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William Morris Primary School
William Morris Way
Tadpole Garden Village
Swindon
Wiltshire
SN25 2PP

Date: 16th May 2025

Newsletter

Dear Families,

The school Governors and I would like to begin by saying a big **THANK YOU** to the wonderful PTA who organised the fantastic school fair and circus event. Thank you also to everyone who supported the event by volunteering, attending or buying raffle tickets. We raised a huge amount of money which will benefit all children at school. There is a **Home Clothes Day on 22nd May for Year 1, Year 2, Rose and Acorn class** to say thank you for running stalls at the event.



We have had a busy week in school with some of our Year 4 and 5 children participating in bikeability and learning important cycling skills with specialist instructors. The children have really enjoyed taking part and we have been very proud of their efforts and behaviour. Year 1 are looking forward to their dinosaur visit next week and sharing their learning with you afterwards. Good Luck to Y5 who have their Life Skill 'conversation with an adult' next week.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

Mrs Fraser, Headteacher

Parent survey

Thank you to the families who have completed our parent questionnaire so far, if you haven't completed it and would like to, please click on the following link <https://forms.office.com/e/5e2bCNq1m0>.

VE day

The children enjoyed a VE day assembly this week— we remembered the end of the Second World War. Our Forces group—Dandelions also met this week and talked together whilst spending some time making magnets and bunting for VE day.

Open House and Year 2 & Reception Fab Finish

We are looking forward to Open House & to the Y2 & YR Fab Finish on Thursday 22nd May at 2pm. **Please** walk, cycle or scoot to school where possible and please do not park in the GP surgery car park or other school car parks. Thank you for your co-operation.



INSET day

Just a reminder that school finishes for half term on Thursday 22nd May 2025. We have an INSET day for staff training on Friday, so school is closed to pupils.



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After School Club request

After School Club would be grateful for any donations of the following:

- Top trump cards
- Puzzles
- Board games (that are complete)
- Card games
- Toy kitchen equipment eg food, plates, pans
- Air hockey game
- Marbles
- Mr & Mrs Potato head
- Dolls & clothes—babies/barbies
- Stampers



Pump track sessions

The team who ran the bikeability sessions at William Morris this week are running sessions during half term at the Moredon Sporting Hub. Please see their flyer at the end of the newsletter for more information

Polite request—car fumes

We received a request at the latest class reps meeting to ask families to turn off their engines please whenever parked in the school car park or kiss and drop lane to try and minimise car fumes.



Gold Book

Well done to all of the children who were in the Gold Book — we are very proud of you and your achievements!



Golden Welly: Well done for being awarded the golden welly award for making creative ideas at playtimes this fortnight.



WE HAVE RAISED OVER £7,300

Thank You for Your Incredible Support! We are thrilled to share the amazing outcome of our recent fundraising efforts and it's all thanks to YOU!
With your generous support, we've raised vital funds that will go towards creating a brand new Nurture Nest and providing other much-needed resources for William Morris.

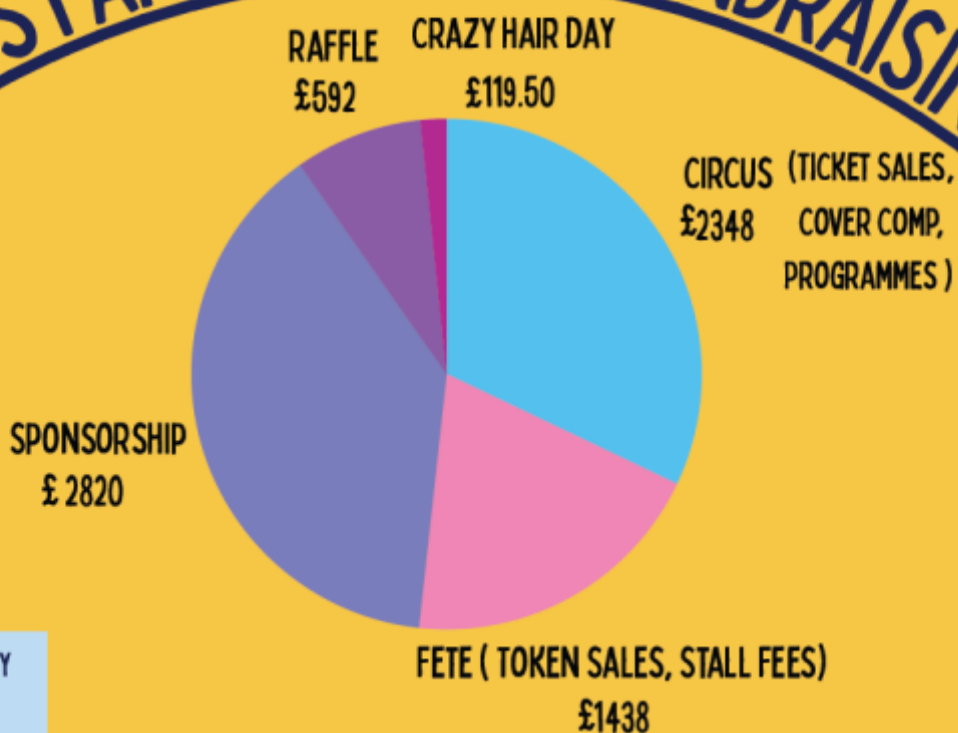
A heartfelt thank you to our main sponsor, Crest for their outstanding contribution, and to St Andrew's Council for their generous grant support. We are also incredibly grateful to all our sponsors and to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle.

We couldn't do this without the incredible support of our school community.

Thank you for helping us make a difference!

William Morris PTA

CIRCUS FAMILY FUN DAY FUNDRAISING



REGISTERED CHARITY
NO. 1203063

SEND Newsletter

On **Wednesday 21st May** at **2.30pm-4pm** we will be holding another '**Coffee and Catch-up**' sessions. We are running this after school hours to try to maximise the number of parents that can come. Children and siblings are welcome – I will put out biscuits, squash, colouring and Lego! These coffee and catch-up meetings are:

- a safe and supportive space to talk about the highs and lows of SEND parenting
- a chance to chat with other SEND parents who get it

I will be on hand for any questions.

Whilst you are welcome to just drop-in, if you know in advance you can make it please do drop admin@williammorris.bluekitetrust.org an email so I make sure I buy enough cake!



SEND concerns

We have recently noticed an increase in the number of parents requesting a meeting with our SENDCo.

In the first instance, parents/carers are encouraged to raise any concerns they have with the class teacher during designated times (such as parent consultations) or request a meeting. Class teachers are best placed to discuss your concerns as they work closely with your child each day and will be able to share whether they have similar concerns or see similar behaviours in the classroom.

Class teachers are best placed to suggest early interventions and support that can occur in the classroom if necessary and can also make referrals to ELSA if required.

If concerns remain or escalate, class teachers will contact the SENDCo for additional support and if required, you will then be offered a meeting with the SENDCo.

Please also note that if you email Mrs Day, she will respond to non-urgent queries within 5 working days. Her current working days are Monday to Thursday.

Please see our SEND policy with flowchart for more information:

https://www.williammorrisprimary.co.uk/_files/ugd/64c1c7_9a88f0fbeb664e95a9e8993979f61e11.pdf

Neurodiverse book offer

Please see the offer from author Kayleigh Smith who visited William Morris. Her lovely new book is about a mouse who has ADHD—poster at the back of the newsletter.



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School Diary

May

Tues 20th—Reception vision screening

Wed 21st—Y1 Dinosaur visit

Thurs 22nd - 2:00pm Open House & Year 2 Fab Finish

Fri 23rd—TD Day: School closed to pupils

June

Mon 2nd- First day of term 6

Mon 2nd-Year 4 multiplication check (over 2 weeks)

Mon 2nd- Swimming lessons start

Mon 9th- Y1 Phonics screening check week

Fri 20th- PTA sponsored event

Fri 20th- PTA ice cream van

Thurs 26th—Y3 sleepover

July

Fri 4th TD Day- School closed to pupils

Thurs 10th- Governors meeting 6pm

Fri 11th- Nursery graduation

Fri 11th- Class Reps

Mon 14th- Sports week

Thurs 17th- Sports day, reserve day 18th

Mon 21st- Open house 2pm

Tues 22nd- PTA Summer Disco

Fri 25th- end of term

INSET TD DAYS—school closed to children:

- 4th July 2025
- 1st September 2025
- 2nd September 2025
- 23rd Feb 2026

New dates

Don't forget our online **social media accounts:**

Facebook—William Morris Primary School

Instagram—williammorrisprimary

Nursery - Poppy and Daisy Classes

What have we been learning in Nursery?



What a busy couple of weeks we have had! The children have been learning about all different kinds of mini beasts and looking for them in the garden and on the field. We read 'The Very Lazy Ladybird' and worked hard to make puppets and count with lots of different ladybirds.

In Maths, we have been working on the number nine, looking at the numicon piece and carefully counting the correct number of objects to make collections of 9. The children are trying hard to represent 9 using their fingers. We have also learned about capacity this week comparing jugs that are full, empty and half full, great exploration in the water tray!

Last week we started ballet with Miss Tiki – the children concentrated well and listened carefully as they performed their new ballet moves. In our second PE session we are working on practising for end of year Sports Day!

The Nursery Team

Reminders: -

- Please label all items of clothing that children bring to school, we have a pile of lost property that is slowly growing due to unlabelled items.
- Please apply suncream at home as the weather improves and ensure your child has a sunhat in school.
- Please ensure that you only send fruit or vegetables as an afternoon snack.



Nursery - Poppy and Daisy Classes



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Beautiful fruit painting



Beautiful ballet moves



Reception - Sunflower and Bellflower Classes

What have we been learning in Reception?



We have had a very busy last two weeks continuing our learning about growing. We have loved planting radish, courgette and lettuce seeds in our planter outside and are looking forward to watching them grow! We have been finding out about the different parts of a plant and learnt a song to help us remember them. We are looking forward to sharing this song with you at our Fab Finish.

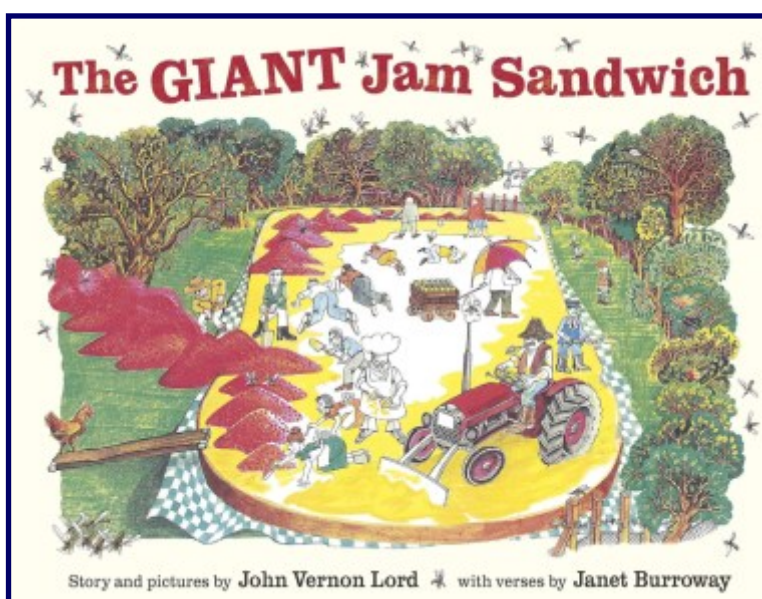
In English we have continued to work hard on our phonic knowledge and have been writing more and more independently every week, we are so proud of how much progress all the children have made. This week we have introduced our new focus text 'The Giant Jam Sandwich'. The children had the opportunity to make their own sandwiches and enjoy them with a picnic on the field. We have been designing our favourite sandwiches and labelling them.

Maths has seen us work on doubling and halving, sharing cookies on plates, we also have been thinking about the composition of teens numbers and are getting very good at explaining what they are made of – e.g. – '12 is ten and 2 ones'.

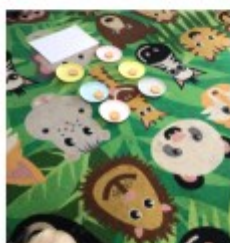
Please apply long lasting suncream to your child before school as the weather gets hotter and ensure they have a hat in school every day! We are encouraging the children to develop good sun safety habits, such as stay hydrating and seeking shade during the hottest parts of the day.

We look forward to seeing you at our Fab Finish next week

The EYFS team

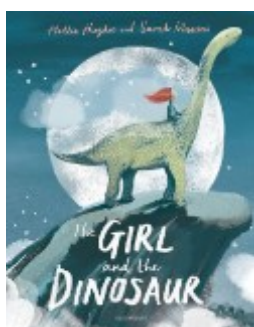
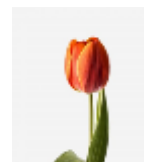


Reception—Bellflower and Sunflower Classes



Year 1 - Lily and Tulip Classes

What have we been learning in Year 1?



We've had a fabulous fortnight, where we have continued our dinosaur topic. In English, have continued reading 'The girl and the dinosaur' and have started to innovate and rewrite the story, using ourselves as the character. We can't wait to show you our new stories next week at Open House.

In Maths, we have been looking at doubles and halves, looking at the calculations and working them out. We have then used the knowledge we have learnt to look at 'near doubles and halves' to work out different calculations. So if, $2+2=4$ and $3+3=6$, then $2+3=5$. This week we have also been exploring time, looking at the hour hand and telling time o clock and half past.

In Science, we have continued our topic of 'animal parts' and the children have been looking at the different parts of animals. They then picked an animal to draw and labelled the animal parts. This week we have been discussing the different types of animals that you might have as a pet and then thought about how we care for the pets and what they might need. We have also been looking at the carnivores, omnivores and herbivores, thinking about the types of food each animal eats and then sorted them into a venn diagram.

PE- in PE we are beginning the topics striking and fielding and net and wall. We have mastered basic movements including, throwing and catching and are now practising using a tennis racket and ball. We have been using control to throw the ball to our partner, for them to hit it back with the racket.

In Computing we have been really excited to get the chance to programme BeeBots. We made our dinosaur covers and then we used the BeeBots to go in different directions to move around on the mat to reach different points.



We also had a great time last week making our own fossils using clay. We looked at a range of fossils, looking at the shape and sizes of them and then created our very own. We had so much fun doing this.

Thank you to those who have made a contribution on parent pay so far for our Dinosaur visit on the 21st May—it's going to be great fun!

The Year 1 Team

Reminders:

- Please make sure your child has a sun hat every day.
- Our exciting dinosaur visit is on Wednesday 21st May.
- Water bottles in school everyday filled with water. Children may come home with bottles full again as they are encouraged to drink regularly throughout the day and refill them.
- PE kits – please can you ensure your child's PE kit is in school everyday with the correct PE kit (inside (PE top, PE trousers, PE shorts and PE shoes).

Year 1 - Lily and Tulip Classes

Sorting Animals using Carroll Diagrams



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Year 1 - Lily and Tulip Classes



Year 2 - Clover and Willow Classes

What have we been learning in Year 2?



It's been a busy and exciting couple of weeks in Year 2, with lots of hands-on learning!

In Maths, we've been focusing on developing our understanding of money. The children have been learning to recognise coins and notes, use the symbols for pounds and pence, and work out different ways to make the same amount. They've enjoyed solving problems where they had to add amounts of money, helping to build their confidence in handling coins.



In English, we've now been learning to write a biography. Our focus has been on two significant historical figures – Isambard Kingdom Brunel and Rosa Parks. We've explored the features of biography writing, such as using the past tense, writing in chronological order, and including important life events. This week, after reading *Man on the Moon: A Day in the Life of Bob*, the children have been learning about persuasive letters ready to write their own and explaining why someone should visit the Moon themselves.

Our Science topic this half-term is all about animal survival, and this week we've turned our attention to invertebrates. The children have learned what makes an animal an invertebrate and how to spot the differences between insects, arachnids and other minibeasts. We've looked closely at their features and how this can help scientists classify animals.

In Design and Technology, we've started thinking about cooking and food preparation. This week's focus has been on choosing the right utensils for different tasks. The children have explored how and when to use tools like peelers, graters and knives safely, and they've practised some simple food preparation techniques under supervision. This learning will be really helpful as we move on to preparing a simple recipe next week.



We would like to invite you to join us for our upcoming Open House event on Thursday 22nd May, where the children will have the chance to show off their amazing Forest School skills. From building dens and using tools safely to exploring nature and working as a team, the children have been developing confidence, independence and a real love of the outdoors. We're incredibly proud of what they've achieved, and we'd love for you to come and see it in action.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Morgan and Miss Presdee

Year 2 - Clover and Willow Classes



🎸 ⚡ TIMES TABLE ROCKSTAR LAUNCH DAY ⚡ 🎸



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USING DIFFERENT COINS TO MAKE AMOUNTS 🪙 💷

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Year 3 - Honeysuckle and Rose Classes

What have we been learning in Year 3?



In English we have finished looking at newspaper reports and different interpretations of 'The Three Little Pigs'. The children really enjoyed turning into mini reporters and were great interviewing and writing up witness statements in our drama sessions. We have now moved on to looking at adverts and are now all busy inventing a new edible creation for Willy Wonka's factory which we will then script adverts for.

In Maths, we have had a very tricky few weeks looking at time. The children have shown great perseverance which can be a particularly difficult unit. All children would benefit from any extra help converting digital time to written analogue, such as 7:50 is 'ten minutes to 8'.



At the start of term we planted sunflowers for our science unit and are enjoying every week watching and measuring their progress. We are still waiting for any flower buds to appear. Within our lessons the children have shown great engagement in learning all about plant nutrition and reproduction and are really good at sharing lots of previous knowledge.

The topic this term is proving to be very popular and we are all enjoying the strange but wonderful lessons. We recently looked at unusual foods from across the world and plotted their origin, lots of people were in agreement we wouldn't want to try eating fried tarantula! We have had lots of fun incorporating DT into our lessons and the children have just been making a 'fantasy fruit'. They will bring these home for you to admire at the end of term.

Next week we will be cooking our own fajitas that the children have planned themselves, picking their own ingredients for their individual session. We are all really excited to have a go at cooking our own meal in the cooking room.

Year 3 Team



Year 3 - Honeysuckle and Rose Classes



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Year 4 - Apple and Blackberry Classes

What have we been learning in Year 4?



Our 'Playlist' topic is truly hitting all the right notes and we can't wait to see how the learning continues. We've looked at different types of music from around the world, created vibrant artwork inspired by Jazz and Kandinsky, and produced detailed fact files on instrument families. Their creativity and focus have been fantastic! The children are continuing their recorder journey, and they're really beginning to sound like a band as their skills and confidence grow with each session.

Our topic also continues to inspire creativity and curiosity across the curriculum. It links closely to our Science learning on Sound. The children have explored how sounds are made, how they travel, and how they can be changed. They've learned how our ears work and carried out practical experiments into muffling sounds using different materials-lots of scientific thinking and fun!

In English, we've moved from storytelling to persuasive writing and debates. The children are currently working on the question: *Should we keep dragons as pets?* This has sparked some brilliant discussions, with the children developing convincing arguments and persuasive techniques to share their opinions with confidence. We cannot wait for them to be able to take part in a full debate!

We're also absolutely loving our class book, 'How to Train Your Dragon'. It's been wonderful to hear the children laughing along and getting fully immersed in the story—it's a class favourite!

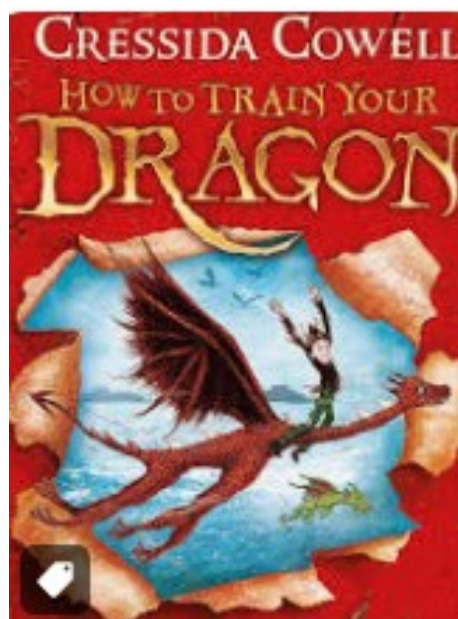
In Maths, our focus is now on fractions. We have been reminding ourselves about what a fraction is and moving onto adding and subtracting two fractions. The children are also using their times tables knowledge to find fractions of amounts and are building strong strategies for reasoning and problem-solving in different contexts.

There are a couple of reminders as the warm weather continues. Please make sure your child brings a hat and water bottle to school every day, and they may also bring sunscreen to apply themselves. P.E. is on Monday (Rounders) and Friday (Athletics), but please ensure P.E. kits are in school every day.

As always, the children have approached each new challenge this term with focus and enthusiasm. We look forward to building on this positive momentum as the term progresses.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Year 4 Team



Year 4 - Apple and Blackberry Classes



Year 5 - Thistle and Acorn Classes



Dissecting a plant!

As part of our *Sow, Grow, and Farm* topic, the children explored the parts of a plant in greater detail. Using tweezers, they carefully dissected a tulip to examine and identify its male and female reproductive structures.



Year 5 Thistle and Acorn Classes

Solubility!

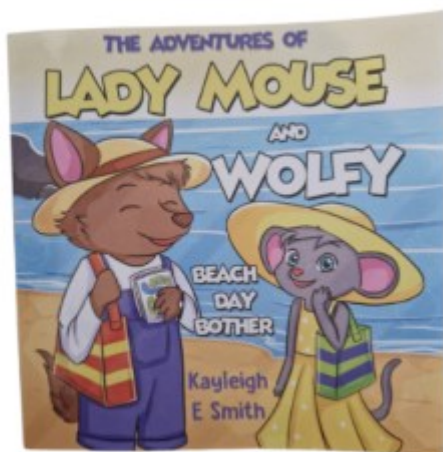
As part of their science lesson, Year 5 explored the properties of soluble and insoluble materials. Using water as the solvent, they worked in table groups to investigate which materials would dissolve. Each group measured the water, added the material, and stirred for 30 seconds before observing the results. Afterwards, the children answered reflective questions to think critically about their findings and the scientific process.



Kayleigh E Smith

Meet the Author

Kayleigh Smith visited William Morris School to read her new Neurodiverse children's book "The Adventures of Lady Mouse and Wolfy- Beach Day Bother" and is now offering a special offer to the children, should they wish to buy a copy of the book.



Special offer

Signed copy of the book with a free bookmark & sticker

£8

Please order via the QR code by the 16th May

Purchased Books will be dropped off to the school on the 19th May and handed out accordingly.



About the book

Join Lady Mouse and Wolfy on their trip to the seaside! In this story of two best friends, Wolfy, who has Autism and Lady Mouse who has ADHD.

During their adventure, you may notice the different struggles they face in their daily lives.

Going to the beach has challenges for them both, but despite their worries, they manage to have a funfilled day, until Wolfy's beach bag goes missing!

Will he be able to find it again in time?

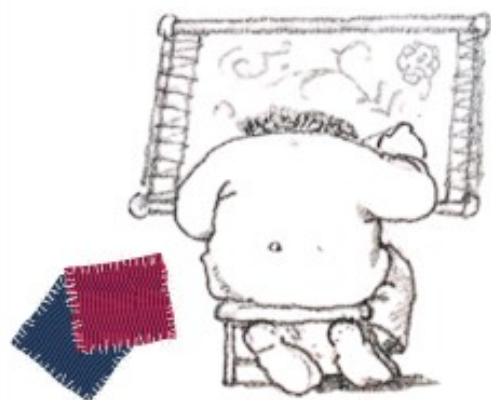


SCAN ME





Make and Mend May at Kelmscott Manor



Join us for a month of activities exploring themes of creativity, sustainability, and repairability as part of a new project to conserve the Manor's historic tapestries.



SATURDAY 3RD MAY
Drop in workshop:

Rag Rugging



SATURDAY 10TH MAY
Drop in workshop:

Natural Dyeing
with
Kate Turnbull



SATURDAY 17TH MAY
William Morris Day.

Celebrate the day William
Morris first visited
Kelmscott



SATURDAY 24TH MAY

Maker in Residence
Demonstration:
Skeined Willow
Weaving



THURSDAY 29TH MAY

Drop in workshop:
Weaving



SATURDAY 31ST MAY

Repair Café with
The Lechlade Repair
Café



Free to take part all ages and abilities welcome, no booking required
For more details visit kelmscottmanor.org.uk



CELEBRATE WILLIAM MORRIS'S DISCOVERY OF KELMSCOTT MANOR



10.30AM-5PM

- Put your pin in our map and compare your journey to the one William Morris took.
- Join our volunteers and make your very own nature journal then why not go and explore the Manor for yourself and fill your journal with the things you discover.
- Mini Morris is on the loose on in the house again- see if you can find them all.
- Follow our 'Where's William' trail in the grounds.
- Be inspired by our collection and decorate your own 'Mini Manor'
- Visit the learning barn and find what other activities are taking place on the day!



All ages and abilities welcome, no booking required

For more details visit kelmscottmanor.org.uk

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INTRO TO PUMP TRACKS

Moredon Sporting Hub, Swindon, SN2 2QJ

Fun, coached, beginner sessions on the pump track for kids aged 6- 16.

Girl's only - Tuesday 27th May

9:30 - 10:30am

Mixed - Wednesday 28th May

9:30 - 10.30am

FREE sessions funded by Sport England

Bring your own bike & helmet or borrow one

To book, visit the [Moredon Sporting Hub website](https://www.moredonsportinghub.co.uk)



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SATURDAY SESSIONS

- ~~• 3RD MAY - 10.30 to 12pm MIXED SESSION - £8~~
- 17th MAY - 10.30 to 12pm MIXED SESSION - £8

HALF TERM SESSIONS

- 28th MAY - 10.30 to 12pm MIXED SESSION - £8
- 28th MAY - 1 to 2.30pm *Girls Only* SESSION - FREE
- 31st MAY - 10.30 to 12pm MIXED SESSION - £8
- 31st MAY - 1 to 2.30pm *Girls Only* SESSION - FREE



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