# The Trumpet

Newsletter No.8
Spring Term 2026
Friday 6 March

## DIARY DATES
2026

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| **March** | |
| Friday 6 | Quiz and Cheese Night |
| Monday 9 | Parents' Evening |
| Thursday 12 | Parents' Evening |
| Tuesday 17 | Great Athletes Day |
| Saturday 28 | Easter Event |
| **April** | |
| **Thursday 2** | **Last Day of Term 4** |
| **Monday 20** | **First Day of Term 5** |
| **May** | |
| Saturday 16 | Colour Run |
| **Friday 22** | **Last Day of Term 5** |
| **June** | |
| **Monday 1** | **First Day of Term 6** |
| Friday 12 | Quiz and Cheese Night |
| Saturday 27 | FOTFS Summer Event |
| **July** | |
| **Friday 17** | **Last Day of Term 6** |
| Monday 20 | Inset Day |

*Click here for 2026/2027 Term Dates*

## HEADS UPDATE
from Amanda Seager

We have had a busy week in school. All of the children have been to Hunting Raven this week, where they have exchanged their World Book Day token for a book. I have loved seeing the children going out of the gate in the afternoon holding, chatting about and in some cases reading their new book! Our very grateful thanks go to Tina and her team for making this possible and for welcoming the children so warmly to the shop. Thank you also to the many parents and grandparents who have helped supervise the trips.

It was also wonderful to see so many children coming into school holding their favourite book yesterday morning. The children were able to share their books with other children in the class and they loved having the opportunity to do that. Hopefully they have also inspired their friends to try something new. Hearing another child's positive review of a book is such a powerful way of encouraging the children to engage with books and reading. I am also collecting up the entries for the FOTFS competition today. I have got lots of beautiful pictures inspired by the children's favourite book or character – I am glad I am not judging!

Our Year 3 children had a wonderful trip to Spring Gardens yesterday, where they helped plant some trees as part of a Frome Town Council project to regenerate the area. The children had a great time and were very excited when they returned to school. They behaved impeccably, and their excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and curiosity were noted by the council staff. Our thanks again to the parents who went with the classes and whose support enabled us to take part.

Finally, I hope the parents who were able to attend the meeting on Wednesday evening found it useful. I do understand that there are a lot of unknowns at the moment and that uncertainty can make for anxious times. At this stage I don't have many answers, but I am always happy to listen to your views and concerns so don't be afraid to come and have a chat.

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## School News

### School Admissions

#### Reception Class Criteria

We would like to clarify the admissions criteria for entry into a Reception class at Trinity. Children who are looked after or who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) take priority. This is followed by children who will have a sibling at the school at the time they join. Following that, places are allocated on the basis of the distance of the family home from school. For all of those categories, parental choice is also taken into account by the admissions team at the Local Authority.

### Forest School

#### Bamboo Canes Needed!

As many of you will know, we recently planted over 100 trees in our forest school area. This week we received another hundred young trees from the Woodland Trust. Although these trees were provided for free, FOTFS have kindly paid for the tree guards.

We still need 100 stakes for the trees. If you have any bamboo canes between 50cm -70 cm that you could spare we would be extremely grateful.

Please could these be left in a bucket by the gate as you enter the school. We hope to plant the new trees at the end of next week.

Many thanks in advance.

### Chess Set Needed

#### After School Chess Club

We are hoping to start an after school chess club at Trinity after the Easter holiday. If there are any families with chess sets in good condition, but which you no longer need, we would be very happy to give them a new home. Thank you.

### Help Wanted!

#### Can you spare an hour to teach first aid?

As part of our SCARF curriculum, we would love to run a session for our Rocket children where they can learn basic first aid and emergency skills. We are looking for an appropriately qualified parent or volunteer (such as a doctor, nurse, or firefighter) who could spare an hour one afternoon to teach them the basics. If you can help, please contact the school office.  Thank you.

### Parent Meeting Bookings

#### Arbor

We are pleased to confirm that bookings for the Parent Consultations will open at **9:00am** on **Monday 16 February.**

To book your slot, please log in via your Arbor Parent Portal account.  Please ensure you book one appointment per child and do not book slots across both available days.

For step-by-step guidance on how to make bookings through the Parent Portal or the Parent App, please click here.

### We Hear You - Non school uniform day

#### Total raised so far...

We are delighted to share that we raised a grand total of **£544.45**.  Many thanks to everyone for your generosity.

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## Great Athletes Day

### Tuesday 17 March

We're excited to be welcoming a top GB athlete to the school on Tuesday 17th March with Great Athletes!

All pupils will take part in a sponsored fitness circuit led by the athlete, and come home with some important and inspiring lessons learned during a motivational assembly and Q&A session.

Not only will the visit connect the pupils with an extraordinary athlete role model but will also help to raise money for new sports equipment that will improve levels of physical activity in our school!

You can sponsor your child by clicking **here**

As a thank you, pupils will receive the following thank-you gifts for meeting these milestones:

- **Raise anything: A5 sheet of motivational stickers**
- **Raise £10 or more: sheet of stickers, plus a blue Great Athletes wristband**
- **Raise £25 or more: all of the above, plus a red wristband with the athlete's signature**
- **Raise £50 or more: all of the above, plus a signed athlete poster**

Please ensure that the sponsorship form and money are returned to the school office 1 week after the event has taken place.

Please also make sure that your children come to school on the event day with their PE Kits!

Thank you in anticipation of creating a terrific and memorable event.

## Important changes to holiday food voucher provision in Somerset

The government's Household Support Fund (HSF) ceases at the end of the month (31 March 2026). It is being replaced by a new fund called the Crisis and Resilience Fund.

Holiday food vouchers (known to parents in Somerset as free school meal holiday vouchers) are part of the HSF government package, which means they too will stop from the end of March this year.

Parents who qualified for the vouchers through the HSF scheme already received them during the February half-term holiday, as normal.

However, this was the final voucher provision of its kind under the current HSF scheme.

There will be no holiday food vouchers issued after the 31 March date. This means no vouchers will be available for parents during the Easter holidays, as these fall in April this year.

The new Crisis and Resilience Fund will provide access to food support. Any family facing food shortage will be able to secure 'cash-first' support. This is a new service and will be starting shortly with a new provider. As soon as details are available about how and where to access support this will be communicated widely, and we will update you.

In the meantime, if you are worried about your ability to manage the Easter holiday period please note there is ongoing support available across the county:

The Local Pantry Network in Somerset
#Help4All
Community Hubs
SASP – Happy Healthy Holidays
Healthy Start – NHS – healthy food and milk

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## Regular Notices and Reminders

### School Lunches: w/c 16/03/2026

Deadline: 12/03/2026

**Please click here to make a booking**

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. .

**The menus for Sept 2025-2026 are available to view on our website. Please click here.**

## Wraparound

### Kites and Trinity Plus – Term 4

**Wraparound Google Forms - *save the links***

**Voucher Payers**: please confirm payment **here**

**Cancel/Amend**: please click **here**

**Wraparound Bookings for Term 4**

Please note there is no Trinity Plus on Thursday 2nd April

- **Booking Cut-off Times:**
  **Kites:** 7:30am on the day of the booking.
  **Trinity Plus:** 7:15am on the day of the booking. *If you need to book a space for Trinity Plus during the school day (after the cut-off), please call the office directly to check for availability.*
- **Changes & Cancellations:** Bookings cannot be amended directly in the app. To request a change, please complete this online form.
- **Booking Visibility:** The app has limited display features. Please note that the diary may show all sessions as **3:15–5:30pm**, regardless of your specific slot. We recommend keeping a personal note of your booked times at the point of confirmation.
- **Vouchers & Emails:** To confirm a payment, please complete this online form.
- **Admin Hours:** Sarah Hockley manages our wraparound admin on **Wednesday afternoons and Fridays**. For urgent matters outside of these times, please contact the main school office.

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## Friends of Trinity First School

### FOTFS

#### Dates for the Diary

06 March - Quiz and Cheese Night
**One Table Available - click below to book!**

28 March - Easter Puzzle Trail 1pm - 3pm
(tickets available soon!)

16 May - Colour run (pm)
12 June - Quiz and Cheese Night
27 June - Summer Event

**Click here to view the FOTFS website**

## Clubs

### School Clubs

#### Useful Information

We offer a wide range of clubs during and after school, please click here to see our website for full details and how to book.

### IG Sports

#### Term 4

Monday - EYFS Multi Skills
Tuesday – Football Club (KS2)
Wednesday – Dance and Cheerleading Club
Thursday – Multi Sports Club
Friday – Football Club (EYFS and KS1)
All clubs are 3:15pm – 4:15pm. Please click the links to book.

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## Local Information

# Key Centre Cafe

**Space to hang out, meet with friends, work and play**
**Come and have a cup of tea and a biscuit**

Monday - 3-4.30pm After School Hang out (Term time only)

Tuesday - 12-2.30pm Family Drop-in, chat and play

Wednesday - 10-1pm Open house, all welcome

Coming soon…POD Thursday Café session

We look forward to seeing you soon!

**For more information or if you are interested in booking the Key Centre as a venue please email – keycentre@frometowncouncil.gov.uk**

**Key Centre – Feltham Lane BA11 5AJ**

Frome Town Council

# FROME KINDNESS FESTIVAL 2026

EVENTS MARKED WITH * DO NOT REQUIRE BOOKING

### SAT 14TH MARCH

**Frome Grief Network:** Community conversations around grief and loss, 10-1pm, Rook Lane Chapel
**Community of Kindness:** Art, crafts, games, inflatable fun, music and tree planting for all the family, 1-3pm, YMCA Vallis Road*
**River Walk and Wonder** with mammal expert Tony House, 1.30-3pm, Welshmill
**Songs and Scones:** Heart-warming music from local choirs, 2-4.30pm, St John's Church*
**Window Wanderland Launch Party** featuring the Town Crier, Mayor and The Frome Bandits, followed by a guided tour of some of this year's windows, 5-6pm, Rook Lane Chapel*

### SUN 15TH MARCH

**Exploring Forgiveness:** Workshop with Barbara J Hunt, 10-11.30am, Rook Lane Chapel
**Hands-on Fun with Paper**, 10am-1pm, The Good Heart
**Kindness to Ourselves through Movement and Dance**, 2-5pm, Rook Lane Chapel
**The Market Place Through Time**: A short stroll through the history of the town centre, 2.30pm
**Harp Meditation** with Vicki Burke, 5.30-7pm, Rook Lane Chapel

### MON 16TH MARCH

**Write to be Kind:** A creative writing workshop, 3-5pm, Venue TBC
**Imagine More Kindness In Schools:** A talk and Q&A with Kindwaves, 7-9pm, Frome Town Hall
**Community Window Wanderland Walk:** 6pm, The Good Heart*
**Menkind:** Video & Discussions, 7pm, The Crown, Keyford

### TUES 17TH MARCH

**The Market Place Through Time**: A short stroll through the history of the town centre, 2.30pm
**Imagine More Kindness at your Medical Practice:** 10am-2pm, Frome Medical Practice*
**Rob Hopkins: Imagine More Kindness**, Annual Kindness Lecture, 7pm, The Memorial Theatre

### WEDS 18TH MARCH

**Kindness on the Streets at Frome Weekly Market:** 10am-2pm, Outside the Library*
**Imagine More Kindness at your Medical Practice:** 10am-2pm, Frome Medical Practice*
**John Hegley: Mid-March Musings with Cardboard Animals**, 2.30pm, The Good Heart
**The Gift of Water:** a story of kindness and unkindness in Frome, 7pm, Frome Town Hall

### THURS 19TH MARCH

**Kindness Stay and Play:** 10am-12pm, Vallis School Community Room*
**Imagine More Kindness at your Medical Practice:** 10am-2pm, Frome Medical Practice*
**Random Acts of Comedy:** 7.30pm, The Tunnels

### FRI 20TH MARCH

**Mojo Moves Kindness Special:** 9.30am, RISE
**Do you Coco?** Creating a Culture of Kindness with Co-Counselling, 2-4.30pm, The Good Heart
**Community Window Wanderland Walk:** 6pm, The Good Heart*
**Seize the Day:** Passionate Songs for a Kinder World, 8.30-10.30pm, The Tunnels

### SAT 21ST MARCH

**A Kinder Way to Well:** Bringing Compassion Back to Self-Care, 10am-12pm, Rook Lane Chapel
**The Grief Opera:** doors 2pm, start 2.30pm, Rook Lane Chapel
**Kind Poetry for International Poetry Day:** 6-7 pm, Rook Lane Chapel*
**Rosie Jackson & Friends:** Live readings of poems celebrating kindness, 8-9pm, Rook Lane Chapel

# JUMBLE SALE

in aid of cancer counselling charity We Hear You (WHY)

**Saturday 21st March 2026**
**10.30am to 1.30pm**
**Frome Town Football Club**
**48 Berkley Road**
**Frome BA11 2EH**

why... we hear you Cancer Counselling

**Entry £1 (kids go free)**

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www.wehearyou.org.uk

**Babies aged 3 - 12 months**
These sessions offer a gentle and calm introduction to music, using musical instruments, singing and moving to music with a parent or carer.

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Explore musical instruments and begin to develop musical ability and understanding through instruments, singing & movement!

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**Frome Classes**
Wednesday 10.00am at Rise, Frome

Keith@littlepiccolos.co.uk - 07462 401991
LittlePiccolosSouthWest

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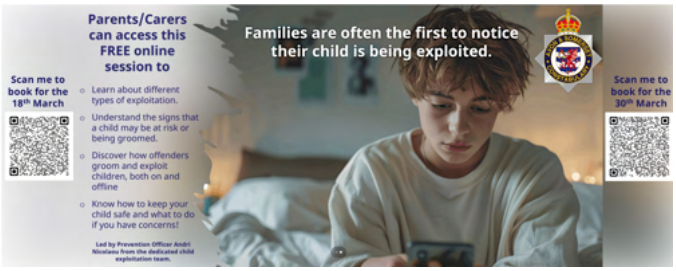

## Art in the Park

Victoria Park Café Frome | Saturday 11th April 10 am – 1 pm

**Want something fun to do with the kids over the Easter holidays ?**

Join us for a creative morning of activities and play with the kids. We will have different creation stations where you can make, play, relax and enjoy.

- Play the ukelele
- Bunting making
- Making magic pockets and sticks, boats and flowers.

Suitable for children between 3- 8 years

Scan the QR code to sign up

*Please see our website for eligibility information

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## OPEN DOOR FAMILY LAW

voices Recovery is Prevention

Confused about family law or court? Drop in for clear advice and pathways forward.

WHERE?: Key Centre, Feltham Ln, Frome BA11 5AJ
WHEN? Every other Tuesday in term time starting from Tuesday 24th of February 10am till 12pm

For more information goto: www.voicescharity.org, email: info@voicescharity.org or call 01225 984189

## A Wheelie Good Day!

### A free, family friendly, fun day

- **FREE** Pedal fun with music, bubbles, rocket challenge, smoothie bike, plus crafts all day.
- **FREE Bikeability taster sessions** (book in advance)
- Try our **NEW** app hire bikes & e-cargo bike
- Learn how to tune your bike in our **FREE** maintenance demos & Dr Bike safety checks
- Grab a bargain at our bike and accessory sale
- Join **Mojo Moves** at Midday!

JOIN US SUNDAY

**March 22**

10am – 2pm

The Workshop, Station Approach, Frome BA11 1RE

Frome Community Bike Project

**Join the fun!** Discover what the Frome Community Bike Project offers and how you can get involved in helping Frome cycle more.
No bike needed. Just turn up and enjoy a wheelie good day.

**fromebikeproject.org**

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**Flourishing Together through**
**Kindness ~ Curiosity ~ Respect ~ Resilience ~ Teamwork**

*Trinity First School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children.*

*We expect all our staff and volunteers to share this commitment*