

April 2026



NEWSLETTER



HAPPY EASTER





Mrs Rorison's Round-up



A Morning with Truffle: Finding the Light

The clocks may have jumped forward, but the sun hasn't quite caught up yet (I don't think I have either!). It was a bit of a shock to the system to be out in the dark again this morning for my walk with Truffle.

However, as we navigated the chilly, dim start to the day, it felt like a fitting reminder of where we are in the school year. Even when the mornings feel "muddy" and the light is slow to appear, we know that spring is doing its quiet work beneath the surface. This sense of patient growth is exactly what we are celebrating as we head into the Easter break.

No Mud, No Lotus

This Easter, we are reflecting on a powerful idea from Thich Nhat Hanh, the "Father of Mindfulness." He famously taught that **"the lotus cannot bloom on marble; it needs the mud to grow."** At our school, the "mud" is the hard work we've put in this term—the Saturday mornings clearing grounds, the late nights painting sets, and the grit shown on our sponsored walks.

As a church school, this mirrors our vision of inspiring everyone to shine. We believe in the promise of **John 10:10**—that we are called to live life "to the full." To reach that fullness, we must embrace the "muddy" seasons of hard work and preparation, knowing they are exactly what allow our children to truly blossom.

New Life in Oak Class: Chick Therapy!

Speaking of blossoming, Oak Class has been a hive of activity and excitement recently. The children have been busy baking, but the real stars of the show have been our new arrivals. We have been watching with wonder as eggs have hatched into tiny, fluffy chicks.

It hasn't just been the children enjoying them, either—we've had regular visits from staff across the school for a bit of "chick therapy!" It is impossible not to smile when watching them. However, for the safety of our new feathered friends, we have made sure to keep Truffle well away!



Tending the Soil: The "Big Clear" Success

This past Saturday, our community proved they aren't afraid of a little literal mud! It was amazing to see such a wave of support as we prepared the ground for our new Reception play equipment.

- **A Community Power-House:** A massive thank you to Steve Miller, who provided all the clearing equipment and was here from the crack of dawn. We also discovered some very enthusiastic dumper drivers in Andy Rorison, Dan Elvery, and Tom Philips
- **Our "Barrow & Willow" Team:** Sam Page, Liz Winch, Scott Macdonald, Helen Chapman, Gary Goold, Richard Tillotson, and William Barnet were incredible, lugging equipment and clearing the Forest School shed.
- **The Fuel & Staff Support:** A special mention to Anna Lynch for the fantastic cakes and coffee, and to the staff who rolled up their sleeves: Harriett Ryder, Ali Phillips, Kate Curtis, Malachi Doman, Jaqueline Cook, and Anel Grundy.
- **Building for the Future:** The area is now clear for a wonderful creation to appear over the break. This project is vital for gross motor development—the physical foundation for a child's confidence and cognitive growth.

Sycamore Shines at Dance Umbrella

The creativity didn't stop at the stage door! Sycamore Class were absolutely awesome at the **Dance Umbrella**. They truly lit up the stage with their gold leggings and sparkles—it was a fantastic performance that showed just how much confidence our students have grown this term. Well done, Sycamore!

A Harmonious Honor: Mid-Somerset Festival

Our creative streak continued at the **Mid-Somerset Festival**, where the school choir delivered a truly breathtaking performance. We are thrilled to share that the choir was awarded an **Honours**.

The children sang with such passion and unity; it was a perfect example of our students "shining". A huge thank you to the children for their dedication to rehearsals and to Miss Arnold who helped them find their voices.



Looking Ahead: From Roots to Voices

As we look past Easter, we are already preparing for a summer of growth—both in our gardens and in our students' confidence.

Art & Performance Week: "Local Voices, Global Change" (June 15th–19th)

This special week will culminate in a Solstice Celebration on Friday, June 19th. Our students will be exploring the journey from "silence to finding their voice" through a variety of creative and expressive arts.

- **Calling All Performers:** We want our Solstice show to be a true community symphony! If you are a singer, in a band, or a performer (or know someone who is) and would like to take part in our celebration, please do get in touch.

The Shoscombe Harvest & Village Show

I have been busy planning with Rachele Harper and Ali Phillips for our school garden. It's time to start prepping your soil!

- **Farmers' Market - Join Us!** Our Harvest celebration will also feature a Farmers' Market. We are looking for local producers who would like a stall, or anyone with contacts for artisans and growers who might be interested. Please reach out to the office.

A Final Note from Truffle and Me

As the clocks change and we head into the Easter break, I hope you find time to enjoy the "lotus" moments in your own lives. Thank you for all the "muddy" hard work you do to help our school community shine.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter!





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 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
23 rd April 26 @3.30pm	Year 5 Residential meeting	All parents/carers of Sycamore	Information shared on Dojo
29 th April 26 @8am	Year 5 Residential meeting	All parents/carers of Sycamore	Information shared on Dojo
29 ^h Apr - 1 st 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
4 th 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.
21 st to 23 rd 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
10 th June 26	Reserve Sports Day	All Parent/Carers & Friends of Shoscombe	More Info to follow



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 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
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 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
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Shoscombe
CHURCH SCHOOL

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LOCAL BANDS, ACTS + MUSICIANS
NEEDED FOR
SHOSCOMBE CHURCH SCHOOL'S
ANNUAL SOLSTICE CELEBRATION &
SUMMER FETE (event open to public)

Evening of 19 June 2026. If you're interested we'd love to hear from you and more importantly our friendly school community would love to hear you perform at our very own mini festival to celebrate summer! If interested please contact Nikki at the School Office to discuss. Tel - 01761 432479

Or email: office@shoscombe.mnsp.org.uk





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



more fun, more friendships, more smiles during the easter break!



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!



clubs are better with friends!



treat your friends to 20% off...and get 20% off too!



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

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

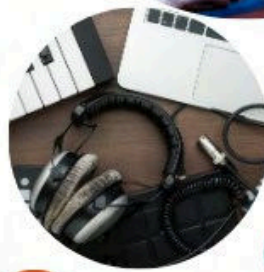
Become a Mix Master with our DJ Workshops!

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



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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)

