



Dear Families,

Once again, time has flown by and the summer holidays have faded in to memory as the children at Brookside have settled in to their first term back. What a brilliant term it has been. Singing is back! Children are learning songs, old and new and hearing an assembly full of voice is something that makes being in a school very special. I have also loved the new Pupil Forum set up by the House Captains. Sixty children took time out of their playtime this week to talk to their house captains about feeling safe and improving our curriculum. Their ideas were creative, thoughtful and well observed. We have had some good face-to-face events back as well - the Key Stage 1 and 2 'Meet the Team' events were well attended and we received great feedback about them. This week we are back to Parents' Evenings.

There are still things to work on. Understandably, last year was our lowest attendance ever. We have started better this year but there are still many children missing many days of learning which puts them at such a disadvantage. Hopefully, this year we can get back on track and ensure that all the disruption suffered over the previous few years is overcome so that children are back in school - happy and learning. The extra 15 minutes of time to the school day is a real bonus and I have been impressed with how the start of the day is so well organised and productive (I did a little actual teaching this term - well 20 minutes... but I plan to do more next term! I may write about my experiences in future Newsletters - all I can say is the children are a credit to Brookside and to you).

Have a lovely half term and I'll see you all next term.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Walton

We love books! Last Thursday, the WHOLE school had a great time mixing up with a reading carousel around the school ... teachers reading their favourite stories and children choosing where to go! Fantastic to see older and



Language Corner

Phrase of the Month

Welcome to the new “Language Corner” in the Newsletter! In each new edition, there will be a word or phrase in French to decode and explain. Emailed responses will win every pupil a house point and the best explanations will be rewarded with either a Gold Counter, Red Star or possibly a Ping Pong Ball and an appearance in the following Newsletter! The more that enter, the more your house will benefit. (Email Mrs Whatling at office@brooksideacademy.co.uk)

The first phrase of our new Language Corner is ...

Bon Appétit

What does it mean? When might you say it? How might you respond? What else can you tell me about it?



Duolingo

Have you heard of Duolingo? Duolingo is a FREE language learning tool that uses a gamified format to learn a language! To improve your French, try Duolingo at home; a fantastic online platform to improve your French. It teaches you four types of language skills: reading, writing, speaking, and listening, through bite-size lessons (anything from 2-10 minutes) that are like games, where you can earn points, points, points!

If you are interested in joining my online Duolingo class and improving your French, please click the link below (Ctrl+Click to follow link) and start playing!

www.duolingo.com/classroom/fzcuna

Work towards becoming the “Linguist of the Month” and receive a certificate in the Celebration Assembly, or simply earn house points!

If you want to find out more about Duolingo, click on the links below.

<https://www.techlearning.com/how-to/what-is-duolingo-and-how-does-it-work-tips-and-tricks>

<https://blog.duolingo.com/duolingo-101-how-to-learn-a-language-on-duolingo/#gettingstartedondueling>

I look forward to receiving your ‘Phrase of the Month’ entries.

Mrs Whatling

IMPORTANT PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

Please apply now if your child is due to transfer to secondary school
OR
start school for the first time, in September 2023

The admissions process for school place applications in September 2023 has begun and the Somerset County Council website is now live for parents/carers to make their on-line applications.

Somerset County Council will **not** be sending letters to parents/carers of children due to **start or transfer** school in September 2023 to inform them to apply. Applications should be made by the closing dates given below.

Year 6 children transferring to Secondary School in September 2023 — How to Apply

For Year 6 children transferring to Secondary School, the closing date for applications is **31st October 2022** and the national offer day is 1st March 2023.

Parents can apply online now at: [Starting in Secondary School in September](#)

The secondary admission guide for the 2023 admissions process can be found on the Somerset County Council website: [Secondary Admissions Guide](#)

Parent/carers are advised to read the guide thoroughly before making an online application.

Children due to Start School for the First Time in September 2023 — How to Apply

For children due to start school for the first time (those who turn four before September 2023), the closing date for applications is **15th January 2023** and the national offer day is 17th April 2023.

Parents can apply online now at: [Apply to start school for the first time](#)

The primary admission guide for the 2023 admissions process can be found on the Somerset County Council website: [Primary Admission Guide](#)

Parent/carers are advised to read the guide thoroughly before making an online application.

Dates for your Diary:

- 24—28.10.22** Autumn Half-Term Holiday
31.10.22 Inset Day—School closed but Nursery is open
02.11.22 Open the Book Assembly for KS1
02.11.22 Meerkats Parents' Evening
03.11.22 Vision Screening for all Early Years children from 09:30
03.11.22 Meerkats Parents' Evening
08.11.22 Open Day 3 for New Intake September 2023 Parents
10.11.22 Year 6 Sharing Assembly 14:40-15:10
16.11.22 Open the Book Assembly for KS1
17.11.22 Local Rector, Ana Lawrence, visiting Year 6
17.11.22 Year 5 Sharing Assembly 14:40-15:10
18.11.22 BBC Children in Need 'Wear what you like' non-uniform day (letter to follow)
22.11.22 Coffee Morning for Specialist Provision Parents and Carers
24.11.22 Open Day 4 for New Intake September 2023 Parents
30.11.22 Open the Book Assembly for KS1
30.11.22 Local Rector, Ana Lawrence, delivering a KS2 Christmas Assembly
09.12.22 Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day (letter to follow)
13.12.22 Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance (Cast A) 09:15-10:00
13.12.22 Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance/Dress Rehearsal (Cast A) 13:00-13:45
13.12.22 Year 5 & 6 Christmas Performance/Dress Rehearsal (Cast A) 14:00-15:00
13.12.22 Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance (Cast A) 18:00-18:45
13.12.22 Year 5 & 6 Christmas Performance (Cast A) 19:00-20:00
14.12.22 Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance (Cast B) 09:15-10:00
14.12.22 Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance/Dress Rehearsal (Cast B) 13:00-13:45
14.12.22 Year 5 & 6 Christmas Performance/Dress Rehearsal (Cast B) 14:00-15:00
14.12.22 Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance (Cast B) 18:00-18:45
14.12.22 Year 5 & 6 Christmas Performance (Cast B) 19:00-20:00
15.12.22 Early Years Christmas Performance 14:30-15:00
19.12.21 to 02.01.22 Christmas Holidays



Further information regarding Christmas performances will be coming out after half term.

Please check our Website for further events throughout the year: <https://www.brooksideacademy.co.uk/calendar/>

Road Works—Advance Notice

We have been notified that Brooks Road, close to the junction with Ringolds Way, will be closed completely from Monday 24 October to Wednesday 2 November.

Brookside Sports Timetable 2022-2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00 -10.30	Specialist Provision x 4 slots (9.00-9.45) (9.45-10.30) (10.30-11.15) (11.15-12pm)	Year 3	Nursery	Coaches Planning	Enrichment
10.30-12.00		Year 1	Nursery	Year 2	Enrichment
Lunch (1@ 11.40-12.10) (2@ 11.55-12.25) Duty 2 @ 12.30-1.30 1@ 12.15-1.15	Lunch Clubs (1)12.15- 1.15 (2)12.30.1.30	Lunch Clubs (1)12.15- 1.15 (2)12.30.1.30	Lunch Clubs (1)12.15- 1.15 (2)12.30.1.30	Lunch Clubs (1)12.15- 1.15 (2)12.30.1.30	Lunch Clubs (1)12.15- 1.15 (2)12.30.1.30
1.30- 3.00	Early Years	Year 5	Year 6	Year 4	Enrichment

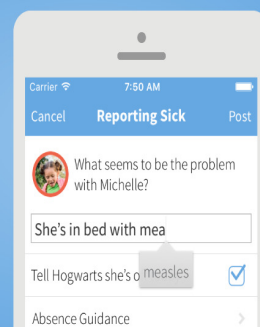
We have a new, safer system for reporting your child's absence due to illness.

It's called **Studybugs**.

Please sign up on studybugs.com or download the free Studybugs app so you have it ready.

studybugs.com

Available on the App Store | Get it on Google Play | Download on the Google Play Store



We use email and text as our main means of communicating with parents and carers. If you have not provided us with an up-to-date email address or mobile phone number, please do so. You may be missing out on important information.



Thank you to everyone who has checked/updated their school children's Data Collection and Parental Consents on the SIMS Parent App. Please can we ask that all parents complete this as soon as possible. Thank you!

SIMS Parent App

We have a convenient way for you to **access, review and request changes** to the data held on you and your children, as well as see key term dates and other information. You are able to access our new SIMS Parent app and website at your own convenience via smartphone, tablet or PC – anytime, anywhere.

What will you find in SIMS Parent:

- School term, inset dates and contact details available at the click of a button.
- Access to update your contact details, so we always have the most up-to-date information in case of emergency.
- Access to update Parental Consents for your child.
- Your child's attendance data.
- Your child's end of year report will be available here at the end of the Summer term 2023.

If you have more than one child at school, you'll have access to this information for all your children, from the same app. (Please note that this App is not available for our Nursery parents, as their children's records are held on a separate system; please contact the Academy Office if you would like to make changes to the personal information we hold for Nursery children.)



SIMS PARENT APP

A GUIDE FOR NEW USERS

A COMPLETE GUIDE ON HOW TO REGISTER

Step 1: You will receive an email from noreply@sims.co.uk, click **ACCEPT INVITE**.

Step 2: The **Activate Your Account** screen is displayed. The **Invitation Code** field is already filled with the unique code from your email. Enter your email address as **Username** and click the **Next** button.

Step 3: Confirm your identity by entering the date of birth of one of your children at Brookside (in the format dd/mm/yyyy).

Step 4: At the **'Create a Strong Password'** screen, create a password for the new account you are creating and click the **Next** button.

Step 5: Once your account has been created, you will receive an email at the email address you registered. Click the **Verify My Email** button.

Step 6: Click the **Sign In** button on the screen confirming your email address has been validated.

Step 7: At the **Register your account for SIMS Products** screen, enter your newly created username (i.e. your email address) and password, then click the **Sign in** button.

Step 8: The first time you use your SIMS ID account, you will be prompted to **Set Security Questions**. Answer all three security questions, then click the **Save and Continue** button to launch your SIMS Online Service.

September 2022						October 2022						November 2022							
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Th		1	8	15	22	29	Th		6	13	20	27	Th		3	10	17	24	
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June 2023						July 2023						August 2023							
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W		7	14	21	28	W		5	12	19	26		W		2	9	16	23	30
Th		1	8	15	22	29	Th		6	13	20	27	Th		3	10	17	24	31
F		2	9	16	23	30	F		7	14	21	28	F		4	11	18	25	
Sa		3	10	17	24		Sa		1	8	15	22	29	Sa		5	12	19	26
Su		4	11	18	25		Su		2	9	16	23	30	Su		6	13	20	27

Key:

	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Day for School and Nursery
	Inset Day for School only

Term dates summary:

Term 1: 01 September – 21 October 2022 (37 days)
Term 2: 31 October – 16 December 2022 (35 days)
Term 3: 03 January – 10 February 2023 (29 days)
Term 4: 20 February – 31 March 2023 (30 days)
Term 5: 17 April – 26 May 2023 (29 days)
Term 6: 05 June – 21 July 2023 (35 days)

TOTAL = 195

Bank and public holidays 2022/23

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	27 December 2022*	Easter Monday	10 April 2023
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	26 December 2022	May Day Bank Holiday	01 May 2023
New Year's Day Holiday	02 January 2023*	Spring Bank Holiday	29 May 2023
Good Friday	07 April 2023	Summer Bank Holiday	28 August 2023

*Replacement Bank Holiday day when the Bank Holiday falls on a weekend

Absence from School

Attendance at school is vital to your child's learning and development.

Children's progress will be affected if they are absent.

We have a statutory obligation to investigate any child's attendance that falls **below 90%** or **below the 10 session absence threshold** (10 or more half day absences within a 12-week period). Evidence of medical appointments, e.g. Doctor's/hospital/Dentist appointment cards/letters, etc., is required.

If your child is ill, please notify us before 9.00am via the **Studybugs** app, which is available to download from: **studybugs.com**.

Please inform the school beforehand if your child has to attend an appointment.

We are not able to authorise holidays in term time..

Children who arrive or leave school during the day **must** be signed in or out at the Academy office.

Free School Meals

Children who attend a Somerset County Council school, whose parents or carers receive any of the following are entitled to free school meals:

- Universal Credit with an annual household income of less than £7,400 after tax
- Income Support (IS)
- Employment and Support Allowance (Income related)
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA) - not Contribution based
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit with an annual taxable income (as assessed by HMRC) of less than £16,190, as long as the family is not also in receipt of Working Tax Credit.



Only the benefits listed above qualify for free school meals. If you have recently become unemployed but are still receiving Working Tax Credits, you may be entitled to free school meals.

Non-Benefit related additional eligibility criteria:

Children of families who don't receive these benefits may also qualify for free school meals if the family's annual household income is no higher than the following:

- £22,700 for families outside of London with one child
- £26,300 for families outside of London with two or more children.

And the parent or carer meets any of the following criteria:

- you are a Zambrano or Chen carer
- families who have no recourse to public funds with a right to remain in the UK on grounds of private and family life under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights
- families receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 who are also subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction
- a subset of failed asylum seekers supported under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- you hold a British National (Overseas) – BN(O) – passport
- you are a spousal visa, work visa or student visa holder
- you have no immigration status.

Please phone the Children and Young People's Team on 0300 123 2224 for advice.

Children must be in school all day and they will be provided with a meal at lunchtime which is paid for by the school.

It is the responsibility of the parents or carers to register their entitlement and request free school meals for their children.

Children in nursery do not qualify for a free meal until they start school, but applications will be processed so that when your child starts school, you will already be notified whether they qualify for a free school meal or not.

Forms are available from the Brookside Academy Office or apply online at: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/free-school-meals/>



Uniform Reminder

The school uniform is very simple and reasonably priced. We expect the children to wear it: White or red shirt/blouse or polo shirt, Brookside sweatshirt or cardigan (a plain, low-cost, red sweatshirt or cardigan is acceptable), grey or black skirt or trousers/shorts, red & white summer dress, black shoes. PE kit is red t-shirt and black shorts and warm joggers and trainers for the Winter. A warm, waterproof coat in wet/cold weather. Hair should be natural in colour and not of an extreme style (Mohicans, skinheads, or tramlines, are not acceptable). Every child should have a book bag and a PE bag. We give each new Early Years child a book bag before they start school. Sweatshirts, cardigans, PE kit and book bags can be ordered via the 'Uniform' link on the Academy Website. **ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE CLEARLY NAMED – PLEASE.** Parents/carers will receive a text reminder if their child isn't wearing the correct uniform.



Welcome to Brookside Academy

Thank you for visiting us; we are looking forward to working with you.

In order to provide the best learning environment possible, schools across Street are committed to the wellbeing of all members of our community, this includes children, parents / carers and staff. We expect all staff and visitors to treat children and colleagues with the courtesy and respect they would expect to receive themselves. In addition, it is important that adults should set a good example to children at all times.

We expect all visitors to

- Respect the caring ethos at each school
- To follow all safeguarding guidelines
- To approach members of staff for assistance with any issues in an appropriate manner.
- To work with the school in the correction of child's actions, especially where it has, or could lead to, conflict, aggressive or unsafe behaviour

Unacceptable conduct includes

- Verbal abuse which includes swearing and shouting
- Any form, or threat of, violence
- Aggression
- Harassment
- Derogatory comments linked to gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation or any other personal characteristic
- Possessing, abusing, or being under the influence of alcohol, tobacco or controlled substances on the school site
- Sending abusive or threatening emails, texts, phone messages or letters to anyone within the school community
- Disruptive behaviour which interferes with areas such as classrooms or office areas
- Using social networking sites to single out individuals, bully or to distribute untruthful or malicious information or comments

In the event that these expectations are not met visitors may be asked to:

- Stop and consider changing their actions
- Leave the school site
- Refrain from contacting members of staff

In the event of serious or persistent breaches of these expectations we may:

- Send parents a legally approved warning letter
- Withdraw permission for visitors to enter the school premises.
- In the case of bullying, untruthful or malicious comments on social networking sites, the schools may request that the comments are deleted. The governing bodies and individuals in liaison with their professional associations may also consider legal action.

This code is supported by our Governing Body and all schools in Street.

All staff and visitors have the right to work in a safe environment without fear of intimidation, abuse or assault.

Woodwind lessons at Brookside Academy



**Clarinet, flute, recorder, and saxophone lessons now
available
at Brookside Academy for pupils in Years 3-6**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
MARY HOOPER
07732 948311
MARY.HOOPER@VIRGIN.NET**



UK Health
Security
Agency



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for **health protection in schools** or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



Parent advice & support

Healthy lifestyles

School transitioning

Emotional health

**is your child
5-19 and are you**
looking for confidential
help and support?

A safe and easy way to contact
your School Nursing Team

Just send a text or scan me

07480 635 515

Disclaimer: This is not an emergency service; it operates Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm and is only available by using a UK mobile number. Your messages are stored on our secure system and can be seen by the School Nursing Team who run our ChatHealth Service. Although this is a confidential service, in the event of an safeguarding issue the School Nurse has a duty of care to act on this and may escalate the concern.



Improving
LIVES

CRISPIN HALL School Holiday **FAMILY FUN SESSIONS!**

**Monday 24th October
Wednesday 26th October
9.30am - 11.30am.**

**Free Breakfast
For Children
Hot and Cold Options
Available**



**Activities for
Children of
All Ages**

**Free to Attend
Donations Welcome**

Due to space we are limited to 40 children per session at any one time, it is first come, first served.

All Children must be accompanied by an Adult for the duration of their stay
and will remain the responsibility of that Adult.

For more information contact info@crispinhall.org.uk or phone 01458 447248

Halloween

Roller Disco

at CRISPIN HALL
STREET. SOMERSET

Saturday 29th
October

£6-8 per session

Including skate hire and safety equipment -
or bring your own!

Early Skate £6

Family Skate, 9 years & Under
2pm - 3.30pm

buytickets.at/fromerollercic/765920



SCAN ME

Later Skate £6

Family Skate, 10 years & Over
4pm - 5.30pm

buytickets.at/fromerollercic/765923



SCAN ME

Late Skate £8

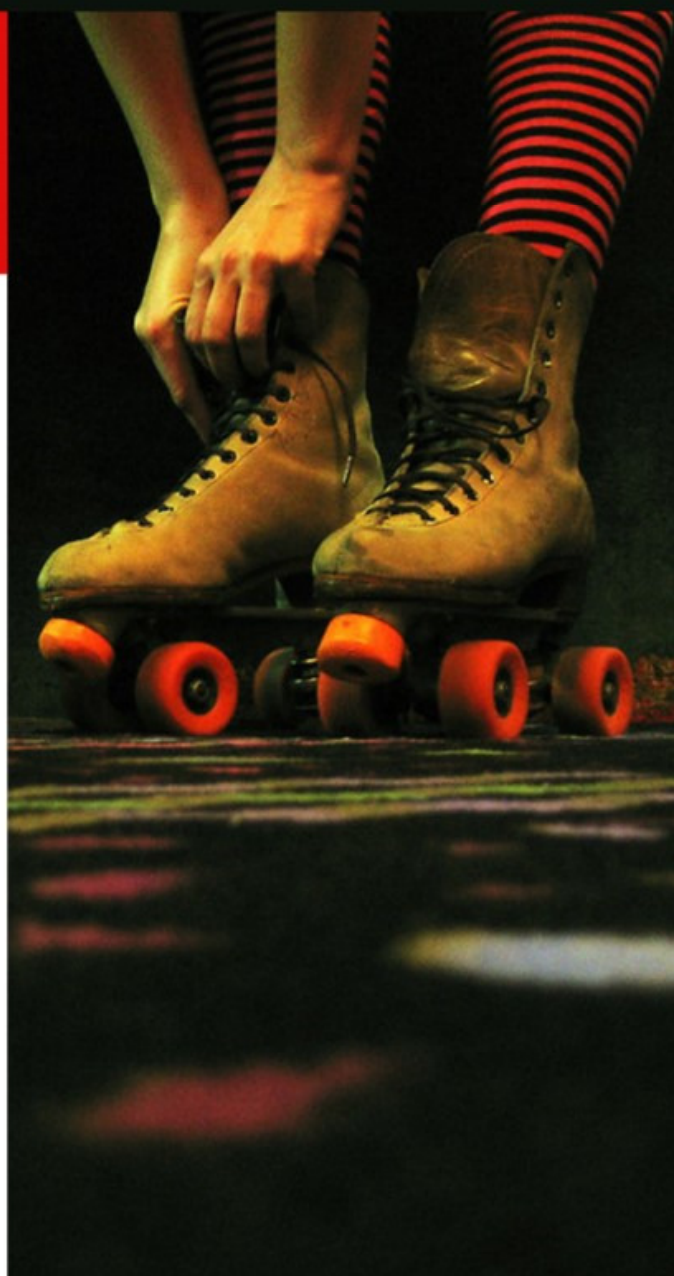
Teens and Adults, All Abilities
8pm - 9.30pm

buytickets.at/fromerollercic/765928



SCAN ME

**Spaces are limited so
pre-booking is essential**



TAKING - THE - SPACE

Drama Classes

Accepting new members!

Ages 6 - 18+ years

Based in Street and Glastonbury



Photography by John Moore

For more information or to book a class Call

Maxine Ridout-Prime 07850445540

Email: takingthespace@hotmail.co.uk

Website: www.takingthespace.co.uk

www.facebook.com/takingthespace



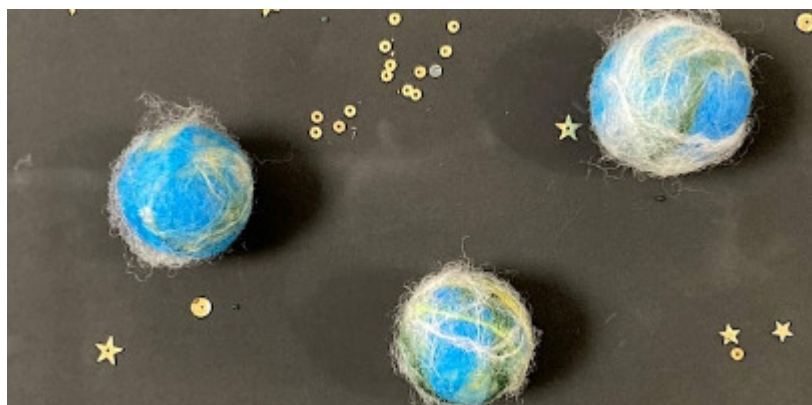
GAIA has landed at Wells Cathedral! And we're delighted to be offering some exciting activities for families over the **October break.**

Come and see Luke Jerram's touring artwork – a 7 metre model of the earth as it looks from space!

You can pick up a free **Earth Explorer Trail leaflet** which takes you on a tour of the Cathedral whilst picking up tips on how to become a Steward of the Earth.

Book onto a **felting workshop** where children can make their own mini-Gaia as a beautiful souvenir of their visit. [Available to book here](#)

For further information, visit <https://>



**JOIN US
FOR OUR**

**ONLY
£26**

HALF TERM MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP

25th OCTOBER

10am-3pm

AT WELLS LITTLE THEATRE

To book your place contact
Principal Lucy on
lucy.payne@pqacademy.com
07594 841850

PQA
THE PAULINE QUIRKE
ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS