



Freshford Church School

Weekly Newsletter

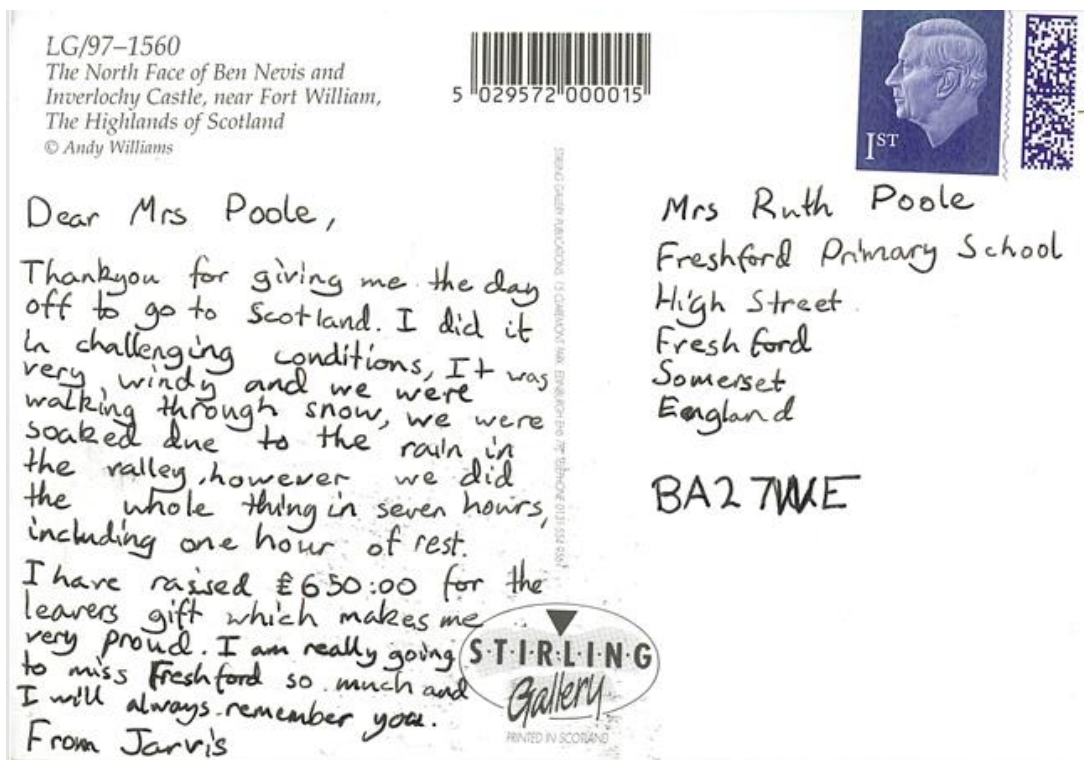


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BEN NEVIS

Congratulations to Jarvis and we can't wait to see the
Leavers gift!
What will it be?



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George and Bythesea classes had such a wonderful day at Langford Lakes. I really hope the children came home and told you all about it...



And of course...

Tempest Island





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Dates for your diary

Further details (including any booking details) for these events will follow nearer the time.

8 June	LUNCH MENU Week 2		15 July	September Classes morning
11 June	PTA Swish Event		15 July	Year 6's Lifeskills Trip
June 13	Freshford Summer Fete		16 July Playing field behind Memorial Hall	Sports Morning
			17 July	Sports Morning Reserve date
June 15-19	Skern Lodge Residential trip for years 5 + 6		17 July	Leavers Service in playground
22 June	INSET DAY		22 July	Last Day of school
6-9 July	Shakespeare at Prior Park		4 September	Children Back to School

TENNIS RACQUETS

If your child has a tennis racquet please bring it in for their P.E. lesson.

We have some in our shed if your child does not have one.

Make sure yours is labelled!

Helping Hand

If there are after school clubs that we offer that you would like your child to attend but the cost is too much for your family at the moment, please use the form below as we have a fund that can help. This also applies to our school trips. All enquiries will be dealt with sensitively and in confidence. <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/5xsGaU9Ctn>



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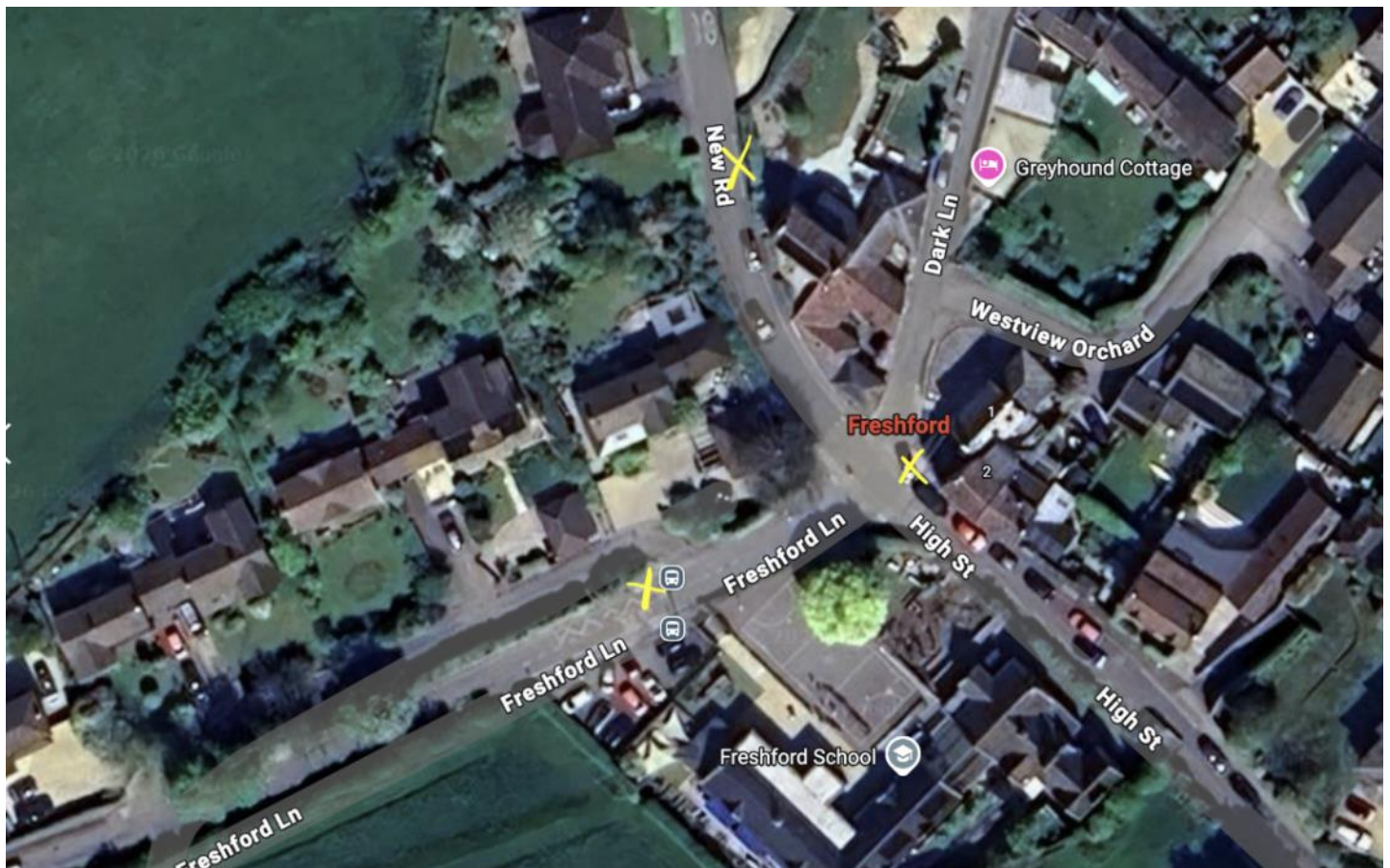
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The **parking** at drop off and pick up times can sometimes cause issues, and we have had several recent near misses with children. So we can all work together to keep our children and others in the community safe, moving forwards you will see some "no parking" signs out at several points around the school, marked in yellow in the below map. Please help us by not parking or stopping near these signs, in order to keep the crossing and roads as safe as possible. Thank you.





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FRESHFORD SCHOOL PTA CLOTHING SWISH!

THURSDAY
11TH
JUNE
7.30-9.30 PM

REFRESH YOUR WARDROBE.
SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL.

Join us for a fun, feel good evening of fashion, fundraising and socialising at our upcoming PTA Clothing Swish!

A swish is a brilliant way to refresh your wardrobe sustainably while supporting the school, browse rails of fabulous pre-loved clothes and accessories, enjoy a drink from the bar, and snap up some amazing finds. Some items will be available to buy outright, while others will go to auction on the night for a little extra excitement!

Location FRESHFORD SCHOOL HALL
Freshford, Bath BA2 7WE

WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS

We're now collecting donations of *good quality* adults' and children's clothing, shoes and accessories. Items that are stylish, clean and in great condition that someone else would genuinely love to buy. Spare hangers would also be hugely appreciated.

PLEASE DONATE ASAP

Please send donations in as soon as possible to help us organise and prepare for the event. Donations can be handed into the school office and, if possible, please *label bags by category*, for example "Girls 7-9 years", "Women's Dresses" etc., as this helps us enormously with sorting.

COME FOR THE SHOP, STAY FOR THE FUN!

Entry on the night will be just £3, so come along with friends for a relaxed evening of shopping and chatting, even if you're only popping in for a drink and to socialise, we'd love to see you there!

SHOP & SOCIALISE

There will be drinks available at the bar and plenty of bargains to discover. It's a fun evening out and a fantastic way to support our school and raise vital funds.

EVERY PURCHASE & EVERY POUND RAISED MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE!

£3 ENTRY

CLOTHES RAILS NEEDED!

If possible two sets of clothes rails are found before the night, let us know!

CAN YOU HELP?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP OUT WITH THE EVENT? PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH FURS CHAIRS 01225 723331

See you there!



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[Live Well B&NES](#) is the home to Bath and [North East](#) Somerset's [SEND Local Offer](#), providing information, signposting and support to young people with SEND and their families.

[Children and Families](#)

We also offer lots of information for families and young people including registered childcare providers, parenting support, benefit advice, food support, managing money, mental and emotional health, social activities and cost of living information.

Bath & North East
Somerset Council
Improving People's Lives

Year 5 Parents/Carers

St Laurence School

In addition to the Open Morning tours we advertise on our website, we have arranged an additional **Year 5 Taster Day on Tuesday 16th June** starting at 9.30am and ending at 2.30pm.

The students will be mixed across four classes and will experience some exciting lessons taught by St Laurence school staff. The classes will be supported by a TA and some student helpers. As part of this day, the students will be taken on a tour of the school and will have the opportunity to speak to members of our school community (see the "Join us" page).

There are only 25 places left! Please email karrho@st-laurence.com if you would like your child to have a place. I will send out a form and confirmation of your place on receipt of an email.

Best wishes



Mrs Rhodes

Director of Learning & Progress KS3 / Head of Transition

St Laurence School

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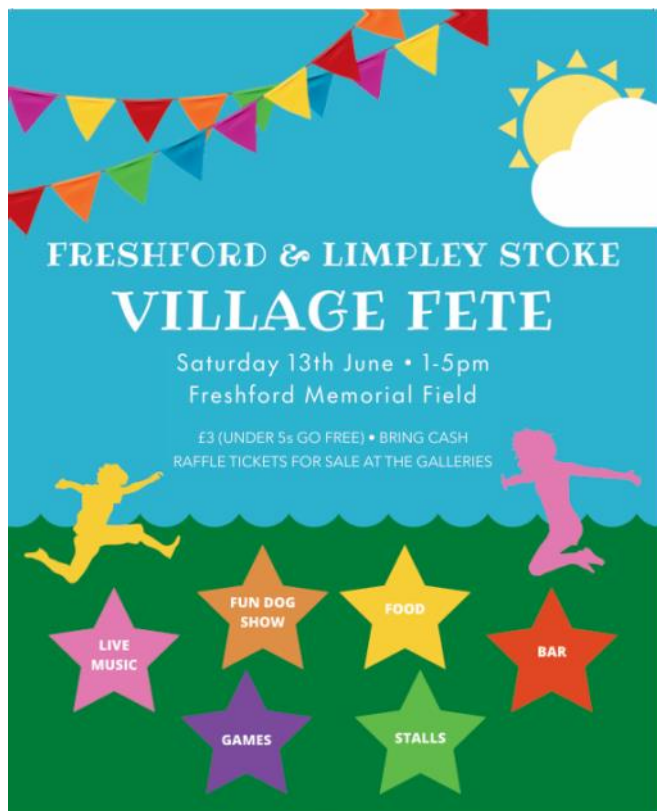


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WITH THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS:



Fresh Fringe

Family Festival

Saturday 6 June 2026

Part of Bath Fringe



KOMEDIA

22-23 Westgate St,
Bath BA1 1EP

10.15am - 11am

Wiggly Wiggles.
Puppets, storytelling and songs
by Debbo Adventure.
A simple workshop lets you
take home your own wriggler

pre-school and young families



Wiggly Wiggles.



12pm - 1pm

Tales of mischievous spirits, dancing
snowflakes and epic quests. Brought
to life by scintillating puppets and
enchanting music.
Fysdunctional Theatre Company

2pm - 3.30pm

Humdinger Words for Whippersnappers
& Gutter-snipes. A comedy-cabaret
poetry party led by stage
hypnotist-turned-primary school
teacher, Ben Dali



Summerground

Community Nature Reserve

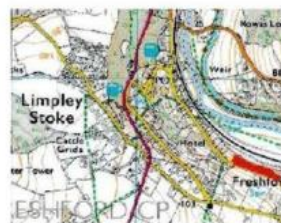
Picnic at Summerground

Saturday, June 27th, 12-2pm

Bring a picnic and explore Summerground's
wildflowers, insects and raised ant hills.
Fun nature identification and craft activities.

Everyone welcome, Free event

Top of Crowe Hill, Limpley Stoke



No Parking. Dogs not permitted.

Please note, long grass, uneven and
steep ground and ticks – wear long
trousers and socks.

www.naturechain.co.uk



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Bath & West UK
2026
Summer
Schedule

Spotters HOCKEY

30 + 31 July - Workshops
0930-11am | 11.15-12.45pm | 1.30-3pm Ages 9-15
Goal Scoring | Elimination/3D skills | Game awareness

3-5 August - Camps
10am- 12pm and 1-3pm - Ages 7-14;
Registration 0930 pick up by 3.20pm

10-14 Aug Workshop Roadshows
10-11.30am | 12 -1.30pm | Ages 9-15
Goal Scoring | Game awareness

Bath, Corsham, Keynsham, Shepton Mallet, Wells

Performance Camps 18 + 19 Aug
10am- 3pm - Ages 12-16
Advanced coaching programme included

High Performer Camp 20 Aug
10am- 3pm - Ages 13-17 -work at stretch +

Specialist GK coaching at all events!
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booking form



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BATH CARNIVAL

MUSIC WORKSHOP

WOMAD THE WORLD'S FESTIVAL

Would you like to perform any of these amazing stages?!

We'll be hosting our very own stages at WOMAD, Bath City Farm Fest, and Bath Carnival. We're also returning to perform at Carfest which this year, is relocating to the home of British racing, Silverstone



WOMAD THE WORLD'S FESTIVAL

24th - 26th July
15 minute sets
Bands, Solo Artists, Acoustic Acts

5th July

15 - 20 minute sets
Solo Artists & Acoustic Acts

29th - 30th August

20 minute Sets
Bands

11th July

Sets between 20 - 45 minutes Available
Small Bands, Solo Artists, Acoustic Acts
Activities & Workshops

Our Spring Summer Program of events is about to get under way. We're looking for **bands, Acoustic acts and Solo artists aged 11 - 21.** If you are interested in performing, follow the QR code and fill out an individual form for each of the events you available for.



Wind & Brass Lessons

Learn an instrument, develop your skills, make friends! Lessons at our Music Centres are for all standards, ages 7-18.

- Tuesdays, St Keyna School, Keynsham 5.45-9pm
- Wednesdays, Hayesfield School, Bath 5.30-8pm
- Saturdays, Hayesfield School, Bath 9.30am-12pm

Trumpet - Trombone
Tuba - Euphonium
French horn

Recorder - Flute
Saxophone -
Clarinet



Pupil
Premium
discounts
available!

Book lessons at: wema.org.uk/register



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June Newsletter

Planning Update: A Positive Step Forward

After a long wait, we have finally received initial feedback from Wiltshire Council regarding the proposed farm access and infrastructure for Pear Tree Community Farm.

We're pleased to share that the planning officer has confirmed that the Community Farm is acceptable in principle. This is an encouraging step forward for a project that aims to bring together sustainable food production, education, well-being and community engagement.

As many of you know, our site sits within the Cotswolds National Landscape and Green Belt, close to the Grade II* listed St Mary's Church. These special surroundings bring additional planning considerations and the council has highlighted that the potential impacts on these designated assets are significant. Importantly however, they also recognise the substantial social and community benefits that the farm will provide.

What Has Been Supported?

The council has confirmed a number of positive aspects of the proposal:

- The land will remain in agricultural use, with no change of use required.
- The need for poly-tunnels, storage facilities, welfare provision, and a packing shed is accepted as supporting the farm operation.
- The development is not considered inappropriate within the Green Belt, provided community activities remain closely linked to the agricultural use.
- Highways officers have not identified any significant highway concerns.

What Are the Key Concerns?

- The most contentious issue is the creation of a new field access and the resulting change to the character of Church Lane. We will mitigate this essential requirement through the planting of native hedgerows, ivy and ferns.
- The proposed building floor-space is considered ambitious and we will need to demonstrate that the recognised standard sizes are necessary to accommodate volunteers and staff during peak harvesting and packing periods. Adequate storage is also essential to keeping the site neat and tidy and minimising visual impact.
- Community events, educational activities and volunteering opportunities have been questioned as not being strictly necessary for agricultural purposes. However, this is a community farm, and our business model as well as the many social, educational and well-being benefits it delivers depends on their inclusion.
- A Heritage Statement has been requested to demonstrate that the public benefits outweigh the "less than substantial harm" to the setting of St Mary's Church. A RIBA-chartered conservation architect will provide an independent assessment as part of our application.

We welcome this feedback, which has helped shape what we believe is the best possible design, balancing farm functionality, care for the landscape and consideration for our neighbours.

We are continuing to work closely with specialist consultants, including engineers, landscape architects, ecologists, highways experts and heritage advisers, to ensure our planning application is thorough, evidence-based and capable of withstanding the scrutiny it deserves.

What's Next?

In the coming weeks, we will be ready to share our final plans. You will be able to:

- Visit Pear Tree Community Farm's stall at the Freshford & Limpley Stoke, Hinton and Westwood village fetes.
- View the plans on our website (sign up to our newsletter to be notified when they are published).
- Arrange a meeting with the team to discuss the proposals.

We hope to submit our planning application in June.

None of this would have been possible without the incredible support of the Wiltshire Area Board, FLISCA and our wonderful community. Your donations of money, time, expertise and encouragement have helped us reach this stage and we are deeply grateful.

At a time when global events, climate change and rising food costs continue to highlight the fragility of our food system, the need for resilient local food production and strong community connections has never been greater. We hope you will continue to support Pear Tree Community Farm and when the time comes, lend your voice in support of the planning application.

As always, if you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions, we'd love to hear from you.

Warm wishes,

The Pear Tree Community Farm Team

hello@peartreecommunityfarm.org

www.peartreecommunityfarm.org

<https://www.instagram.com/peartreecommunityfarm>

The Farm Team (Jake, Elli, Debbie, Tania, Fiona, Gemma, Clare and Neil)



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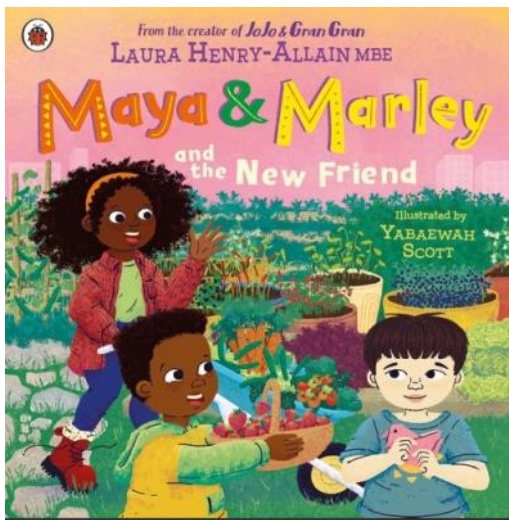
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Maya & Marley and the New Friend Book Launch with Laura Henry-Allain MBE

Book your free tickets here for: [Maya & Marley and the New Friend Book Launch with Laura Henry-Allain MBE](#)



Saturday, June 13, 10:30 AM - 1 PM [Norland College Bath, England](#)

Norland welcomes you to join us in person for a story time in celebration of Laura Henry-Allain's new picture book - Maya & Marley and the New Friend.

Laura Henry-Allain MBE is an author, educationalist and consultant. She is the creator and series producer of the well-loved, award-winning, Animation global series, **JoJo and Gran Gran**, developed and produced by CBeebies. Some of Laura's other books include, My Family, Your Family and Maya and Marley.

Event timings:

- 10.30 - 11am: Welcome, settling in and paper crafts
 - 11- 12noon: Story time with Laura Henry-Allain
- 12 - 1pm: Community lunch. **If you have any dietary requirements please complete this [FORM](#).**

This event is for children aged up to 7 accompanied by a parent or guardian. Each child and adult require a ticket each.

Please email library@norland.ac.uk if you have any questions.