

CROWSTOG NEWS

FRIDAY 22 MAY 2025



A message from Mrs Lewis:

As we reach the end of another busy and successful half term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful achievements of our children and share some exciting events coming up in the final half term of the school year.

This half term has been full of energy and enthusiasm, and it's been a joy to see the children thriving in their learning and wider experiences. As we look ahead, the next half term promises to be just as vibrant, with a wide range of opportunities for pupils to shine beyond the classroom.

We are particularly looking forward to the many **transition events** planned to support our pupils as they prepare for the next stage in their school journey. Whether they are moving up a year group or preparing for the transition to secondary school, we are committed to ensuring they feel confident and excited about the changes ahead.

Our calendar is rich with **enrichment opportunities**, including the much-anticipated **residential visits**, where children will build independence, resilience, and lifelong memories. We'll also be hosting our **Sports Day**, a highlight of the summer term, where children will demonstrate teamwork and sportsmanship — and we warmly invite families to join us in cheering them on.

Creative talents will be on full display in the upcoming **Year 5 and 6 production**, as well as during our **Performing Arts Café**, where pupils will showcase their music and performance skills in an informal and welcoming setting.

In addition, we're excited about our upcoming **Sports and Creative Arts Enrichment Days**, and our **Whole School Learning Outside the Classroom (LOTC) Day** — all fantastic opportunities for children to engage with learning in within their house groups.

A reminder that our **Family Church Service** is coming up straight after half term at **3pm on Tuesday 3rd June** at Crowcombe Church, and we would love for as many of you as possible to join us. We also look forward to seeing you at the next **Parent Forum** prior to the family service at **2pm on Tuesday 3rd June**, where your input and ideas continue to help shape the life of the school.

Our **Open Classrooms and Welcome Events** are also just around the corner — a lovely chance for you to see your child's learning environment, meet new teachers, and celebrate progress together.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and involvement in school life. We are proud of everything our children have achieved so far and look forward to ending the year with positivity, celebration, and community spirit.

Wishing you a restful and enjoyable half term break.

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

Optimism

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 rea-
son please inform the
school office by tele-
phone, email or dojo
before 9.30am—thank
you

Attendance: Sept 24—
date

Crowcombe: 94.40%

Stogumber: 96.28%

Email: Crowcombe: CrowcombeOffice@crowstog.co.uk Stogumber: StogumberOffice@crowstog.co.uk

Together, let us Love, Encourage, Achieve and Flourish

(Hebrews 10 24-25)

Generosity, Optimism, Determination, Curiosity and Courage

DIARY DATES

23 May	-	INSET DAY
w/c 26 May	-	Half-term
2 June	-	Crowcombe class & whole school and Yr6 Leavers photos, am
3 June	-	Stogumber class & whole school photos, am
3 June	-	Parents Forum, Crowcombe 2.00pm (venue tbc) followed by Family Service, Crowcombe 3.00pm
4 June	-	Kingfishers Art , parents open afternoon, 1.15pm, Crowcombe School
6 June	-	Yr 3 & 4 Forest School, Crowcombe Court
	-	PTA Disco, Crowcombe - see poster for details
9-10 June	-	Yr 5 Bikeability
10 June	-	KS2 open classroom & welcome event, from 3.30pm
12 June	-	KS2 Grass-track cycling, Ash Meadow, Taunton
16 June	-	Whole school Sports Day, Stogumber pm
17 June	-	Yr 6 Leavers visit Taunton Minster, am
18 June	-	Yr 1 & Yr 2 visit Taunton Museum, pm
19 June	-	Yr 6 Sports Festival + lunch, Kingsmead (change of date)
20 June	-	Stogumber Forest School at Matthew's Copse
23-25 June	-	Kingfishers Residential, London
25 June	-	Stogumber visit Williton Library, pm
27 June	-	Yr 2 Forest School at Crowcombe
30 June	-	Reserve Sports Day
1-2 July	-	Yr 6 Kingsmead transition days
3 July	-	KS2 Quad-kids, Taunton
4 July	-	Yr 6 Forest School
8 July	-	Performing Arts Café, Church House, Crowcombe 2.00pm
	-	KS1 open classroom & welcome event, from 3.15pm
10 July	-	Reception Multi-skills Festival, Kingsmead, am (change of date)
14 July	-	Kingfishers Play rehearsal & performance, Stogumber VH, pm
15-16 July	-	Woodpeckers Residential
18 July	-	Whole School LOTC day on Quantocks
21 July	-	Sports Enrichment Day, Stogumber
22 July	-	Arts Enrichment Day, Crowcombe
	-	Yr 6 Leavers Celebration, 6.00pm, Crowcombe
23 July	-	End of Year Service, 9.15am St Mary's Church, Stogumber

OWLS

It may have been a short half term but Reception have been incredibly busy!

We kicked off the half term with our rainbow bubbles science workshop with Fizz-Pop Science. We had lots of fun looking for colours in bubbles, becoming astronauts and making our own sherbet.

On our LOTC day we went on a butterfly hunt around Stogumber. We labelled our own maps before we left and along the way we collected different butterflies, we also spotted lots of different butterflies on our journey too.

We started our term looking at the story of George and the Dragon, we explored the different parts of castles and had a go at making our own scary dragons. We learnt about VE Day and its significance, thinking about the past and looked at the United Kingdom.

Our other topic this half term has been all about planting and growing. We looked at different common plants and went on our own plant hunt, we explored taking apart different plants and learning the names of the different parts and planted our own beans which will be coming home for half term.

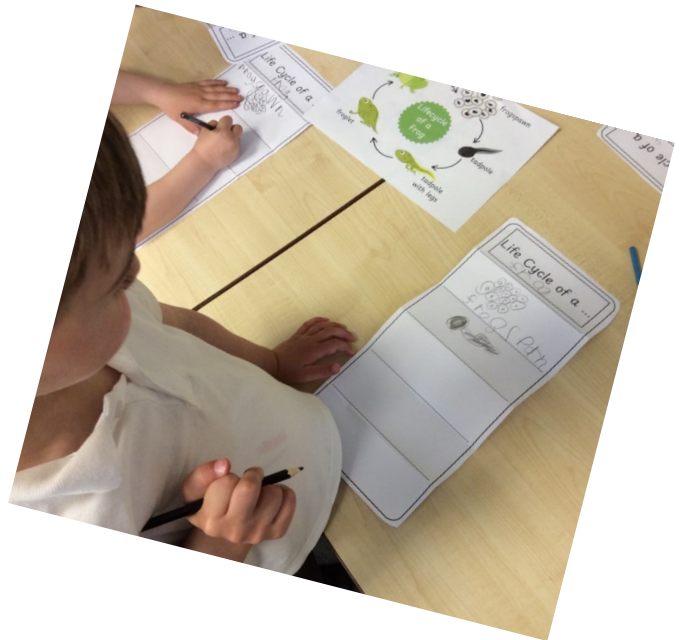
We looked at how animals grow too, exploring the lifecycles of frogs and butterflies. We had fun playing in some frogs spawn and creating our very own lifecycle books.

Reception have enjoyed the lovely weather this half term has brought and have had lots of fun with the chinks, waterplay, shaving foam and much more.

In maths we have been looking at our numbers to 10, counting forwards and backwards to 20, the composition of numbers to 5 and have explored using and comparing shapes. Reception have been working really hard with their writing and applying their phonics knowledge in independent tasks. We have looked at what makes a good sentence and have focussed on our letter formation on lined paper.

All of the children have worked so hard and should be so proud of all they have achieved so far! We look forward to more fun and learning next half term in their last half term in Reception!





MUSIC:

Year 1 & 2 having fun with chime bars



BIKEABILITY

Some of our Y5 and 6's took part in the national Bikeability training this week. All passed with flying colours!





HOME INFORMATION



May's Musician of the Month

Gamelan gong kebyar



About: Gamelan gong kebyar was first documented to exist in North Bali in the early 1900s. The first public performance was in December 1915 at a gamelan gong competition in Jagaraga, North Bali. It is a style or genre of Balinese gamelan music of Indonesia. Kebyar means "to flare up or burst open", and refers to the explosive changes in tempo and dynamics which are characteristic of the style.

Genres: Traditional Indonesian Music

Began: Early 1900s

Origin: Indonesia, Asia

Books to read...



If you like Gamelan gong kebyar, try...

- Le group Anklung
- Gamelan Son of Lion
- Edi Bud





EXMOOR
NATIONAL PARK



EXMOOR NATURE FESTIVAL 2025

Supported by
 visit
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Saturday 17th May to Sunday 1st June

A new Festival celebrating
Wildlife and Wellbeing



Events will take place across Exmoor, including:

-  Guided walks
-  Nature drawing walks
-  Rockpooling
-  Photography competition
-  Family fun day
-  Farm tours
-  Stargazing evening
-  Children's crafts
-  Outdoor yoga classes

... & much more

See event details online at:
www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/nature-festival



CRUMBS PTA PRESENTS..

SPARKLE, SPIN, AND
SHAKE IT UP - IT'S
TIME FOR A...

SUMMER DISCO!

AT CROWCOMBE
VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY 6 JUNE

5-5.45PM STOGUMBER KS1

6-7.15PM CROWCOMBE KS2

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MAY HALF TERM!

Booking is essential. Book now at www.mineheadeye.co.uk

Mon 26th Open 10am - 5.15pm	Tues 27th Open 10am - 3pm	Wed 28th Open 10am - 10pm	Thurs 29th Open 10am - 5:15pm	Fri 30th Private sessions only
10AM - 12PM DIDDY DUDES SKATE	10AM - 12PM DIDDY DUDES SKATE	10AM - 1PM DIDDY DUDES FEST	10AM - 11:30AM SHAKE UP	9:30AM - 1:30PM HOLIDAY CLUB
12PM - 2PM MIXED SKATE	12PM - 2PM MIXED SKATE	2PM - 4PM MIXED SKATE	10AM - 11:30AM CRAFTY EXPLORERS	2PM - 4PM HOLIDAY BLOOM
2:15PM - 3:15PM NERF FUN	2PM - 3PM DIDDY DUDES SCOOTER ACADEMY	4:30PM - 5:30PM SKATE SCHOOL TASTER	12PM - 2PM DIDDY DUDES SKATE	
		6PM - 8PM LATE SKATE	2PM - 4PM MIXED SKATE	
		8PM - 10PM LATE SKATE	4:15PM - 5:15PM CLIMBING	

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LOOKING TO COME TO MULTIPLE SESSIONS? SAVE MONEY BY BECOMING A MEMBER!

Our membership costs just £15 per year! If you come to just 4 sessions per year, you have already saved the cost of the membership! Memberships can be purchased on our website.

Sat 31st Open 12pm - 4pm	10AM - 12PM DIDDY DUDES SKATE
12PM - 2PM 2PM - 4PM MIXED SKATE	12PM - 2PM MIXED SKATE
2:30PM - 4PM MCFARLEY'S ART CLUB	2PM - 4PM MIXED SKATE

<p>FOR AGES 4 - 8 DIDDY DUDES SCOOTER ACADEMY An instructed session with games and challenges for children aged 4 - 8 to help them gain confidence on their scooter and learn how to start on the ramps. TUE 27th MAY 2PM - 3PM MEMBERS £4.00 GUESTS £7.00</p>	<p>FOR AGES 5 & UNDER CRAFTY EXPLORERS Toddlers and their parents can experiment through art and play in a fun and relaxed environment. We will have different crafts, messy play and activities for your little explorers to do and in the cafe, and in the cave will be set up with toys and equipment. This session runs at the same time as Shake Up, perfect for older ones! THURS 29th MAY 10AM - 11:30AM £2.00</p>	<p>FOR AGES 7+ NERF FUN The skatepark is transformed into a nerf arena and our instructors will run a variety of games and activities including, capture the flag and last man standing. For ages 7 - 12. MON 26th MAY 2:15PM - 3:15PM MEMBERS £4.00 GUESTS £7.00</p>	<p>FOR AGES 6+ SHAKE UP Come and try out a range of activities you may have never tried before! This may include Slacklining, Sucker Archery, Curling, Team Games, Human Hungry Hippos, Obstacle Courses, Parachute Games and more! No wheels allowed! Ages 6+. THURS 29th MAY 10AM - 11:30AM MEMBERS £4.00 GUESTS £8.00</p>	<p>FOR AGES 6+ SKATE SCHOOL TASTER Want to see what to expect from our Skateboard Schools? Come along to a taster session! For ages 6+. The session is led by Minehead Eye's GB skate tutor: Albert. WED 28th MAY 4:30PM - 5:30PM MEMBERS £5.00 GUESTS £8.00</p>
<p>FOR AGES 8 & UNDER DIDDY DUDES MUSIC FEST A fun party for 8 and unders. There will be face painting, arts and crafts, games, glitter tattoos, treasure hunt, games, photo booth, and of course the skate park will be open. WED 28th MAY 10AM - 1PM MEMBERS £5.00 GUESTS £8.00</p>	<p>FOR AGES 8+ MCFARLEY'S ART CLUB Join our resident artist, Charlie McFarley to learn new techniques and experiment with different materials. Work on your own art projects, collaborate with others and hang out with friends. SAT 31st MAY 2:30PM - 4PM MEMBERS £5.00 GUESTS £8.00</p>	<p>FOR SCHOOL YEARS 3+ HOLIDAY CLUB Our Holiday Club provides a range of supervised activities including target sports, arts and crafts, skatepark activities and challenges. A 'second breakfast', snack, and meal at lunchtime will be provided. FRI 30th MAY 9:30AM - 1:30PM</p>	<p>FOR AGES 4+ BLOOM This session offers exclusive access to the whole Minehead Eye centre including; skatepark, cafe, climbing cave, sensory area, arts and crafts, and music rooms. This session is for all the family, and this session is aimed at children with SEND needs or that have a EHCP, and their siblings. FRI 30th MAY - 2PM - 4PM £2.00</p>	
<p>FOR AGES 8 & UNDER DIDDY DUDES SKATE A 2 hour skate session for children aged 8 and under to use the skatepark and bouldering cave. Equipment is included. 3 SESSIONS OVER HOLIDAYS MEMBERS £2.50 GUESTS £5.00</p>	<p>LATE SKATE A 2 hour skate session which is open to skateboards, scooters, roller skates and bmx's. The 8pm - 10pm slots are perfect for those older skaters looking for a session aimed at those 18 and older. EVERY WEDNESDAY 6PM - 8PM & 8PM - 10PM MEMBERS £2.50 GUESTS £6.00</p>	<p>FOR ALL AGES MIXED SKATE A 2 hour skate session which is open to skateboards, scooters, roller skates and bmx's. There is no limit on age and open to any ability. 8 SESSIONS OVER HOLIDAYS MEMBERS £2.50 GUESTS £6.00</p>	<p>FOR AGES 7+ HAVE A GO CLIMBING Perfect those who want to try our climbing wall. Your instructor will talk you through the fundamentals of how to use the equipment, how to climb as well as belaying. For ages 7+. THURS 29th MAY 4:15PM - 5:15PM MEMBERS £5.00 GUESTS £8.00</p>	

EAST QUAY



FAMILY CONCERT JACQUELINE SHAVE & ROBERT IRVINE

Saturday 24th May, 11am, East Quay Courtyard, Free!

Join us in the courtyard of East Quay for a family-friendly violin and cello performance, brought to Watchet as part of Dunster Festival.

Jacqueline Shave is an acclaimed leader, director and virtuoso chamber musician noted for her many collaborations with other musicians and artists of all genres. Robert Irvine is an accomplished cellist, and founded the Chamber Group of Scotland with Sally Beamish and James MacMillan.

For more information, please visit:
www.eastquaywatchet.co.uk/events



EAST QUAY

MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

All ages
welcome!
No need to
book.

TUESDAY 27TH MAY

Under The Sea Wax Resist Workshop
11am-1pm, drop-in family workshop, Free*

WEDNESDAY 28TH MAY

Paper Sea Creature Plushie Workshop
11am-1pm, drop-in family workshop, Free*

THURSDAY 29TH MAY

Underwater Mini Sculpture Workshop
11am-1pm, drop-in family workshop, Free*

SATURDAY 31ST MAY

Pirate Craft Activity
All day in the foyer (10-5pm), Free*

11am & 1pm : Puppet show with Sam O'Shanty
2pm : Treasure Hunt at the Boat Museum

Maritime
Mayhem



For more information visit eastquaywatchet.co.uk/events

*The galleries and cultural programme at East Quay are delivered by a charity, Contains Art CIO, all donations go towards supporting their work. Suggested donation for workshops if you are happy to contribute is £3.

All children must be accompanied by an adult at all of these workshops.

MARITIME MAYHEM

SATURDAY
31ST MAY
2025

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DURING THE WEEK

EAST QUAY

11AM - 1PM
FREE DROP-IN
FAMILY WORKSHOPS

TUESDAY 27 MAY
Wax resist

WEDNESDAY 28 MAY
Sea Creatures

THURSDAY 29 MAY
Mini Sculptures

PLUS FREE DROP-IN
ACTIVITY IN THE
FOYER ALL WEEK

VISITOR CENTRE

EVENTS ON FRIDAY 30 MAY

11AM SHANTY WALK
WITH DAVE MILTON
Tickets cost £6

2PM BEACH ART WALK
WITH SKY
Tickets cost £6

7PM SHANTY NIGHT WITH
THE BEACH'D BUOYS
Tickets cost £6

Buy tickets at Visitor Centre,
call 01984 632101 or email
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SATURDAY

EAST QUAY

FREE EVENTS
& ACTIVITIES

11AM & 1PM
SAM O'SHANTY
PUPPET SHOW

3.30PM
ELGAR'S SEA PICTURE
Songs of the Ocean

5PM
SPOKEN WORD
*Maritime-inspired Spoken
Word performances*

7.30PM
OLD TIME SAILORS
Music and fun aplenty!

PLUS PIRATE CRAFT
ACTIVITY IN THE
FOYER, 10AM - 5PM

VISITOR CENTRE

FREE EVENTS
& ACTIVITIES

10AM - 3PM
RNLI CHARITY STALL

10AM
DAVE MILTON SHANTY SONGS

10.30AM
MARITIME CRAFT ACTIVITY

11AM & 1PM
ROPE MAKING

12PM
TREASURE HUNT

1.30PM
COMMUNITY CHOIR

2.30PM
SAM O'SHANTY
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FREE
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