

GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools

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Wonderful Writers

We are thrilled to be restarting our Wonderful Writers awards this term and look forward to put the writing on display for all the children to read in the school hall. Well done to:

	Excellent writer	Improving writer
Dove	Madeleine	Seren
Pippin	Caspian	Alexis
Sandew	Millie	Charlie
Golden	Arthur	Sophie
Puffin	Albert	Elliott
Camelot	Clara	Florence
Hook	Sholto	Lumin
Dunkerton	Jack	Owen
Ashton	Kyra	Lwandile
Morgan	Betsy	Luke
Coker	Oscar	Amelie
Coopers	James	Ollie A
Gatcombe	Paige	Emily

Children will receive their certificates in the first stars of the week assemblies after half term.

FrOGs AGM and informal get together

FrOGS will be holding its AGM online on Thursday 4th November from 6:00 – 7:00pm. All are welcome to join us. Links to the meeting will be sent to families in a message from School Comms.

We will then move to The Dolphin in Ilminster for 7:30 for a very informal chance to meet up and chat and again all are welcome. Bring a friend/relative if you are feeling more shy!

FrOGS are a group of parents, carers, teachers and LSAs interested in finding ways of raising extra funds for Greenfylde, Sunny Ile and Cygnets, as well as creating opportunities for fun for the kids and grown-ups alike. We are a very small group at the moment in need of lots of extra support so if you have ideas, skills or just want to learn more please come along online, in person, or both!

Children's personalised Christmas Cards available to purchase soon!

The children have been busy creating their own amazing Christmas card designs which are now being turned into fabulous Christmas products for you to buy! Relatives and carers will be able to purchase the Christmas cards in packs of 12 at a great price, whilst also helping FrOGS to raise additional funds for school resources, activities and the pool. There are lots of other great products you will be able to buy featuring your child's design including mugs, bags, tea towels, gift tags and wrapping paper. Please look at the FrOGS display board in the playground to see what these look like. A sample Christmas card and order form will soon be coming home in your child's bag, along with details of when to place your order by to get the best rates.

Individual School Photographs

Tempest Photography will be coming into school on Tuesday 19th October. As photographs will take place in the annexe, breakfast club will be in the hall on that day and families will receive information about where to drop off children for breakfast club on that day in a separate message.

We will assume siblings will just be taken together in one photograph unless the school office is informed otherwise.

Due to Covid we will only be including siblings who already attend Greenfylde in years R to 4. We are aware some children will be isolating then and we will ask if Tempest could perhaps take their individual photograph when they do the class photographs in the Spring if families would like this.

Uniform Sale

Following on from the successful Uniform Share, hosted at The Minster during the summer holidays, remaining Greenfylde uniform has been donated for resale on Friday 22nd October, to raise funds for FroGS. We know how quickly children can grow so, if your children are already in need of good quality used school shirts, jumpers, shorts, skirts, trousers and dresses, these will be available to purchase on the playground from 3.30pm. Come and see what items we have looking for a new home and get in touch if you have anything you would like to donate for resale! Contact Natalie on 07746 727002 for more information.

Parents' Evening

Due to the increase in Covid rates we will be holding Parents' Evening via telephone calls again and classteachers will be in touch with families via Tapestry and Class Dojo to let you know the slots for your child's class and invite you to make a time for your appointment.

Food Share

We have been contacted by Ilminster Foodbank to say that they currently have a wide range of food that they would like to share with families in Ilminster. With half term soon with us, the foodbank will be opening at 2.45pm to 3.25pm on Friday 22nd October just for Greenfylde families so do go along if your family could benefit.

Half term free school meal vouchers

Vouchers will be given out again to those families with children in receipt of free school meals (not universal infant free school meals for all children in Year R, 1 and 2) before half term. These will again hopefully be emailed although we cannot guarantee which day but it will be before the holidays.

Covid

A reminder that any information e.g if your child is waiting for a test or when they have received a result should be sent by email to the school office at greenfylde@educ.somerset.gov.uk. Your child must not come in if they have any Covid symptoms (high temperature, loss of taste/smell, new continuous cough).

If your child has symptoms or is identified as a close contact, you should get a PCR test <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> and not use lateral flow tests (LFTs) as these are not suitable for our age of children.

We are aware that families have been receiving different information from 119 and we are checking this with Public Health as the information we have been sharing is from the Government Guidance and the Support Services for Somerset toolkit.

Star of the Week

Congratulations to our stars for this week.

Dove	Ayda G & Rowan B
Pippin	Lily C & Florence L
Sandew	Mahfuzar R & Rheon S
Golden	Oscar H & Jacob D
Puffin	Toby L & Lila-Claire L
Camelot	Theo-Oliver B & Florence C
Hook	Lucas L-L & Lucian-Rae Mc
Dunkerton	Seren M & Jaiden W-T
Morgan	Oliver T & Leela H
Ashton	Myrtle P-B & Finley P
Coker	Eoghan N & Leo W
Coopers	Luke H & Mollie-Mae A
Gatcombe	Jennifer A & Vinnie C



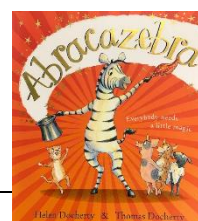
Stars and certificates will be presented on Thursday 21st October at 9.30am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Friday 22nd October at 9.30am for Years 3 and 4.

Families of the recipients are welcome to attend via Zoom and a link will be sent out to the contact emails we have for our stars. We encourage all family members to stay until the end of the celebration if possible.

Please note if joining via Zoom no recordings or screen shots should be taken of the sessions for safeguarding and we ask you to remain on mute. **Please also be aware of your screen name and we ask that this is changed to your child's name.**

Have a look at a book!

Recommended by Golden class - this week's book is about being different!





Sunny-Ile Pre-School Cygnet Pre-School



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Sunny Ile and Cygnet Pre School

COVID

Please remember that any information for example if you child is waiting for a PCR test or has received results should be sent to hlancaster@educ.somerset.gov.uk Telephone Number 01460 259732

If your child has any symptoms (high temperature, continuous cough, loss of taste/smell) please do not send your child into Preschool.

Weather

Although the days are often sunny, it is often quite chilly in the mornings when the children go out to play, could we please ask that the children bring in a named coat. Many thanks.

Dates for your Diary

October Half Term week starts October Monday 25th – Monday 1 November 2021

Inset Day - Tuesday 2nd November. Both pre-schools reopen at 9am on Wednesday 3 November 2021

Sunny Ile Preschool

The children this week have had a very busy week, they have been helping to decorate our settings windows with the four seasons, please take a minute to enjoy their work when you collect your children.

Autumn

We have welcomed autumn this week. The children have been making pictures of pumpkins on paper plates using tissue paper, and painting pumpkins with bubble bath and small paint brushes.

We have also been looking at Conkers, talking about where they came from and looking at the textures of the conker shells.



Letters and sounds

This week our focus letter is 'A'. We have been trying to think of as many verbs with the 'A' sound as we can, Apple, Alligator, Ant, Anchor. Maybe you could name some more at home?

Christmas Shoebox appeal



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Sunny Ile would like to fill a shoebox or more for the 'Shoe Box Appeal for Blythwood Care'. These shoeboxes are then distributed to the children of Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Siberia, and Ukraine

You will have all received an email with more details about this. If you would like to donate an item please pass to a member of staff.

Forest School

This week our school leaving children had a visit to the forest school with Vernon. They learnt lots of things about the badgers, played 'Hunt Moley' and made 'Leaf Crowns'.

Cygnet Pre School

This week at Cygnets we have been continuing to explore the signs of autumn and the changes in the seasons. We've been looking at how we can build and balance with some sorting blocks and different ways to count and sort objects such as dry pasta and conkers.

Named items

Please can we continue to name any new items of clothing coming into preschool such as coat, welly boots and also drink bottles?

Head lice

Please can we ask as a polite reminder to check children's heads for head lice on a regular basis? They're easily transmissible and also easily treatable with a comb and conditioner.

Gates

Can we also remind please that the black Swanmead gates need closing as parents leave the site after drop off / collection times for the safety of the Swanmead site.

Letter of the week

Next week our letter / sound of the week will be G.



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THU 28 OCT - WED 3 NOV 2021

CHILDRENS, TEENAGE & YOUNG ADULT EVENTS



ROB BIDDULPH MONSTERS AND MAGIC

Author, illustrator and draw along genius **Rob Biddulph** helped everyone get through lockdown with his brilliant #DrawwithRob videos.

Find out all about Rob's journey from budding artist to award-winning author and Guinness world record holder as well as hearing all about his latest books. Fun and drawing guaranteed!

When: Thursday 28 Oct | 4pm

Where: The Octagon Auditorium



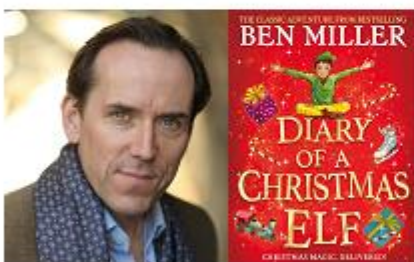
DAVID BADDIEL

(THE BOY WHO GOT) **ACCIDENTALLY FAMOUS**

David Baddiel's entertaining adventure stories for young readers have sold over a million copies in the UK and been translated across the globe. Be one of the first to hear all about David's brand new blockbuster (The Boy Who Got) *Accidentally Famous* in this fun filled event.

When: Saturday 30 Oct | 10am

Where: The Octagon Auditorium



BEN MILLER DIARY OF A CHRISTMAS ELF

Ben Miller is an actor, director, comedian and author, perhaps best known for his role as Bough the Johnny English feature films alongside Rowan Atkinson. His children's books have topped the bestsellers lists including *The Night I met Father Christmas*, *The Boy Who Made the World Disappear* and *How I Became a Dog Called Midnight*. He'll be talking about his new book, *Diary of a Christmas Elf*, a funny and heartwarming story about the true meaning of gift giving.

When: Monday 1 Nov | 1:30pm

Where: Westlands Ballroom

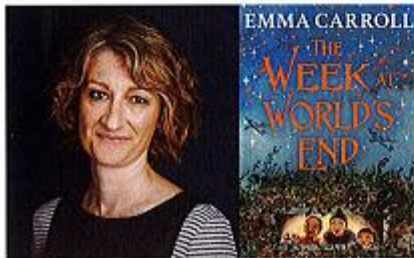
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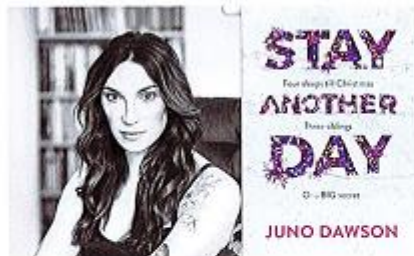


EMMA CARROLL THE WEEK AT WORLD'S END

We welcome back best-selling, prize winning children's author **Emma Carroll** to the festival. Dubbed the 'Queen of Historical Fiction', her new book takes us to 1962. When Stevie and best friend Ray discover a runaway girl in the coal shed, both are dying for a bit of adventure, and when the girl begs for help, they readily agree. They soon realise they've taken on more than they bargained for. The girl reveals she's on the run from people who are trying to poison her. Meanwhile, on the news, the Americans and Russians are arguing over missiles in Cuba.

When: Wednesday 3 Nov | 10:30am
Where: The Octagon Auditorium

TEENAGE & YOUNG ADULT



JUNO DAWSON STAY ANOTHER DAY

Unapologetically bold and razor-sharp - you'll know a **Juno Dawson** novel from the very first line. A bestselling novelist, screenwriter, journalist, and a columnist for Attitude Magazine, her writing has appeared in Glamour, Dazed, Grazia and the Guardian.

Juno's critically acclaimed novels include the London Collection: Clean, Wonderland and the YA Book Prize winning Meat Market, and non-fiction titles This Book Is Gay and What's The T?. She's also a School Role Model for the charity Stonewall.

When: Saturday 30 Oct | 12pm
Where: Johnson Studio, The Octagon Theatre

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Shoebboxes 2021
Blytheswood Care



Please see the leaflet sent home with
your child recently.

Completed shoeboxes should be taken
to The Minster by Friday 5th November.

CREWKERNE JUNIORS RFC



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R.F.C

BE PART OF THE TEAM!

The rugby club is
recruiting for new
players for our Junior
teams!

Training and matches
on Sunday mornings
Under 7s - Under 12s
at Henhayes
Under 13s - Under 15s
at Wadham School

For more information please contact
simon@crewkernerugby.com

Christmas Competition



'Crewkerne Supporting CRUK'

invite the children of Crewkerne & surrounding areas

**to build a snowman
using recycled materials
that is no taller than 1 metre**

£5 per entry

to be submitted to Louise (07939 346422)

by Tuesday 30th November

Prizes for the best entry in the following sections:

5 years & under, 6-7 years, 8-11 years, 12-14 years, 15-18 years

**Snowmen will be displayed in Crewkerne town centre windows
throughout the festive period**

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The Warehouse Theatre
Ilminster

Explore Award

Length of course – 8 weeks
Open to young people aged 8 – 25.
Number of places – 10

Term One – Weeks 1- 4
6,13, 27 November 4 December
3.00 – 4.30
Fee for term 1 - £28.50 (to include logbooks)

Your Arts Award Adviser is
Lucy Driver.
Tel: 01480 55416
Email: lucydriver2000@gmail.com
Please contact to book your space

To achieve the Explore Award, young people collect evidence in an individual arts log or portfolio of their experiences of:

- active participation in a range of arts activities, including a personal response about what they have learnt from taking part
- experience of arts organisations, artists and their work
- creating a piece of art work
- identification of what they have enjoyed and/or achieved, and their communication of this to others

Once the young people have completed all four areas of the award, they will receive an entry level qualification in the Arts.

ARTS AWARD PLAN FOR TERM 1

Part A – take part in two arts activities
Performance Arts – Musical Theatre Week
Visual Arts – Mask Making

Part B – Research the work of an artist of the young person's choice.
Attend rehearsal of Tom's Midnight Garden
Attend Into Film Club.



Why take a LAMDA exam?

The process of preparing for and succeeding in a LAMDA Examination helps Learners, whatever their ages or aspirations, to develop a broad range of skills that will serve them throughout life. LAMDA examinations develop a Learner's ability to:

- Read easily, fluently and with good understanding
- Expand vocabulary to improve powers of self-expression
- Improve confidence in speaking and listening
- Memorise and recall information
- Research and create persuasive formal presentations
- Create and defend arguments
- Engage in constructive informal conversation
- Work both on their own and participate as a member of a team

All exams are rooted in encouraging Learners of all ages to develop a love of literature, poetry and drama and thus improve standards of communication through the spoken word.

I am able to offer a wide range of exam opportunities from the LAMDA syllabi for children aged 6-18

Introductory – Group and Solo – A great place for younger learners to start. Learn new skills, have fun and gain confidence. (non-regulated)

Communication Exams

Speaking Verse and Prose – Entry level to Grade 8

For creative children who want to develop memory skills and build a strong speaking voice.

Reading for Performance – Entry level to Grade 3

Learners gain skills to bring words on a page to life by creating a compelling themed recital.

Speaking in Public – Entry level to Grade 3

Develop the confidence to deliver powerful and engaging speeches, as you build the foundations of effective public speaking.

Performance Exams

Acting – Entry Level – Grade 8

Learners delve into characterisation and develop strong speaking skills.

Devising – Entry Level – Grade 3

For those with a creative flair, learners showcase their imagination from ideas through to performance.

Miming – Entry Level – Grade 3

Explore the art of communication without words and test the limits of body language and facial expressions.

Musical Theatre Exams

Entry Level – Grade 3

Learn how to tell a captivating story through song with a vibrant characterisation and strong acting technique.

Shakespeare Exams -Level 1 and 2

From speeches to sonnets, explore the work of William Shakespeare.

Group Exams Entry Level – Grade 3

Acting, Devising, Musical Theatre, Group Recital, Choral Speaking.