

Backwell Federation Newsletter Term 4 Federation Value - Responsibility

**Wishing all of our families and
friends a very happy, healthy
(and hopefully sunny)
Easter Break!**

**See you on Monday 17
April - for Term 5**

Happy Easter!



Mrs Priddle

Thank you, Goodbye and Good Luck
in your retirement Mrs Priddle!

Today we say goodbye to Kay who
has worked in the West Leigh school
kitchen for an impressive 20 years!

Kay has been a valuable member of
the West Leigh team and we will all
miss her greatly.



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Important Dates - Term 4/5

- Friday 31 March: End of Term 4
- Monday 17 April: Start of Term 5 for all pupils
- Monday 01 May: Bank Holiday May Day
- Monday 08 May: Bank Holiday King's Coronation
- Friday 26 May : End of Term 5



WL Talent Show

Monday 27th March was the final of the West Leigh Talent Show! Throughout Terms 4 and 5, the School Council had been working hard with organising the event and their final challenge was to present the show. They presented with confidence and professionalism and Miss Hiscocks was very proud of them all.

All finalists also performed with confidence and wowed the West Leigh audience. Our panellist of judges were amazed by all the talent and found it very challenging to choose a winner. After lots of deliberating, the results were in and Mr Webster presented the medals. The final results are below.

A huge well done to everyone who auditioned for the talent show as well as our finalists and School Council. What a great way to celebrate the end of Term 4. Happy Easter from Miss Hiscocks and the School Council.

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Badger Class	Alice	Cassian	Amara
Squirrel Class	Louie	Evangeline, Lila and Connie	Saskia
Rabbit Class	Elin	Millie	Raffie
Owl Class	Nina	Rufus	Dylan
Hedgehog Class	Arlo	Rowan	Cole
Fox Class	Grace	Ollie	Grace and Anais





Superstar Notice:

Now the weather will hopefully turn to lovely springtime we would like to request that parents wait outside the main entrance by the mural when attending the superstars assembly to help keep it a surprise for the children. If it isn't nice weather you are of course welcome to come inside!

We have noticed an increase in cars driving up to the school. Please can we remind parents that unless you have permission you must not drive up to the school between the hours of 8am and 4pm as shown on the signage from North Somerset Council. If you drive your car to school drop off/pick up please park considerately on surrounding streets. Many thanks



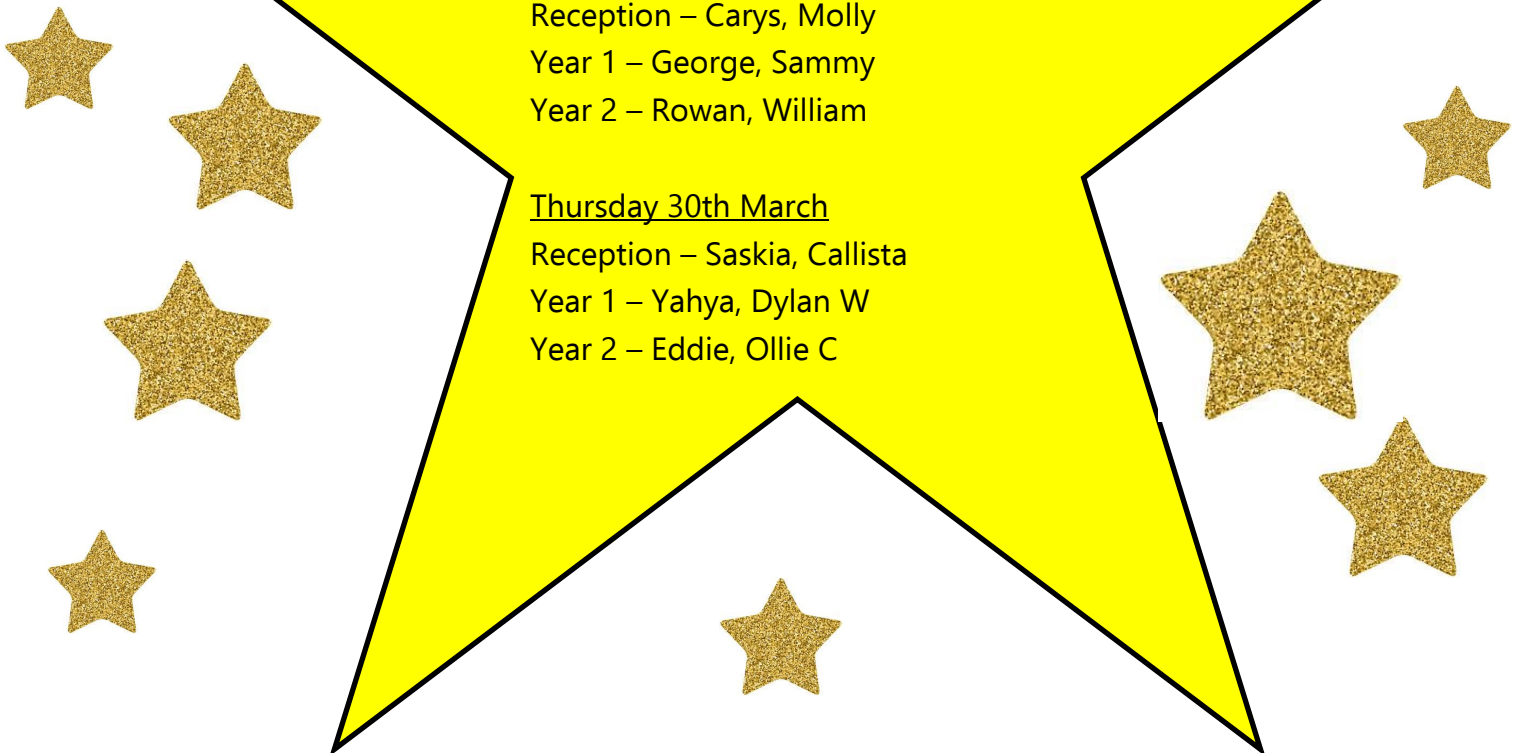
Congratulations to our West Leigh Superstars:

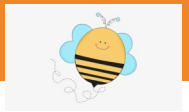
Thursday 23rd March

Reception – Carys, Molly
Year 1 – George, Sammy
Year 2 – Rowan, William

Thursday 30th March

Reception – Saskia, Callista
Year 1 – Yahya, Dylan W
Year 2 – Eddie, Ollie C





WL Spring Sing

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Spring Sing. We are all extremely proud of the children's performance and the hard work and effort they put into learning the songs and the actions. The whole school sang beautifully and with confidence and put a smile on all of our faces. Well done to everyone at West Leigh for all of your hard work this term and a huge thank you to Mrs Sinclair for playing the piano for our Spring Sing. We hope you all have a wonderful two weeks break and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 17th March for another term full of wonderful activities including our final Enrichment morning, Sports Week and of course celebrating the coronation of King Charles III. Have a wonderful Easter Break!



School and British Value Champions

Each term, we have a focus School Value and a focus British Value to learn about. This term we have been learning about Responsibility and Tolerance. Once we have learnt what these values mean, we try our best to demonstrate these values whenever we can in school. We have demonstrated responsibility by being responsible for our school community by keeping it tidy, and showing responsibility towards ourselves by keeping clean and healthy as well as talking about our feelings. We have demonstrated Tolerance by accepting others just the way that they are and by celebrating differences. At the end of the term, Miss Hiscocks asked our teachers who has been a champion in demonstrating these values and we were rewarded with a special certificate and our photo has been displayed on the School and British Value Champions board in school. Congratulations to our champions of this term:

Responsibility = Cassian, Evangeline, Yahya, Isla, Rowan and Anais.

Tolerance = Hattie, Matilde, Freddie, Lucille, Arabella and Ezra.





Year 2 DT Project

This term, Year 2 have been learning about the Great Fire of London and to end this unit of work, they were given a DT challenge. Their challenge was to design and make a moving vehicle but not just any moving vehicle, a fire engine! The classes started their challenge by looking at the features of vehicles and looking at fire engines through time. Once they had learnt and reviewed this knowledge, the investigating and designing could begin! They looked at two different ways of joining the wheels, axles and chassis and decided which way worked best for them. Next, they spent time creating four different designs before choosing their favourite and turning the classrooms into a huge mess! It was wonderful to see the creativity and imagination flowing. Hedgehog and Fox Class spent the fourth day of their DT challenge building and decorating their moving vehicles and it's wonderful to see all the completely different designs. Their final challenge is to evaluate their final products and then they can finally get ready for a well-deserved Easter break. Well done Year 2 for all of your amazing work this term!





Squirrel Class News

On Thursday, the children in Reception went on a walk to the post office. We went to the post office as part of our topic on 'people who help us'. During the visit, we looked around the post office, had a talk from a postal worker who answered lots of our questions, and then each child posted a letter to someone they know. We were so impressed with the children's behaviour on the walk. They asked some brilliant questions, and were full of beans for the duration of the visit. Thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers who helped us on our walk.



Owl DT Project

Owls have been working hard in DT this week. We have been testing materials to see which material would be most suitable for a kite sail. We have also carried out some lovely collaborative work to create Japanese Carp Kites. Finally, we worked with a partner to construct a Diamond Kite. We're hoping that we'll have a chance to fly them on Friday afternoon!



BJS Book Fair - March 2023

Book Fair

We are pleased to announce that we raised £433.37 at last week's book fair. This means that we will have around £200 to spend on books in school. We will put this money towards replenishing our topic-related non-fiction titles both in the library and in classrooms.

Thank you to both our book fair volunteers for helping the fair run so smoothly and everyone who supported the fair.

Mrs Barnard



Class Cakes Sales - Term 5

We have 2 class cake sale remaining, which are planned for Term 5. These will take place on Friday 28 April (4JC hosting) and Friday 19 May (4W hosting).



Further information will be sent out early next term.

BJS Swimming Gala - 2023

annual swimming gala. We had a great afternoon with so many wonderful swimmers competing against each other to win points for their houses. Willow house were the winners of the lower school trophy and Sycamore house were the winners of the upper school trophy! Congratulations to both winning houses. However, we are so proud of each and every swimmer and supporter for making the event such a positive experience. Many thanks to Mr Williams for his hard work organising the event.



BJS Easter Festival 2023



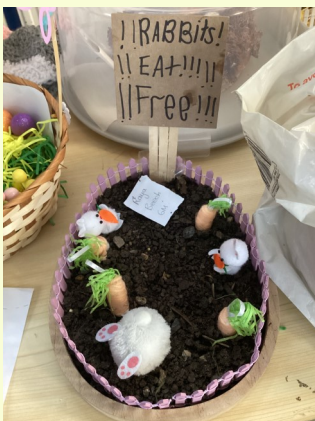
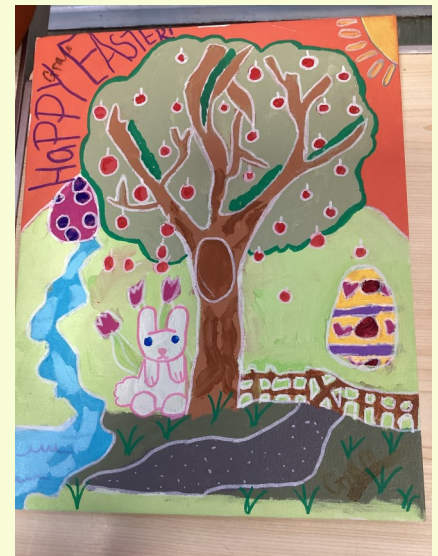
WOW! What an incredibly talented group of children we have at BJS!

Well done to each and every person who has auditioned, performed and created things for the Easter Festival. You are all amazing and we are incredibly proud of you all.

Competition was very tough again this year. We have had an amazing morning watching all of the performances. We are pleased to announce that the overall winners for the Easter Festival trophy for 2023 are Sycamore house!

Thank you to all the staff for helping to organise such a fun morning for all. As always, a big thanks to Mr Webster for the entertaining jokes!

We hope you enjoy the pictures below of just a few of the wonderful creations we have received.



BJS—Celebration Award Winners

Friday 17 March

Year 3 - Juliet & Tadg

Year 4 - Evie & Frances

Year 5 - Arabella & Lewis

Year 6 - Millie

Friday 24 March

Year 3 - Cassia, Herbie & James

Year 4 - Bea & Cody

Year 5 - Indy B & Oliver

Year 6 - Gabe, Holly Mac & Quentin



CONGRATULATIONS!

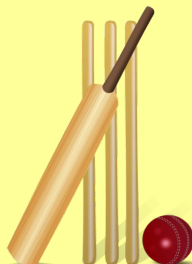
Our 'Backwell B' awards include:

Be your Best, Be Kind and Be Responsible



After School Clubs - Terms 5 & 6

We have several fun after school sports clubs available during Terms 5 & 6. Gym club is already full, however there is still space available to sign up for Girls football, football, cricket, tennis or running club. Sign up details have been emailed out. Please contact Mrs G in the school office if you require further information.



Club	When?	Run by	Available to
Girls Football	Monday 3:30-4:30 Terms 5 & 6	Premier Sport	All Years
Football	Tuesday 3:30-4:30 Terms 5 & 6	Premier Sport	All Years
Tennis	Wednesday 3:30-4:30 Terms 5 & 6	Backwell Tennis	All Years
Cricket Club	Thursday 3:30-4:30 Terms 5 & 6	Premier Sport	All Years
Running Club	Thursday 3.30-4.30 Terms 5 & 6	Mr Webster	All Years
Gymnastics	Friday 3.30pm – 4.30 Terms 5 (T6 to be booked later)	Gym Clubs	All Years

BE your BEST

It's been a busy term for School Council! Thank you so much to all of those who entered the 'Unifest' design competition to see your design on our very own BJS unicorn - well a foal anyway!

A big shout out to West Country Waterpark for sponsoring a foal for us to decorate.

Next term we are looking for to its arrival so we can start the process of transferring our winning designs on to the foal. We will keep you posted on our progress and let you know when and where you can get to see our unicorn on display in Bristol.



BE KIND

School council wanted to do something to help those effected by the recent earthquakes in Syria and Turkey. They sprang into action and organised a 'Penny in the Jar' event. All classes made a great effort collecting loose change but 4JC where are winning class filling their jar first and collecting the most money along the way. After much counting - and recounting by Mrs Gardner- our final total was £200 which has been sent off to the disaster appeal. An amazing amount. Thank you to everyone!

Year 5 Church Day - Easter

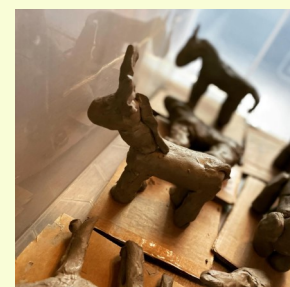


Year 5 recently attended their annual church day at St Andrew's Church.

There were 5 activities on offer, all relating to furthering our learning about the Easter story. These included making clay donkeys, making an Easter garden, decorating eggs, making mosaic stained glass windows and learning about Holy Communion including feet washing. Learning about the story of the last supper.

We all had a great day. Many thanks to Timi, Rev Katy and the team at St Andrew's for once again, providing such a fun and educational day for us.

We hope that you enjoy our gallery of pictures.





TAKE YOUR CHILD'S IMAGINATION ON A FOOD JOURNEY WITH ASPENS

We are pleased to let you know that Aspens has been chosen by the Lighthouse Schools Partnership to provide the meal service at your child's school and we can't wait to share with you our new menu and give you a sneak peak at what we have coming soon!

Knowing Where Your Food Comes From

We take our responsibility of catering for today's children and young adults seriously. All of our dishes are prepared every day using quality, fresh and seasonal ingredients that are responsibly sourced. Our supply chain is traceable, so we can ensure the provenance of all produce.

Our dishes are created and served by experienced and enthusiastic staff. As well as ensuring the food on the plate is healthy, we want our customers to understand the importance of eating the right foods and help them with their food and nutrition journey.

WEEK 1



Our Great New Menu



LUNCH WEEK 1 MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Beef & Hidden Veg Whole Grain Pasta Bolognese Green Salad	Bangers & Mash Green Beans	Roast Chicken & Stuffing Roasties Fresh Veg & Gravy	Mexican Chicken Wrap Oven Baked Wedges Broccoli & Salads	Golden Fish Fingers Chips Pasta
Cheese & Tomato Pasta Pizza Green Salad	Veggie Bangers & Mash Green Beans	Cheese & Tomato Quiche Roasties Fresh Veg	Bean & Sweetcorn Burrito Oven Baked Wedges Broccoli & Salads	Carrot & Hummus Tagliatelle Chips Pasta
Hot Tomato Pasta with or without grated cheese				
Crispy Skin Jackets with Tasty Toppings				
Pick & Mix Packed Lunch Freshly filled sandwich or roll, healthy snack, home bake dessert & a piece of fruit				
Pineapple & Chocolate Sauce	Carrot Cake	Marble Sponge Cake	Jelly & Fruit	Oat Cookie
Fresh fruit and yoghurt and bread available every day.				

FUN THEME DAYS

LOCAL SUPPLY CHAIN SPOTLIGHT



NOT JUST GREAT TASTING FOOD!

The food children eat at school plays an important role in their wellbeing and eating a well-balanced diet will not only maintain and improve their health but will also set them on the right track for later life. We understand this and that's why we are passionate about serving fresh, high quality and locally sourced food that is cooked in our kitchen.



SPECIAL DIETS AND FOOD ALLERGENS

Don't think that your child can't enjoy our great food if they have a special diet - this is an important part of our catering service. We can provide food if they have an intolerance, an allergy, or require an alternative choice due to religious beliefs.

Aspens already caters for lots of children with allergies, we have robust food safety procedures and our staff has regular allergen and food safety training. It is still important that parents talk to us so we can work together and continue to provide meals that are safe for their child to eat.

HELP YOUR CHILD SOAR WITH A SCHOOL MEAL!

And it could be FREE!!
Check to see if your child is now eligible.

SAVE MONEY, SAVE TIME, SAVE HASSLE.

All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 meals are FREE!!

FUEL YOUR CHILD WITH ENERGY!

Ask at the office to find out more!

GOOD FOR YOU & GOOD FOR THE PLANET

Sustainability is one of our core values - we recognise that our activities can affect the environment and so we do what we can to minimise our impact.

This includes phasing out single use plastics, using environmentally friendly disposables and cleaning products, offering non meat proteins and seasonal fruit and vegetables.



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Aspens
SERVICES



Feel Fab Easter!

FEEL FAB EASTER


FIND YOUR HAPPY BEANS!



NAME _____

HOW MANY  

DID YOU COLLECT?



Can you 'Feel Fab' this Easter and be an Active, Healthy and Happy Bean? Can you think about these things that could help your wider well-being? Tick off 3 to earn a gold certificate available from your teacher at school or can you even collect everything to spell Easter Fun?! Make sure one of them is Fitness! Always get permission from your parents or a responsible adult before doing any of the activities and if you can get any of your family involved, even better!

We would love to see some of your attempts on Twitter using #FeelFabEaster and tagging:

@AshtonSSP @CSETSports1 @NSSPEA1

Egg time! Decorate some hard-boiled eggs... perhaps your favourite singer, teacher, actor or sportsperson?

Artistic - do something creative to increase your mindfulness. You could draw, paint, dance every day

Spend time thinking of others. Can you help someone every day or make them feel special?

Take time to relax and read a book, draw, paint, watch a film, or help in the garden..

Enjoy a Family Woodland walk. Unsure of where to go? The Woodland Trust can help you find woods to explore

Relax. Try yoga, listen to music etc. Quality sleep is really important to your wider well-being

Fitness - do something every day to improve your fitness. Can you run, scoot, jog, skip or bike every day?

Use your imagination! Make an Easter cake or Easter nests. Go wild on the decoration!

New ways to be active during your holiday! If you have more time why not try one of the activities at the Active Recovery Hub
<https://www.yourschoolgames.com/active-recovery/>



FEEL FAB EASTER FEEL FAB EASTER



GOLD!

AWARDED TO



I FOUND MY HAPPY BEANS

GET **BADMINTON** OUR COMMUNITY



Pupils thrive at Bristol's only independent all-girls Day and Boarding School in the leafy suburb of Westbury-on-Trym.

Whole School Open Morning: Monday 1 May 2023

Or book a private tour at your convenience.

Book your place online now | or email admissions@badmintonschool.co.uk

Featured on CBBC's
'Our Boarding
School'

Easter holiday opening times at Nailsea Foodbank

Southfield Church, Southfield Road, Nailsea BS48 1SB

Friday 31st March 12:30 – 2:30pm

Thursday 6th April 12:30 – 2:30pm

Friday 14th April 12:30 – 2:30pm



FLAX
BOURTON

EARTH
DAY



Flax Bourton Church

EARTH DAY



Saturday 22nd April 10-4

The Birds & The Bees-Art6Explore Exhibition
Avon Wildlife Trust & Hedgehog Rescue

Community Art activities including
make a Bird Feeder & Oshibana Art
Refreshments at the Relax@Flax Cafe

Minibeast Hunt & Building a Bug Hotel

Nature on our Doorstep-Local Art
Local Produce -Honey, Veg, Bread
Churchyard Biodiversity Survey
Book, Seed and Plant Exchange
Foam-free Flower Arranging
Bodging a Bench
Home Energy Advice
Tree planting Ceremony 2.30pm
The Barberettes - Acapella Group 3.45pm

Free event-
come and join
in the fun!





We Are Backwell 2023 Exhibition April 22nd and 23rd 2023

Venues: Backwell Parish Hall and West Town Chapel

"We are Backwell 2023" is a creative collaboration between West Town Methodist Church and the Cadets of St John Ambulance (Backwell and Nailsea Unit).

Together, we're planning an exhibition to represent and celebrate the diversity of our village community today and we're inviting all local organisations and all individuals who live or work in Backwell to take part. Our village is growing and changing. This is an exciting opportunity to get to know each other better!

What makes you 'you'? We'd love you to share your story with us!

Organisations

are invited to prepare small static displays (½ table - depending on the take up) and/or to prepare slides or a short video to be included in a rolling presentation on our screen. Representatives with publicity leaflets will also be welcome at the event. Please contact us as soon as possible to let us know how your group would like to take part. Space will be allocated on a first come, first served basis with confirmation at the beginning of April.

A poster depicting all 77 organisations in Backwell is being created by the St. John's Cadets as part of the exhibition itself.

Individuals

of all ages and backgrounds are warmly invited to exhibit pictures, photographs, artefacts or anything which represents you, your interests or your culture. Live performance slots are also available if you have music to share or a story to tell!

Come and join the fun! Whether you are an individual or a group, please email us at Wearebackwell@email.com by Friday 31st March, indicating how you'd like to take part and we'll let you know when and how to submit your entry. (Remember to press the ctrl button before clicking on the address link!) We look forward very much to hearing from you!

The We Are Backwell 2023 Team.



Springing to Life

Easter Family Holiday Activities at Wells Cathedral

Celebrate Easter with our craft workshops, and follow our self-guided trail or visit the Shroud of Turin Exhibition any time during the holidays!"

Tuesday 4 April:
Easter Birds' Nests

Ever wondered how birds make their nests to protect their eggs? Have a go using natural materials.

Wednesday 5 April:
Easter Gardens

Follow our Easter trail then make your own beautiful Easter garden to tell the best part of the Easter story!

Thursday 6 April:
Treasure Hunt

Follow our Easter crosses trail, collecting beads as you go to make your own cross necklace

Book online today at
wellscathedral.eventbrite.co.uk

£2 per child (£1 if eligible for free school meals)
Accompanying adults FREE
Please note: Children must be accompanied by an adult




*Access to the Cathedral will be restricted during certain times due to Holy Week services.
Please check our Services and Music list on the Cathedral website: wellscathedral.org.uk/services-music-list

Easter Family Holiday Activities at Wells Cathedral

Tuesday 4th, Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th April

Families are warmly invited to celebrate Easter and take part in craft workshops for children. You can also follow one of our self-guided children's trails and view the Shroud of Turin exhibition during your visit at any time over the holiday.*

(*Access to some areas of the Cathedral will be restricted during certain times due to Holy Week services. Please check www.wellscathedral.org.uk/services-music-list)

Tuesday 4th April – Easter Birds' Nests

Ever wondered how birds make their nests to protect their eggs? Have a go at making your own using natural materials.

Wednesday 5th April – Easter Gardens

Follow our Easter story trail then make your own beautiful Easter garden to tell the best part of the story!

Thursday 6th April – Beads and Crosses

Follow our treasure hunt to collect beads which you'll use to make a cross necklace.

For further details and to book a craft workshop, go to wellscathedral.eventbrite.co.uk

£2 per child / £1 per child if eligible for free school meals. Accompanying adults free.

Each child will be provided with materials to make one item to take home.

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

North Somerset Athletic Club

Athletics Fundays - Easter 2023



**Book up now for an amazing day's Athletics.
The best in the area!**

Age 8-12

Clevedon School

Cost £18 per day - All abilities welcome

10am - 4pm

Run by Head Coach Chris Millard, and supported by NSAC Ambassadors

Your favourite events all crammed into one day (sprints, hurdles, long jump, high jump, relays, running games etc plus medals, certificates and plenty of fun.)

For more info, visit:

<https://www.nsac.org.uk/training/fundays/> and/or

email fundays@nsac.org.uk

