



## Bulletin for Ansford Families

Issue 5: 19th December 2025

### Message from the Head of School Mr Musson

We have now been back at school for 15 weeks (nearly 40% of the school year) and as ever staff have been working hard to ensure students cover the curriculum required and use assessments to provide detailed feedback on how to improve. This process is particularly important for our Year 11's who have sat their Mocks exams and are receiving feedback in lessons on their next steps to further improve.

In addition to the learning experiences students have received in lessons, students have also been given opportunities to further develop their learning and cultural capital by attending school trips. Some of our Year 7's went to France for a French trip for 3 days, our GCSE Drama students went to Bath to see Women in Black, Year 11 went to Strode College as part of their process to plan for Post-16 and our Year 8's visited Shepton Mallet Prison to support the learning they are currently studying in English. All these experiences provide our students with additional opportunities to develop their extended learning beyond their classroom. As always, our students represented our school outstandingly - I am always so proud when I hear the amazing feedback on how students conduct themselves on school trips.

We held our annual GCSE Certificate collection evening where last year's Year 11 came to collect their well-deserved certificates. It was so nice to see them all and hear how they are getting on with their new adventures.

Our Year 7 - 10 girls Hockey teams all took part in the Yeovil Area Hockey League Finals at Millfield School Street. Mrs Groves was so impressed with them all - a great team effort. Congratulations to Years 8 and 10 who won their events - an amazing achievement.

I cannot of course not mention the Oliver! Production. Those of you that saw the performance will understand when I say it was exceptional. I cannot express enough how incredible it was to watch a show of such high quality (the singing, the acting, the lighting, the costumes, the sound... the list goes on) with all our amazing students - all 60 of them! Honestly when I watched it on Wednesday and Friday last week, I felt I wasn't watching a school production, but I was watching a professional show. Parents/carers, grandparents, friends, ex-students all watched proudly over the three evenings to see all the individual stars of the show perform outstandingly to transform us to the Victorian streets of London - just incredible. Our students will remember the experience forever - thank you to everyone involved to enable this masterpiece to take place.



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I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We have a Trust Training Day on Monday 5th January where staff are attending bespoke training depending on the roles. Students are back on Tuesday 6th January - see you then!

Karl Musson

#### Academy Calendar: Key Upcoming Events

| Week | Date in January | Event Details   | Lead              |
|------|-----------------|---|-------------------|
| 2    | Monday 5th      | Inset Day - School Closed to Students                   |                   |
| 2    | Tuesday 6th     | Future Smart Careers                                    | Mr Mitchell       |
| 2    | Thursday 8th    | PSHE Visiting Speaker - Emotional Intelligence (Year 8) | Mrs Hardy-Stewart |
| 2    | Friday 9th      | PSHE Visiting Speaker - Emotional Intelligence (Year 7) | Mrs Hardy-Stewart |
| 1    | Thursday 15th   | Revision Clinic for Year 11 Parents/Carers              | Mr Mitchell       |
| 2    | Thursday 22nd   | PSHE Visiting Speaker - Emotional Intelligence (Year 8) | Mrs Hardy-Stewart |
| 2    |                 | Tag Rugby Tournament                                    | Mrs Grove         |
| 2    |                 | Year 9 Parents Evening                                  | Miss Macey        |
| 2    | Friday 23rd     | PSHE Visiting Speaker - Emotional Intelligence (Year 7) | Mrs Hardy-Stewart |



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## Notices

### From Ms Hirst, Designated Safeguarding Lead

Many of us are very excited about the Christmas break especially after such a busy term. However, as the holidays approach, it is important to be aware that this can bring anxiety for some young people, often due to spending more time than usual on social media – but there's lots of help still available!

Please find below some links to help you over the Christmas period. The team would like to wish you all a very happy, healthy festive break and New Year!

- Find financial support for Somerset households [here](#).
- Advice on how to help manage mental over Christmas can be found [here](#).
- Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224
- Police on 101
- NSPCC on 0808 800 5000

If you are seeking help and support as a parent of a young person around Emotional Health and Wellbeing, please use the links to our website to help direct you to a range of external agencies who can provide help and support at this time:

[Young People](#)

[Parents/Carers](#)

### Warning from Somerset Council Safeguarding Team; please be aware

It has been brought to our attention that the children's book series 'According to Humphrey', have several books that contain a link to a website which has been compromised and now takes people to highly inappropriate and unsafe content.



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### Mobile Phone Safety: A Guide for Families



See the guide [here](#).

### Uniform Expectations

Just a reminder of our uniform expectations upon returning to school in the new year. Guidance on uniform requirements are on our website [here](#).



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**From Rebecca Comyns, Business Manager**

**Change of Student Management System**

From January 2026 the Academy is moving to a new management information system called Arbor. The change to Arbor is a significant one as the system holds all our student details and there are lots of other systems that we use that will link to it.

Please bear with us as we work through this change during January and get all our systems back up and running. We will provide more information in the new year about Arbor and what it can offer.

If you have any questions or experience any issues with our systems please contact the Administration Team on 01963 350895 or [office@ansford.mnsp.org.uk](mailto:office@ansford.mnsp.org.uk).



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From Mrs Sweetlove, Pastoral Lead- Attendance & Inclusion

## WHAT DOES ATTENDANCE LOOK LIKE FOR YOU?

We expect outstanding attendance for all, however we do recognise that there are times when pupils will absent from school.

If attendance drops below 97% the school will contact parents immediately to put a plan in place to make improvements.



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS SO DO YOU!

Our vision is to achieve excellence by consistently fulfilling 100% attendance and punctuality goals.

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From Mrs Martin, Finance Manager

#### Prom Fundraising - The Ansford Ghost Tour

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Year 7 Ghost Tour last month, we were overwhelmed by the number of students who came to the event.

I am extremely proud of the Prom Committee who ran the event on the night (Erin H, Abi H, Poppy G, Poppy C, Jasmine F-S & Hannah S, with help on the night from Noah G and Liam H).

We raised £325 which surpassed our expectations, I think all the Year 7s enjoyed themselves - hopefully no one had nightmares!

Spooky tales.....

A ghostly figure.....

Running.....!!!!



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#### From School Reception

##### REMINDER: Bus Passes

Students should remember to bring their bus passes in every day. Bus drivers can ask to see them at any time.

If your child has lost their bus pass you can call Somerset Council, School Transport on 0300 123 2224 or look on the website - [somerset.gov.uk](https://www.somerset.gov.uk), follow the links to Children, Families and Education, then School Transport.

We have had lots and lots of students requesting temporary bus passes in the last week, we will only give these out in the short term.

#### From Mr Newbury, Drama Teacher and Oliver! Production Director

##### Oliver!

It has been an absolute joy bringing this timeless story to life with such a talented and enthusiastic group of young performers. From the first rehearsal to the final show, the students have poured their hearts into every song, scene, and character. Their dedication, creativity, and courage on stage have been inspiring to watch, and I am incredibly proud of each and every one of them. We had the opportunity to work with the actor Billy Byers who has just finished playing the Character of Dodger on the West End as well as Charley Harris, a very talented Drama Practitioner who has also played a title role in the West End. This workshop experience was incredible and truly inspired our students.

Read the full Director's Notes, and more wonderful photos [here](#).



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## Woman in Black Trip

The Year 10 and 11 Drama theatre trip to see *The Woman in Black* was a highly enjoyable and valuable experience for all involved. The production provided an excellent example of atmospheric storytelling, effective use of staging, and powerful performance skills, which linked closely to the students' studies in Drama.

The students were fantastic throughout the trip, demonstrating exemplary behaviour and maturity both in the theatre and while travelling. They were fully engaged with the performance, responding thoughtfully to the tension and dramatic techniques used on stage. Their enthusiasm and focus made the trip a real success, and they should be commended for representing the school so positively. A moment that will always stay with me is the moment 35 students started singing Christmas songs whilst walking in convoy down the streets of Bath, bringing smiles to so



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many faces and upstaging the festive feeling of the Christmas market.

#### **From the Core Subject Team**

##### **REMINDER: Core Subject Homework Support**

Thank you to all parents that are supporting their children with homework. If needed, we run homework support sessions during Wednesday lunchtime and both Wednesday and Fridays after school in IT2, that students are encouraged to attend.

Please note that detentions are set for non-completion of homework on Tuesday and Thursday break times in IT2.

These will be on Classcharts.

#### **From Mr Davies, Head of Year 7**

##### **Year 7 Amiens Trip**

On Monday 1st December, a team of twenty Year 7 students (along with Ms Rogers and Mr Davis) set off on a joint trip to France with a similar group from St Mark's School in Bath. It began with an early wake-up call—everyone was in school by 4:15am, ready to head to the Eurotunnel and onwards to France. The early start did nothing to dampen the excitement for what lay ahead.

Our first stop was Boulogne-sur-Mer, where we took a tour of the town, visiting the castle and the port. The weather tried its best to put a damper on events, but everyone trooped along happily, taking in the sights. We then travelled to the Château de Broutel in a small village called Rue. Once we arrived, we explored the château and its grounds before enjoying some food and evening activities. An early night beckoned, ready for the fun of Day Two.

The first visit of the day was to a chocolaterie, where plenty of tasting took place, and we were shown how everything was made. We sampled cocoa (not the favourite!), as well as white, milk, and dark chocolate—all of which were delicious. There was even a chance to buy some treats... which we certainly took advantage of! After lunch, we travelled to Amiens for a cultural tour and a wander around the Christmas markets. None of it disappointed. The cathedral was stunning—huge, beautifully carved, and awe-inspiring. After exploring the market and picking up gifts and goodies, we returned to the coach, then back to the château for dinner. The evening finished with a campfire and



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French games.

Our final day was spent learning about the local history of the area, including stories about the château and its involvement during the wars and the French Revolution. After a quick stop to stock up on snacks for the journey home, it was time to leave.

All students and staff had a fantastic time and were disappointed when the trip came to an end. The students were a credit to the school and mixed brilliantly with their peers from St Mark's.



#### **Year 7's Trip to the Pantomime in Yeovil**

On Tuesday 16th December, Year 7 embarked on a much-anticipated trip to Yeovil to enjoy the pantomime (oh yes



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they did!). The excitement was palpable from the very start—laughter and chatter filled the bus as students speculated about what surprises awaited them on stage.

As we arrived at the theatre, a mix of anticipation and curiosity swept through the group. The grand setting, the colourful lights, and the bustling audience created an atmosphere that was nothing short of magical.

From the opening scene, the students were captivated. The performance was packed with all the classic pantomime traditions—boisterous villains, hilarious mishaps, and plenty of audience participation. Cheering, stomping, and the timeless cry of “It’s behind you!” echoed throughout the auditorium, with Year 7 leading the charge.

The joy was infectious. One student summed it up perfectly: “It was the best thing I’ve ever seen—I loved it!” Their enthusiasm reflected the sheer delight of the afternoon, as every twist and turn of the story brought fresh laughter and wide-eyed amazement.

It was wonderful to see the students immerse themselves so wholeheartedly in the experience. Their faces lit up with every joke, every song, and every surprise. The trip wasn’t just entertainment—it was a shared memory that brought the year group closer together and showcased the magic of live theatre.

Well done, Year 7—you embraced the spirit of pantomime brilliantly and made the day unforgettable!



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**From Mrs Withers, Head of Maths**

## Year 11 Homework

A reminder that Year 11 students have two past papers to complete for their return after Christmas.

## UPDATE: Year 11 Maths Revision Session Plan

### YEAR 11 MATHS REVISION SESSION COUNTDOWN PLAN 25-26

Exam Board: Edexcel

Paper Details: Paper 1 Non-calculator, Papers 2 & 3 Calculator

Exam Date(s): Paper 1 – Thursday 14th May Morning, Paper 2 – Wednesday 3rd June Morning, Paper 3 – Wednesday 10th June Morning

Sessions run every Thursday after school 3.30 - 4.30pm Higher Tier with Mrs Withers in MA1, Foundation Tier with Mrs Loud in MA3

Sessions run every Monday lunchtime 2.00 - 2.30pm Higher Tier with Mrs Withers in MA1, Foundation Tier with Mrs Loud in MA3

| Weeks until Summer Paper 1 | Week commencing | Monday lunchtime Higher Tier Topics 2.00 - 2:30pm with PW in MA1                              | Monday lunchtime Foundation Tier Topics 2.00 - 2:30pm with LL in MA3                               | Thursday afterschool Higher Tier Topics 3.30 - 4.30pm with PW in MA1  | Thursday afterschool Foundation Tier Topics 3.30 - 4.30pm with LL in MA3   |
|----------------------------|-----------------|---|--|---|--|
| 20                         | 22.12.25        | • CHRISTMAS BREAK   |  |   |  |
| 20                         | 29.12.25        | • CHRISTMAS BREAK   |  |   |  |
| 19                         | 5.1.26          | INSET   |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surds</li> <li>• Direct/Inverse Proportion</li> <li>• Weekly 10 revision</li> </ul>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transformations</li> <li>• Weekly 10 revision</li> </ul>                                  |
| 18                         | 12.1.26         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congruent triangles</li> </ul>                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sector Area &amp; Arc length</li> </ul>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Factorising quadratics</li> <li>• Quadratic Formula</li> <li>• Weekly 10 revision</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compound Interest</li> <li>• Reverse Percentages</li> <li>• Weekly 10 revision</li> </ul> |
| 17                         | 19.1.26         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Product rule for counting</li> </ul>                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bearings</li> </ul>                                       | YEAR 9 PARENTS EVENING  |  |
| 16                         | 26.1.26         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inequalities on graphs</li> </ul>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plans &amp; elevations</li> </ul>                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Composite functions</li> <li>• Inverse functions</li> <li>• Weekly 10 revision</li> </ul>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volume prism including cylinders</li> <li>• Weekly 10 revision</li> </ul>                 |
| 15                         | 2.2.26          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trigonometry &amp; Exponential graphs</li> </ul>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Averages from tables</li> </ul>                           | YEAR 11 PARENTS EVENING   |  |
| 14                         | 9.2.26          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Iteration</li> </ul>                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Similar shapes (lengths)</li> </ul>                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sine area of triangle</li> <li>• Weekly 10 revision</li> </ul>                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loci &amp; construction</li> <li>• Weekly 10 revision</li> </ul>                          |
| 13                         | 16.2.26         | • FEBRUARY BREAK  |  |   |  |
| 12                         | 23.2.26         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plotting graphs</li> </ul>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vectors</li> </ul>  | TWILIGHT - STAFF MEETING  |  |
| 11                         | 2.3.26          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conditional Probability</li> </ul>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pythagoras Theorem</li> </ul>                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-linear simultaneous equations</li> <li>• Simultaneous equations with graphs</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forming &amp; solving equations</li> <li>• Weekly 10 revision</li> </ul>                  |
| 10                         | 9.3.26          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cumulative frequency</li> <li>• Box plots</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Probability basic</li> <li>• Probability trees</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inequalities solving</li> <li>• Inequalities on graphs, regions, quadratics</li> </ul>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compound measures</li> <li>• Weekly 10 revision</li> </ul>                                |



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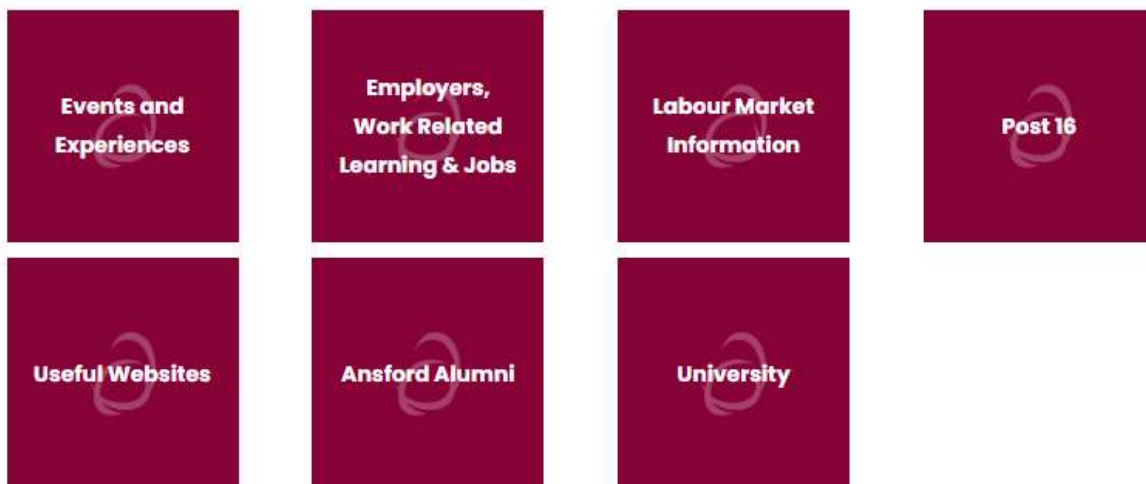




## Careers

### Careers Information

Do not forget that the [Careers pages](#) on our website provide a wealth of information for all students, and particularly students in KS4 in the process of gathering information for their Post 16 choices:



The [Events and Experiences page](#) is updated with information received from the Colleges and Sixth Forms so do keep an eye out there for events coming up in our local area.

### Somerset Careers Hub

The Somerset Careers Hub, established in collaboration with The Careers and Enterprise Company to help transform careers education for young people across Somerset. Find information, resources and updates [here](#).

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**Mrs Hardy-Stewart, Oracy Co-ordinator**

**Youth Speaks Story - an unfolding saga!**

First, very sadly, our two Year 7 teams who had put in so much hard work this term were not able to compete last month due to illness. One member of each team was taken very unwell. Their team mates were offered an Ansford play off by our Rotary Club representatives but they all said they would keep their speeches and re-enter next year! So we will have to wait twelve months to hear the next installment of the Ansford Aces and Ansford Rookies quest for Oracy success.

However, the Senior team, known as the Ansford Ninjas comprising of Ella S(Chair), Elliot D (Proposer) and Josh B (Opposer) did make it to their competition on Monday 1st December and they all spoke magnificently. The team won and go through to the next round of Senior Youth Speaks in Taunton at the end of February. The icing on the cake was that Josh B won the Best Speaker Award as well! So their story continues next term. Well done Ninjas!

**Who are the Ansford Aces, Rookies and Ninjas?**

Do you think it would have been better if you had started primary school at 7 not 4 years old like they do in Scandinavia? Do you wish every day was a MUFTI day? What if Martial Arts were a compulsory part of the PE curriculum here at Ansford?

These are the three controversial questions that our three Youth speaks teams will be debating in this year's Youth speaks competition at the end of this month and on December 1st. There are an unprecedented amount of Year 7s taking part this year in the Intermediate competition which spans from Year 7 to 9. The Ansford Aces are: Florence B, Joel G (continuing a proud family tradition) and Betsy T and they debate the merits of school uniform. The Ansford Rookies are Evie B, Nina D and Freya S who have been writing speeches about the later primary school starting age.

Our one senior team will also be the youngest in their Senior tournament (Years 10-13). Their topic is that Martial Arts should be mandatory on the PE curriculum. This idea came from the team's proposer Elliot D. Opposing him will be Josh B who does not think "everybody should be kung-fu fighting" and keeping the peace between these two Oracy Ninjas will be Ella S, in her second year as chairperson.

So if you see one or more of these brave speakers practising with their prompt cards and timing each other, please do say a hearty good luck. More news when they have competed at St Dunstan's School in Glastonbury.





**Mr Kershaw, Head of Science**

**REMINDER: Sparx Homework for Science and Maths**



Thank you to all parents that are helping their children to complete their Sparx homework for Science and Maths.

Homework helps build resilience and independence which play a key role in the quality of revision students eventually do for their exams in Year 11 - building these routines early will have a significant impact on their future success.

Homework is set every week and so please ask them to check the Sparx website to ensure all the tasks are completed.

Some students have been ticking it as 'completed' in ClassCharts after starting and then forgetting to complete the full task.

Detentions for non-completion are set on Tuesday and Thursday break times in IT2. These will be on Classcharts.

**Mrs Swallow, Head of Design Technology**

**MNSP Young Chef of the Year 2026**

We are taking part in the MNSP Trust Young Chef of the Year Competition - it has been open to Year 9 students, and they must make one main meal dish using local and seasonal ingredients. The heats have been taking place in the past three weeks. There will be one Ansford winner with judges from the Newt! The winner will cook at the MNSP FINAL at Writhlington School on 3rd March 2026.

Winners are Bethany D, Marley L, Tyler A, Isla B, Finlay P and Harriet W - well done!!!

Some great photos from the heats:



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More delights from the Kitchen



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Year 8 Vegan Curry



Year 11 Dishes



Year 7 Pasta Salad



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From Mrs Grove, Head of PE

### Santa Run 2025

This year's winners are ....

- Year 7 - Ruby B & Tomas
- Year 8 - Ruby S & Henry
- Year 9 - Mia & Finn
- Year 10 - Poppy & Calum
- Year 11 - Rachel & Tom



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Overall winners were.....

- Year 7 - Blue Team
- Year 8 - Yellow Team
- Year 9 - Yellow Team
- Year 10 - Red Team
- Year 11 - Yellow Team

Yellow Team Win!!



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**Run Santa Run**



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Some fun hats!



## Hockey at Ansford

On Wed 10th December Ansford travelled to Millfield Street to attend the Yeovil School Hockey League Finals. For the first time Ansford successfully represented every year in the finals, achieved by only one other school!

### Year 7

Year 7 made their debut performance at the Hockey finals after beating King Arthurs and Preston school in the league fixtures and drawing to Holyrood and Huish. The girls have shown great determination learning a new sport, for most and are really becoming a team.



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During the finals the girls came up against a strong Westfield team in the semi-finals which caught us by surprise, and we were unable to match their performance. The girls then played the 3rd and 4th play off matches losing to Sexeys. Special mention to Illy and Evie.



## Year 8

Year 8 have dominated the hockey games this year, entering the finals unbeaten. After last year's second place at the finals the girls were determined to come away with the gold medal. After beating Sexeys in the semi-finals the girls made it through to the finals against Huish. The girls continued to dominate the game and after many shots at goal and an excellent Huish keeper Ansford finally found the goal and hit 3 goals past Huish.



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## Year 9

The Year 9 team are experienced hockey finalists winning in Year 7 and second place in Year 8. This year the players have embraced the 11-a-side game but with a few players missing the girls have had to make up numbers with the addition of some Year 8 players. The girls league matches included wins against Preston and Wadham.

The girls started the semi-finals with a strong start dominating the game against Bucklers. Despite not finding the goal until the last 5 minutes of the game, the Year 9s kept the ball in the attacking quarter with Leonie, Chloe and Elsie holding on to the ball with great skill and determination.

In the final Ansford met their nemesis Sexeys who had won last year. The girls again remained strong putting pressure on the Sexeys defence and Grace made some amazing saves to keep the game at 0-0. But in the last 10 minutes Sexeys found the gap and were able to slot two goals past the defence placing us into the silver medal position. Well done girls despite playing with 10 players you showed what a great team you are. Player of the match was a deserved Leonie who did not stop pushing until the final whistle blew.



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## Year 10

The year 10s were very excited to attend their first Hockey finals. The girls have gone from strength to strength and are the hardest working team at Ansford. They have shown great skill against their league oppositions Gryphon to get to the final.

During the finals the girls played against Holyrood in the semi-finals. The girls held the ball up in centre with Lily F and Natalia controlling the ball and making great passes out to Alice on the wing. Despite numerous passes into the D neither team could find the goal and therefore the decision was made by penalty shoot-out. Thankfully Ansford were able to put the third goal past the keeper and Connie who debuted in goal did a cracking job in goal.

Ansford were up against a strong Sexeys team in the final and were more determined to get their first gold medal. The girls fought hard and Kitty was able to get the winning goal over the line. Sexeys were not happy and applied the pressure in the last 5 minutes, but the defence of Maddi, Emma and Martha kept the game at 1-0. Well done girls you smashed it.



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## From our Local Community

### Upcoming Events in Shepton Mallet – Somerset Parent Carer Forum CIC

We're excited to share the upcoming events we have planned in Shepton Mallet over the next few months.

Our events include:

- **WISE Workshops** – Practical sessions designed to support parents and carers of children with additional needs.
- **Chill & Chat Group** – A relaxed space for parents to connect, share experiences, and access helpful resources.

Below are flyers with full details and included a link to our website for more information: Somerset Parent Carer Forum



**Chill and Chat**  
Parent carer support group

### Shepton Mallet Group Dates

|           |               |                |
|-----------|---------------|----------------|
| Wednesday | 28th January  | 10:00 to 12:00 |
| Wednesday | 25th February | 10:00 to 12:00 |
| Wednesday | 25th March    | 10:00 to 12:00 |
| Wednesday | 22nd April    | 10:00 to 12:00 |
| Wednesday | 24th June     | 10:00 to 12:00 |
| Wednesday | 22nd July     | 10:00 to 12:00 |

Are you a parent or carer of a child with additional needs and/or disabilities (0-25 years). You're warmly invited to our friendly and supportive group for a cuppa, a chat, and a chance to connect with others who truly understand. Children are welcome to attend with you.

The groups are a place to make new friends and share experiences and ask any questions you may have.

 @ Shepton Mallet Library,  
2 Market Place, Shepton Mallet BA4 5AZ



### WISE UP WORKSHOPS

Empowering Parent Carers to succeed

Wise Workshops @ St Michael's Parish Room, Shepton Mallet

- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October:**  
Empowering parents: Building strong SEN partnerships with schools  
presented by Knight @ 11.30-12.30 & Online
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December:**  
Autism & Toileting  
presented by SPFC @ 12.30-14.30 & Online
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February:**  
Sleep differences in Neurodivergent young people  
presented by CYPNF Team @ 10.00-12.00 & Online
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April:**  
Social Stories  
presented by SPFC @ 12.30-14.30 & Online
- Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> June:**  
Increasing independence for children up to 12 years  
presented by Eibic @ 10.00-12.00 & Online

Book now:  
[www.somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk/home/wise-up-workshops/](http://www.somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk/home/wise-up-workshops/)

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**Castle Cary Cricket Club Winter Training**

**CASTLE CARY CRICKET CLUB  
YOUTH WINTER TRAINING 2026**



**Join in the fun!**

**U10s (Yrs 4 & 5)**

**Starts -**  
Thursday 15th January  
and then every other week  
(15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Jan, 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>  
Feb, 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March,  
9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> April)

- Starts promptly at 5.45pm until 6.40pm
- Suitable for all abilities
- Open to Year 6 girls

**U14s (Yrs 8 & 9)**

**Starts -**  
Thursday 8th January  
and then every other week  
(8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan, 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Feb,  
5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> March,  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> April)

- Starts promptly at 5.45pm until 6.40pm
- Year 10s can join in with Coach approval

**U12s (Yrs 6 & 7)**

**Starts -**  
Thursday 8th January  
and then weekly.

- Starts promptly at 4.45pm until 5.35pm
- Under 10s can join in with Coach approval

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### Current Vacancies

For more information on any of the vacancies listed below, please visit the school website and access the vacancies page or click on the links below.



**Do you have the time  
and skills to be an  
examinations  
invigilator?**

We are seeking to expand our team of invigilators, who work with us on a casual contract basis to support the Examinations Office in the running of internal and external examinations.

For more information and how to apply, see the vacancies page on our website:  
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### [Exams Invigilators](#)

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