



# NEWSLETTER

POSTCARD



Shoscombe  
on tour...



Folly farm



## Mrs Rorison's Round-up



The countryside around Shoscombe is currently a riot of May colour. On our morning walks, Truffle has been particularly energetic, weaving through the long grass and checking on the progress of the wildflowers. There is a sense of quiet anticipation in the air—nature is working hard behind the scenes to bloom, much like our pupils have been doing throughout this incredibly busy term.

### Once in a Blue Moon

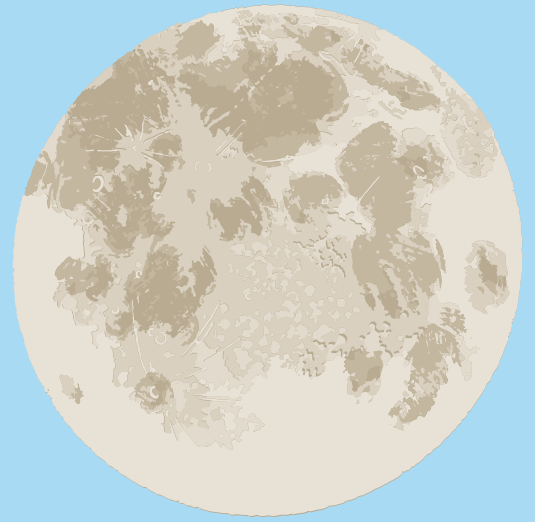
On May 31, 2026, the night sky will glow with one of the rarest lunar events of the year—a Blue Moon. This happens when two full moons appear within the same calendar month. It feels like the perfect metaphor for the "once in a blue moon" opportunities our children have embraced lately. Our value this term has been Aspiration, and seeing the children reach for the stars (and the moon!) has been a joy.

**"Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars."**

— Norman Vincent Peale

### Celebrating our Year 6 Heroes

As I write this, the Year 6 pupils have just put down their pens after their final SATs paper. They have approached every paper with determination and grit, and we are immensely proud of them. The hard work is done, and now the adventure begins! They are heading off to St Briavels Castle YHA for fencing, canoeing down the Wye, and a traditional banquet. It is a brilliant fusion of History, Literacy (with links to Alex Rider), and PE.



## A Whirlwind of Adventure

My own journey this term started at 6:30 am on a Monday morning, joining the Year 5s for their Barcelona residential. From the architectural wonders of Parc Güell to celebrating St George's Day (Sant Jordi) with our partner school—where the tradition of exchanging books and roses beautifully mirrors our school's love for literacy—it was an unforgettable experience.

Closer to home, Years 3 and 4 visited Folly Farm to track badger setts and dissect owl pellets. These trips are vital stepping stones, building the independence and resilience required for our older residential.

## Shoscombe in the Spotlight: Party in the City

This Friday night, our choir is taking to the stage at the Forum for **Party in the City!** This is the first time Shoscombe has been part of this prestigious celebration. We were thrilled to see this on the official event website: **Shoscombe Primary Choir (6:35PM - 6:45PM)** "High-flying primary choir with a mixed bag of songs for a high-energy performance." "If you are in Bath on Friday evening, do come along and support our "high-flyers"!"

## Growth, Resilience, and Safety

These residential experiences are a core part of how we keep our children safe and well-prepared for life. By learning to manage their own risks in controlled environments, children develop a "safety toolkit" for the real world. This aligns with our Jigsaw PSHE curriculum and the latest Safeguarding (KCSIE) guidance. We will share much more information next year regarding these specific phases.



## Playground Progress: Our Vision Sets Sail

Phase 1 is complete! Thanks to your support and a magnificent £5,000 donation from the Trust, we have now secured the final funds for Phase 2. This community has raised a grand total of £29,162. The Pirate Ship is officially green-lit for installation over the summer holidays!

With deepest gratitude,

Tania Rorison *Headteacher*





## 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
<b>Term 5: 20 Apr 26 - 22 May 26</b>			
21st to 23rd May 26	Sycamore Residential	Sycamore class pupils	NB: Children return on the Saturday of half Term
<b>Term 6: 1 Jun 26 - 21 Jul 26 (17 Jul 26 last day for students)</b>			
3 <sup>rd</sup> June 26	Sports Day	All Parent/Carers & Friends of Shoscombe	Hot lunches will be cancelled and you will be able to order hot dogs or bring a packed lunch. FOSSA also providing refreshments for adults
8 <sup>th</sup> June 26 6pm	Reception Parent meeting 26 Starters	New Reception Starters 26	
9 <sup>th</sup> June 26 3.15pm .415pm	Music Teatime Concert	All Choir	See poster attached
11th 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
18 <sup>th</sup> June 26	Year 3 & 4 Gym Comp	Selected Students	More info to follow
19th Jun 26	Solstice Celebration + Summer Fete	All Parent/Carers & Friends of Shoscombe	2.15pm Art Walk through 2.45pm School Singing
23 <sup>rd</sup> June 26	Reception 26 Stay & Play	Forest School 1.30pm - 3pm	More info to follow
25 <sup>th</sup> June 26	Moving up celebration	Year 6 Students	Info on Dojo



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<b>Term 6: 1 Jun 26 - 21 Jul 26 (17 Jul 26 last day for students)</b>			
Mon 29th June 8.30am -9am & 3.30pm -6pm	Parents Meetings	All parents/carers	Booking Opens on the 5 <sup>th</sup> June at 17.30pm
Tues 30th June 8.30am -9am & 3.30pm -6pm	Parents Meetings	All parents/carers	Booking Opens on the 5 <sup>th</sup> June at 17.30pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> July 26	Moving up Day	Whole School	Year 6 students will attend new secondary schools. The rest of the school & New Reception will spend morning session in new class.
6 <sup>th</sup> July 26	EYFS & KS1 visit to Westonbirt	All Students Chestnut & Oak	More info to follow
10th July 26 5.30pm Start	Year 5/6 Show Day	All parents/carers	Note the earlier start time .
15 <sup>th</sup> July 26 3.30pm	Picnic for new Reception starters	New Reception Starters 26	More info to follow
15 <sup>th</sup> July 26	Year 6 Shirt Signing. School picnics.	Year 6 pupils & Whole school Picnic	Hot lunches will be cancelled
16 <sup>th</sup> July 26 9.15am	Leavers Service	Year 6 Parents/Carers	Info on Dojo
16th July 26	Year 6 Leavers party	Year 6 pupils	Info on Dojo
17th July 26	End of Year goodbyes	All Parent/Carers & Friends of Shoscombe	Info on Dojo
20 & 21 Jul 26	Inset Days		



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<b>Term 5 Clubs 20th April - 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>			
Monday	Choir	Every Monday	Reception - Year 6
Tuesday	Football	24/2-10/3-17/3-24/3-31/3	Sycamore Class book on Arbor
Wednesday	Gardening Club	29/4,6/5,13/5	Reception - Year 6 Please call the office to book
Thursday	Yoga	23/4,30/4,14/5	Information on Dojo
<b>Term 6 Clubs 1st Jun 26 - 21st Jul 26</b>			
Monday	Choir	Every Monday	Reception - Year 6 Book on Arbor
Wednesday	Gardening Club	TBC	Reception - Year 6 Book on Arbor





Shoscombe  
CHURCH SCHOOL

# DIRECTORY

Shoscombe School's 2026

# Sports Day

*Supported by FOSSA*

## Wednesday 3 June

Tea, Coffee and Pastries  
available from 8:45 am!

Pre-order child(ren)'s meal-deal  
via the fossa website  
(or bring a packed lunch)



If you are able to help serve for 30  
minutes on the day we would love  
to hear from you!

THIS IS A FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR SHOSCOMBE CHURCH SCHOOL  
(via Friends of Shoscombe School Association [FOSSA], the schools Parent Teacher Association)  
Registered Charity 1050575

FOR MORE EVENT INFORMATION SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT:

[FOSSA.ORG.UK/EVENTS/](https://FOSSA.ORG.UK/EVENTS/)



Shoscombe  
CHURCH SCHOOL



PRESENTS

THE SHOSCOMBE  
**SUMMER**  
**SOLSTICE**  
FESTIVAL & FETE

FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026. FROM 15.30

LAST BAND FINISHES AT 21:00

@ SHOSCOMBE SCHOOL (FREE ENTRY)

EVERYONE WELCOME

(all ages, no need to have a child attending the school).


**BANDS & LIVE MUSIC**    **STALLS**

**BBQ [with Somer Valley Farms Meat]**

**FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES & PERFORMANCES**

**TEA, CAKE & REFRESHMENTS**    **LICENSED BAR**

**PARKING AVAILABLE**



plant your seeds now for

# HARVEST

## *Festival*

IN THE AUTUMN

**more info to follow**

office@shoscombe.mnsp.org.uk  
01761 432479



**Shoscombe**  
Church School





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](mailto:office@shoscombe.mnsp.org.uk)





# PREMIER HOLIDAY CLUBS



more fun, more friendships, more smiles  
DURING THE MAY HALF-TERM!



Book today



## your Nearest multi-activity club

Venue: St.Julian's Primary School - BA2 8QS

Dates: Tuesday 26th May - Thursday 28th May

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 May 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.



#### PLEASE BRING

- A packed lunch
- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing
- Loads of energy!



# COLOURSCAPE

AN IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE  
FOR ALL AGES

BATH RECREATION  
GROUND  
23-31 MAY 2026



ADULT: £15  
CHILD: £12  
NO BOOKING FEES!

STEP INSIDE A LABYRINTH OF  
COLOUR, LIGHT AND LIVE MUSIC

TICKETS



[BATHARTS.CO.UK](http://BATHARTS.CO.UK)

# Fresh Fringe

Family Festival

**Fresh Fringe** 26 May – 6 June 2026

Part of Bath Fringe



Bath & North East  
Somerset Council

Improving People's Lives

Bath  
Central  
Library

19-23 The Podium,  
Bath BA1 5AN



£3  
each

## Tuesday 26 May

10am-11am – Storytelling & Games  
with Milena **7-14yrs**

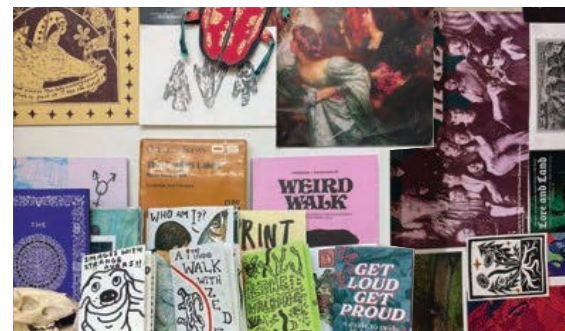
11.30am-12.15pm & 3pm-3.45pm –  
—Speedy A Puppet Adventure **under 10s**

2pm-2.30pm – Stan's Stick  
with John Hegley **7-11yrs**



## Thursday 28 May 7-14yrs

10am-12pm – Make a Zine with Gemma  
1.30pm-2.30pm – Spoken Word with Caleb  
2.30pm-4.30 – Make a Zine with Gemma



## Friday 5 June

all day 10am-4pm

**Free!**

Bug hotel

**all ages**

Simple prints

Writing about nature



2026



Shoscombe  
Church School



# TEA TIME CONCERT

**Come and join us for an informal concert with performances from our instrumental pupils and school choir!**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 3:30 - 4:30**

**Tea, coffee and cake available with proceeds going towards performing arts at Shoscombe!**

# BOOKING A HOLIDAY? RAISE £50 FOR FOSSA - FOR FREE!



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**RAISE**  
FUNDS FOR  
FOSSA



£1.7 MILLION RAISED IN 2025. LET'S GET OUR SHARE FOR FOSSA!



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*An education for the whole person*

— academically, personally, spiritually —

## SUMMER OPEN MORNING

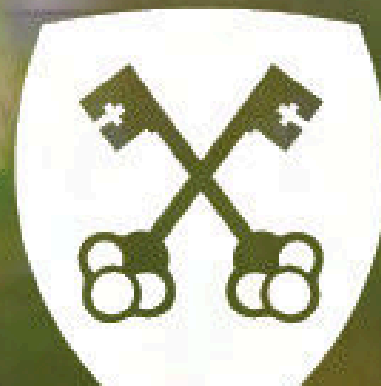
Register online to join us for a tour of our school in action.

MONDAY 8 JUNE 2026

9.10am - 10.00am or

10.10am - 11.00am

*In Christ we flourish*



*St Gregory's  
Catholic College  
Bath*