

# **GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL**

**Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools**

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## **Christmas Trees**

If you get the chance do try and go today or tomorrow to see the Christmas Trees at The Minster Christmas Tree Festival. We have a number of trees where Greenfylde pupils have been involved in decorations and the whole display is a wonderful way to share in the joy of Christmas and also support a range of local and national charities. Two of our pupils had the honour of pressing the button to start the lights and our thanks go to Rev Jo and the Christmas Tree Festival committee for inviting the children to the launch.



If you are out and about after school next Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December, look out for our Advent window which will be shining at the front of school until 8pm.

## **Christmas lunch and Save the Children Jumper days**

Don't forget next Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December we will be having our Christmas dinner and orders have already gone in for this. We will also be having two non-uniform days on the Thursday and the Friday to support Save the Children's Christmas Jumper day. Children can come in own clothes and whilst it is a Christmas Jumper day, please don't feel your children have to have a Christmas one as any jumper can be special. If you would like to donate to Save the Children we are suggesting a voluntary donation of 50p per family to cover both days. We are also in talks with the North Pole and are hoping a visitor can join our Christmas celebrations next Thursday...



## Starting School at 9.00am

Please can we ask families to support us by ensuring children arrive before the bell at 9am. We are seeing more children arriving late and would like families' support to ensure children are in and ready to learn as lessons start.

## FrOGS

### Christmas Hamper donations by Wednesday 8 December please

The popular Christmas Hampers will be going ahead again this year. Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter for suggested items for each class to bring into school by Wednesday 8 December. If you are part of a class WhatsApp group please do remind others to donate if they are able to. The hampers will be raffled off in the last week of term.

### Vintage Christmas Afternoon Tea and Festive Community Raffle in aid of FrOGS

Tables for the Vintage Cream Tea in aid of FrOGS can now be booked. This fun and festive event will take place on Sunday 12 December from 13:00 – 15:00 at Archie Gooch pavilion. Tickets costs £6.00 per adult and £3.00 per child. Tables can be booked by either emailing [Greenfylde.frogs@gmail.com](mailto:Greenfylde.frogs@gmail.com) or by contacting Helena directly via her Vintage Cream Teas facebook page. Letting us know in advance if you are hoping to attend means we can bake enough cakes! Please also contact us if you have the time (and skills!) to bake us a cake – the more festive the better!

Tickets for our **Festive Community Raffle** have now gone on sale! The raffle will be drawn at the Afternoon Tea on the 12 December. Tickets for the raffle costs £1.00 each and can be purchased directly from [Elizahsander@gmail.com](mailto:Elizahsander@gmail.com) on PayPal (make sure to include your name and contact number for reference) or keep an eye out for us on the school playground near the main gates after school to pay in cash. Tickets can also be bought at the Afternoon Tea.

**We have secured some amazing prices which include:** £300 Hive Smart Thermostat bundle, £200 Phillips Hue Smart lighting bundle, £30 ROAM at Whitelackington Forest school voucher, £27 Full day Rama:Life at South Petherton holiday club voucher, £25 Stonemasons voucher, Wash, Cut and Blow dry from Ben Russell Hair, Bonners voucher, PB Fruits voucher, Free MOT from Lynx Motors, a tray of Melanie Todd cupcakes, a bunch of flowers from Cottage Flowers, Transformations voucher, Ilminster Home Hardware voucher, Coffee and Cake for 2 from No. 57, Cubs Softplay voucher, lots of other DIY tools and a lot of lovely Lindt chocolate!



### **Lego Advent Calendar Winners!**

Thank you to everyone who bought bricks for the Lego Advent Calendar Raffle which was drawn on Friday 26 November. We sold 131 tickets and our lucky winners were Vicky Richardson and Angela Crouch!

### **Friends of Greenfylde School – FrOGS Public group on facebook**

To get all the latest on what FrOGS are organising please join our public group on facebook – this has a blue under the sea banner on it. Please join this group rather than the closed private group which we will be moving away from in 2022 because we can't share any of the posts or change the setting on the private group.

### **Tuck shop**

Tuck shop will be restarting in the same way as last year with bags of sweets 50p and ordered in advance. If you would like your child to take part in tuck shop next half term, a bag of sweets per week for 7 weeks, will cost £3.50 and will be given out on a Friday. Please put the money (cash or cheque) in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class and how many bags per week you are buying. **This must be put through the letterbox in the front door at school next week and not via your child's class teacher. All orders must be received by 3pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December.**

### **Online safety update**



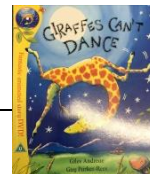
We know that Youtube is a site that many of our children use regularly. Use the links to find out how you can make Youtube and Youtube Kids as safe as possible for your children.

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-youtube>

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### **Have a look at a book!**

This week's book is Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae and Guy Parker-Rees, a lovely story about not giving up and believing you can do anything.



### **School Food**

Please can families take a few minutes to complete this family/pupil voice survey on school food which is open until 5<sup>th</sup> December. Please follow either of the links below:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3Uw9KN7IV06XfymowbLfepA7OAm\\_pNeVFo\\_i8LaW02hFUNVBVR1M2OURLMFNXSINMV1BYMFcxVFoxRy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3Uw9KN7IV06XfymowbLfepA7OAm_pNeVFo_i8LaW02hFUNVBVR1M2OURLMFNXSINMV1BYMFcxVFoxRy4u)



## Covid

### What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19

Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should get a PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known **and they are fever free (without medication) for at least 24 hours.**

If **negative**, the child can end self-isolation and return to school once well;

If **positive**, the child should isolate until at least 10 days after their symptoms appeared.

If the child has a positive test result, but does not have [symptoms](#), they should stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days from the date the positive test was taken. This isolation period will be extended if they go on to develop symptoms by counting 10 full days from the day following their symptom onset. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test (the normally available test type) and this can be arranged via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

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](mailto:greenfylde@educ.somerset.gov.uk), please don't send via School Comms as the office email is checked out of hours unlike the School Comms app. Your child must not come in or be brought to school if they have any Covid symptoms.

If your child is identified as a close contact, they should get a PCR test <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. In these current amber measures, if your child is a close contact it is recommended that they lateral flow test daily until a negative PCR test result is received.

**When reporting absence** please state the symptoms your child is experiencing as depending on these it changes their coding on the register. If we receive messages with just descriptions such as 'unwell' then the office will need to follow this up with you in a telephone call. Please can we ask families to be respectful to any calls from the office re potential Covid illness as they are only following the Government guidance.



## Star of the Week

Congratulations to this week's stars of the week.

Dove	Joni B-H & Joziah Mc
Pippin	Charlie L & Morgan M
Sandew	Thea P-M & Elsie G
Golden	Martha R & Sophie H
Puffin	Betsy P & Daisy S
Camelot	Clara H & Reggie D
Hook	Dexter S & Archie W-N
Dunkerton	Owen W & Eddie P
Morgan	Jake W & Maya B
Ashton	Fen B-H & Harriet A
Coker	Elsie J & Harrison A
Coopers	Lewis T & Phoebe S
Gatcombe	Beau B & Isla H

Stars and certificates will be presented on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 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 pupils. 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.**





# Sunny-Ile Pre-School Cygnet Pre-School



Newsletter - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021

## Sunny Ile and Cygnet Pre School

### COVID

Please remember that any information for example if your child is waiting for a test or has received results should be sent to [hlancaster@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto: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.

### School Admissions Primary School

Please don't forget closing date for Primary School admissions is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Please go on-line and fill in your application form if your child is due to start school in September 2022.

[www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/apply-to-start-school/](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/apply-to-start-school/)

If you need any further assistance please contact us

### Nut Allergies

Please can we remind you not to send in food products that contain Nuts in the children's lunch boxes. Some children have severe allergies to nuts and nut products. Many thanks

### Spaces at Sunny Ile and Cygnets Pre School

We have opened our registers to book sessions for January 2022. If your child is entitled to the 15 hours funding from January, do get in touch so we can book your child at either Sunny Ile or Cygnet Pre School. If you would like to increase your child's existing hours please also get in touch.

If you are a working parent have a look at the 30 hour funding for working parents on <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>. To be able to claim the funding in January 2022, you need to apply by 31 December 2021. If you already claim 30 hour funding, don't forget to go on your HMRC log in and re confirm your details.

Please contact Helen to book for January or if you wish to discuss any of the above information. Either call on 01460 259732 or email [hlancaster@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:hlancaster@educ.somerset.gov.uk)

### Dates for your Diary

9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 Christmas Jumper Day

17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 End of Winter Term

4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 Start of Spring Term

### Sunny Ile Pre School

This week the children have had a very festive week. We have visited the 'Christmas Tree Festival' at The Minster Church, the children have decorated the pre-school, putting up our Christmas tree along with starting to make our Christmas cards.



### Christmas Jumper Day

Please remember Christmas jumper day on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> December, we invite all children to wear a Christmas jumper. We are asking for a voluntary donation of 50p per family to support 'Save the children'



### Sound of the week

This week we have been recapping the sound 'S' to see if the children can remember any of the sounds – Sock, Star, Spider, Snake

### Christmas Film

Unfortunately this year we are able to do our 'Christmas Singalong' please keep an eye out for information about the children's Christmas film.

### Cygnets Pre School

**This week at Cygnets we have enjoyed putting up the Christmas decorations and the tree is looking beautiful. The children have continued to enjoy Christmas crafts as well as lots of play outside.**

#### Coats

Please can children come with appropriate coats for the weather and gloves and hats now it is cold, as we are still spending lots of time outside. Wellies would also be helpful as we go onto the grassed areas.

#### Christmas tree festival

Our Christmas tree has now been displayed in the Minster church. It is there until Saturday if you get a chance to go and see. There are many wonderful trees to look at.

#### Christmas jumper day

Next Thursday and Friday 9th and 10th December is Christmas jumper day, let's see how Christmassy we can look!! We are asking for a voluntary donation of 50p per family to support 'Save the children'



#### Letter of the week

Next week our letter / sound focus will be B.



HARLEQUIN CARNIVAL CLUB

# SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

## Mon 29th South Petherton

WILSON ST, LINDFIELD RD,  
SOUTH PETHERTON, TAUNTON  
SOMERSET, TAUNTON  
WILSON ST, LINDFIELD RD,  
SOUTH PETHERTON, TAUNTON  
SOMERSET, TAUNTON

## Tues 30th South Petherton

WILSON ST, LINDFIELD RD,  
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SOMERSET, TAUNTON  
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## Weds 1st South Petherton

WILSON ST, LINDFIELD RD,  
SOUTH PETHERTON, TAUNTON  
SOMERSET, TAUNTON

## Thurs 2nd Shepton Beauchamp

WILSON ST, LINDFIELD RD,  
SOUTH PETHERTON, TAUNTON  
SOMERSET, TAUNTON

## Mon 6th Ilminster

WILSON ST, LINDFIELD RD,  
SOUTH PETHERTON, TAUNTON  
SOMERSET, TAUNTON

## Tues 7th Ilminster

WILSON ST, LINDFIELD RD,  
SOUTH PETHERTON, TAUNTON  
SOMERSET, TAUNTON

## Weds 8th Ilminster

WILSON ST, LINDFIELD RD,  
SOUTH PETHERTON, TAUNTON  
SOMERSET, TAUNTON

## Thurs 9th Broadway & Horton

WILSON ST, LINDFIELD RD,  
SOUTH PETHERTON, TAUNTON  
SOMERSET, TAUNTON

## Mon 13th Ilminster

WILSON ST, LINDFIELD RD,  
SOUTH PETHERTON, TAUNTON  
SOMERSET, TAUNTON

## Tues 14th Ilminster

WILSON ST, LINDFIELD RD,  
SOUTH PETHERTON, TAUNTON  
SOMERSET, TAUNTON

## Weds 15th Ilminster

WILSON ST, LINDFIELD RD,  
SOUTH PETHERTON, TAUNTON  
SOMERSET, TAUNTON

## Thurs 16th Ilminster

WILSON ST, LINDFIELD RD,  
SOUTH PETHERTON, TAUNTON  
SOMERSET, TAUNTON



Supporting  
children's hospice  
SOUTH WEST

Registered Charity No. 262242

[www.harlequin-carnivalclub.co.uk](http://www.harlequin-carnivalclub.co.uk)



# *Vintage Cream Tea*

*- In aid of FrOGS*

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**1pm – 3pm**

**Archie Gooch Pavilion**

**£6 per adult**

**£3 per child**



**Price includes Sandwiches, Scones, Cakes, Tea, Coffee and lots of festive cheer**

**We will also be drawing the incredible Frogs Christmas raffle with lots of incredible prizes up for grabs, including vouchers for many of our fantastic local small businesses**

**Booking is not essential but is available by emailing [Greenfylde.frogs@gmail.com](mailto:Greenfylde.frogs@gmail.com) with your requirements**





**Home Hardware Gift Voucher**

**£30 ROAM forest school voucher**

**Stonemasons Voucher**

**Bonnars Voucher**

**PB Fruit Gift Voucher**

**Free MOT**



**£200 Philips Hue smart lighting Bundle**



**Flowers**

**£300 Hive Smart Thermostat bundle**

**Melanie Todd Cupcakes**

# FrOGS Christmas Raffle

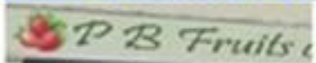
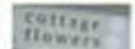
Raising money for Greenfylde School

£1 per ticket



Tickets can be purchased by sending £1 per ticket to [elizahsander@gmail.com](mailto:elizahsander@gmail.com) on **PayPal** with your **name and contact number** as your reference.

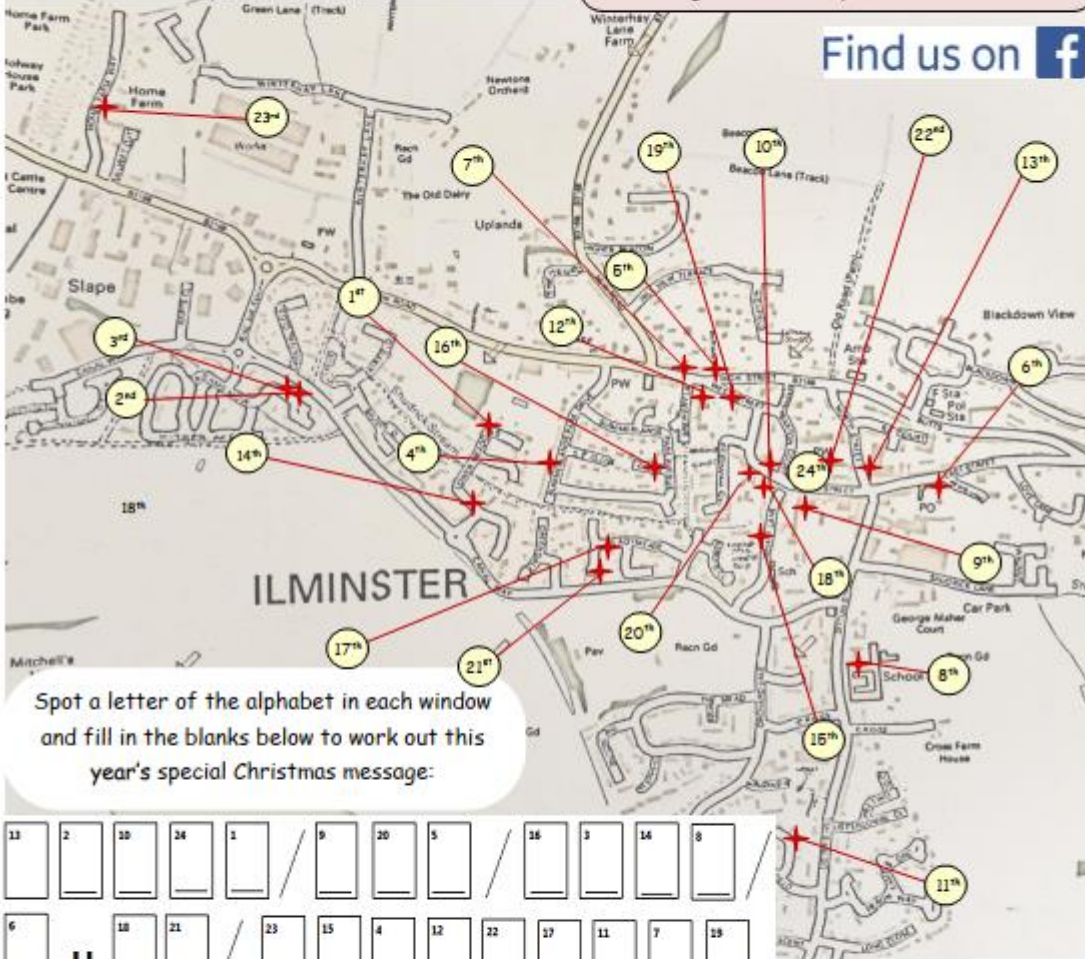
Raffle will be drawn on Sunday 12th December at the FrOGS Afternoon Tea fundraiser – See the FrOGS Facebook page for more details





Every night during Advent, between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> December, a house, business or community building in Ilminster will light up a window to tell part of the Christmas story. Each window will be lit up from 5pm - 8pm for one evening only. Follow the map to find a different window each night and see if you can find them all!

Find us on



Spot a letter of the alphabet in each window and fill in the blanks below to work out this year's special Christmas message:

13	2	10	24	1	/	9	20	5	/	16	3	14	8
6	H	18	21	/	23	15	4	12	22	17	11	7	19

1 <sup>st</sup>	144 Lower Meadow	13 <sup>th</sup>	Ilminster Town Council, North St
2 <sup>nd</sup>	25 Adams Meadow	14 <sup>th</sup>	5 Lower Meadow
3 <sup>rd</sup>	27 Adams Meadow	15 <sup>th</sup>	2 Lamplighters, Wharf Lane
4 <sup>th</sup>	24 Summerlands Park Drive	16 <sup>th</sup>	50 Summerlands Park Avenue
5 <sup>th</sup>	41 High Street	17 <sup>th</sup>	57 Ladymeade
6 <sup>th</sup>	Harper, Dolman and West, 20 East St	18 <sup>th</sup>	PB Fruits of Ilminster, 33a Silver St
7 <sup>th</sup>	Monkey Puzzle Computers, 10 West St	19 <sup>th</sup>	A.J. Wakely and Sons, 7 West St
8 <sup>th</sup>	Swanmead Community School, Ditton St	20 <sup>th</sup>	Bonnors, 37 Silver St
9 <sup>th</sup>	Greenfylde CoFE First School, Silver St	21 <sup>st</sup>	63 Ladymeade
10 <sup>th</sup>	The Dolphin, Silver Street	22 <sup>nd</sup>	The Old Library, Church Walk
11 <sup>th</sup>	23 Springfield	23 <sup>rd</sup>	6 Home Farm Way
12 <sup>th</sup>	Ilminster Chiropody, 27a West St	24 <sup>th</sup>	The Minster, Court Barton



# Christmas Hamper Donations



FrOGS are looking for donations for our annual Christmas Hampers, below is a list of suggested donations, but please feel free to donate anything you can. Donations will be needed by Wednesday 8th December and will the hampers will be raffled off before we break up for Christmas.



	Suggested Donation
Dove	Packet Stuffing / Gravy Granules / Table Sauces
Pippin	Cranberry Sauce / Packet Bread Sauce
Sandew	Chocolate Treats / Chocolate decorations / Christmas Chocolate / Sweets
Golden	Party Poppers / Decorations / Christmas Napkins
Puffin	Breadsticks / Cheese Straws / Crisps
Camelot	Pickle / Chutney
Hook	Biscuits / Crackers / Crisps (pringles, Jacobs, Twiglets etc)
Dunkerton	Christmas Crackers/ Napkins/Decorations
Morgan	Yule log / Mince Pies
Ashton	Jams / Conserves
Coker	Christmas Pudding / Mince Pies
Coopers	Christmas Cake / Mince Pies
Gatcombe	Non Alcoholic Beverage (alcoholic donations can be handed to the office)
Sunny ile	Arts and Crafts materials (paper / Glue / Glitter / Pens / Stencils)
Cygnets	Arts and Crafts materials (paper / Glue / Glitter / Pens / Stencils)





# ILMINSTER CARNIVAL

Royalty 2022



100th Anniversary Celebrations



Would you or  
someone you know  
like to be Ilminster  
Carnival Royalty for  
2022?



We are celebrating our 100th Anniversary in 2022  
and as part of our celebration plans we are planning for  
Carnival Royalty to return to the town.

Please register your interest via either of the two options below....

**THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS THE 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

**REGISTER VIA OUR QUICK ENTRY FORM:**

[www.ilminstercarnival.co.uk/ilminster-carnival-royalty](http://www.ilminstercarnival.co.uk/ilminster-carnival-royalty)

Or make a note of your Name, Age, Email Address and Phone Number  
and you can send/drop off & address the information to:

Ilminster Carnival Royalty, The Shrubbery Hotel, Ilminster, TA19 9AR