# **DIARY DATES** 2024/2025



#### **November**

Tuesday 12 Wednesday 13 Friday 15

Wednesday 27

December

Sunday 1 Friday 20

January

Monday 6 Tuesday 7

Wed 15 Friday 31

**February** 

Friday 7

Friday 14 Monday 24

March

Saturday 29

**April** 

Friday 4

Tuesday 22

May

Saturday 17

Friday 23

June Monday 2

Saturday 28

July

Friday 18

Odd Socks Day

FOTFS Meeting: 7.30pm Children in Need Coffee Morning

Inset Day

Christmas Fair Last Day Term 2

No Trinity Plus

Inset Day

First Day Term 3

Deadline for school applications

School Discos (R, Y3&4)

School Discos (Y1&2)

Last Day Term 3

Friday Day Term 4

Easter Quiz and Egg Hunt

Last Day Term 4

No Trinity Plus

First Day Term 5

Colour Run

Last Day Term 5

First Day Term 6

Summer Fair

Last Day Term 6

No Trinity Plus

# **HEADS UPDATE**

# from Amanda Seager

Welcome back! I really hope all our families had a good week last week. After an eight week half term, I know the children were ready for a break from school! It has been lovely to see them back this week, looking refreshed and ready to continue their learning. The next few weeks will be busy and exciting in equal measure as we make our way towards Christmas and all the fun that happens in school at this time of year.

The week started with an exciting trip out for the children in Pine and Sycamore classes. They had a fantastic visit to the Frome Museum, finding out about three different and important aspects of local history. They learned about weaving, metalwork and animal care. The museum guides were very knowledgeable, and they were certainly tested by some of the brilliant questions the children asked. The visit is part of a wider study on the history of Frome and was a great way of bringing key aspects to life for the children.

All of the children were very excited to come back to school and discover our new climbing wall. This is another fantastic addition to our outdoor play offer for the children and they have loved exploring it throughout the week. Having a smaller wall as part of our Trim Trail, we were confident the children would love it, and we are very grateful to FOTFS for making it happen. We are so grateful for all the support you give FOTFS at their fundraising events, as this is what makes all of the wonderful enhancements possible for the children.

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#### **School News**

# **Lunch Ordering Issues**Message from MNSP

Many parents have rightly expressed concern about the problems we have recently experienced in the ordering of school meals. The software for this service is provided by Cypad which is part of the ParentPay Group and unfortunately the company has experienced considerable difficulties since the beginning of September with glitches in the software which has caused menu options to disappear.

This has been a national problem affecting all our primary schools and thousands of other schools which use this very common software. The Trust has used this software for several years alongside ParentPay without issue and it is very unfortunate that these problems occurred just as Trinity First School has joined the Trust. This is a time of change for everyone at the school, so this sort of annoyance and inconvenience is especially unwelcome at this time.

Whilst Cypad has apologised for the disruption to the service (and we have had some years of successful operation), we will be considering our options and seeking an alternative software provider.

We are very grateful indeed to parents for their support, understanding and patience whilst we have tried to resolve the issues with Cypad and we sincerely apologise for the disruption to you and to staff in the school. We have been reassured that the glitches have now been resolved but we will monitor the situation carefully.

Chris Hobbs Chief Operating Officer

# **Odd Socks Day**

Tuesday 12 November



Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week and is taking place on Tuesday 12th November.

It is supported by cBeebies presenter & ABA patron Andy Day and his band 'Andy and the Odd Socks'. Click on the image to hear the 2024 song!

Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! You do not need to pay any money to take part as the most important thing is the message about the day itself.

#### Children in Need

# Friday 15 November

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November we shall be celebrating Children in Need. The school council is planning to run a cake sale after school. We also have a FOTFS parent coffee morning. We are looking forward to hosting both events and supporting this excellent cause.

Please can we ask that children bring in cake contributions in the morning? A small proportion will be used for the parent coffee morning with the vast majority being used for

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the after-school cake sale. The children can also come into school in their own clothes (mufti), with a hint of yellow.

We would ask that contributions for wearing mufti are made online via ParentPay using the 'Children in Need 2024' purchase option. The purchase of cakes at both events will need to be made in cash.

Mufti Day (with a hint of yellow!)
Contributions via ParentPay please

FOTFS Coffee Morning 9-11am, Main Hall Cash only

Cake Sale 3.15pm, Main Playground

Cash only

Many thanks in advance.

# **Fundraising** RUHX

Ava, who is one of our Year 4 pupils, will be cycling 80 miles over 8 weeks to raise money for RUHX, from the 1 November 2024

Ava has always had a special connection with The RUH, and she wants to do her part to raise money to help those in need and to support those front line staff members that she called heroes.

If you would like to sponsor Ava, please click on the link:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/aaron-crossle y-1730158265680?utm\_medium=fundraising& utm\_content=page%2Faaron-crossley-173015 8265680&utm\_source=copyLink&utm\_campaig n=pfp-share

### **Regular Notices and Reminders**

# **Additional Inset Day**

### Wednesday 27 November

Please note that an additional INSET day has been scheduled by the MNSP for Trust Staff Training. We sincerely apologise for the late notice and any inconvenience this may cause.

# **Christmas Performances**

# Dates for the Diary

#### **Reception Nativity**

- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2:30pm
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2:30pm

### Year 1 Christmas Play

- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am

#### Year 2 Carol Concert

- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2:30pm

#### **Year 3 Christmas Play**

- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2pm
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 6pm

#### Year 4 Carol Concert at Holy Trinity Church

Monday 9 December at 6pm

We are pleased to offer two performances for all of the school plays and concerts. This will hopefully provide working parents with the opportunity to attend at least one of the showings. If we have additional capacity, we will open up spaces for grandparents as well.

# **Swimming**

# Year 3 – Pine and Sycamore

Just a reminder for parents that payment for Term 2 (Nov-Dec) is now available to pay through ParentPay. If you are a Trust Fund pupil, you can use your funds to pay for swimming. Just email the office so we can check your balance and arrange this for you. Thank you



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### School Lunches w/c 18/11/2024

#### Deadline for orders:



# Thursday 14 November

Don't forget the deadline for ordering school lunches is **midnight** every **Thursday** for the following week. If you miss the deadline, please send your child in with a packed lunch from home for the week.

### Wraparound

# Kites and Trinity Plus – Term 2

All wraparound sessions for Term 2 are now available to book via your child's ParentPay account in the Clubs menu. Please note that there is no Trinity Plus on Friday 20th December.

If you have any questions, please email <u>Sarah</u> <u>Hockley</u> (working hours Wed 12.30-3.30pm and Fri 9am-3.30pm)

# **Friends of Trinity First School**

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#### **Events Calendar**

#### 13th November

FOTFS meeting, All Welcome! 7.30pm, The George in Frome

#### 15th November

Children in need coffee morning, 9-11am

# 1st December

Christmas fair (time tbc)

#### 31st January

School Disco Reception, 5.15-6pm

School Disco YR 3&4, 6.15-7.30pm

#### 7th February

School Disco YR1&2, 5.30-6.45pm

#### 29th March

Easter family quiz and egg hunt

#### 17th May

Colour run(time tbc)

#### 28th June

Summer event

#### **Christmas Orders**

Thank you to everyone who has ordered Christmas items. Please read the following information regarding your orders:

- Once printed, items will arrive at school in batches so you may not receive all items at once. Please be patient but do let us know if there are any issues.
- items will be given to your child to bring home. If your item was intended to be a present/surprise for your child and you do not wish them to see it please email us at tsafrome@yahoo.com

If you haven't yet ordered but still wish to do so the shop will reopen on 15th November. A reminder will be sent nearer the time.

The shop will reopen next month (dates will be published shortly).

#### Clubs

#### **Dramakarma**

# Starting Monday 11 November

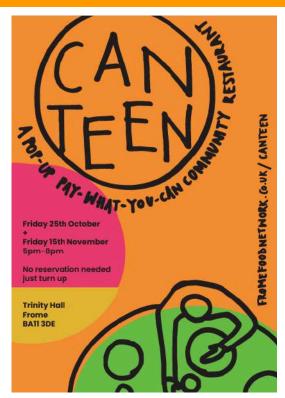
Dramakarma returns to Trinity on Monday 11th November from 3.15 -4.15. A fully immersive, fun and engaging experience is promised. With our quest based structure children have the opportunity to help direct the storytelling with their own ideas and words in a team setting leading to a short performance to parents.

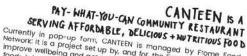
Reserve your place and receive payment details by emailing kevin@dramakarma.co.uk.

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'George's parents never talk about Great Grandpa George. But they had once let slip that a long time ago when adventurers used to travel the globe in search of distant lands and cultures he had been an explorer. So, when George hears about a school trip to the Lost World, (a theme park located in an old factory in a remote part of the country) she begins to do some exploring of her own. Up in the loft where the grandpa's secret box is hidden....'

#### **Local Events**





Currently in pop-up form, CANTEEN is managed by Frome Food Network: it is a project set up by, and for the Frome community to food; bridge the gap between local food and local people; and generally further a sense of togetherness.







He's making a list, he's checking it twice...we're delighted that Santa has chosen to visit Frome for the best lantern parade in the West, and Frome's Christmas lights switch on!

Watch the beautiful lantern parade through the town and pop in to tell the big man what you're hoping to find under the tree on Christmas Day.

Book a half-hour time slot between 4.30 and 7.30 for up to four children to visit Santa in his grotto. The grotto costs just £4 per child, with a gift and a sweet treat.

You'll find Santa and his elves in a grotto on the ground floor of the WHY office, 14-15 North Parade, BA11 1AU (opposite Frome Museum)

The money raised at the grotto supports WHY's vital emotional support services for children, young people and adults who have been affected or bereaved by cancer and life-threatening conditions.

To book your place, please visit https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/SantasGro ttoatLighttheNight2024 or for further information or any assistance, please email info@wehearyou.org.uk and we will be happy to help.









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