

Message from Mrs Butt

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well. It has been a wonderful couple of weeks in school, full of moments that remind us just how special our community is.

One of the highlights has certainly been finally letting the cat out of the bag with the launch of our new Upper Site library space on World Book Day. It has been such a joy to see the children exploring it for the first time — eyes wide, books in hands, and smiles from ear to ear. They are already taking great pride in the space and using it beautifully to read for pleasure. As part of making the library truly their own, our School Council will be leading the exciting process of renaming it, and we can't wait to share their ideas with you soon.

We have also been incredibly proud of the Upper Site girls who represented our school in Chippenham at the biggest girls' football event the town has ever hosted. Every single one of them threw themselves into the experience with enthusiasm and determination, really embodying our school values throughout the day. They were brilliant ambassadors for us. As the sunnier weather begins to creep in, it has been lovely to see children at both sites making the most of our outdoor spaces. New life is beginning to appear all around the school grounds, and I know the Lower Site pupils are already wondering — perhaps with fingers crossed — whether there will be lambs in the nearby fields again this year.

I am very much looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Parent Forum on Monday, where we will be taking a look together at the updated OFSTED reporting framework.

Finally, in our recent values assemblies we have been focusing on courage, exploring stories such as Daniel in the lions' den, David and Goliath, and Moses—each one showing us how challenges can be faced with bravery and strength. The children have reflected thoughtfully on how they can show courage in their own lives, big or small.

Wishing you all a restful weekend, and thank you, as ever, for your ongoing support.

Mrs Butt



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

The following children have been recognised for their achievements in celebration assembly in the last two weeks. **Well done everyone!**



STAR OF THE WEEK

Grace, Zakhar, Martha, Elijah, Effie, Rueben, Sophia, Oz, Kieran, Grace, Oakley, Aala, Leo B, Sydney, Lucian, Christopher C, Cole, Sage, Poppy B, Eliza, Isla D, Ollie R, Libby, Charlie, Jaxon, Amari, Pippa, Maille, Emily, Dylan, Zoe, Finley, Lexi, Oscar.



ATTENDANCE

Beech Class 87.92%
Rowan Class 98.57%

Beech Class 95.85%
Willow Class 100%

Elm Class 87%
Rowan Class 99.29%



GOOD MANNERS



Henry, Carina, Walter, Cybele, Millie, Hattie, Zachar, Phoebe, Zoe, Sefton, Ruari, Lottie, Aubrey, Ben, Eve, Iliana, Jensen, Woody.



VALUES

Eva.



GREAT READING

Seth, Elsie, Lucian, Sydney, Edward C, Edward P, Millie, Oz, Sage, Sophie O, Zoe, Ollie P, Jack G, Orson, Amelia, Jaxon, Katrina, Jesse, Arlo, Connie, Aria, Lexi, Isla D, Molly M, Eliza C, Rafe, Aubrey, Ed, Yuma, Oscar, Ben, Lewis, Emily, Max, Freya, Eve, Lexi, Pippa, Finlay, Ruari, Noah, Teddy P, Skylar, Bradley, Sophie L, Monty.



PEN LICENCE

Jack G.



25 Reads - Sophie
50 Reads - Fifi
75 Reads - Walter, Aala
100 Reads - Jax, Tilly
150 Reads - Charlie M, Kieran



SENDCO UPDATE

Hello,

Spring is in the air and Term 4 is a lovely, exciting time filled with World Book Day, the Braeside residential and the Whole School Easter Day. However, for some children it is a time of anxiety and worry due to the many unknown factors they bring. This is where social stories can help.

Social stories can be created for any event that a child is feeling nervous about including school trips, transitions, friendships, and personal care. They can be personalised to your child and are very beneficial when shared regularly with your child.

If you feel that your child is feeling worried about an upcoming event or you are struggling with behaviour and/or routines at home, please contact your child's teacher and Mrs Pocock who will be able to advise on how we can help.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Pocock

FIRST AID POLICY

We have been reviewing the First Aid policy and would like to share with you a couple of changes.

Accident forms are completed in instances if there is a physical mark, a head-bump or if further action may be required eg. if child has suspected sprain.

If it is none of those things but a child requests an ice-pack from the Admin Office, a brief note will be made in the day-book.

If you have any questions, please speak to the relevant admin office

WHOLE SCHOOL DAY (27 MAR)

We'd like to remind you that all children will be at Upper Site on Friday 27 March for our Easter day.

Please note that school lunches have been amended for this day. The children will be having the grab bag meal instead of Thursday, as we are swapping the meals around to make it easier to serve on the day.

If you are happy with this change you do not need to do anything.

RED NOSE DAY (20 Mar)

We will be supporting Comic Relief by having a non-school uniform day and wearing red.

We look forward to seeing all the outfits but politely ask that no football kits are worn.

If your child has PE on this Friday, please make sure they are wearing their trainers.

If you are able, we are asking for a suggest £1 donation which will go directly to Comic Relief.



COMIC RELIEF
RED NOSE DAY

FRIDAY 20 MARCH

Red to Toe

Are you red-dy for non-school uniform day?

From scarlet socks to ruby slippers, a raspberry beret to a crimson cape!
We invite you to wear red to support Comic Relief.

Please dress suitably and wear trainers if you have PE.
NO FOOTBALL KITS.

Suggested donation £1 (cash please)



DESIGN-YER NOSE
BRAYER THAN
COMIC RELIEF RED NOSE DAY 2025

GROWING UP IN THE ONLINE WORLD: A NATIONAL CONSULTATION

The government have launched a national consultation on the use of digital technology in children and the impact it has on them. The surveys are open until 26th May.

We encourage as many families as possible to take part. More information can be found [HERE](#).

YEAR 6 MORFA BAY RESIDENTIAL

We have now confirmed that Mrs Pocock will be our trip lead. As soon as the final staffing arrangements are made, we will be able to finalise the cost and share these with you.

The kit list from 2025 can be found [HERE](#) and we don't expect it to change significantly.



MALMESBURY YOUTH FOOTBALL EVENT (24 & 25 MAR)

We have now confirmed that all children who applied, have got a place for this event.

We will contact everyone next week with more details and also let everyone know who will be driving the children.

PARENTS EVENING (24 & 26 MAR)

Don't forget to book your place for parents evening.

As emailed, unfortunately we won't be holding appointments for Willow class on these dates but we will re-schedule a future parents evening for this class.

YEAR 6 HOODIES

These have now arrived and we will be distributing them to the Year 6 children next week.

Any feedback on the new ordering process would be most appreciated by Mrs Hall.

GIRLS FOOTBALL MORNING

We took the Upper Site girls to Abbeyfields school last week and had a fantastic, somewhat chilly, sporting morning.



WORLD BOOK DAY

WORLD
BOOK
DAY
5 MARCH 2026

We really enjoyed celebrating World Book Day in our pyjamas last week!

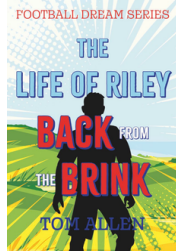
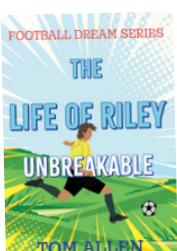
At upper site we had the chance to spend time in our new library, which we have been highly anticipating all week after not being allowed to enter the old classroom in Aspen! We explored the areas and got cosy sharing some books. Some of us made comic strips and we put down ideas for what to call our new space... all will be revealed when a name is chosen!



At lower site we hunted for book characters playing character bingo and shared our books and stories with each other.



We were also recently visited by author Tom Allen who talked about his Life of Riley books and inspiring our children with their reading and writing. Lots of our children purchased signed copy of his books.

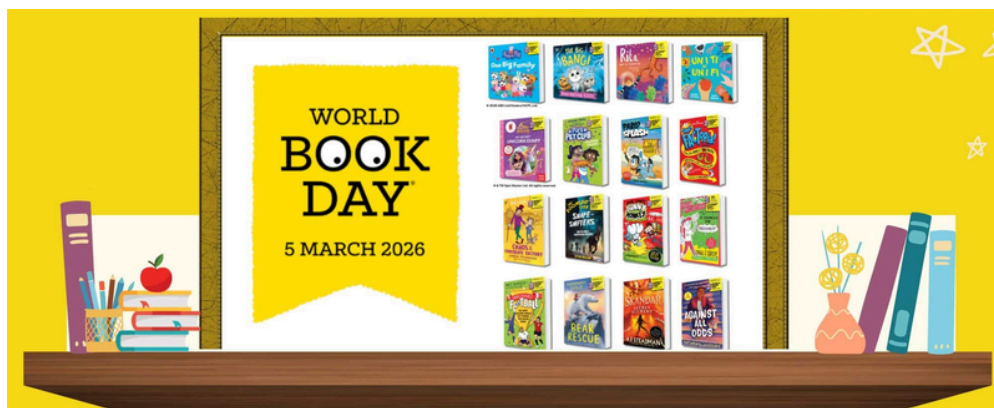




All of our children went home with a free World Book Day book courtesy of Barn Owl Books, our local bookshop in Malmesbury.

Amanda and her team have worked hard ordering, sorting and delivering all these books around local primary schools in Malmesbury and the surrounding villages to ensure that EVERY child receives a book this World Book Day. And even better, the children still get to keep their voucher to use as they please – either to select another free book or to use as a £1 discount against a book of their choice.

Vouchers can be redeemed at Barn Owl Books between 11 February and 22 March.



Amanda also ran an after school book fair at Upper Site. A book filled and cosy day all round!

DIGITAL LIVES

Parenting today can feel overwhelming, especially when childhood looks so different from what we grew up with. There's no manual, and it can be hard to keep up with the fast-changing digital world your child moves through every day.

This helpful guide aims to make those conversations easier and help you support your child with confidence.

Click [HERE](#) for further information.





Brinkworth Earl Danby's School Association



bedsacontact@gmail.com

FUNDRAISING

Click images for links



EASY FUNDRAISING

Sign up, buy online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - and raise free money for BEDSA.

And it won't cost you a penny!



SCHOOL LOTTERY

Sign up to purchase weekly lottery tickets, boost school funds, win cash prizes.

At least one winning ticket per school per week!



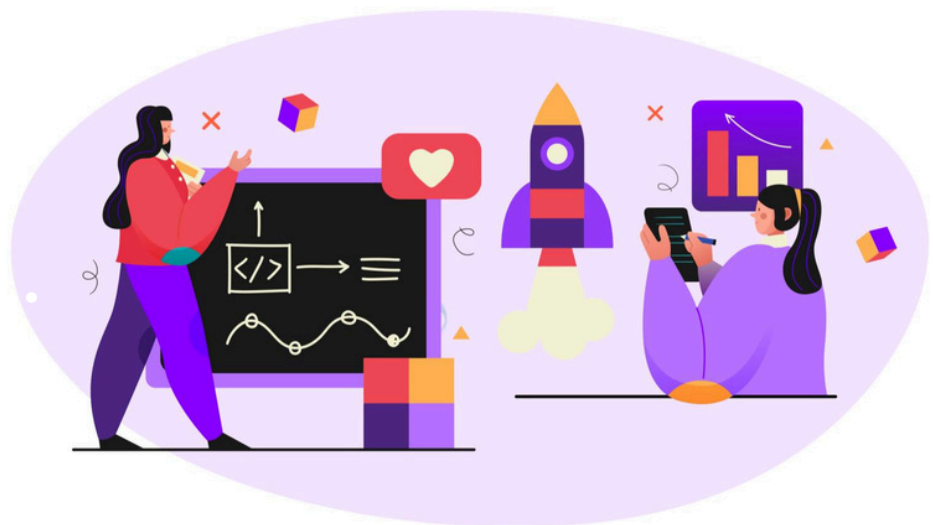
STIKINS

Don't forget to order new name labels through Stikins using our code 35318

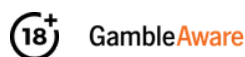
SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL PLAY OUR LOTTERY



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- The easy way to help us raise funds
- Local cash prizes every week



PLAY NOW



For each ticket sold, 40% goes towards Brinkworth Earl Danby's and 25% goes towards a weekly cash prize! Every week there is a guaranteed winner within the BED's community!

Simply click the link in the side bar, and search for Brinkworth Earl Danby's to get started!

DATES FOR THE YEAR

Updates in red. Install the School News app to receive news updates, details on our website [here](#).

PE DAYS	Beech	Mondays & Wednesdays
	Elm	Tuesdays & Wednesdays
	Birch	Tuesdays & Thursdays
	Rowan	Mondays & Fridays
	Willow	Mondays & Thursdays

TERM 4			
Mon 16 Mar	Parent Forum 4	Lower Site	Moved from 19 Mar
Wed 18 Mar	Y4 Residential	Braeside	3 days, 2 nights
Fri 20 Mar	Red Nose Day		Wear red, £1 donation
Tue 24 Mar	Parents Eve	Upper Site	
Tue 24 Mar	Malmesbury Football	MYFC	Details coming soon
Wed 25 Mar	Project 5k Final Event	Upper Site	3:30-4:15 on US grounds
Wed 25 Mar	Malmesbury Football	MYFC	Details coming soon
Thu 26 Mar	Willow Assembly *CANCELLED*		New date TBC
Thu 26 Mar	Parents Eve	Upper Site	
Fri 27 Mar	Whole School - Easter	Upper Site	Includes church Easter service
Fri 27 Mar	End of Term 4		

TERM 5			
Mon 13 Apr	Start of Term 5		
Tue 14 Apr	NSU for T4 House Point Winners		
Thu 30 Apr	SEN Coffee Meetup	Lower Site	Focus - ASD
Mon 4 May	Bank Holiday		School Closed
Thu 7 May	Parent Forum 5	Lower Site	
Mon 11 May	Y6 SATs Start		4 days

DATES FOR THE YEAR

TERM 5

Wed 20 May	Elm Class Assembly	Lower Site	9:10am (was 11 Feb)
Thu 21 May	Birch Class Assembly	Upper Site	9:10am
Fri 22 May	End of Term 5		

TERM 6

Mon 1 Jun	TD Day		No children in school
Tue 2 Jun	Start of Term 6		
Tue 2 Jun	NSU for T5 House Point Winners		
Wed 3 Jun	Class School Photos		
Fri 5 Jun	Sports Day	Upper Site	1pm
Fri 12 Jun	Y6 Residential	Morfa Bay	4 days, 3 nights
Thu 18 Jun	Reception New Parents Info Eve		
Fri 19 Jun	Reserve Sports Day		
Thu 25 Jun	Parent Forum 6	Lower Site	
Wed 8 Jul	Beech Class Assembly	Lower Site	9:10am (was 20 May)
Thu 9 Jul	Shuffle Up/Transfer Day		
8 & 9 Jul	Malmesbury Year 6 Induction Day		
Mon 13 Jul	School Reports Out		
Mon 13 Jul	Y2 Second Transfer Day	Upper Site	
Wed 15 Jul	Willow Production	Lower Site	PM & Eve performances
Fri 17 Jul	Leavers' Party	Upper Site	After school
Tue 21 Jul	Whole School - Leavers' Service	Upper Site	AM church service, Y6 Parents
Tue 21 Jul	End of Term 6		
Wed 22 Jul	TD Day		No children in school



COMMUNITY NEWS

Key Stage 2 girls...
 Join us for Stroud High School
 Open Morning
 9.15-11.15am Thursday 30 April
 or Friday 26 June 2026
 Register online at
stroudhigh.gloucs.sch.uk



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 @stroud.high

www.stroudhigh.gloucs.sch.uk
 Everything Is Possible.

Easter Football Camp

Wk 1 - Mon 30th March - Thurs 2nd April
 Wk 2 - Tues 7th April - Fri 10th April

School years: Reception - Yr9
 9.30am - 2.30pm (Drop off from 8.30am)

Only £21 per day! Discounts for siblings & WFA JPL Club Members

- Challenges
- Daily Tournaments
- Skills
- Fun

Gerard Buxton Sports Complex (3G)
 Brinkworth Road, Royal Wootton Bassett, SN4 8DS

Easter Camps

4-14 years
 Ofsted Registered

30TH MARCH - 17TH APRIL

Early Bird Prices

EARLY BOOKING DEADLINE
15TH MAR

	DAY	WEEK
Breakfast Club (08:00 - 09:00)	£5.00	£20.00
Day Booking (09:00-15:00)	£28.50	£128.25
Extended Club (15:00 - 16:00)	£5.00	£20.00
Extended Club (15:00 - 17:30)	£10.50	£42.00

BOOK NOW
www.phcamps.co.uk
 01225 701830
 bookings@phcamps.co.uk

BOOK YOUR TICKETS FOR THE SECRET SEN CAMP OUT 25th & 26th August 2026



Mothering Sunday March 15th

Messy Church in St Michael's Brinkworth at 10.30

Coffee and cake, crafts and activities followed by worship

All ages welcome

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| SLEEP UNDER THE STARS | SILENT DISCO | SENSORY TENT | FAMILY QUIZ |
| SPORTS ACTIVITIES | BUS TOP BAR | ARTS & CRAFTS | YOGA |
| WIDE OPEN SPACES | DANCE WORKSHOP | TRADITIONAL GAMES | CROQUET |
| MESSY CLAY | OUTDOOR SAND PLAY | SKITTLES | FACE PAINTING |
| FUR & FANGS ANIMALS | SPORTS ACTIVITIES | GLAMPING | JUNK MODELING |

The Secret Camp Out is a relaxed, intimate family camping break. Located at Stockton Park, Stockton is an area of outstanding natural beauty in Wiltshire.

It offers a wild camping experience that is an exciting and fun way to feel closer to nature. Come with your own tent or camper van or hire one from us and get away from the hustle bustle of everyday life.

BOOK YOUR PITCH AND FIND OUT MORE @ www.theseccampout.com/secret-sen-camp-out

On site we keep it simple camping facilities are basic but we do have running water, clean toilets and even a couple of showers...all in stunning surroundings!



COMMUNITY NEWS

STREET GAMES

FREE SPORTS SESSIONS

TAKING PLACE ACROSS WILTSHIRE NOW

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 8+

Ladyfield Church, Hungerdown Lane, Chippenham, SN14 0BA

Fridays (term time only)

17:00 - 18:30

Scan QR code to register

Doorway
Ladyfield
Life Overboard

Wiltshire Council

Changing young people's lives through sport
www.streetgames.org
A registered charity

The perfect way for girls aged 5-11 to get involved with football

Wild Cats
GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Make Friends

THURSDAYS 6-7PM

The Thornbury Surfacing Stadium, SN14 6LR

ctyouthsecretary@outlook.com

Session start on 19th September and will run every week (£1 per session)

Girls' Football Clubs Near You!

For Primary-Aged Girls (U7, U9, U11) | Let's Play, Learn & Shine!
Whether you're just starting out or already love the game, there's a team waiting for you! Check out these fantastic local clubs:

- CHIPPENHAM**
Chippenham Town Youth FC - Wildcats & Girls Teams, Fun and friendly football for girls aged 5-11 | Ages U5-U11 | Weekly sessions
chippenhamtownyouthfc.co.uk
info@chippenhamtownyouthfc.co.uk
FC Chippenham Youth - Girls Development Teams Building skills in a supportive setting.
fcchippenhamyouth.org.uk
info@fcchippenhamyouth.org.uk
- MALMESBURY**
Malmesbury Youth FC - Girls' Section A family club with a big heart! | Teams for U8, U10, U12 and U14 girls
malmesburyyouthfc.co.uk
info@malmesburyyouthfc.co.uk
- DEVIZES**
Devizes Town Youth FC - Girls' Football Providing football for girls of all abilities from U7 to U18.
Teams for U7, U9, U11, and beyond
devizesyouthfc.org.uk
girls@devizesyouthfc.co.uk
- CORSHAM**
AFC Corsham - Girls' Teams Offering teams for U9, U10, U11, and U12 girls. | Training sessions throughout the week
afccorsham.co.uk
info@afccorsham.co.uk
- CALNE**
Calne Town Youth FC - Girls' Teams From Mini-Tots to U17s, including girls' teams. | Teams for U7, U9, U11, and more
calnetownfc.co.uk
membership@calnetownyouth.co.uk

READY TO JOIN?
Pop along for a taster session - no pressure, just fun!
Ask your grown-up to email or call the club you're interested in, and get your boots on!
Let's cheer each other on, build confidence, and grow the beautiful game together!

BARCLAYS
Jep@abbeyfield.wilts.sch.uk
Jessie Pierce Strategic Lead Abbeyfield School

POP & ROCK WORKSHOP AND CONCERT

FOR BEGINNER - GRADE 2 WOODWIND, BRASS & PERCUSSION PLAYERS

SUNDAY MARCH 22 £12
WILTSHIRE MUSIC CENTRE

11.30 WORKSHOP
COME AND LEARN ROCK & POP MUSIC WITH FRIENDLY TUTORS!
(PACKED LUNCH BEFORE THE FINAL PERFORMANCE)

13:00 CONCERT ALONGSIDE WILTSHIRE YOUNG MUSICIANS JUNIOR WIND BANDS!

CONCERT TICKETS £10/£6 U-18S

TO SIGN UP OR FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:
INFO@WILTSHIREYOUNGMUSICIANS.ORG.UK
www.wiltshireyoungmusicians.org.uk

SWINDON TOWN GIRLS FOOTBALL

FRIDAY GIRLS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE
Ages U8's - U11's
Develop your football skills and ability while making new friends!
5:30pm - 6:30pm

GIRLS-ONLY FOOTBALL CAMP
Three day Girls-Only football camp to make new friends, learn new skills and have FUN!
April 7th - 9th
From 9:30 - 3:00pm

SATURDAY GIRLS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE
Ages U8's - U11's
Develop your football skills and ability while making new friends!
9am - 10am

Email: Libby@stfcfoundation.com To Sign Up Today!

STREET GAMES

US GIRLS

FREE SPORTS SESSIONS

Wiltshire Youth Canoe Club, King George V Park, Melksham, SN12 7ED

Thursdays (term time only) Starting 16 April 2026

17:00 - 18:00

Scan QR code to register

Wiltshire Council

Changing young people's lives through sport
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WILTSHIRE YOUNG MUSICIANS presents

MAGICAL CLASSICAL!

WORKSHOP & CONCERT

for Violin, Viola, Cello and Double Bass players from beginner to Grade 2

SUNDAY MARCH 22 WILTSHIRE MUSIC CENTRE £12

15.30 WORKSHOP
COME AND LEARN FANTASTIC MUSIC WITH FRIENDLY TUTORS!
(PACKED TEA BEFORE THE FINAL PERFORMANCE)

17:00 CONCERT ALONGSIDE WILTSHIRE YOUNG MUSICIANS JUNIOR STRING ENSEMBLES!

TO SIGN UP OR FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:
INFO@WILTSHIREYOUNGMUSICIANS.ORG.UK
www.wiltshireyoungmusicians.org.uk

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Helping young people make music since 1990

Calling all youngsters under 19 years

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Care for the Family

Time Out For Parents - Children with Additional Needs

Are you a parent/carer for a child (or children) with additional needs? This course was written for you!

Come and meet other parents/carers to support, help and encourage each other to share feelings and experiences about your child with additional needs.

Discuss and share ideas that support you to come up with solutions to problems and behaviours that challenge on the basis of what works - not what's meant to work!

(No formal diagnosis required)

Call us for more information or to ask for a space on: 0800 970 4669 or use the code opposite to sign up directly.

<https://wiltshiretogether.org.uk/alltogether>



Spurgeons | **Family Hub Wiltshire Council** | **All Together** Supporting families in Wiltshire

FACE

March 2026 Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom, 30 minutes long.
£24 each or FREE with School Membership
 Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk
 Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Improving Family Communication	2 Mar 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	2 Mar 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	3 Mar 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 Mar 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	9 Mar 10am
Understanding Anger	9 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	10 Mar 10am
Facing Defiance	10 Mar 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	16 Mar 10am
Anxiety Explained	16 Mar 7pm
Introduction to OCD	17 Mar 10am
What is ACT	17 Mar 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	23 Mar 10am
Decreasing Depression	23 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 Mar 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Mar 7pm
FREE Anxiety Based School Avoidance	26 Mar 7-8pm

Family and Community Learning
 Discover Opportunities - Develop Skills - Achieve Ambitions



Enhance Your English

Online ESOL Course
 English for Speakers of Other Languages

Online Welcome Meeting Tuesday 24 March 10am - 11am


10 Online sessions Tuesdays 4 pm - 6pm
 31 March, 7, 14, 21, 28 April
 5, 12, 19, 26 May, 2 June

Book by 23 March

This course is suitable for confident ESOL learners who want to improve their English language skills

- ✓ Develop your four skills: reading, writing, speaking, listening
- ✓ Identify formal and informal English and use appropriately
- ✓ Explore how writing can support wellbeing

For bookings scan the QR code or contact: 01225 770478
familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk
<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/>



Courses are no cost to learners who meet our eligibility criteria. Learners must be aged 19+ years old on 31 August 2025, have a Wiltshire postcode, and meet residency requirements. Learners must also be able to tick **one** of the following criteria: individual income less than £25,750 a year; in receipt of benefits (other than child benefit); be a care leaver, foster carer or carer; be a military family or ex-armed forces personnel; have refugee or asylum seeker status; have a learning difficulty or disability; be looking to work, now or in the future.



FACE - FAMILY ADVICE - INCLUSIVE COMMUNICATION - EDUCATION

Online FREE talk by Jane Keyworth

Anxiety Based School Avoidance

March 26th 7-8pm



Book online
www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk
 go to PARENTS - Live Talks page



All 16 parent talks **FREE** with our School Membership