong. 10:30am-12:30pm. For ages 8-12 yrs. £9.50 per person.

To book, please call 07432384287 or email events@rainbowroots.org.uk

Thrive
13 Church Path, Meare, BA6 9TH.
Gentle & structured summer programme with limited spaces for calm and quiet activities rooted in nature, creativity and nature. High support available. 9:30am-2:30pm. For ages 8-11 yrs. £5 per person.

To book, please email thriveinmeare@gmail.com or call 0796628792

Renew Education
1 Kings Square, Bridgwater, TA6 3DG. Charmouth Beach, fossil hunting and picnic. An outdoor adventure day at Charmouth Beach, giving children the chance to explore the coastline, take part in fossil hunting, enjoy a picnic and learn through hands-on discovery in a natural environment. 9am-3pm. For ages 8-11 yrs. £5 per person.

To book, please call 01278 552629 or email pete.ford@reneweducation.uk

Nova Sports
Frome Town United, BA11 4LJ.
Fun, inclusive football sessions with specialist Nova coaches! Skills, drills and matchplay guaranteed! 10am-11:30am. For ages 10-18 yrs. £10 per person.

To book, please email bookings@novasports.org.uk

TUESDAY 11 AUGUST

Community Inclusion Activity Team
Hollywood Bowl, Old Station Way, Yeovil, BA20 1NP.
2 games of bowling & lunch. Young people new to our service will need to attend with a parent/carer or if 1-1 support is required. 11am-1:30pm. For ages 8-18th birthday. £10 per person.

To book, call 07977 412199 from 10am on 7 July. From 8 July onwards, bookings can be made via email only: CIATeam@somerset.gov.uk

Jump Start Therapy
The Mendip School, Edmund Rack Road, Prestleigh, Shepton Mallet, BA4 4FZ.
Fun, inclusive and sensory-safe rebound (trampoline) sessions tailored for SEND children and their families. Led by expert coaches in a supportive environment, we focus on building physical confidence and joy through movement. Siblings are welcome to join the fun as we bounce and smile together! 9am-2pm (30 min sessions). For ages 3+. £8 per family, maximum 3 participants. Additional observers welcome.

To book, email amie@jumpstarttherapy.org.uk or whatsapp 07920 573860.

Nova Sports
Frome Boulder Rooms, BA11 3EN.
Sensory Bouldering. Let your child climb and explore in a safe, secure environment at Frome Boulder Rooms. The session is pre-opening hours to the public. Supported by Nova staff. 9-10am. For ages 8-16 yrs. £10 per person.

To book, please email bookings@novasports.org.uk

Nova Sports
Frome Boulder Rooms, BA11 3EN.
Try out the climbing walls at Frome Boulder Rooms. Supported by Nova Sports staff. 10-11am. For ages 8-16 yrs. £10 per person.

To book, please email bookings@novasports.org.uk

Nova Sports
Sport in the Park, Victoria Park, Frome, BA11 1HB.
Fun in the sun (we hope!) at the local park in Frome with all kinds of sports on offer! Includes basketball, football, multisports, dodgeball and more. 1-2:30pm. For ages 8-16 yrs. £5 per person.

To book, please email bookings@novasports.org.uk

WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST

Ark at Egwood
Egwood, Merriott, TA16 5GN.
Ark Experience Day comprising of outdoor activities including, meeting our animals, accessible games including adventure games and sports, Arts and Craft opportunities, Bushcraft activities and social time around a campfire. A tasty lunch and refreshments throughout the day are also provided. 10am-2pm. For over 5's. £3 per young person, £3 per parent carer.

To book, please email Office@arkatwood.com or call 01460 391974

Rainbow Roots
Dove Barn, Manor Farm, Silver St, Barton St David, TA11 6DB.
Cosmic Campfire. A relaxed woodland evening for teenagers aged 11-16 featuring campfire cooking, creative activities, music and mindful outdoor connection. Young people will enjoy a safe, inclusive space to create, socialise & unwind around the firepit with celestial-inspired crafts, summer evening games and SEND-friendly support throughout in the Rainbow Roots woodland setting. 6-9pm. For ages 11-16 yrs. £5 per person.

To book, please call 07432384287 or email events@rainbowroots.org.uk

Shared Earth
Vallis Veg, BA11 3JQ.
Nature based activities and play incorporating nature-studies, crafts, gardening, games, shelter-building & simple campfire cooking. Child led games and activities to enhance environmental awareness & appreciation of the outdoors. 10am-2:30pm. For ages 8-18 yrs. £15 per person.

To book, please email sharedearthbookings@gmail.com

Purple Elephant
Football Club, Berkley Road, Frome, BA11 2EH.
Family Holiday Fun: Making music with drums. 2:30-5:30pm. For ages 8-18 yrs. £3 suggested donation. Free to those on free school meals.

To book, please email rebecca.harrison@purpleelephant.org.uk

The Balsam Centre
The Balsam Centre, Balsam Park, Wincanton, BA9 9HB.
(Parking postcode BA9 9PA). Together in nature: Campfire cooking. Time in our orchard making and cooking over the campfire. 10am-1pm. For all ages. £5 per family.

To book, please email info@balsamcentre.org.uk

Thrive
13 Church Path, Meare, BA6 9TH.
Gentle & structured summer programme with limited spaces for calm and quiet activities rooted in nature, creativity and nature. High support available. 9:30am-2:30pm. For ages 8-11 yrs. £5 per person.

To book, please email thriveinmeare@gmail.com or call 0796628792

THURSDAY 13 AUGUST

Community Inclusion Activity Team
Tropiquaria, Washford Cross, N Watchet TA23 0GB.
Fun family day out with animals, Aquarium, Reptile House and play areas. Café on site or take a picnic. Park open from 10:30am-5pm. Staff on site for support until 3pm. For all ages. £5 per person.

To book, call 07977 412199 from 10am on 7 July. From 8 July onwards, bookings can be made via email only: CIATeam@somerset.gov.uk

Purple Elephant
Trinity Church Hall, Trinity Street, Frome BA11 3DE.
Family Holiday Fun: Inclusive dance with Flamingo Chicks. 10am-1pm. For ages 8-18 yrs. £3 suggested donation. Free to those on free school meals.

To book, please email rebecca.harrison@purpleelephant.org.uk

Jump Start Therapy
The Mendip School, Edmund Rack Road, Prestleigh, Shepton Mallet, BA4 4FZ.
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To book, email amie@jumpstarttherapy.org.uk

Rainbow Roots
Dove Barn, Manor Farm, Silver St, Barton St David, TA11 6DB.
Family Creative Sessions A gentle, welcoming space for families to create, play and connect. Explore crafts, sensory activities, nature play, stories and imaginative adventures, all at your own pace. Designed to nurture creativity, confidence and calm, these sessions offer quality time to bond, with inclusive support for children with additional needs. 10:30am-1:30pm. For ages 8-8 yrs. £15 per family (1adult, 2 children).

To book, please call 07432384287 or email events@rainbowroots.org.uk

Renew Education
1 Kings Square, Bridgwater, TA6 3DG. Charmouth Beach, fossil hunting and picnic. An outdoor adventure day at Charmouth Beach, giving children the chance to explore the coastline, take part in fossil hunting, enjoy a picnic and learn through hands-on discovery in a natural environment. 9am-3pm. For ages 8-11 yrs. £5 per person.

To book, please call 01278 552629 or email pete.ford@reneweducation.uk

FRIDAY 14 AUGUST

Green Goblins Games Club
Riverside Church, The Exchange, Hamilton Rd, Taunton, TA1 2EQ.
Tabletop games including Pokemon Trading Card Game, Board Games and D&D Roleplay Games. 6-10:30pm. For age 10+ (under 10s may attend when accompanied by a parent carer). £4 entry. First time free. Parent carers free.

To book, please contact Michael Ford on 07733066157 or email email@greengoblinsgamesclub.co.uk

Minehead Eye
Minehead Eye Centre, 1A Mart Road, Minehead, TA24 5BL.
Bloom Holiday Special. This session offers exclusive access to the whole of Minehead Eye centre including: skatepark, cafe, climbing cave and music rooms. There will be arts and crafts area along with a relax room with Lego and quiet activities too. Each week will focus on a different theme. The Skatepark will be open with scooters, skateboards, roller skates & all equipment included. The cafe will also be open. 2:30-4:30pm. For ages 4+ £2 per child.

To book, please email www.mineheadeye.co.uk

Moor Outdoor CIC
North Hill Tank Tracks, TA24 5LB.
Bike confidence and skills. For children who can't ride a bike or are slightly nervous riders. This session is designed to develop control and confidence in a flat, traffic free area. All equipment provided. 10am-12pm. For ages 8-18 yrs. £5 per person.

To book, please email helo@mooroutdoor.org

Purple Elephant
Football Club, Berkley Road, Frome, BA11 2EH.
Family Holiday Fun: Circus skills fun. 10am-1pm. For ages 8-18 yrs. £3 suggested donation. Free to those on free school meals.

To book, please email rebecca.harrison@purpleelephant.org.uk

The Artbank Café CIC
13 High Street, Shepton Mallet, BA4 5AA.
Child led creative activities, including art, outdoor learning, free play, cooking, clay and games. 10am-2pm. For ages 8-12 yrs. £10 per person.

To book, please email info@artbank.org.uk

SATURDAY 15 AUGUST

The Mad Community
The Mad Hub, Unit 14 Orchard Shopping Centre, TA1 3TP.
Inclusive disco with lower volume music in a safe and inclusive space. Enjoy gentle disco lighting, bright and cheerful decorations in a safe and inclusive space. 11am-12pm. For ages 4-11 yrs. £2 per child.

To book, email themadhub@outlook.com

For more inclusive activities, groups and organisations in your area, please visit the Local Offer: www.somerset.gov.uk/send-events where you can search

by (keyword) or (location). Please also visit www.somerset.gov.uk/leisure for accessible places to go in Somerset.



MONDAY 17 AUGUST

The Mendip School
Pallet and Pasture, Pyle Farm, Trudoxhill, Near Frome, BA11 5DL
Pallet and Pasture - A working Farm with free pedal tractors on a track and a digger pit. Feed the animals with £1 food bags and enjoy the café for snacks and ice creams. There will be inflatable fun on a "we're going on a Cow Hunt" trail. Picnics are welcome when supporting the café. 12-3pm. For ages 9-12yrs. £5 per one adult and one child, £3 per additional adult/child.

To book, please email jeare@themendipschool.com

17th

Nova Sports
Hydrotherapy, Harry's Hydro, BA11 4LB
Family swim sessions in warm water during the holidays. Have a swim, splash and play with pool toys! 10am-12pm. For all ages. £5 per person.

To book, please email bookings@novasports.org.uk

18th

Neroche Woodlanders
Young Wood, Staple Fitzpaine TA3 5AZ
Following Forest School principles, we start with a fire-circle gathering, then go exploring and play in woodland. After lunch, activities focus on seasons or child-led play, including small campfire cooking. Families bring their own food, and hot drinks are available. We end in a circle to reflect on highlights. 11am-2pm. For 2-18th birthday. £10 per family.

To book, please email sarah@nerochewoodlanders.org/ or go to www.nerochewoodlanders.org

18th

Thrive
13 Church Path, Meare, BA6 9TH
Gentle & structured summer programme with limited spaces for calm and quiet activities rooted in nature, creativity and nature. High support available. 9:30am-2:30pm. For ages 8-11 yrs. £5 per person.

To book, please email thriveinmeare@gmail.com or call 07966287092

TUESDAY 18 AUGUST

Community Inclusion Activity Day

ARK, Egwood, Merriott, Somerset, TA16 5GN.
A relaxed, fun day of spending time with animals, some outdoor games, BBQ lunch, a camp fire, bushcraft skills and toasting marshmallows. 10am-2pm. For all ages. £3 per person.

To book, call 07977 412199 from 10am on 7 July. From 8 July onwards, bookings can be made via email only: CIATeam@somerset.gov.uk

18th

Shared Earth
Vallis Veg, BA11 3JQ.
Nature based activities and play incorporating nature-studies, crafts, gardening, games, shelter-building and simple campfire cooking. Child led games and activities to enhance environmental awareness & appreciation of the outdoors. 10am-2:30pm. For ages 8-16yrs. £15 per person.

To book, please email shareearthbookings@gmail.com

18th

Jump Start Therapy
The Mendip School, Edmund Rack Road, Prestleigh, Shepton Mallet, BA4 4FZ.
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To book, email amie@jumpstarttherapy.org.uk or whatsapp 07920 573860.

18th

Rainbow Roots
Dove Barn, Manor Farm, Silver St, Barton St David, TA11 6DB.
Woodland Adventure Sessions: Join us in the woodland for den building, nature crafts, imaginative play and campfire fun. These relaxed outdoor sessions encourage creativity, confidence and connection through child-led exploration and gentle adventure. Designed to support children with additional needs in a calm, inclusive environment where they can play, discover and belong. 10:30am-12:30pm. For ages 8-12 yrs. £9.50 per person.

To book, please call 07432384287 or email events@rainbowroots.uk

WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST

Purple Elephant
Made at Nest, 15 King Street, Frome BA11 1BH. Family Holiday Fun: Mug painting 2:30-5:30pm. For ages 8-18yrs. £3 suggested donation. Free to those on free school meals.

To book, please email rebecca@purpleelephant.org.uk

19th

The Mendip School
Farrington's Farm, Home Farm, Farrington Gurney, Bristol, BS39 6UB.
Farrington's Indoor Soft Play Barn - is an indoor soft play with three levels. Enjoy 2 hours of fun. Suitable for children up to 12 years old. Café on site if parents wish to buy food while there. 10am-12pm. For ages 6-12yrs. £5 per one adult and one child, £3 per additional adult/child.

To book, please email jeare@themendipschool.com

19th

Nova Sports
Sport in the Park, Victoria Park, Frome, BA11 1HB.
Fun in the sun (we hope!) at the local park in Frome with all kinds of sports on offer! Includes basketball, football, multisports, dodgeball and more. 10am-11:30am. For ages 8-16yrs. £5 per person.

To book, please email bookings@novasports.org.uk

19th

Rainbow Roots
Dove Barn, Manor Farm, Silver St, Barton St David, TA11 6DB.
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To book, please email thriveinmeare@gmail.com or call 07966287092

20th

The Artbank Café CIC
13 High Street, Shepton Mallet, BA4 5AA.
Child led creative activities, including art, outdoor learning, free play, cooking, clay and games. 10am-2pm. For ages 8-12 yrs. £10 per person.

To book, please email info@artbank.org.uk

THURSDAY 20 AUGUST

Community Inclusion Activity Team

Verbeer Manor, Cullompton, Devon, EX15 2PE.
Enjoy over 20 incredible rides and drives at Diggerland! Join us for a day packed with fun, excitement and unforgettable digger-powered experiences! CIAT staff on site for support. 10am-3pm. For all ages. £7.50 per person.

To book, call 07977 412199 from 10am on 7 July. From 8 July onwards, bookings can be made via email only: CIATeam@somerset.gov.uk

20th

Purple Elephant
Carmoor Environmental Centre, Dimmer Lane, Castle Cary, BA7 7NR.
Family Holiday Fun: Mini beast hunting, river hunt, fire making and more! Transport provided from Frome. 10am-2pm. For ages 9-18yrs. £3 suggested donation. Free to those on free school meals.

To book, please email rebecca@purpleelephant.org.uk

20th

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To book, email amie@jumpstarttherapy.org.uk

21st

Wildwood Forest School
East Street, Drayton, Langport, TA19 6JZ.
Junior Bushcraft Day. Drop-off day camp for all nature minded children. As part of a small team, explore the woods, build a fire, prepare your lunch and learn the skills to survive in the wild. Fire-cooked lunch included with escape and evasion games in the afternoon. 10:30am-3:30pm. For ages 8-12 yrs. £17 per child, £11 for low income and siblings.

To book, please go to www.bookwhen.com/wilderwoods, email joe@wilderwoods.org or call 07552230302

21st

Emma Bettridge Projects
Wiveliscombe Library, TA4 2JT.
Stories in the Wilds - making up stories, on a walk, with author Emma and her dog Nell. 2-3:30pm. For ages 8-18 yrs. £3 per person.

To book, please call Emma.Bettridge@outlook.com or email elbettridge@outlook.com

FRIDAY 21 AUGUST

Green Gobins Games Club
Riverside Church, The Exchange, Hamilton Rd, Taunton, TA1 2EQ.
Tabletop games including Pokemon Trading Card Game, Board Games and D&D Roleplay Games. 6-10:30pm. For age 10+ (under 10s may attend when accompanied by a parent carer). £4 entry. First time free. Parent carers free.

To book, please contact Michael Ford on 07733066157 or email email@greengobinsgamesclub.co.uk

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Minehead Eye
Minehead Eye Centre, 1A Mart Road, Minehead, TA24 5BJ.
Bloom Holiday Special. This session offers exclusive access to the whole of Minehead Eye centre including: skatepark, cafe, climbing cave and music rooms. There will be an arts and crafts area along with a relax room with Lego and quiet activities too. Each week will focus on a different theme. The Skatepark will be open with scooters, skateboards, roller skates & all equipment included. The cafe will also be open. 2:30-4:30pm. For ages 4+ £2 per child.

To book, please email www.mineheadeye.co.uk

21st

Purple Elephant
Heal Somerset, Lower West Barn Farm, Bindon Lane, Whitham Friary, BA11 5HH.
Family Holiday Fun: Outdoor fun with nature. Transport provided from Frome. 10am-2pm. For ages 9-18yrs. £3 suggested donation. Free to those on free school meals.

To book, please email rebecca@purpleelephant.org.uk

21st

Wildwood Forest School
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Junior Bushcraft Day. Drop-off day camp for all nature minded children. As part of a small team, explore the woods, build a fire, prepare your lunch and learn the skills to survive in the wild. Fire-cooked lunch included with escape and evasion games in the afternoon. 10:30am-3:30pm. For ages 8-12 yrs. £17 per child, £11 for low income and siblings.

To book, please go to www.bookwhen.com/wilderwoods, email joe@wilderwoods.org or call 07552230302

21st

Emma Bettridge Projects
Wiveliscombe Library, TA4 2JT.
Stories in the Wilds - making up stories, on a walk, with author Emma and her dog Nell. 2-3:30pm. For ages 8-18 yrs. £3 per person.

To book, please call Emma.Bettridge@outlook.com or email elbettridge@outlook.com



THURSDAY 27 AUGUST

Community Inclusion Activity Team

Ham Hill Country Park, Stoke Sub Hamdon. A fun-filled day with the rangers for all the family, enjoying arts and crafts in the woods, den building and treasure hunt. Children will receive a nature inspired goody bag. CIAT Staff on site for support. 10am-1pm. For all ages. £5 per child, parent carers free.

To book, call 07977 412199 from 10am on 7 July. From 8 July onwards, bookings can be made via email only: CIATeam@somerset.gov.uk



WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST

Ark at Egwood

Egwood, Merriott TA16 5QN. Ark Experience Day comprising of outdoor activities including, meeting our animals, accessible games including adventure games and sports, Arts and Craft opportunities, Bushcraft activities and social time around a campfire. A tasty lunch and refreshments throughout the day are also provided. 10am-2pm. For over 5's. £3 per young person, £3 per parent carer.

To book, please email Office@arkatwood.com or call 01460 391974



26th

Shared Earth

Vallis Veg, BA11 3JQ. Nature based activities & play incorporating nature-studies, crafts, gardening, games, shelter-building and simple campfire cooking. Child led games and activities to enhance environmental awareness & appreciation of the outdoors. 10am-2:30pm For ages 8-18yrs. £15 per person.

To book, please email sharedearthbookings@gmail.com



26th

The Balsam Centre

The Balsam Centre, Balsam Park, Wincanton, BA9 9HB. (Parking postcode BA9 9PA). Together in Nature: Outdoor arts and craft. Fun outdoor and craft activities. Something to make using natural materials. 10am-1pm. For all ages. £5 per family.

To book, please email info@balsamcentre.org.uk



26th

Nova Sports

Sport in the Park, Victoria Park, Frome, BA11 1HB. Fun in the sun (we hope!) at the local park in Frome with all kinds of sports on offer! Includes basketball, football, multisports, dodgeball and more. 1-2:30pm. For ages 8-16yrs. £5 per person.

To book, please email bookings@novasports.org.uk



26th

Rainbow Roots

Dove Barn, Manor Farm, Silver St, Barton St David, TA11 6DB. Family Creative Sessions A gentle, welcoming space for families to create, play and connect. Explore crafts, sensory activities, nature play, stories and imaginative adventures, all at your own pace. Designed to nurture creativity, confidence and calm, these sessions offer quality time to bond, with inclusive support for children with additional needs. 10:30am-1:30pm. For ages 6-8 yrs. £15 per family (1adult, 2 children).

To book, please call 07432384287 or email events@rainbowroots.uk



FRIDAY 28 AUGUST

Green Goblins Games Club

Riverside Church, The Exchange, Hamilton Rd, Taunton, TA1 2EQ. Tabletop games including Pokemon Trading Card Game, Board Games and D&D Roleplay Games. 6-10:30pm. For age 10+ (under 18s may attend when accompanied by a parent carer). £4 entry. First time free. Parent carers free.

To book, please contact Michael Ford on 07733966157 or email email@greengoblinsgamesclub.co.uk



28th

Minehead Eye

Minehead Eye Centre, 1A Mart Road, Minehead, TA24 5BJ. Bloom Holiday Special. This session offers exclusive access to the whole of Minehead Eye centre including; skatepark, cafe, climbing cave and music rooms. There will be an arts and crafts area along with a relax room with Lego and quiet activities too. Each week will focus on a different theme. The Skatepark will be open with scooters, skateboards, roller skates & all equipment included. The cafe will also be open. 2:30-4:30pm. For ages 4+ £2 per child.

To book, please email www.mineheadeye.co.uk



28th

Wilderwoods

Wilderwoods Forest School, East Street, Drayton, Langport, TA10 6JZ. Teenage Bushcraft Day - For the more serious wood-folk whether experiencing bushcraft for the first time or taking skills further. Go beyond fire-lighting to learn practical methods for independence in the woods. Can include knife and axe skills, open-fire cooking, woodland craft, or some nature connection; the choice is yours. Fire cooked lunch included.

To book, please go to www.bookwhen.com/wilderwoods, email joe@wilderwoods.org or call 07552236302



MON 24-28 AUGUST

Children's World

Multiple venues across Glastonbury. Creative and educational 'Off the Streets' workshops. Expert instructors will help you dive into a wide range of activities tailored to all interests, abilities and backgrounds! Music, Singing & Songwriting, Hula Hooping, Falconry Graffiti, Forest School Circus Skills, Drama Dance, DJ Skills. Varying times between 10am-3pm. For ages 6-18 yrs. £9 per child. £5 for low income families.

To book, please call Angela Bolton on 01456 833693 or call info@childrensworldcharity.org



24th

Nova Sports

Hydrotherapy, Harry's Hydro, BA11 4LB. Family swim sessions in warm water during the holidays. Have a swim, splash and play with pool toys! 10am-12pm. For all ages. £5 per person.

To book, please email bookings@novasports.org.uk



24th

Nova Sports

Frome Town United, BA11 4LJ. Fun, inclusive football sessions with specialist Nova coaches! Skills, drills and matchplay guaranteed! 10am-11:30am. For ages 10-18yrs. £10 per person.

To book, please email bookings@novasports.org.uk



25th

TUESDAY 25 AUGUST

Community Inclusion Activity Team

Crealy Theme Park, Sidmouth Rd, Clyst St Mary, Exeter EX5 1DR. Family adventure park with over 60 rides and attractions. Including live shows and animals. Park open from 9:30am-5pm. Staff on site for support from 10am-3pm. For all ages. £10 per person.

To book, call 07977 412199 from 10am on 7 July. From 8 July onwards, bookings can be made via email only: CIATeam@somerset.gov.uk



25th

The Mendip School

The Mendip School, Edmund Rack Road, Prestleigh, Shepton Mallet, BA4 4FZ. Dance Session - The Mendip School - fun and interactive dance session - spend up to an hour practicing dance moves with Lucy from Make the Sunshine, then afterwards enjoy a small snack and drink to replenish after learning new dance moves. 10am-12pm. For ages 9-12yrs. £5 per one adult and one child, £3 per additional adult/child.

To book, please email jtare@themendipschool.com



25th

Escape

World of Country Life, West Down Lane, Sandy Bay, Exmouth, EX8 5BY. Enjoy a trip to the World of Country Life, with animals, museums, indoor/outdoor play areas and the Deer Train Safari! 7:30am-7pm. For ages 8-18 yrs. Coache under 2s £2, 2-3yrs £9, 4-17yrs £21, Adult £23, Carer £9. Self drive: Under 2s £2, child £12.50, Adult £14.50, Carer £2.

Book online at Escape Support Group or email fundraising@escapesupportgroup.com



25th

Nova Sports

Frome Boulder Rooms, BA11 3EN. Try out the climbing walls at Frome Boulder Rooms. Supported by Nova Sports staff. 10-11am. For ages 8-16yrs. £10 per person.

To book, please email bookings@novasports.org.uk



25th

Rainbow Roots

Dove Barn, Manor Farm, Silver St, Barton St David, TA11 6DB. Woodland Adventure Sessions: Join us in the woodland for den building, nature crafts, imaginative play and campfire fun. These relaxed outdoor sessions encourage creativity, confidence and connection through child-led exploration and gentle adventure. Designed to support children with additional needs in a calm, inclusive environment where they can play, discover and belong. 10:30am-12:30pm. For ages 8-12 yrs. £9.50 per person.

To book, please call 07432384287 or email events@rainbowroots.uk



For more inclusive activities, groups and organisations in your area, please visit the Local Offer: www.somerset.gov.uk/send-events where you can search

by (keyword) or (location). Please also visit www.somerset.gov.uk/leisure for accessible places to go in Somerset.



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
-  Autism friendly session with staff from the Virtual School (formerly CAOT) available for light support

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 - Dependant on the child / young person 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. Online payment at 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, The Bristol Zoo Project, Abbotsbury, Ferne Animal Sanctuary, Hestercombe gardens, Court farm. Email ciateam@somerset.gov.uk to find out more or visit www.somerset.gov.uk/activity-passes 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.somerset.gov.uk/max-card for more information on how to access this card. Cards can ONLY be issued by Somerset Council to people living in Somerset.

If you would like help with the calendar and how to access activities, please email ciateam@somerset.gov.uk and someone will be in touch to support you.

Dates for NEXT SCHOOL YEAR



2026-2027

Petherton Park School

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 Inset Days
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