



## July 2024 Newsletter

The Forum School

# Upcoming Events in August

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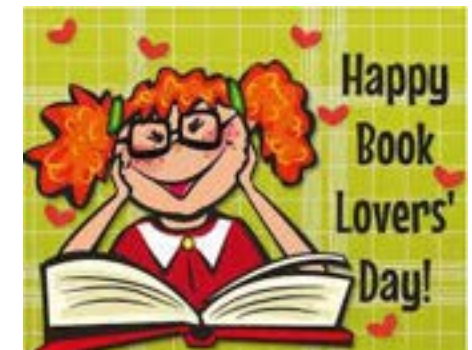
8<sup>th</sup> – International Cat Day

9<sup>th</sup> – Book Lovers Day

12<sup>th</sup> – International Youth Day

19<sup>th</sup> – World Humanitarian Day

26<sup>th</sup> – International Dog Day, BANK HOLIDAY



# Upcoming Events in August

2024	AUGUST		MONDAY			
CALENDAR YEAR	CALENDAR MONTH		FIRST DAY OF WEEK			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
29	30	31	01	02	03	04
			School Holiday		Shillingstone Station Café - Meet at blue gates 13:30  DISCO in the theatre	
			Yorkshire Day Arts & Crafts - Indoor Arena	TFS Cinema - Theatre		
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
	School Holidays				Shillingstone Station Café - Meet at blue gates 13:30  DISCO in the theatre	
	Arts & Crafts - Indoor Arena		International Cat Day Arts & Crafts - Indoor Arena	Book Lovers Day TFS Cinema - Theatre		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	School Holidays				Shillingstone Station Café - Meet at blue gates 13:30  DISCO in the theatre	
International Youth Day Inflatable Obstacle Course	Arts & Crafts - Indoor Arena Inflatable Obstacle Course	Inflatable Obstacle Course	Arts & Crafts - Indoor Arena Inflatable Obstacle Course	TFS Cinema - Theatre Inflatable Obstacle Course		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	School Holidays				Shillingstone Station Café - Meet at blue gates 13:30  DISCO in the theatre	
World Humanitarian Day	Arts & Crafts - Indoor Arena		Arts & Crafts - Indoor Arena	TFS Cinema - Theatre		
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
	School Holiday				Shillingstone Station Café - Meet at blue gates 13:30  DISCO in the theatre	
Bank Holiday International Dog Day	Arts & Crafts - Indoor Arena		Arts & Crafts - Indoor Arena	TFS Cinema - Theatre		



## The Forum Stars are back!

Shout out a staff member that has gone above and beyond for a young person, yourself, your team or the school.

Email [Forum.Stars@cambianguroup.com](mailto:Forum.Stars@cambianguroup.com) with a sentence about why a colleague is amazing and they'll be entered into a draw. There will be 3 winners. 1 from Care, 1 from Education and 1 from everyone else! The winners will receive a £10 Love2Shop voucher and Employee of the month for your department!

## Upcoming Birthdays

August

Lorraine Andrews

Holley Meadus

Monique Turner

Jemma Grove



Happy  
Birthday



# Training Opportunities

We are eagerly looking for staff members across all departments to train in;

## Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE)

The teaching of Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age. All grant-aided schools are required to have an RSE policy that is based on consultation with parents and pupils.

Please let Melissa McCarthy know if you are interested, this can be booked as part of CPD.







# AQA Awards

## OH

TAKING PART IN A WOODLAND WALK

OUTDOOR ARTIST

## LB

MOTOR VEHICLE (UNIT 1): CONTROLS AND FUNCTIONS

EXPERIENCING NATURE THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHY

BAKING CUPCAKES

PROMOTING INVOLVEMENT: PLANNING AN ACTIVITY

MONEY AND BUDGETING (UNIT 1)

## KAM

BAKING CUPCAKES

BIRD WATCHING (UNIT 2)

SWIMMING SKILLS (UNIT1)

EXPLORING NATURE: INSECTS

PROMOTING INVOLVEMENT: PLANNING AN ACTIVITY

MONEY AND BUDGETING (UNIT 1)

## RO

TBIRD WATCHING (UNIT 2)

CREATING ARTWORK USING RECYCLED MATERIALS

CALENDAR AND CALENDAR FACTS

ART: EXPLORING SKILLS AND TECHNIQUES

SPORTS AND WELLBEING

CLEANING THE SCHOOL KITCHEN WITH SUPPORT

HEALTH AND SAFETY IN THE KITCHEN ENVIRONMENT

INTRODUCTION TO EXERCISE

BASIC WATER SKILLS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: THE FUNDAMENTALS

SHOPPING IN A SUPERMARKET

HORTICULTURE: WEEDING A PLANTED AREA

INTRODUCTION TO GARDENING

EXPLORING TREES

PSHE: HEALTH AND FITNESS

ART: CHINESE NEW YEAR

INTRODUCTION TO THE ZONES OF REGULAION, WITH SUPPORT

EXPLORING A WOODLAND

BASIC PAINTING AND DECORATING SKILLS

SWIMMING SKILLS (UNIT 2)

BASIC SWIMMING SKILLS



# AQA Awards

## AT

INTRODUCTION TO MOVEMENT WITH SUPPORT  
POSITIVE COMMUNICATION AND BEHAVIOUR

## RW

BAKING CUPCAKES  
MAKING PANCAKES  
SWIMMING SKILLS (UNIT1)  
PREPARING SAUSAGE ROLLS

## JH

SMALL ANIMAL CARE (UNIT 1)

## DJ

INTRODUCTION TO USING A SWIMMING POOL WITH PHYSICAL PROMPTS

## KAC

INTRODUCTION TO USING A SWIMMING POOL WITH PHYSICAL PROMPTS  
EXPLORING SOUND AND RHYTHM  
INTRODUCTION TO MOVEMENT WITH SUPPORT

## SSi

TAKING PART IN A WOODLAND WALK  
FOLLOWING A SIMPLE CARDIO WORKOUT  
USING AN ELECTRONIC VOICE OUTPUT COMMUNICATION AID  
USING AN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION AID

## KMP

TAKING PART IN A WOODLAND WALK

## EV

VISITING A CAFE WITH SUPPORT  
FOLLOWING A SIMPLE CARDIO WORKOUT

## BOC

USING A SCHOOL LIBRARY (WITH SUPPORT)  
INTRODUCTION TO USING A SWIMMING POOL WITH PHYSICAL  
PROMPTS

## LMT

TAKING PART IN A WOODLAND WALK





# AQA Awards

## TF

BAKING CUPCAKES

INTRODUCTION TO THE ZONES OF REGULATION, WITH SUPPORT

CLEARING AND TIDYING AN AREA OF LAND

CHOOSING A SELF-REGULATION ACTIVITY

CHINESE NEW YEAR

BASIC SWIMMING SKILLS

TAKING PART IN A WOODLAND WALK

OUTDOOR ARTIST

INTRODUCTION TO TENNIS (UNIT 1)

## KT

OUTDOOR ARTIST

USING A SCHOOL LIBRARY (WITH SUPPORT)

COUNTING AND RECOGNISING NUMBERS (UNIT 1)

ORGANISATION LIFE SKILLS (UNIT 1)

## KB

INTRODUCTION TO THE ZONES OF REGULATION, WITH SUPPORT

BASIC BAKING WITH ASSISTANCE: SPONGE CAKE

MAKING A GRANULATED WAX CANDLE

MAKING A PIZZA

REMEMBRANCE DAY

CREATING A MOVIE USING LEGO STOP MOTION MOVIE (UNIT 1)

CREATING A MOVIE USING LEGO STOP MOTION MOVIE (UNIT 2)

INTRODUCTION TO SCRATCH

UTILISING REGULATION STRATEGIES

CHOOSING A SELF-REGULATION ACTIVITY

AN INTRODUCTION TO BASKETBALL

EXERCISING IN A GYM WITH SUPPORT (UNIT 1)

PREPARING FOR A SHOPPING TRIP TO A LOCAL SUPERMARKET

ART: CHINESE NEW YEAR

WORLD BOOK DAY

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY: 3D MODELLING

POSITIVE COMMUNICATION AND BEHAVIOUR

PAINTING AND DECORATING (UNIT 4): APPLYING SPECIAL EFFECTS

SWIMMING SKILLS (UNIT1)

BASIC SWIMMING SKILLS

EXERCISING IN A GYM WITH SUPPORT (UNIT 1)

VISITING A CAFE WITH SUPPORT



# AQA Awards

## SSu

INTRODUCTION TO USING A SWIMMING POOL WITH PHYSICAL PROMPTS

OUTDOOR ARTIST

USING A SCHOOL LIBRARY (WITH SUPPORT)

COUNTING AND RECOGNISING NUMBERS (UNIT 1)

## MJP

TAKING PART IN A WOODLAND WALK

INTERACTING WITH ADULTS IN THE SWIMMING POOL

FINE MOTOR SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

## RS

INTRODUCTION TO MOVEMENT WITH SUPPORT

USING A PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL WITH ASSISTANCE

LISTENING TO MUSIC

RECOGNISING COINS

POSITIVE COMMUNICATION AND BEHAVIOUR

## JC

TAKING PART IN A WOODLAND WALK

## JT

PERSONAL PRESENTATION (UNIT 2): HEALTHY EATING

MAINTAINING RELATIONSHIPS: COMMUNICATION

CHOICE MAKING IN SHOPPING

INTRODUCTION TO MOVEMENT WITH SUPPORT

LISTENING TO MUSIC

RECOGNISING COINS

SPEAKING AND LISTENING SKILLS

UNDERSTANDING MONEY WITH SUPPORT

SHOPPING LOCALLY

LIFE SKILLS: UNDERSTANDING CLEANLINESS

TRAVELLING IN DIFFERENT WAYS WITH SUPPORT

VISITING A PUBLIC LIBRARY

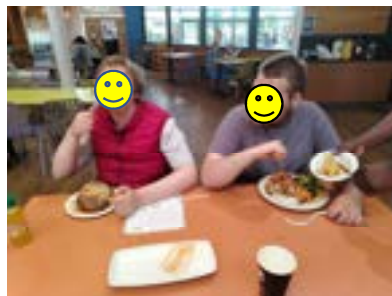
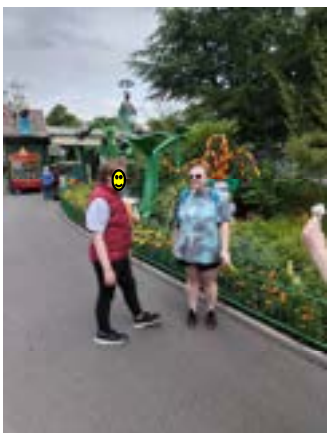
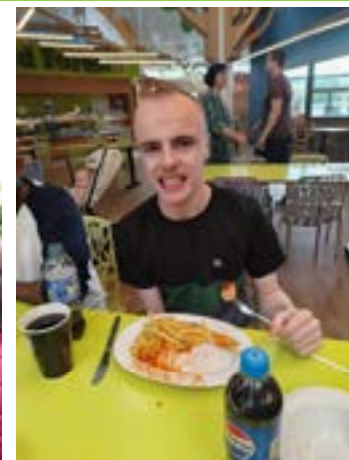
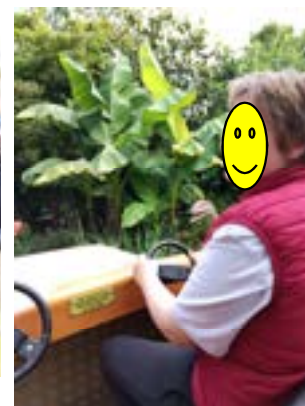
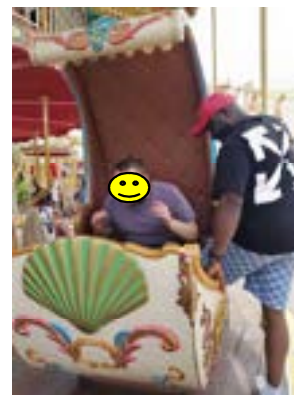
RECOGNISING COINS

## It's a Hoot Hoot at Paulton's Park!

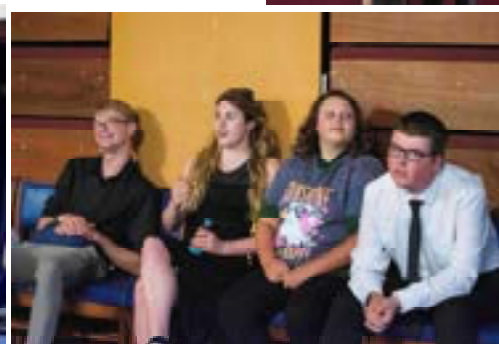
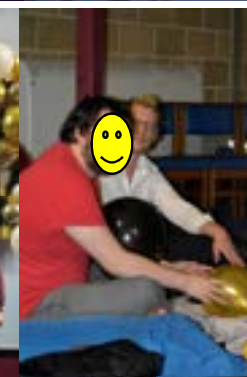
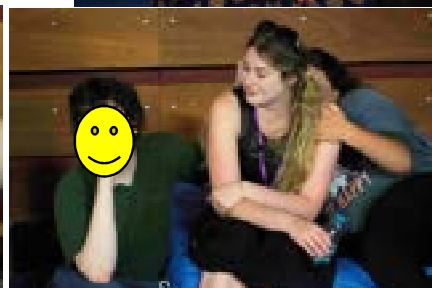




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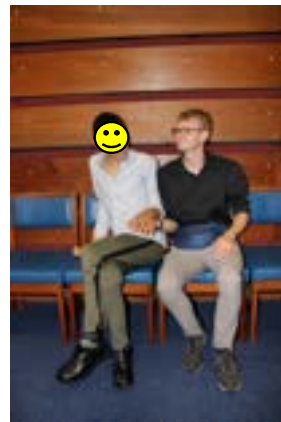
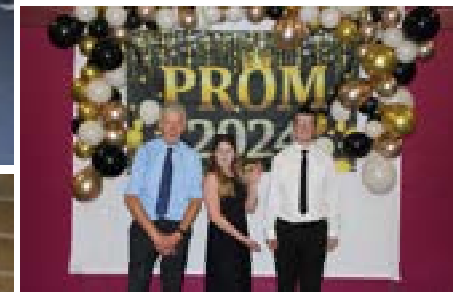
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Everyone loves a prom disco!





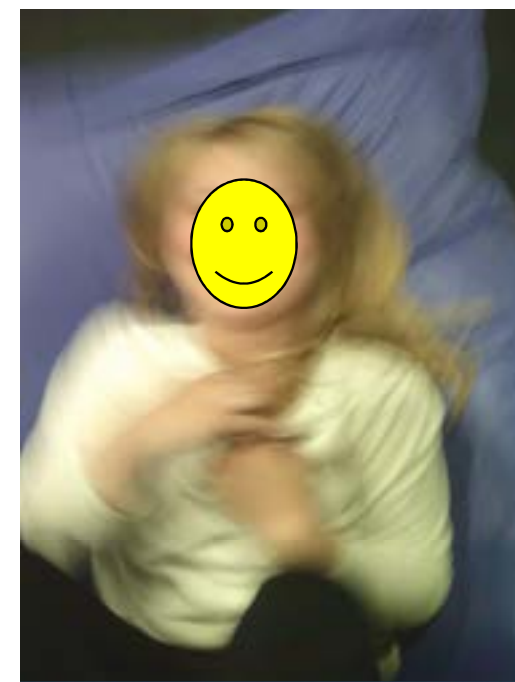
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They danced the afternoon away,  
with fun and smiles,  
what a way to end the term!



# Rebound Therapy

Rebound Therapy looks so much fun, all while getting the input they need.





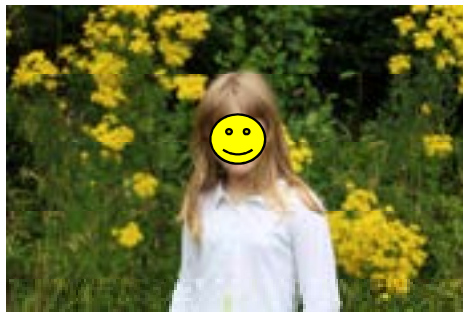
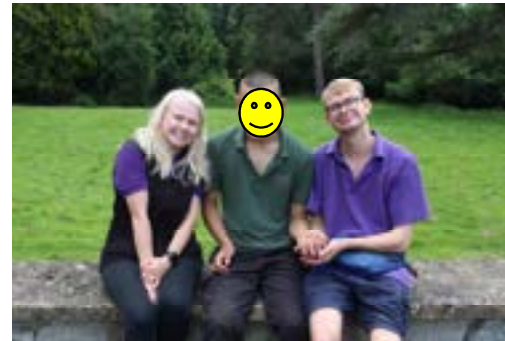
Go shorty it's ya birthday, we're gonna party like it's ya birthday!



Cake anyone?

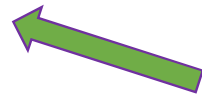


# Fete 2024

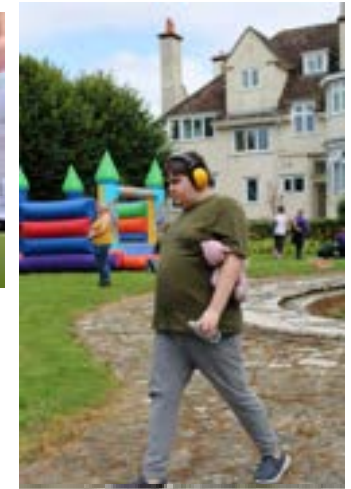




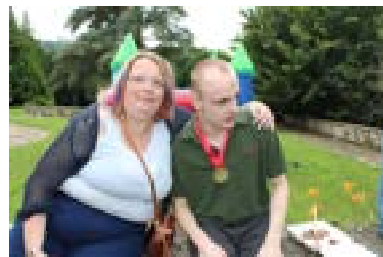
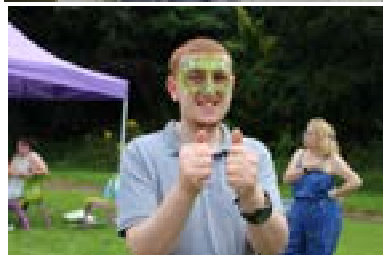
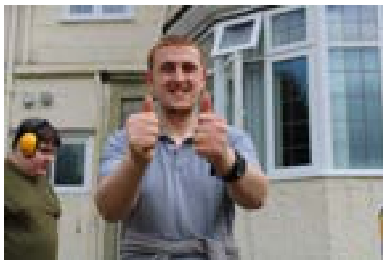
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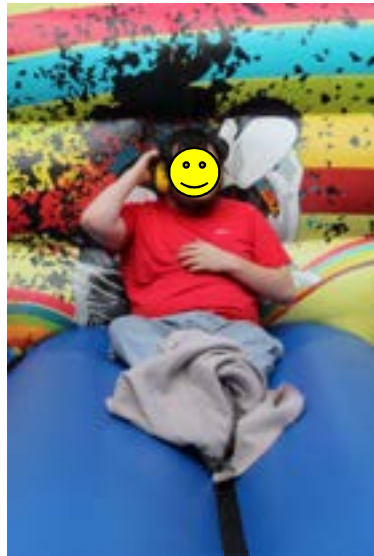
Smiles all round, even "The Boss" was in a good mood!



# Fete 2024



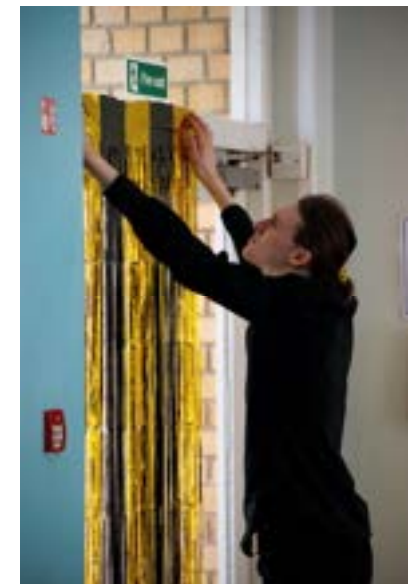
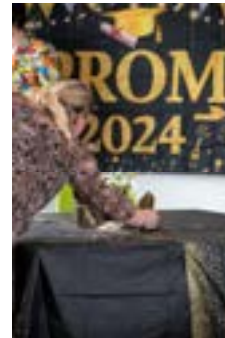
Fun in the sun!





## Prom 2024

Setting up the dining room for our school leavers prom.  
The young people chose a traditional black and gold theme.

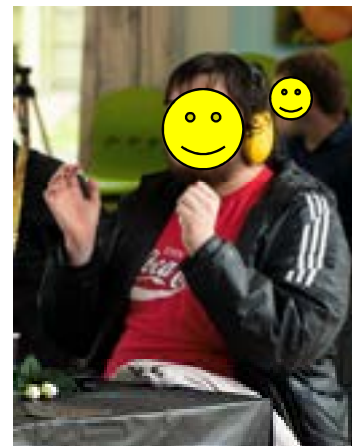
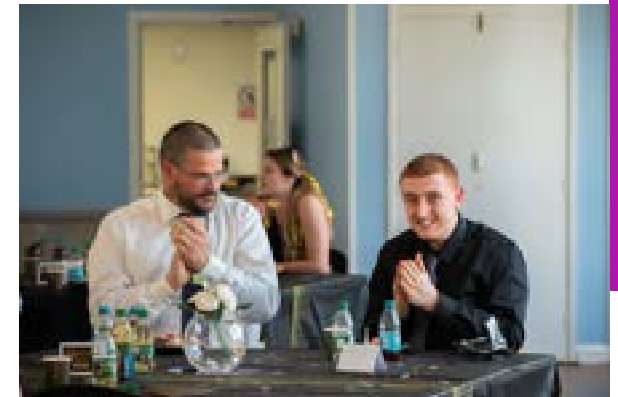


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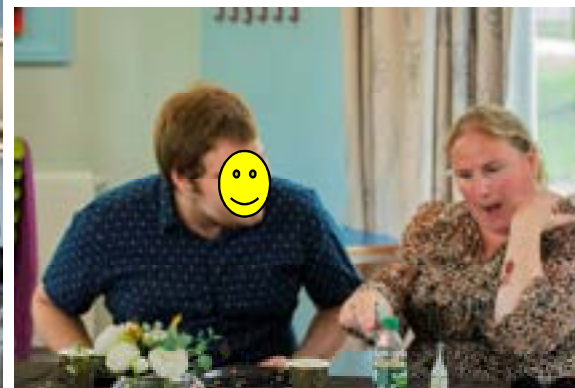




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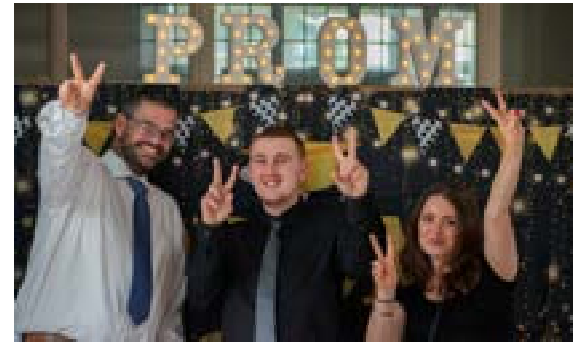
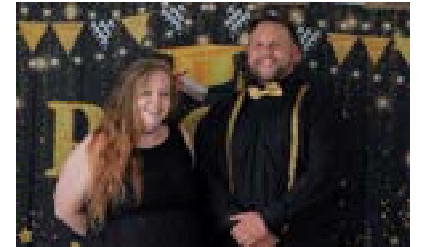


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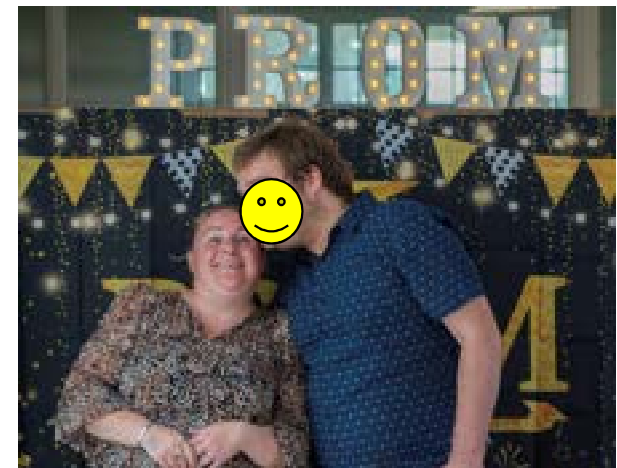
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After some food and drinks,  
there were lovely photo's to  
capture the moment.





# Awards Ceremony 2024

The awards consisted of all their AQA's and other achievements, complete with a TFS certificate and medal.



## Our 2024 Leavers



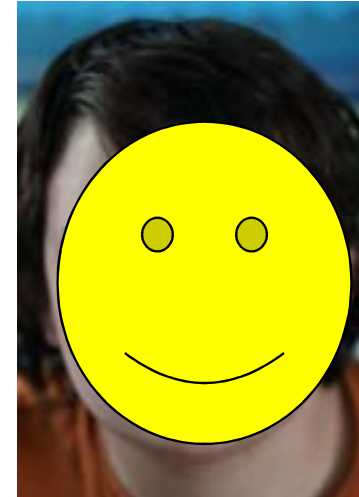
As we celebrate their success, we say goodbye to them and wish them all the very best of luck in whatever path they choose in life.



*good luck*

to you

## Our 2024 Leavers



Congratulations to  
you all for all your  
hard work in  
learning.

GOOD LUCK!



*good luck*

to you



## Saying goodbye to Adrian

As we say goodbye to the end of the school year, we say a very fond goodbye to Adrian. Adrian has been a big part of TFS as the Head of Education.

We wish all the very best to your future.

Good  
Bye AND  
Good  
Luck



## NOMINEES FOR EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Yadu Kilambil  
Sally Chambers  
Desmond Sarpong  
Leeshma Mathews  
Oliver Handibode  
Bindhu John  
Stimina Chandy  
Gissun Jose  
Maria Zacharias  
Ivo Dos Santos

Jemma Grove  
Georgia Burleigh  
Mark Rogers  
Jess Hinds  
Claire Legg  
Carole Tickner  
Molly Andrews  
Renea Gascoigne  
Samantha Fry  
Mark Speller

Hanan Stuart  
Alexandra Lynn  
Khevlinn-Jo Goodall  
Rashmi Gajji  
Jaroslaw Pogorzala  
Thomson Joseph  
Stanley Ogbedeleto  
Ann Xavier  
Michael Metu  
Claire Legg

Carole Tickner  
Mandy Trowbridge  
Rachel Damon  
Carissa Ealson  
Paula Audley-Dukes  
Melissa McCarthy  
Alice Bagwell

*Keep Up the  
Good Work!*

CONGRATULATIONS – EMPLOYEE'S OF THE MONTH!

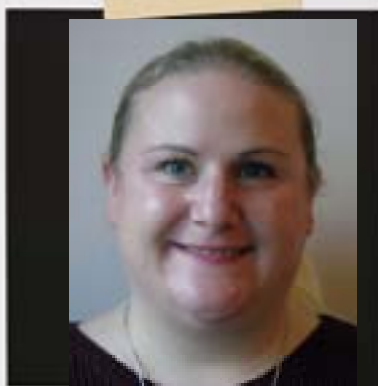


Education



Renea Gascoigne

Core



Claire Legg

Care/Nights



Carissa Ealson





# Shout Outs!

Shout out to *Waters End Team!*

A massive thank you for supporting one of our young people who struggle with transitions to attend a safari park trip without incident. This is a monumental moment for J and could not have happened without the intensive work around transitions and building trusting relationships. Thank you for being determined to make J's world bigger and providing him with new and exciting opportunities

Thank you so much  
*Melissa McCarthy*

Shout out to *Jess Hinds & Joseph Hampson,*

A massive thank for being our photographers for prm and the celebration day. Capturing special memories for all.

Thank you so much  
*Claire Legg*

Shout out to *Mark Rogers,*

Mark has been the lead on medication management at TFS and is often referred to as the EMAR guru by operational leaders. Mark led and hosted an external audit that was completed by BOOTS and there was one action to be implemented across 4 residential children's homes. Thank you Mark for an outstanding job

Thank you so much  
*Melissa McCarthy*

Shout out *Mark Speller & Hanan Stuart*

Thank you for the lovely afternoon tea you put on for prom and for the celebration day BBQ.

Thank you so much  
*Claire Legg*

Shout out to *Carole Tickner,*

Thank you for organising the prom for our leavers, it looked and tasted beautiful .

Thank you so much  
*Claire Legg*

Shout out to *Sam Fry & Renea Gascoigne,*

A massive thank you to both of you for helping with preparation of the prom and organising fun activities for the celebration day.

Thank you so much  
*Claire Legg*

Shout out to *Melissa McCarthy,*

Thank you for stepping up at the awards ceremony and delivering a lovely speech.

Thank you so much  
*Claire Legg*

## Special Thanks!



**BooBs - Shaftesbury Breast Cancer Awareness**  
charity number #1177288.

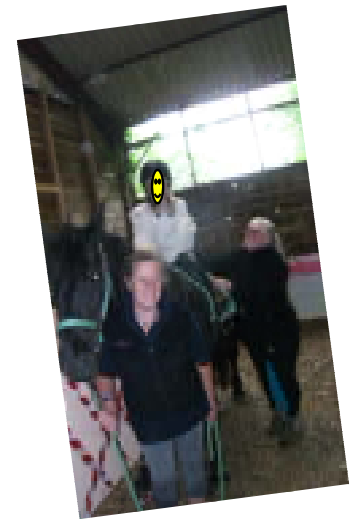
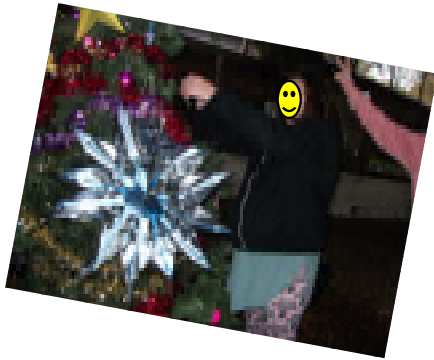
We are a local registered charity that aim to raise awareness of breast cancer in women and men and teach how to check your breasts to help early detection.

Thank you to Roxy at Boobs for creating our 2024 Leavers hoodies at such short notice.



# END OF YEAR STABLE NEWS

A huge thank you to you all for all of your support, kind words and teamwork. This year has seen a huge change in the way we work on the yard. This has led to more drop ins from the students (and staff) and we now feel more inclusive within the day to day work we do. We have seen so many changes and will probably forget a few so we apologise if we have missed anything! We also had over a 100 AQAs given out at the end of term, amazing teamwork!!!



**Roll on next year –  
here's to more fun,  
laughter and incredible  
work from our students**



**AQA**  
Realising potential



## Message from Jeremy Wiles

Dear Renea, Sam and Team Education @ The Forum School,

I just wanted to drop you a note of thanks for making every day an extraordinary day for the young people who we are blessed to support.

Renea and Sam thank you for agreeing to become the AQA assessor for The Forum school. I gather that the school has now managed to gain 117 AQA awards for students in this short time since April 24. I was taken by the range of AQA awards that your students have achieved, all of these are fantastic for the young people and all staff who have supported their success. With every young person ended the year with recognised qualifications is really fantastic.

Thank you and I do hope that you enjoy the summer break when it comes and next year you build on this great achievement

With best regards Jeremy

Jeremy Wiles  
Group Executive Director – Children's Services



# Outdoor Learning

## Dates for your diary

August term 1 – It's a bug's life

August term 2 – Forest Feast

Spring term 1 – Wild Weather

Spring term 2 – Natures Nursery

Sumer term 1 – Field Folk

Summer term 2 - Treetastic





## The Forum Farm

Hi.

We are a very busy team of two at the Forum Farm that consists of myself - Renea, I am the animal lead and a qualified animal assisted therapist and Sam, who is my right hand woman and is the animal therapy assistant. I would like to introduce you to the many ways we work with the students here at the Forum School. We currently have two horses, eight guinea pigs, three rabbits and a bearded dragon and we are based on a 28 acre site.



We have a very busy timetable including student 1-1 sessions, outdoor learning, lunchtime club, after school activities, we also encourage drop in sessions at any time. We have our 'Guinea Pig gang' where students can sit with the guinea pigs. This has two bucket seat chairs, a bookcase and fairy lights. Our 'Warren' has our rabbits. There is a table for students to work at, as well as homemade rabbit games for them to play!





## The Forum Farm... Continued

We have four different curriculum-based courses, all of these have 12 stages to complete and each stage is broken down into 10 bite sized achievable sections. When the students complete a stage, they are presented with a booklet and certificate acknowledging their achievements.

**Horse Riding** – This is for students to experience our horse-riding sessions which helps to improve their core muscle groups, coordination, balance and sense of wellbeing.

**Yard Management** – This is designed for our students who are not keen on riding the horses but enjoy the yard environment. They learn skills such as feeding, grooming and basic first aid for all of the animals in our care.

**Equine Adventures** – Some of our students enjoy being around the horses on the ground rather than riding them. This allows students to learn about care of equines and how to interact with them. This is the students first steps into horse care and leads onto Stable Management.

**Stable Management** – This is similar to Equine Adventures however it focuses more on the horse's health and wellbeing, including tack care, vet responsibilities etc.

# Outdoor Learning

We believe that outdoor learning has a valuable impact on our students learning and there has been many studies that place a high importance on its many positive values including social skills, special awareness, ownership of work and overall mental wellbeing. We have designed a yearly planner that ties in with our curriculum, with myself and Sam working closely with the teachers and T.As. It has also enhanced our wider community ties with local businesses donating some of our supplies and creating a wider community spirit.



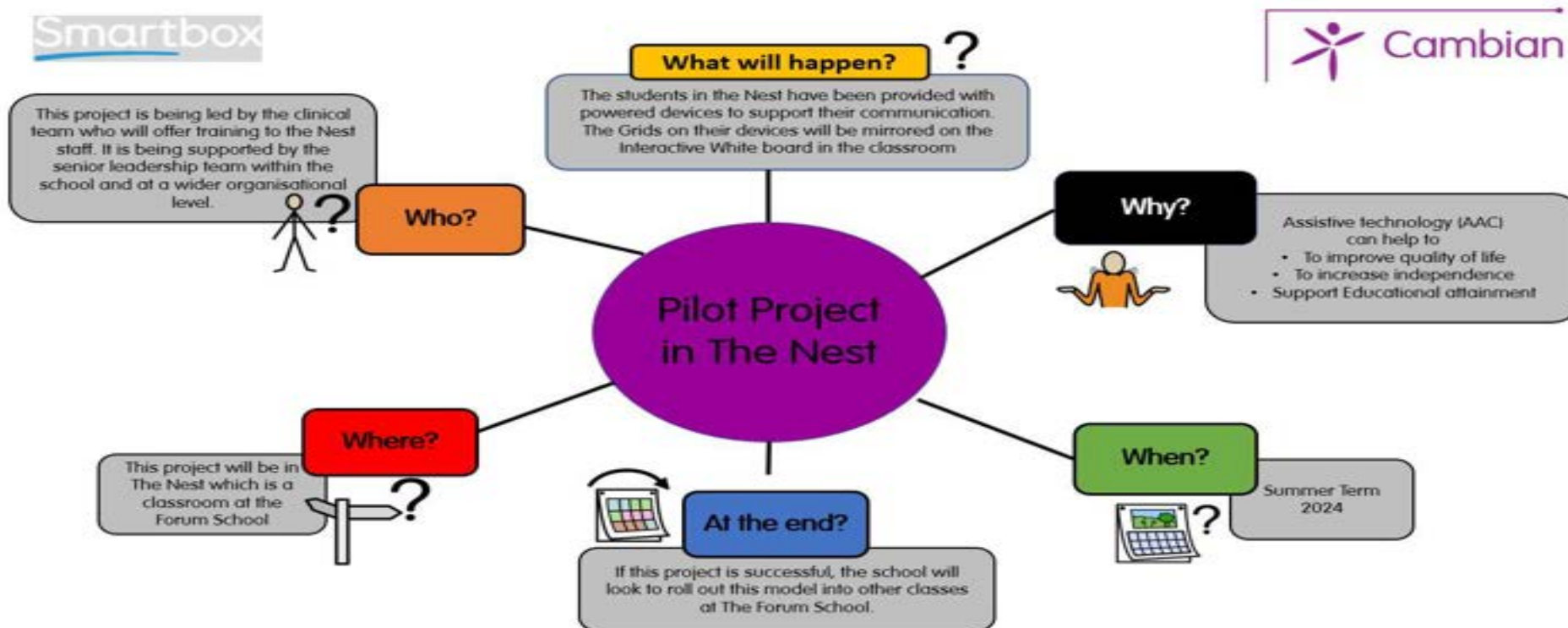
Thank you for allowing us to show what we do here at the Forum School Farm, we are always busy and exhausted but we do have a great time here. If you would like any more information please do contact us at any time. Renea and Sam xxxx

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[Samantha.fry@cambianguroup.com](mailto:Samantha.fry@cambianguroup.com)

## The Nest Project:

The Smartbox Nest initiative is successfully operational, with devices distributed in May and already gathering positive responses from the class adults. Currently, the emphasis is on encouraging students and adults to get comfortable with the devices by engaging in playful exploration. This phase is crucial as it helps students form a connection with their device, fostering a sense of ownership.





## Smartbox discovery day:

On June 12th, the Speech and Language Therapy team held a Smartbox Discovery Day. Becky and Jessica from Smartbox visited the school to share their expertise. They also engaged with numerous students and supporting adults. The day proved productive and successful. Both students and adults seemed to appreciate the chance to discover more about Smartbox AAC devices, asking questions and participating in interactive activities. Moreover, the team succeeded in forging connections with the students' support network and clinical staff, enhancing their comprehension of the students' speech and language requirements.



Some core signs we have been learning:



outside



play



fun



suncream



Sun hat



Indicate peaked cap

Dress



FLAT OPEN HANDS SHOW SHAPE OF DRESS

T-Shirt



Tap twice to show length of sleeves

Shorts



Indicate length

## The Therapy Room has had a facelift...

*If you would like to use this room regularly please let me know  
([bridget.townsend@cambiangroup.com](mailto:bridget.townsend@cambiangroup.com))*

**I will add you to the timetable**



**You are welcome and encouraged to use the sensory room during times of quiet:  
i.e. times not allocated for other students**

Below are reserved times for students and are not suitable for a drop in.

	9.30-10.00am	10.00-10.30am	10.30-11.00am	11.00-11.30am	11.30-12.00pm	12.00-12.30pm	12.30-1.00pm	1.00-1.30pm	1.30-2.00pm	2.00-2.30pm	2.30-3.00pm
Monday					Dragonfly	Dragonfly					Meadow (Badger)
Tuesday					Dragonfly	Dragonfly					Meadow (Badger)
Wednesday					Dragonfly	Dragonfly			Kite Class		Meadow (Badger)
Thursday	Kite class				Dragonfly	Dragonfly					Meadow (Badger)
Friday					Dragonfly	Dragonfly		Kite class			Meadow (Badger)





As always, the Awards are open to all staff across every business in the CareTech family and we welcome your support in encouraging you all to participate and join us in celebrating the amazing work that you do for the individuals we care for, as well as the wider business.

Awards and physical packs available in reception.

Entry packs can also be downloaded from the CareTech website or completed securely online through the link below:

<https://www.caretech-uk.com/care-awards-2024-nominations>



We look forward to reading all the wonderful nominations and celebrating with our amazing winners later in the year.

Nominations are open now until August 16<sup>th</sup> so please get nominating today.



## Staff Discounts

<https://www.bluelightcard.co.uk/>

Discount service for the emergency services, NHS, social care sector and armed forces - [£4.99 for 2 years](#)

Members of the Blue Light community can register for access to more than 15,000 discounts from large national retailers to local businesses across categories such as holidays, cars, days out, fashion, gifts, insurance, phones, and many more.

<https://discountsforcarers.com/>

Carer & Care Worker Discounts – [sign up for free](#)

Exclusive discounts, cashback & vouchers for Carers & Care Workers.  
For care assistants, live-in carers, those that care for loved ones, and everyone in between.

<https://www.discountsforteachers.co.uk/>


Teacher & Education Staff Discounts – [sign up for free](#)

Exclusive discounts, cashback & vouchers for Teachers & Education Staff.  
For teaching assistants, headteachers, administrators, and everyone in between.

<https://www.carerscarduk.co.uk/discounts-for-carers>

Your carer ID card unlocks access to a wide range of online discounts, savings, benefits, perks and offers, for carers. - [£8 for 2 years](#)

Our team constantly work on creating partnerships with big name brands so that we can provide carers with discounts on all aspects of life, from food to fashion, fitness to electrical, technology to travel, home utilities to entertainment and much more





## Staff Discounts Continued

<https://carers.org/grants-and-discounts/carersmart-discount-club>

Joining is simple and [free](#). And once you're a member, you'll be able to benefit from a wide range of offers, including:

- Cash back on shopping from numerous high street retailers
- Reductions on insurance renewals
- Discounts on holidays and travel arrangements
- Reduced price lifestyle activities
- Free and discounted legal advice services

<https://www.frontlinestaffdiscounts.co.uk/>

Frontline Staff Discounts is [FREE](#) to all Members, we charge no fees to join & never will

We aim to save you and all of our members as much money as possible on all of your purchases online.

<https://www.teacherperks.co.uk/>

[Free](#) membership for school staff and schools to access incredible perks from high street brands and edu-suppliers.







## A message from Mel

What a month July has been!! So many amazing memories made for our young people with a fantastic prom and an awards ceremony and an end of term celebration.

I was so proud to be part of The Forum school team during the awards ceremony. It was amazing to see all the progress of our young people and celebrating them. Each young person has made notable progress and this is down to the care and love provided by all the team. It was a pleasure to meet many of our young peoples families who also attended. The day could not have been as successful as it was without the whole team chipping in and making the settings truly magical.

We have said goodbye to our 2024 leavers this term, we wish them all the best for the future. Each leaving with a personalised hoodie and memory book of their own.

Each young person has achieved a recognised qualification and made steps to better communication, managing emotions and socialisation. In our homes we have hosted our 3<sup>rd</sup> person centred reviews evidencing that again each young person has made progress and met targets from their EHCP's.

The outings that have been had this month have been amazing, young people have had the opportunity to engage in community gyms, cafes, Paulton's park, bowling and more. We have also had some birthday parties and discos too. What amazing memories for all of our young people!

There are only a few days left to nominate for the annual Caretech awards. Please vote for your team members, this only takes a few minutes to complete

Looking forward to the summer holidays now and more extraordinary days to be had



*Thank You!*