

Our School Newsletter

24th October 2025



Discovery

On Monday we went to Mitcham Seat for our P4P. We went on a senses walk.

Explorers

Explorers and Discovery Classes took part in an apple juice workshop which was kindly delivered by Holly from Horner Farm. All children were given a bottle of apple juice to take home for their efforts! Thank you, Holly!





Adventure

Adventure Class have had a fantastic last week of learning!

The children thoroughly enjoyed their final lesson in LEGO Tech, where they got to design and create their own unique models – and even programmed them to move using a motor and a sensor!

We also had a wonderful morning on Wednesday for our House Morning, which was focused on Black History Month. We had a great time learning about Marcus Rashford and all the incredible work he has done for charity. The children were truly inspired by his story and contributions. I hope you all have a lovely half term week off and enjoy some much-earned rest!

Oaks Nursery

Oaks Nursery and Discovery Class had a wonderful time celebrating Generations Day. We were delighted to welcome family members and carers into our setting, where they joined us for learning experiences, fun activities, and a very special tea party to mark the occasion.



Reminders / Important Info

Last week children from St Dubricius took part in the 'cycle to school week' and rode to and from school. This is such a wonderful way to get active and have a positive impact on our environment (including our car park which was less busy and safer as a result), well done all!

Whilst on the subject of our car park, we'd like to share a gentle reminder to please park responsibly. Sometimes it is easier to park in the village and walk to school – please DO NOT park on the pavement outside or in the staff/transport/disabled bays or we may be forced to close the car park to ensure safety of everyone.



Message from Mrs Walker-Blair

THANK YOU!

Wow, what a busy half term we have had! THANK YOU to the whole school community for all of your support and kindness in my first term as Acting HoS. It is truly such a wonderful community to be part of and I feel incredibly lucky to be leading our school.

This week our Student Council took control of Collective Worship and delivered their own session on Monday – something to be so proud of. Next term we will have our parents evenings, please keep an eye out for a parentmail to book your slot. We are also finalising our festive events and are looking forward to sharing these dates with you soon. But for now, happy half term! Have a wonderful week and we will see you all on Monday 3rd November.

Celebrating our achievements!



Our Value for this term

Courage

Be strong. Take courage. Don't be intimidated. Don't give them a second thought because God, your God, is striding ahead of you. He's right there with you. He won't let you down; he won't leave you.

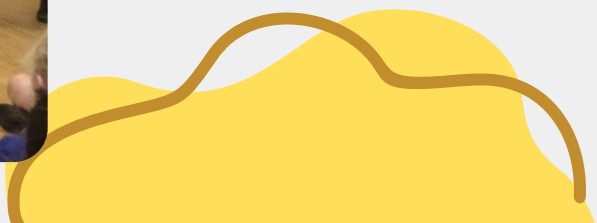
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Celebrating our achievements!



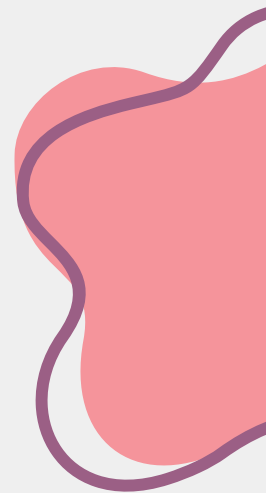
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Wellbeing Support

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- [Click here for Support for Families](#)



Calendar Dates

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Dates for the next few weeks:

Monday 3rd November – Back to school

Weds starting 5th November – Discovery/Nursery
Swimming

Monday 10th November – All School Flu Immunisation

Thurs 20th November – Gymnastics Competition

Thurs 27th November – Gymnastics Competition

Monday & Tues 1st & 2nd December – all school Christmas
Craft Days – Children to wear messy clothing

Thurs 4th Dec – Movie Night – 3.30 – 5pm

Full school Christmas calendar
coming soon to our website.



Website Information

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- What we are learning
- Term Dates
- Newsletters
- Events
- Online Safety
- Vision & Values



Contact Details

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SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS –

Our designated safeguarding lead is Mr Moise-Souch.

Our deputy leads are Miss Jennings and Mrs Pravato

Click [here](#) for all Safeguarding details.

GENERAL SCHOOL QUERIES –

Contact Mrs McLaren in the School Office:

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Mrs Pravato

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Is your child due to start
school in September 2026? .

Deadline for applications is 15th January
2026

Please go on to the Somerset Council
website and look for 'Starting School'.

Christmas CardDesigns.....

The Closing date for ordering your
Christmas Cards is 31st October.

Please check your child's book bar
for the design order form.

shop.classfundraising.co.uk

Dear all,

On behalf of the clients, volunteers, staff and trustees of WSFC I would like to thank you, the staff and the families of St Dubricius First School for your generous food donation from your recent Harvest Festival service.

Donations are always welcome, but to receive such a significant contribution at a time when our services are under increasing demand is particularly appreciated. You can be assured that your donation will be targeted towards providing free emergency food parcels and affordable surplus food to those who need it most in our local community.

Kind regards

Alex Groves (Mrs)
Local Pantry Coordinator

THANK
YOU

When and Where Is The Local Pantry?

- Every Tuesday afternoon
- At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel, Church St, Alcombe TA24 6BN



How To Join The Local Pantry



Scan the QR code to read the Terms and Conditions, and submit an Application Form

Alternatively, request email or paper version using the contact details below.

Email: info@wsfoodcupboard.org.uk
Phone: 07398 613720

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Charity Number: 1198591

The local PANTRY

Minehead area

Low Cost
Surplus Food

Giving our community access to fresh, chilled and nutritious food at minimum cost while fighting food waste.



A membership scheme which costs just £4 a week.

£4.50

In return you receive a mix of fresh, chilled, and non-perishable food worth around £20.



www.wsfoodcupboard.org.uk



Number 1 West Somerset Active Kids Activity Sessions

Open to all families, Active Kids Sessions Mondays - St Dubricius School, Porlock.

**Monday 3rd November to Monday
15th December (7 weeks)**

Total of £24.50 for half term

Fees are paid in advance to secure the place.

9.30am to 10.15am

Ages 2 1/2 - 4 years approx.

Come along and enjoy a 45 minute Activity Session focusing on the ABC's of Fundamental movement patterns including running, jumping, skipping, throwing, catching, balancing, co-ordination, agility and social development.



**To book please e-mail Emmanumber1WS@gmail.com,
payment will be expected at time of booking
and places can not be held.**

EXMOOR COMMUNITY Youth Club

All inclusive fun club with indoor and outdoor sports, crafts, games and more.

**FRIDAYS 6-8PM
EXFORD PAVILION**



Contact Laura for more
details 07815 734612 or
find us on Facebook

AGES 6-16 £2 PER SESSION



**PINE
MARTENS
BOUNCE
BACK**

YOU'RE INVITED!
**EXMOOR WILDLIFE
CELEBRATION**



*This autumn 19 pine martens have returned to the woodlands of Exmoor! Join us at **Horner Farm on Sunday 26th Oct** and celebrate Exmoor's wonderful wildlife.*



12pm-2.50pm

Visit a release pen, create a butterfly wand with Exmoor National Park Authority, discover lichens and riverfly with National Trust, try a Treelaxation session and much more!

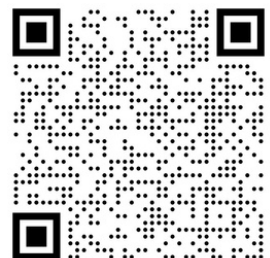


3pm-5pm

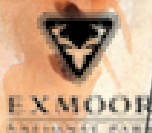
Dive into a world of woodland stories with Chris Salisbury under the dark skies.



See full details of the event and book onto activities here:



This event is part of...



Forestry
England



National
Trust



**An evening with Trauma Informed
Schools and Communities:**

**TRAUMA
INFORMED** TM**UK**
SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES

Supporting the Community as part of the Together for West Somerset response

Session 1

Monday 20th October

17:30pm – 19:30pm

**Moorland Village Hall,
Wheddon Cross, Minehead,
TA24 7DU**

Session 2

Friday 14th November

17:30pm – 19:30pm

**Minehead Eye, 1 Mart
Rd, Minehead TA24 5BJ**

These sessions will be delivered by Trauma Informed Schools and Communities for the community impacted by the Minehead Bus incident.

This session explores how traumatic events within a community can affect individuals on emotional, psychological, and physical levels. Participants will learn to recognise the signs and symptoms of trauma in themselves and others, gaining insight into how these responses manifest in daily life.

The session will also provide practical strategies for re-establishing a sense of safety and emotional regulation following trauma. Emphasis will be placed on the healing power of storytelling, compassion, and empathy in the recovery process. By the end of the session, attendees will feel better equipped to support themselves and others in the aftermath of a traumatic experience.

Light refreshments provided.

Must be aged 16+ to attend.

[Sign up now](#)

Other useful information can be found on the [Together for West Somerset Website](#)



Exmoor Updates

NEWS IN YOUR AREA

October 2025

Police updates

PCSO Linda has been assisting with the Minehead Beat over the summer period due to demand. But I am pleased to say Linda is back on the Exmoor beat along with Michelle and James.

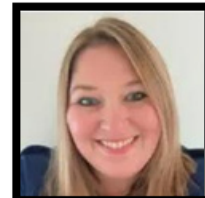
PCSO Michelle has been busy with pop up police posts at Brushford, Winsford and Brompton Regis to engage with our communities, catching up with any concerns and local issues. Mobile patrols have made in Clatworthy, Brompton Ralph. Huish Champflower, Porlock, Simonsbath, Exford, Wheddon Cross and Withy Pool.

First visit this autumn to Cutcombe Market we are keen to engage with our farming community and remind everyone to check their security as that have been some incidents of rural crime in recent weeks in the Washford and Carhampton areas. Please report any suspicious incidents via 999 if ongoing. If not already a member please consider joining farm watch.

Meet the Team



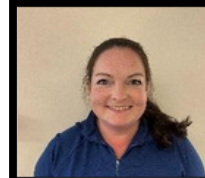
Sergeant
Andy Gloyn



PCSO
Supervisor
Katherine
Williams
8460



Beat Manager
PC James
Calloway
1200



PCSO
Linda Moden
8861



PCSO
Michelle
Haines
8913

PUMPKIN



PATCH

25TH - 27TH OCTOBER | 10AM - 4PM

FAMILY FUN | UNDERCOVER BARN

PUMPKIN CARVING | FACE PAINTING

HOT FOOD & DRINK | FEED THE PIGS

PICK YOUR OWN



Scan me!

NO BOOKING REQUIRED
VISIT OUR FACEBOOK
FOR MORE DETAILS



WESTON FARM, KNOWSTONE, EX36 4ED

