

16 March 2026



NEWSLETTER



UNROLLING
our potential



Mrs Rorison's Round-up

The Art of Unrolling

The inspiration for this month's reflection actually began on my yoga mat. I was thinking about the Latin word **evolvere**—the root of "evolve"—which literally means "to unroll" or "to unwrap." As you unroll your mat and move through a session, you find yourself slowly unravelling; by the end, you are slightly changed, perhaps a little more grounded than when you began.

I carried this thought with me on my walk with Truffle this morning, watching how Spring is doing the exact same thing. It isn't a sudden explosion of colour, but a quiet, patient unrolling of buds and leaves. It is a gentle reminder that nothing stays the same, and that the most profound transformations often happen in these slow, incremental shifts.

We see this same **evolvere** happening within our children every day. Just as the landscape is unrolling for Spring, our students are slowly unravelling their own potential. This is particularly evident as our older classes prepare for their upcoming residentials. These trips are a vital stage of their development—a moment where they unroll their independence and test their resilience in new environments. They are evolving in readiness for these challenges, and it is a joy to watch them grow into the confident, capable young people we see today.

Value in Action: Responsible Citizens

This term, our focus is on being **Responsible Citizens**. To be a responsible citizen is to understand that our actions—no matter how small—impact the world around us. Whether it is walking miles to support a school tradition, caring for a living creature, or protecting our planet's oceans, our students are proving that they are ready to take their place as thoughtful, active members of society.



The Big Clear: Phase 1 Begins!

In the spirit of "unrolling" new possibilities, we are thrilled to announce that **Saturday the 28th** marks the beginning of an exciting transformation for our youngest learners. We are officially launching **Phase 1** of our playground project: The Big Clear!

To make way for our brand-new Oak Class play equipment—which will be installed over the Easter holidays—we need to clear the old to make room for the new. We are incredibly grateful to **Steve Miller**, who is kindly providing equipment to loosen and pull the old structures from the ground early Saturday morning.

We need your help! Once the heavy lifting is done, we need a community "heave-ho" to clear the site. We are looking for **volunteers from 10:30 am to approximately 12:30 pm**. If you can spare a couple of hours to help us move, sort, and prep the area, we would be so appreciative. It's a wonderful way to see our "Responsible Citizen" value in action as we work together to improve our school.

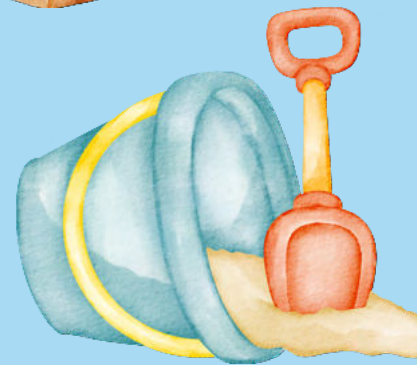
Looking further ahead, **Phase 2** of the project fundraising will be supported through our ambitious **Hadrian's Wall & Long Barrow Challenge**.

Stepping Out: The Hadrian's Wall & Long Barrow Challenge

In the spirit of "unrolling" new paths and acting as responsible citizens, we have a massive community walking challenge! To fund our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt, we are lacing up our boots for a series of sponsored walks that demonstrate our collective aspiration.

- **The Staff Challenge:** Ali, Truffle, and I will be tackling the historic Hadrian's Wall Walk, covering a total of **252 miles**.
- **The Children's Challenge:** We want the children's collective effort to mirror our own ambitious goal. Our **KS1 Explorers** will be heading out on their own special walks, while our **KS2 Adventurers** will be trekking out to the Long Barrow.

Together, the distance covered by the entire school will represent our shared journey and determination. Sponsor forms will be coming out shortly, featuring a QR code that links directly to our JustGiving page. By participating, our children are taking responsibility for their school community and ensuring our traditions continue to thrive.



Oak Class: From Mary Anning to Pet Values

Oak Class (Reception and Nursery) have been captivated by their chick-hatching project. The children have been exploring the ancient mystery of what evolves from an egg—linking this to their study of Mary Anning, the pioneering palaeontologist who "unrolled" the secrets of the prehistoric world.

Crucially, this project links directly to our **Pet Value Awards**. By caring for the eggs and awaiting the arrival of the chicks, the children are practising the responsibility and patience that defines a good citizen. From the towering dinosaurs Mary found to the tiny chicks in our incubator today, our youngest learners are seeing firsthand how life—and their own character—continues to evolve.

Responsible Citizens: Green Thumbs & Blue Seas

- **Rainwater Planter Project:** Eco Team have installed rainwater planters to help irrigate our school garden. It's a hands-on lesson in responsible water conservation.
- **Gardening Club:** Our Gardening Club has officially restarted for 2026! The children have been busy clearing beds and planting, showing great care for our school environment. A huge thank you to Rachelle Harper for her wonderful support in getting this project off the ground.
- **Kelp Forest Success:** We have been celebrating the success of Kelp Forest restoration projects and how protecting our oceans helps fight climate change.

Looking Ahead: Summer Solstice & Harvest Preparation

Art & Performance Week: "Local Voices, Global Change" (June 15th–19th) This week will culminate in a multi-sensory Solstice Celebration on Friday, June 19th. Students will move from "silence to finding their voice" through:

- **Art:** Creating batik "protest banners" and lino "identity prints."
- **Music & Dance:** Writing protest songs and choreographing movement exploring social change.

The Shoscombe Harvest & Village Show I have been planning with Rachelle Harper and Ali Philips for our school garden. Start prepping your soil now for: **The Longest Carrot, The Heaviest Pumpkin, The Wonkiest Vegetable, and The Tallest Sunflower!**



Sports Desk: Football Tournament Triumph

Finally, we celebrate our football team! After a nail-biting finish, the team secured a win that moves us into the final stages. Their hard work and sportsmanship are a testament to how persistence allows a team to evolve and succeed.

A Final Thought: Every Step Counts

As I continue my morning walks with Truffle, I'm reminded that a journey of 252 miles—or the journey of a single school year—is really just a collection of small, intentional steps. Whether our children are walking to the Long Barrow, nurturing a tiny chick, or finding their voice through art, they are proving that they have the heart and the grit of truly responsible citizens. Thank you for your continued support and for being such a vital part of the "unrolling" story here at Shoscombe. I look forward to seeing many of you on the trail (or the playground) very soon

Best wishes,
Tania





Key Dates for your diary








New to the Key Dates list



FOSSA Event



Change/update to details since last Key Dates list

Date (& Time)	Item	Audience	Description
Term 4: 23 Feb 26 - 2 Apr 26			
19 th March 26 @3.30pm -4pm	SATS Meeting	All Year 6 parent/carers	Meeting with Miss Ryder to discuss upcoming SATS in Sycamore
  20 th March	Cake Sale FOSSA -In aid of Chess Club	All Parent/Carers & Friends of Shoscombe	School & Village hall for Swimmers
W/C 23rd March 26	Reports out to Parents		
  28 th March 26	The Big Tidy - Prep for Phase 1 Outdoor Project	All Parent/Carers & Friends of Shoscombe	Potentially may include hed clear out and willow weaving
30 th March 26 @6pm	Alice Beech production	All parents/carers	More info to follow
31 st March 26 @2.45pm	Folly Farm Parent Meeting	Parents of Beech	All Parents need to attend, we will send out a virtual link also
1st April 26	Dance Umbrella	Sycamore Class	performing at Bath Forum Information sent home
2nd April 26	Egg Rolling & Easter egg hunt. Sponsored Walk 	All Pupils	KS2 easter egg hunt at longbarrow EYFS and KS1 easter egg hunt on site
2nd April 26 @14.00pm	Easter Service & Bonnets & Egg Rolling Final	All Parent/Carers & Friends of Shoscombe	
Easter Holidays	Mrs Rorison & Mrs Phillips Trek Hadrian's Wall	All Parent/Carers & Friends of Shoscombe	Please support us raise the final £8500 towards the Play equipment Phase 2 See Poster below



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Term 5: 20 Apr 26 - 22 May 26			
 21 st April 26	Sponsored Walk - Sponsorship forms deadline	All parents/carers	Please return all forms by the deadline
29 ^h Apr - 1st May 26	Folly Farm Visit	Beech Residential	Information to Follow
 30 th Apr 26	FOSSA Meeting - Solstice focus	All parents/carers	Hybrid the Apple Tree & Online
4th May 26	Bank Holiday		
5 th May 26	Class Rep Meeting	Class Reps	Meet with Mrs Rorison 2.15pm
7 th May 26	School Photos	All Pupils	Year 6 Individual Photo, then class photos.
21st to 23rd May 26	Sycamore Residential	Sycamore class pupils	NB: Children return on the Saturday of half Term
Term 6: 1 Jun 26 - 21 Jul 26 (17 Jul 26 last day for students)			
 3 rd June 26	Sports Day	All Parent/Carers & Friends of Shoscombe	More Info to follow
 10th June 26	Reserve Sports Day	All Parent/Carers & Friends of Shoscombe	More Info to follow
 11th Jun 26	FOSSA Meeting	All parents/carers	Hybrid the Apple Tree & Online
 19th Jun 26	Solstice Celebration + Summer Fete	All Parent/Carers & Friends of Shoscombe	
25 th June 26	Moving up celebration	Year 6 Students	Bath Abbey- More info to follow



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Term 6: 1 Jun 26 - 21 Jul 26 (17 Jul 26 last day for students)			
Mon 29th June 8.30am -9am & 3.30pm -6pm	Parents Open Day and Meetings	All parents/carers	Booking Opens on the 5 th June at 17.30pm
Tues 30th June 8.30am -9am & 3.30pm -6pm	Parents Open Day and Meetings	All parents/carers	Booking Opens on the 5 th June at 17.30pm
10th July 26	Year 5/6 Show Day	All parents/carers	More info to follow
15 th July 26	Year 6 Shirt Signing	Year 6 pupils	More info to follow
16 th July 26	Leavers Service	Year 6 Parents/Carers	More info to follow
16th July 26	Year 6 Leavers party	Year 6 pupils	More info to follow
17th July 26	End of Year goodbyes	All Parent/Carers & Friends of Shoscombe	More info to follow
20 & 21 Jul 26	Inset Days		





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Term 4 Clubs 23rd February - 2nd April			
Monday	Choir	Every Monday	Reception - Year 6 Book on Parent Pay
Tuesday	Cheerleading	24/2-3/3-10/3-17/3- 24/3-31/3	Booking Details on Dojo
Tuesday	Football	24/2-10/3-17/3-24/3- -31/3	Booking on Arbor
Wednesday	Gardening Club	4/3-11/3-18/3-25/3 until 4.30pm	Reception - Year 6 Available to book on Arbor
Thursday	Yoga	26 th Feb - 26 th March	Booking Details on Dojo
Term 5 Clubs 20th April - 22nd May			
Monday	Choir	Every Monday	Reception - Year 6 Book on Parent Pay
Tuesday	Football	24/2-10/3-17/3-24/3- -31/3	Sycamore Class book on Parent Pay
Wednesday	Gardening Club	TBC	Reception - Year 6 Book on Parent Pay
Term 6 Clubs 1st Jun 26 - 21st Jul 26			
Monday	Choir	Every Monday	Reception - Year 6 Book on Parent Pay
Wednesday	Gardening Club	TBC	Reception - Year 6 Book on Parent Pay



Shoscombe
CHURCH SCHOOL

DIRECTORY



PLEASE SPONSOR US

MRS RORISON & MRS PHILLIPS **HADRIANS WALL**
EASTER WALKING CHALLENGE TO RAISE MONEY
FOR SCHOOL OUTDOOR PLAY EQUIPMENT

85 miles



6 days 16 paws

We are looking to raise £4,250 for Phase 2 of our Outdoor Project! 🥾🐾. Mrs Rorison and Mrs Phillips will be joined on this challenge by Truffle, our beloved school dog, along with her friends Quigley, Poppy, and Lily. That's 16 paws and a lot of boots hitting the trail to support our Shoscombe students! Please give what you can on our Just Giving page (simply scan the QR code)



PREMIER HOLIDAY CLUBS

MORE fun, MORE friendships, MORE smiles during the EASTER BREAK!

BOOK NOW!



YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CLUB

Venue: Shoscombe CofE Primary School - BA2 8NB

Dates: Tuesday 14th - Thursday 16th April

Times: 9-3:30pm

Price: £21 per day

Ages: 5-11 (4 year-olds can attend half day 9-1pm)

Additional info:



Our Holiday Clubs keep children active, safe, and entertained throughout the school holidays.

Join us this Easter as we offer a wide range of fun activities, including sports, performing arts, and games, all at great value. There's something for every child to enjoy this half-term!

Book now for a holiday full of excitement!



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*Ts&Cs apply. Refer a Friend discount on new bookings only.



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

The National Year
of Reading 2026



GO
ALL
IN.

w/c March 16 2026

Bath Central Library

Zine & Comic Fair

Meet local zine and comic book creators. Hosted by Bath Mini Con

Saturday 21 March
10.30 - 3.00pm)

BookTrust Storytime

Free drop-in sessions for 0-5years.
Vote for your favourite story.
Each session includes craft and play activities.

10.30 - 11.00am
Tuesday
(term-time only)

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme

Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.

9.30 - 10.00 & 10.30
- 11.00am
Tuesday
(term-time only)

BookTrust Storytime

Free drop-in sessions for 0-5years.
Vote for your favourite story.
Each session includes craft and play activities.

10.30 - 11.00am
Thursday
(term-time only)

Midsomer Norton Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme

Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.

10.30 - 11.00am
Monday
(term-time only)

BookTrust Storytime

Free drop-in sessions for 0-5years.
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Mobile Library

The Mobile Library may stop near you! Pop in for a visit, return your books, collect a reservation & choose something new to read. You can do all this & more with your B&NES or LibrariesWest library card.

For the Route Timetable, please visit:
<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/mobile-library-service>

National Year of Reading

2026 Lets Go All In with the National Year of Reading.

If your'e into it, read it:
Just like me - Louise Gooding
Tintin in America - Herge
Adia Kelbara and the High Queen's curse - Isi Hendrix
All these books can be borrowed from your local libraries and many more.



Bath & North East
Somerset Council

Improving People's Lives



Get Into The Groove!

with our new music production courses

In Years 9-13 and love creating music? Whether you've been playing around on GarageBand or dreaming of dropping your own EP, this is your chance to go next-level.

Over 10 weeks, expert music production tutors will help you shape your sound, master Logic Pro, and create a great track.

Next Course: Wednesdays, 6 Jan 2026 - 25 Mar (Feb half term off)

Final Course: Wednesdays, 22 April - 1 July (May half term off)

Details and booking at:
wema.org.uk/music-production-courses



In partnership with
 Bath College

Become a Mix Master with our DJ Workshops!

Learn to beat match, loop, and get a crowd into the groove with our DJ workshops in Bath, hosted by Komedia Club.

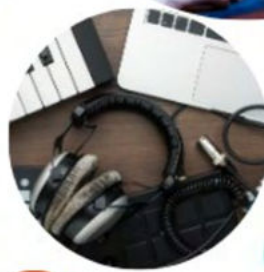
Featuring local DJ Elley Phunk!

Starts January 2026, for ages 11-18.

Details & Booking
wema.org.uk/DJ-course



In association with
KOMEDIA



Writhlington Adult Tennis Programme

Group

Ladies Intermediates	Tuesday	11-12.30pm
Rusty Rackets	Tuesday	1-2.30 pm
Intermediates	Wednesday	7-8pm 8-
Advanced Ladies	Wednesday	9pm 10-
Advanced	Thursday	11.30am
Beginners	Thursday	7-8pm
Cardio Tennis	Tues & Thurs	8-9pm *
Walking Tennis	Friday	11-12 noon



Scan here to see availability and to book online

*Cardio tennis is booked as an exercise class and walking tennis is Pay & Play. See website for details.



Writhlington Junior Tennis Programme

Stage	Age	Tues	Thurs	Sat
Blue/Tiddlers	4-5	4-5pm	4-5 pm	9-10am & 10-11 am
Red 2	6-7	4-5pm	4-5 pm	9-10 am
Red 1	8-9	4-5 pm	4-5pm	10-11 am
Orange	9-10	6-7pm	5-6 pm	10-11am & 11-12noon
Green	11	7-8pm	6-7pm	11-12pm
Full Court	12+		7-8pm	12noon - 1pm



Scan here to see availability and to book online
 Lessons cost £35.61/month by dd over 11 months
 of the year (no dd is taken in Aug)

