

## Backwell Federation Newsletter Term 5 Federation Value – Confidence and Self-Esteem



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### Important Dates – Terms 5

- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Return to School for the Start of Term 5
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – BJS 4PB Cake Sale
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May Day Bank Holiday
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May – BJS Y6 SATs Week
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May – WL Class Photo Sessions
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May – BJS Pentecost Service at St Andrew's Church 2.15pm
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May – BJS Y3 Church Day
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – BJS Health and Fitness Week
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – BJS Sports Day
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Last Day of Term 5
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – INSET Day
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Return to School for the start of Term 6
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June – BJS Summer Concert 6.30pm School Hall
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June – BJS 5B Cake Sale
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May – BJS Y6 Morfa Bay Residential
- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Backwell Federation Summer Fair
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – BJS Y6 Church Day
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Move up day BJS and WL
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July – BJS – Y6 and Class Photos
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July – BJS Y6 Production 2pm School Hall
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – BJS End of Year Church Service St Andrew's
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Last Day of Term 6



**Our next INSET day  
will be on:  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**



***Congratulations to our West Leigh Superstars***

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

**Badgers – Owen  
Hedgehogs - Jude  
Owls - Teddy  
Rabbits - Immy  
Squirrels - Sigourney**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

**Badgers – Billy  
Hedgehogs - Arthur  
Owls – Alexander B  
Rabbits - Poppy  
Squirrels - Thanvik**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

**Badgers – Mya-Leigh  
Hedgehogs – Alexa  
Owls – Max D  
Rabbits – Theo P  
Squirrels - Tilly**

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

At pick up time on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March, one of our children at West Leigh was hit by a car on Westfield Drive whilst riding their bike. Fortunately, they managed to escape serious injury, but this has highlighted the need for us all to be extra vigilant.

Please adhere to the access permissions for the road, during the times shown here on the road safety signs situated at the Westfield drive junction with Westfield road. The only exceptions are those people who have been given prior permission from the Senior Leadership Team at West Leigh.

The road is not pedestrianised, so parents and carers need to ensure all children know to:

- Stay close to an adult who they know
- Keep to the paths (unless they have completed their cycling proficiency course)
- Remain alert at all times
- Understand the need for road safety

For further road safety tips, please check out the links attached in the “read more” section of Blog 8:

**Please help us to keep your children safe**



## WL – PTA News

### Party Kit Hire

Love parties, hate waste? Save money and the planet, and raise money for West Leigh PTA at the same time! Hire our party kit with everything you need for up to 30 children - plates, bowls, cups, jugs, trays and serving bowls. Collection and return is in Backwell. Hire is £5, plus £20 refundable deposit when returned clean and undamaged.

To check availability, book a slot or for any other questions contact Mariam at [westleiqhpta@gmail.com](mailto:westleiqhpta@gmail.com)

## Friday Quiz Night at West Leigh

Congratulations to the winners

Justice for the Backwell 6

A massive thank you to everyone who was able to make it to the quiz.

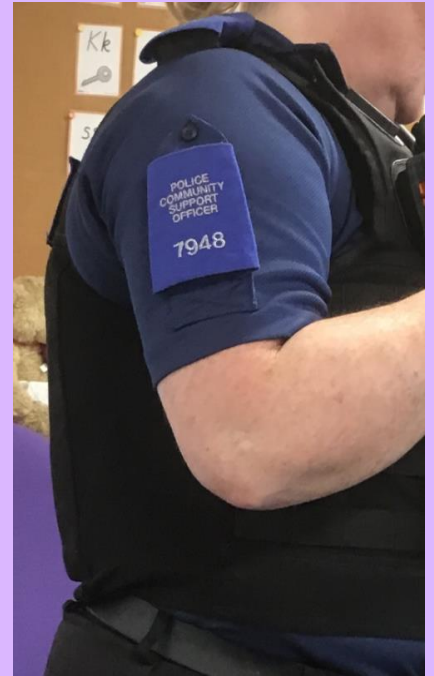
**You raised £528!!**

And a huge thank you to Ed Ross the Quiz Master.



## The Police come to West Leigh

Reception had an exciting week with a visit from the Police. The children learnt all about what the police do to help our community, spoke to a colleague in the office on the radio and even got to listen to the siren on the police car. What an exciting day!



## Celebration Assembly - 'Backwell B' Awards

Our Backwell B awards include: **Be your Best**, **Be Kind** and **Be Responsible**

### **Celebration Assembly - 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

Year 3 - Freya, Ivy-Belle and Rufus

Year 4 - Charlie M and Harry

Year 5 - Erin and Elise

Year 6 - Jess and Oliver

### **Celebration Assembly - 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Year 3 - George

Year 4 - Austin, Charlotte and Arlo

Year 5 - Emily, and Peter

Year 6 - Sam, Zara and Valeria

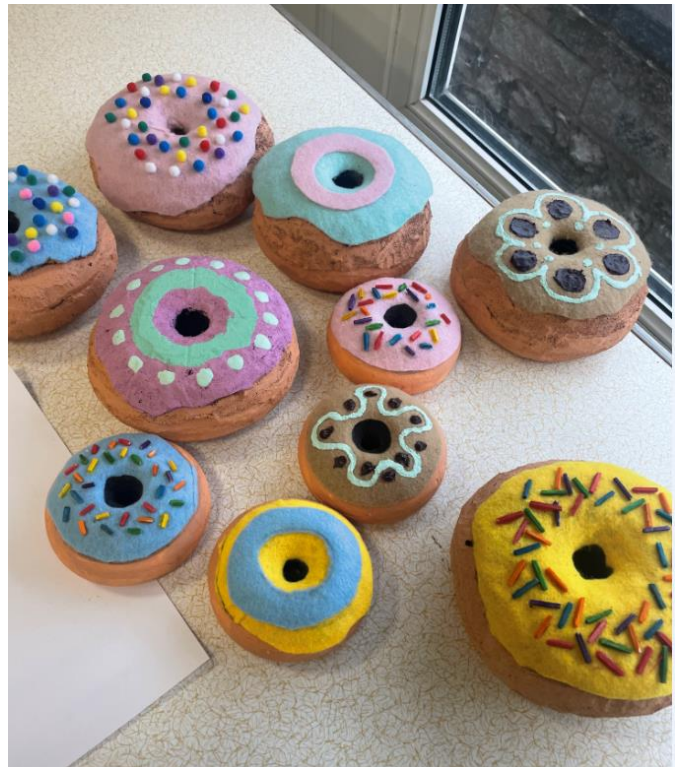
**CONGRATULATIONS!**



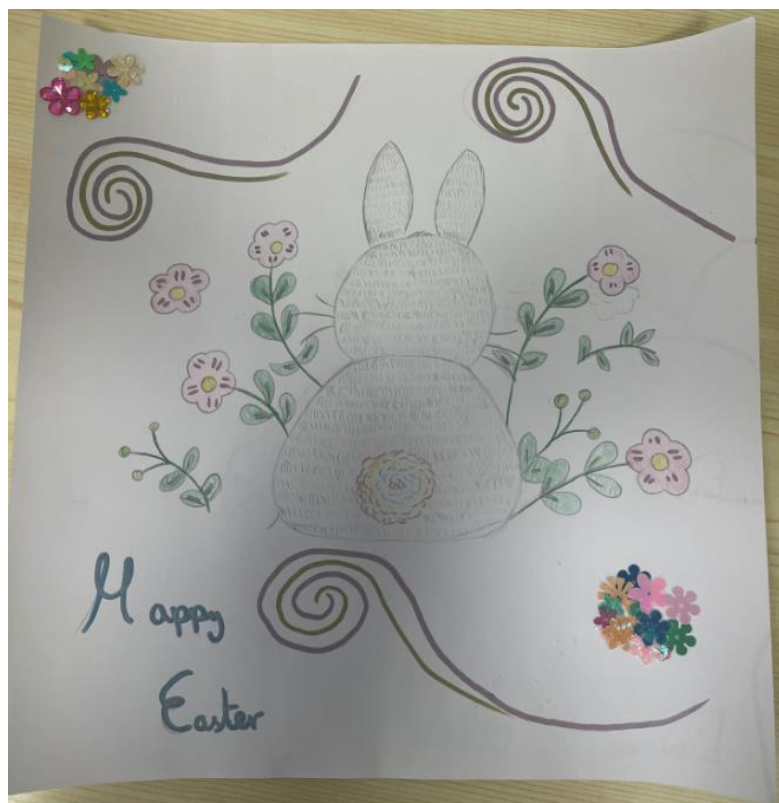
## Easter Festival

The Easter Festival is in full swing at Backwell Junior School today – here is a little sneak preview of some of the wonderful creations your children have made!

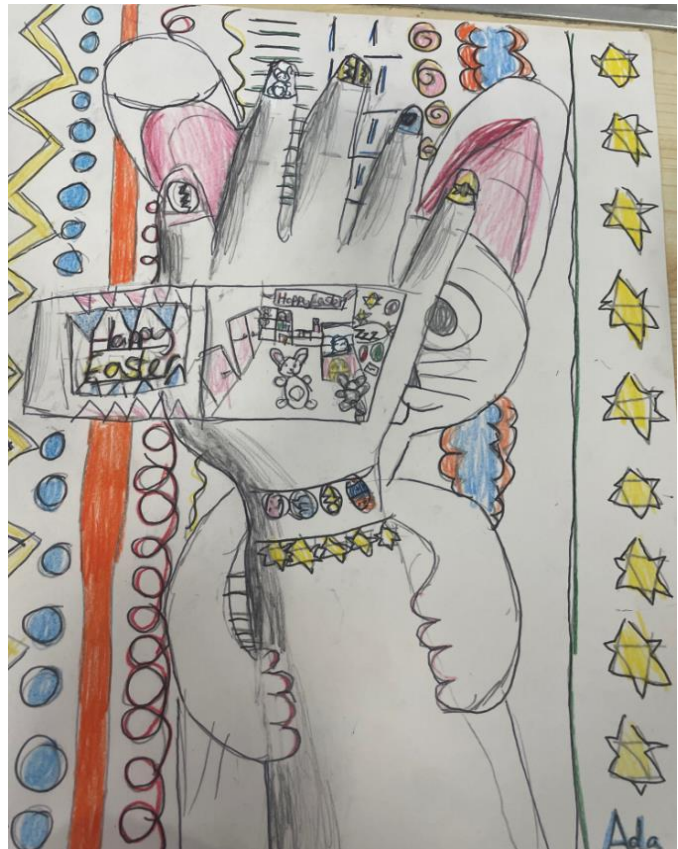
We wish all houses the very best, the children have come up with some wonderfully creative ideas, we have sculptures, drawings, Easter gardens, paintings and throughout today we are watching the most wonderful show, singing, dancing, musical pieces and jokes galore!



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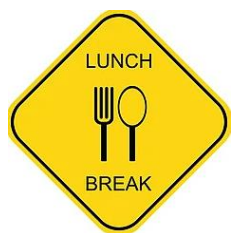
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### Aspens Select

Please remember to book your lunches for rest of the term so that the kitchen can plan ahead. Many thanks.

If your child is unwell and cannot attend school please can you ensure that you leave a message or email the office to let us know by 9.30am on the day of absence and each day thereafter. In your message please could you give a brief overview of the symptoms rather than just saying "unwell". The reason for this is so that we can identify if there is a certain illness that is circulating and take any steps possible to minimise the spread.



### **Wrap Around Care – Important Information**

Please ensure that Premier Education are contacted directly for any amendments to bookings or collection arrangements, all contact details are detailed here:

#### **Backwell Junior School:**

Site Phone: 07707878334 - Active between 7:15 & 8:30am for BSC / Active between 2:30pm & 6pm for ASC. Any queries for day-to-day club changes with collection, or information that may be relevant with regards to children attending or not attending.

Email - [c.clarke@premier-education.com](mailto:c.clarke@premier-education.com) for information regarding updates for the day, or collection passwords if somebody different is collecting.

Email - [info@premier-education.com](mailto:info@premier-education.com) for any queries around bookings, cancellations, changes to bookings.

#### **West Leigh Infant School:**

Site Phone: 07707800019 - Active between 2:30pm & 6pm for ASC. Any queries for day-to-day club changes with collection, or information that may be relevant with regards to children attending or not attending.

Email - [info@premier-education.com](mailto:info@premier-education.com) for any queries around bookings, cancellations, changes to bookings.

## Parking at BJS

The school office have received a large number of neighbourhood complaints regarding parking at school and in the surrounding roads. There has been an increase in the number of parents dropping their children off by car directly opposite Backwell Juniors. We'd like to remind everyone that it is not permitted to stop on the painted zig zag lines outside school, but it is also unsafe to park on the road due to the narrowness of the lanes etc.

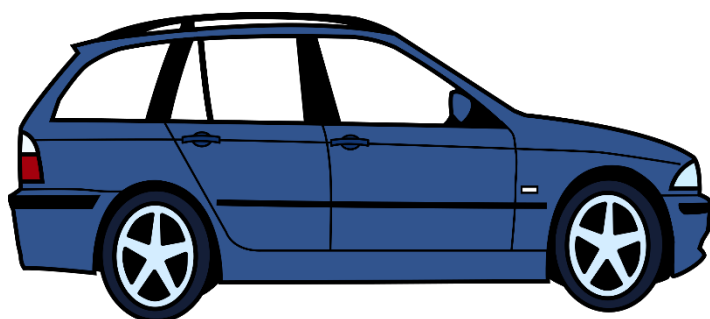
Several children have mentioned that they feel unsafe walking to and from school due to the speed and number of cars on this road and so we politely ask for you to refrain from dropping off in these areas and park on Dark Lane and walk the short distance to school to drop off/pick up. This additional 5 minutes is a small ask given these safety concerns.

Large vehicles have been unable to pass on Church Lane and the congestion level at school times is excessive.

As well as being very concerned about reports of people being rude to other road users and our neighbours we are very concerned that if larger vehicles are unable to pass then emergency vehicles will also be unable to reach a destination in an emergency situation which in turn could have devastating results to the community.

We ask you all to consider your parking – leave a little earlier for a space near school or park a little further away in a safe manner. Community Police have been informed and we have requested assistance in managing this going forward.

Thank you for your cooperation.



@Books on the Hill  
**Ash Bond**

*Olympus has never seen a hero quite like her*

**PEREGRINE  
QUINN**

AND THE  
**COSMIC REALM**

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Apr

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Scan here for tickets

Books on the Hill, 20 Hill Road, BS21 7NZ



MINI FIRST AID KIDS DAY



Learn something amazing this Easter

PUXTON PARK  
Weston Super Mare  
FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

First Aid workshops available for children  
age 3 - 16 years old, from £15pp



WWW.NORTHSOMERSET.MINIFIRSTAID.CO.UK  
katy.cockburn@minifirstaid.co.uk

## Mini First Aid

<http://www.northsomerset.minifirstaid.co.uk/>



# MINECRAFT CLUB

Inspiring the next generation of coders and makers



For more information and to register:  
[codingbug.co.uk/coding-in-minecraft/](http://codingbug.co.uk/coding-in-minecraft/)

## Coding in Minecraft

This is fun monthly club where children learn how to make mini-games, automate builds, and change gameplay behaviour in Minecraft with code.

Suitable for children aged 8 – 12.

### WHERE

Yatton Library  
BS49 4HJ

### WHEN

Saturday 22nd March 2025  
From 9:45am – 12:45pm

**[codingbug.co.uk](http://codingbug.co.uk)**

Email: [info@codingbug.co.uk](mailto:info@codingbug.co.uk) or call 07909226520



[facebook.com/codingbug/](https://facebook.com/codingbug/)

# PORTISHEAD GYMNASTICS HALF TERM CAMPS

FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1 & ABOVE

PARISH WHARF LEISURE CENTRE

Harbour Road, Portishead, Bristol BS20 7DD



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**£30**  
PER SESSION



## Introducing GymClubs' Fun & Skill-Building Gymnastics Workshops!

Join us for exciting workshops designed to help your child grow their gymnastics skills in a supportive and encouraging environment.

Led by our amazing team of experienced coaches, these workshops are perfect for gymnasts of all levels—whether your child is just starting out or looking to refine their favourite moves.

With a focus on learning, fun, and confidence-building, we'll work on key skills like:

- ✦ Flicks (back handsprings)
- ✦ Front somersaults
- ✦ Aerials
- ✦ Walkovers
- ✦ Vault progressions for front handsprings and half-ons

Our workshops are all about making progress while having a great time, so your child can take their gymnastics journey to the next level—no matter where they're starting from!

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE. BOOK NOW AT

[www.gymclubs.co.uk/workshops](http://www.gymclubs.co.uk/workshops)

## APRIL HALF TERM WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE TO BOOK

Half Term Dates

**Mon 7th & 14th April**

**Wed 9th & 16th April**

10am - 2pm

**Thur 10th & 17th April**

11am - 3pm

Any enquiries contact Head  
Coach Bex on 07967 402061

All prices are inclusive of VAT. VAT Registration No. 404812621

# MEADOWSIDE NURSERY & PRESCHOOL

PART OF YMCA DULVERTON GROUP

## Meadowside Preschool Backwell

Limited spaces available  
from September 2025

Email us now to find out more about our  
beautiful setting [meadowside@ymca-dg.org](mailto:meadowside@ymca-dg.org)



Here for young people  
Here for communities  
Here for you



**AFTER  
SCHOOL**

# CRICKET CLUB

**Premier Education** | **INSPIRING  
ACTIVITY**

**SCAN HERE FOR MORE  
INFORMATION**  
[premier-education.com/cricket](https://premier-education.com/cricket)

**Trustpilot**  
★★★★★  
Based on over 30,000 reviews

### CRICKET CLUBS AT YOUR SCHOOL!

Venue: West Leigh Infants  
Dates: Friday 25th April - 4th July (9 sessions)  
Times: 15:05-16:05  
Price: £45  
Ages: 4-7  
Additional info: No session 23rd May

**“**

My son really enjoyed cricket after school in the summer term.  
Emma - Parent

**”**

At Premier Education, we offer cricket sessions which focus on small, fun games and activities. We simplify the rules and focus on getting everybody on their feet and joining in.

We are confident that your child will enjoy taking part in our cricket sessions as much as our coaches enjoy running them!

**Book now** for an extracurricular club they will never forget.

### CLUBS ARE BETTER WITH FRIENDS!

**TREAT YOUR FRIENDS TO 20% OFF...AND GET 20% OFF TOO!**

**Trustpilot**  
★★★★★  
Based on over 30,000 reviews

\*T&Cs apply. Refer a Friend discount on new bookings only.





St Andrew's  
**KIDS**

# THE ST ANDREW'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR



**A term time choir programme  
where you'll sing everything from folk to pop!  
All children from school years 1-7 welcome!  
£4 per session, payable termly, bursaries and free  
trial session available.**

**WEDNESDAYS 4-5PM  
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, BACKWELL**

## MEET ALISON

Alison is an Oxford University graduate and an accomplished pianist, violinist and singer. She is the founder of 'du Pre Chamber Choir' which gave distinguished performances in Oxford. She was a member of the University Church Choir, Lincoln College Choir and a soloist at Christ church Choir. She has a PGCE from Cambridge University and since has rehearsed and conducted school shows. Fun fact- she taught the young Ed Sheeran!

Alison is a mum of two children, who both enjoy music and performing in various settings from choirs to Soul Bands! She is excited to meet our members, both old and new!



To sign up contact us at [admin@saintandrewsbackwell.org.uk](mailto:admin@saintandrewsbackwell.org.uk)



# EASTER HOLIDAY CAMPS

TWO WEEKS OF FOOTBALL FUN AT NAILSEA SCHOOL  
MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> - THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Year 1 - Year 8 (9:00am - 3:30pm)

Reception (9:00am - 1:00pm)

**STRIKER DAY FRIDAY**

FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

**PUMA CAMP DAYS**

TUES 8<sup>TH</sup>, FRI 11<sup>TH</sup> & TUES 15<sup>TH</sup>



£23 per day | Discounted multi-day tickets | Early drop-offs available


Book online: [www.priorityfootball.co.uk/holidaycamps](http://www.priorityfootball.co.uk/holidaycamps)

Pete@priorityfootball.co.uk | 01275 261 004 | Nailsea School

## NORTH SOMERSET ATHLETIC CLUB


# ATHLETICS FUNDAYS!

**PROFESSIONAL COACHING WITH ALL  
ABILITIES WELCOME FROM AGES 8 - 12**



**England Athletics  
Coach & Club of the Year!**

*inspiring the next generation of athletes...*



## best in the west!

Formed in 2004, we provide expert specialist coaching for athletes aged 8+ across the full breadth of athletics events, from beginner to International.

Our award-winning club (South West Club of the Year 2018, UK Development Club of the Year 2012) competes regularly and successfully across a spectrum of athletic disciplines, winning local track & field and cross-country leagues.

Our National Governing Body (NGB) qualified expert coaches are fully insured, first aid trained, and with up-to-date DBS certificates. With ongoing input from our NGB, our session plans and development model are fully supported by up-to-date best practise, enabling us to maintain the highest standards.

Our days are available to anyone aged 8 - 12, no matter their ability

**Timings 10am – 4pm  
(Register 9.40am – 9.55am)**

Our home venue is Clevedon School, Valley Road, Clevedon, BS21 6AH

**Cost per day per child is £22**

*\* If booking a whole week (Monday to Thursday), then we can offer discounted daily rates*

We have so much to cram in, why not book a whole week? You can see the full spectrum, learn plenty, save some money, and get a real feel for our sport. Individual days are available also, just ask!

We have maximum numbers for each day to ensure all children get plenty of support.

Our Fundays are run by **South West Coach of the Year 2018 Mr Chris Millard** (NGB Level 3, NSAC founder and Head Coach, plus GB and Welsh International) and supported by **NSAC-trained Ambassadors and Assistant Coaches**. We anticipate ratios of 1 coach per 6 children.

**For more information, please visit [www.nzac.org.uk/fun-days](http://www.nzac.org.uk/fun-days) and to book email [fundays@nsac.org](mailto:fundays@nsac.org) for availability and booking form.**



## easter 2025 dates

**PROFESSIONAL COACHING WITH ALL  
ABILITIES WELCOME FROM AGES 8 - 12**

**£22 PER DAY – £80 FOR ALL FOUR DAYS**

Monday April 7th to	Clevedon School BS21 6AH	10.00am – 4.00pm
Thursday April 10th		
Monday April 14th to	Clevedon School BS21 6AH	10.00am – 4.00pm
Thursday April 17th		
Tuesday 27th May to	Clevedon School BS21 6AH	10.00am – 4.00pm
Thursday 29th May		

### DIFFERENT & UNIQUE

We know that older athletes are capable of more, generally, than younger ones. We give each athlete plenty of optional down-time, and breaks as necessary.

Our team are on hand to cover any need your child may have throughout the day (drinks, toilet breaks, rests etc). Similarly they will deal sensitively with any issues such as tiredness, illness or disagreements.

Our aim is for your child to want to come back and see us again, to be keen to join our enviable athletic club, and to tell all their friends!

### IMPORTANT BOOKING INFORMATION

Places are not secured until payment and booking forms are received. It is highly recommended that this is done within 7 days of contacting us as most days we will be fully booked.



## what we offer

If you are seeking a fun introduction to Athletics then look no further.

We have been delivering courses for more than 15 years. We run them during all school holidays (except Christmas) and have created a scheme of work that enables us to cover all events when athletes visit us for a whole week.

Athletes of mixed ages work alongside one another as our Coaches support each athlete to work at their level. The balance of fun and coaching has been tweaked over the years to give the best experience of our amazing sport. This means the activities your child will enjoy the most are featured every day.

Our Fundays are held at Clevedon School where we take advantage not only of our own Athletics facility, but also sports hall and gym to ensure all events are covered. Events include;

#### HURDLES

Every day we have a different focus on hurdles, with races and relays. We have various sized hurdles to suit all.

#### SPRINTS

Most children love to race each other and aim to run as fast as they can. After some basic coaching points, they run through our state-of-the-art Timing Gates! A favourite of all our athletes, this features every day.

#### LONG JUMP

Who doesn't love jumping into the soft sand? We offer some basic coaching tips on run-ups, jumping for height and technique, then play loads of relevant games.

#### HIGH JUMP

We've lost count of the number of times we have heard "I can't high jump". After 30 minutes with us, those words have long since disappeared! Very popular, appearing at some point during every single Funday. Always finished up with a light-hearted competition, and quite often a limbo game as an extra!

#### POLE VAULT

Yes, we can give you some basic pole vault coaching! Who is brave enough to give it a go?

#### RELAYS

At least 30 minutes per day is given up to relays and is always fun. The day finishes with our mad obstacle relay, dubbed 'The Eliminator'!

#### GAMES

So many running games we struggle to fit them all in! The favourites such as 'Run the gauntlet', 'Stuck-in-the-mud' and 'Shark tag' are never far away.

#### THROWS

Every day we have a focus on one of our throwing events, whether it is hammer, discus, shot or javelin, children get the chance to have a go. With our throws cage, discus and hammer can be taught safely.

#### ENDURANCE

We prefer to call this 'strength running'. We give an option every day for this, but it is by no means a compulsory element of the day. 600m runs are our standard, with various options for intervals and even a look at steeplechase!

#### CERTIFICATES & MEDALS

If you want to test yourself, win a certificate, and see how far up our unique 16-level table you can get, then Mondays are the day for you. We test in Speed Bounce, Standing Long Jump, Vortex, 50m sprints and 600m. Points are scored and medals are awarded every day to our Athlete(s) of the day, and to our winning team on 'Team Challenge' day.

#### TEAM CHALLENGES

Every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon we split into teams and compete in a whole host of events against other teams. The winning team at the end of the day is rewarded with medals. An amazing afternoon that zips by!



**BACKWELL**  
**BAPTIST CHURCH**



# EASTER EGGSTRAVEGANZA

MESSY GAMES, CHOCOLATE,  
CRAFTS, EGG HUNT, NERF  
GUNS AND SO MUCH MORE...

WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL

10:00AM-12:30PM

FOR CHILDREN IN YEARS 3-6

FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO SIGN UP  
SCAN THE QR CODE OR JUST TURN UP  
ON THE DAY!



**Easter Holiday Junior Choir Days**  
**Oldland Common or**  
**Weston-super-Mare 7<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Portishead 9<sup>th</sup> April**

**Time:** 9am - 3.30pm

**What:** High quality singing course  
in a fun and relaxed atmosphere  
for KS2

**How:** Sign up below and come and give it a try

**Bring:** Packed lunch and drinks

**Cost:** £25 or free if entitled to pupil premium

**Venue:** Hayward Village Academy BS24 8ES  
Unity Oldland Methodist Church BS30 9QS  
St Peter's Church BS20 8EN



**Book a space: <https://wema.org.uk/Easter-Sing>**



Penny Brohn UK – Easter Egg Hunt



To book your  
place, scan the  
QR code below:





**It all starts with...** ALL STARS CRICKET

All Stars Cricket is the best cricket experience for **5-8 year-olds**

All kids are guaranteed to develop **new skills** while **having fun** and **making friends**

Participants receive a **personalised backpack of goodies** including a bat, ball and t-shirt!


Sign up today at [allstarscricket.co.uk](http://allstarscricket.co.uk)



As you may be aware every year All Stars Cricket (<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>) takes place at cricket clubs around the country. It is a fantastic introduction to the game and is open to 5-8 year old boys and girls. Over 16,000 children in Somerset have been part of All Stars since it began in 2017, and we already have over 1,300 children signed up to take part this summer at one of over 61 centres/clubs across the county.

Dynamos Cricket is also back (<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamoscricet>). Dynamos is for boys and girls from 8-11 years old. We have 49 centres/clubs across Somerset running it this summer, including girls only ones and we already have nearly 600 children signed up.

Along with 8 weeks of cricket, participants also get a personalised shirt.



**DYNAMOS CRICKET**

**This is our game.**

**Calling all 8-11 year olds!**

Whether a graduate from All Stars or new to the sport, Dynamos Cricket is an exciting way for kids to **play, learn** cricket skills and make **new friends**.

Participants receive a personalised New Balance shirt with their name and chosen number.

Sign up today 

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