

# CROWSTOG NEWS

FRIDAY 4 APRIL 2025



## *A message from Mrs Lewis:*

As we reach the end of the Spring term I know the staff are looking forward to some time to recharge and enjoy the sunshine and time with their families.

We hope you all have a lovely break and look forward to seeing the children back in school ready for new learning experiences on Tuesday 22nd April.

This half-term we are focussing on the school value of:

*Curiosity*

## **IMPORTANT - MUNCH BUNCH BOOKINGS & PAYMENT**

Please note that going forward all Munch Bunch bookings **MUST** be paid for in advance either by cash, cheque or childcare vouchers. Photographic evidence of payment by childcare vouchers should be emailed to the school office at the time of booking. For last-minute bookings payment must be made when collecting your child from Munch Bunch.

It takes a considerable amount of time for us to chase over-due accounts and settle discrepancies which could be avoided if payment is made as requested.

We do try to accommodate parents' requests, often at short notice but will not be able to continue to do so if payment is delayed - thank you for your understanding.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Please remember that the doors close at 8.55am in the morning—arrivals after this will be marked as 'late'.

If your child is absent from school for any reason please inform the school office by telephone, email or dojo before 9.30am—thank you

Attendance: Sept 24—date

Crowcombe: 94.40%

Stogumber: 96.2%

## **PTA SPRING FAIR - 10 MAY**

The Spring Fair will be upon us soon after we return to school after the Easter break - please look out for donation boxes for pre-loved toys, books and school uniform - thank you!

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# DIARY DATES

- w/c 7 April** - **EASTER HOLIDAYS**
- 22 April** - **Summer term starts!**
  - **Crowcombe Science workshop, am**
- 23 April** - **Kingfishers visit East Quay, pm**
- 24 April** - **Stogumber Science workshop, am**
- 5 May** - **May Day Bank Holiday**
- 6 May** - **Yr R & Yr 6 Height & Weight checks**
- 8 May** - **Sports Leaders training, Blackbrook**
- 10 May** - **PTA Spring Fair**
- 12-15 May** - **Yr 6 SATS week**
- 15 May** - **Yr 1 Multi-sports Festival, Kingsmead, am (change of date)**
- 19-21 May** - **Yr 6 Bikeability**
- 23 May** - **INSET DAY**
- w/c 26 May** - **Half-term**
- 9-10 June** - **Yr 5 Bikeability**
- 16 June** - **Whole school Sports Day, Stogumber pm**
- 17 June** - **Yr 6 Leavers visit Taunton Minster**
- 19 June** - **Yr 6 Sports Festival + lunch, Kingsmead**
- 23-25 June** - **Kingfishers Residential, London**
- 26 June** - **Yr 6 Invasion Games + lunch, Kingsmead, am**
- 1-2 July** - **Kingsmead transition days**
- 10 July** - **Reception Multi-skills Festival, Kingsmead, am (change of date)**
- 11 July** - **Yr 4 Orienteering at Dunster Castle, am**
- 15-16 July** - **Woodpeckers Residential,**
- 23 July** - **Last Day of term!**

September 2025						October 2025						November 2025					
M	1	8	15	22	29	Mo	6	13	20	27	M	3	10	17	24		
Tu	2	9	16	23	30	Tu	7	14	21	28	Tu	4	11	18	25		
W	3	10	17	24	We	1	8	15	22	29	W	5	12	19	26		
Th	4	11	18	25	Th	2	9	16	23	30	Th	6	13	20	27		
F	5	12	19	26	Fr	3	10	17	24	31	Fr	7	14	21	28		
Sa	6	13	20	27	Sa	4	11	18	25	Sa	1	8	15	22	29		
Su	7	14	21	28	Su	5	12	19	26	Su	2	9	16	23	30		
December 2025						January 2026						February 2026					
M	1	8	15	22	29	M	5	12	19	26	M	2	9	16	23		
Tu	2	9	16	23	30	Tu	6	13	20	27	Tu	3	10	17	24		
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Su	7	14	21	28	Su	4	11	18	25	Su	1	8	15	22			
March 2026						April 2026						May 2026					
M	2	9	16	23	30	M	6	13	20	27	M	4	11	18	25		
Tu	3	10	17	24	31	Tu	7	14	21	28	Tu	5	12	19	26		
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June 2026						July 2026						August 2026					
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**Key:**

- School Holiday
- Bank Holiday
- Term Time
- Inset Days

**Term dates summary:**

- Term 1:** 02 September – 24 October 2025 (39 days)
- Term 2:** 03 November – 19 December 2025 (35 days)
- Term 3:** 05 January – 13 February 2026 (30 days)
- Term 4:** 23 February – 02 April 2026 (29 days)
- Term 5:** 20 April – 22 May 2026 (24 days)
- Term 6:** 01 June – 22 July 2026 (38 days)      **TOTAL = 195**

**Bank and public holidays 2025/26**

Christmas Day	25 December 2025	Easter Monday	06 April 2026
Boxing Day	26 December 2025	May Day Bank Holiday	04 May 2026
New Year's Day	01 January 2026	Spring Bank Holiday	25 May 2026
Good Friday	03 April 2026	Summer Bank Holiday	31 August 2026

Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.

## *Whole School LOTC Day at Hestercombe Gardens*

The whole school enjoyed a sunny day out for our end of term LOTC [Learning Outside the Classroom] outing at Hestercombe House. We used the morning to explore the grounds in our house groups, searching for as many polygons as we could find within the architecture and for dates hidden within the information boards and stone inscriptions. I

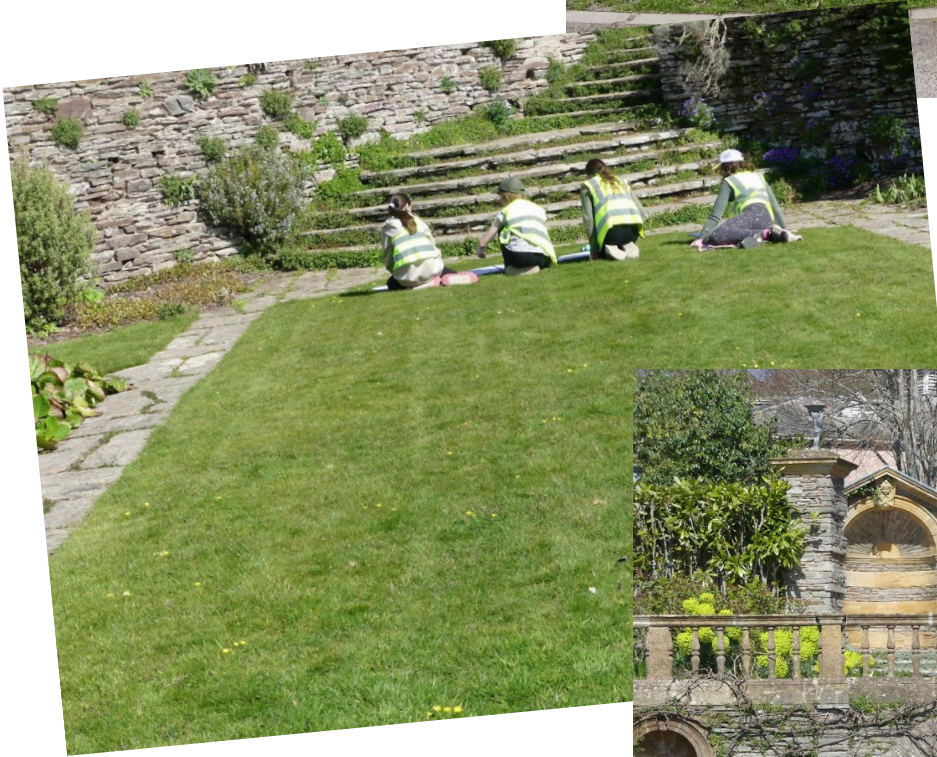
It was lovely to walk in our small groups with the older and younger children enthusiastically making discoveries together. For many of us Hestercombe was our first introduction to the idea of follies - small stone or wooden structures built in the style of Greek temples, medieval churches, witch's grottos, Japanese pagodas and so on. The gardens are a rich Victorian's imagination gone wild - there's even a picturesque waterfall, terribly pretty and entirely artificial! It's quite a place to explore, and we hope that your children are keen to return with you!

In the afternoon we turned our heads to art, making the most of the structures in the lower gardens - fountains, stone avenues, formal plantings, and the orangery. The older children were able to choose their own viewpoints to sketch whilst the younger ones worked on a frottage collage of the orangery! They even squeezed in a little Easter-themed egg rolling activity!

As ever - the children were a credit to us all, their usual brilliantly behaved, kind and caring selves. All in all, it was a gentle day out of friendship, art, history and culture, and a well earned reward for all!











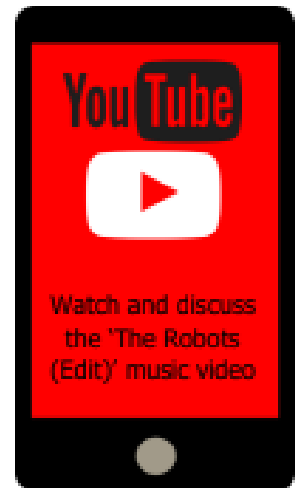
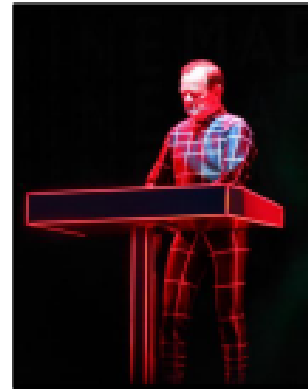


# HOME INFORMATION



## April's Musician of the Month

### KRAFTWERK



Now Playing

**SPOTIFY**

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**About:** Kraftwerk are a German electronic band formed in Düsseldorf in 1970 by Ralf Hütter and Florian Schneider. Widely considered innovators and pioneers of electronic music, Kraftwerk were among the first successful acts to popularise the genre. The group began as part of West Germany's experimental krautrock scene in the early 1970s before fully embracing electronic instrumentation, including synthesizers, drum machines, and vocoders.

**Genres:** Electronic & Synth-Pop

**Active from:** 1970-Present

**Origin:** Düsseldorf, Germany

### Books to read...



### If you like Kraftwerk, try...

- Daft Punk
- La Düsseldorf
- Vangelis



# Easter 2025

## Holiday Provision

**SUZANNE RICHARDS**

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Date	Time	Cost	Venue	Activities
Mon 7th April	9.00-1.00pm	£12.50 per day to include lunch	St Dubricius School, Porlock.	Multi Sports, Team Games, Problem solving.
Mon 7th April	2.00-6.00pm	£12.50 per day to include tea	Dunster First School, St Georges Street, Dunster,	Gymnastic workshop suit anyone who would like to practice their skills and anyone wanting to give it a try.
Tue 8th April	9.00-1.00pm	£12.50 per day to include lunch	St Dubricius School, Porlock.	Multi Sports, Team Games, Problem Solving
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Wed 9th April	9.00 - 1.00pm	£12.50 per day to include lunch	Dunster First School, St Georges Street, Dunster,	Team Games, Problem Solving, dodgeball.
Thurs 10th April	9.00 - 1.00pm	£12.50 per day to include lunch	Dunster First School, St Georges Street, Dunster.	Team Games, Problem Solving, Dodgeball

**Transport is available from different areas so please do enquire if required, subject to criteria**

**Age:** Children will need to be aged 5 years and upwards.

**Who:** Open to all children.

**Food:** Lunch/Tea will be provided as well as snacks. Please bring a refillable water bottle.

**Wear:** Casual, comfortable clothes, daps or trainers.

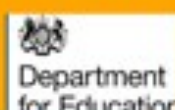
**Cost:** £12.50 per day or if you have a HHH (Happy Healthy Holidays code which you will be supplied by your school you can book via Playwaze. [www.playwaze.com](http://www.playwaze.com)

**Book with a code:** You will need to book on Playwaze. For assistance please contact HHH@SASP.co.uk; Helpline 01823 653992. Please see <https://www.sasp.co.uk/happy-healthy-holidays>

**Paying:** Please contact Suzanne e-mail: [suzannenumber1WS@gmail.com](mailto:suzannenumber1WS@gmail.com)

**Book by:** Please book by Thursday 3rd April 2025.

Bookings will be made on a first come first served basis. Limited numbers.





Booking essential 07853 898231 or e-mail:  
suzannenumber1ws@gmail.com

## Family Orienteering

**Dunster Deer Park, starting by Gallox Bridge.**

**at Saturday 5th April 2025 10.00am start**

**including a picnic lunch from Dunster Lunchbox.**

Session will start between 10.00am to 10.30am  
Meeting by Gallox Bridge (Packhorse Bridge) at  
the bottom of Park Street, Dunster.



Families can book via  
[www.playwaze.com](http://www.playwaze.com) or e-mail  
Suzanne. Please book a space  
for all adults and children  
attending who will need a

picnic.



## All Stars Cricket Cricket Training Easter Holidays 2025 at Dunster First School



All Stars Cricket is aimed at 5-8 years olds. An exciting way for your children to Play, Learn and Make New friends. These sessions will be softball and be a number of activities focusing on batting, bowling and fielding.

**WHEN: Thursday 10th April 2025**

**AT: Dunster First School.**

**Parents/carers will need to stay with their child/children for the session:-**

**1.30-2.30pm Reception/Year 1**

**2.30-3.30pm Year 2, 3 and 4**

**Price:- £1.00 per session.**



To book please contact

Suzanne Richards 07853 898231

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## **Design your own Easter egg competition**

Come along to Bishops Lydeard Community Library for the chance to design and colour in your very own Easter egg. We have colouring sheets, pens and stickers for you to use. All we need is your completed design, your name, age and library card number. If you haven't got a library card, don't worry it is quick and easy to join. There will be three chocolate eggs for the winning designs. We look forward to seeing you over the Easter break.

Rebecca Hill

Library and Information Officer





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### Venues near you this Easter:

 **Holy Trinity Primary School, Taunton, TA1 3AF**  
Multi-Activity Camp - Mon 7th-Thurs 10th April & Mon 14th- Thurs 17th April

 **Parkfield Primary School, Taunton, TA1 4RT**  
Multi-Activity Camp - Mon 14th-Thurs 17th April


 **Cotford St Luke Primary School, Taunton, TA4 1HZ**  
Dodgeball & Nerf Camp - Tuesday 8th and 15th April


Football Camp - Wednesday 9th and 16th April  
Gymnastics Camp - Thursday 10th and 17th April


Multi-Activity Camp Monday 7th - Thursday 10th April  
 **Birchfield Community School, Yeovil, BA21 5RL**


Football Camp - Monday 7th April  
Gymnastics Camp - Tuesday 8th April & 15th April

Nerf and Dodgeball Camp - Monday 14th April  
Multi-Activity Camp - Wednesday 9th & Thurs 10th & Monday 14th - Thurs 17th April

 **St James Primary School, Taunton, TA1 1XU**  
Multi-Activity Camp - Mon 14th-Thurs 17th April

 **Herne View Primary School, Ilminster, TA19 0DS**  
Multi-Activity Camp - Mon 7th-Thursday 10th April & Tues 15th-Thurs 17th April

 **Knights Templar School, Watchet, TA23 0EX**  
Multi-Activity Camp - Monday 17th-Thursday 20th February

 **All Saints School, Dulverton, TA22 9EN**  
Multi-Activity Camp - Monday 7th-Thurs 10th April

Our Holiday Camps keep children entertained, safe & on the move during the school holidays.

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