

YATE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY, 2026



 **GREENSHAW**
LEARNING TRUST

A message from our Headteacher, Mr Eddie Rakshi

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful and refreshing half-term break with plenty of time to recharge. It has been an absolute joy to see our students return this week, filled with energy and a genuine eagerness to get back into the classroom. There is a fantastic buzz around the school as we dive into this new term, and I am consistently impressed by how quickly our young people have settled back into their learning routines. To kick things off, we are delighted to share the latest episode of The Yate Insight Series, which you can find [right here](#). I would also like to take this opportunity to wish our Year 11 students good luck with their mock examination next week.

You're
invited to
join the
Friends of
Yate
Academy
Meeting

**FRIENDS OF YATE ACADEMY
MEETING**

THURS 5TH MARCH
7:00PM
The Lawns Pub
BS37 5BG

Please join us

- ✓ Share fundraising ideas
- ✓ Connect with other parents
- ✓ Be a positive role model
- ✓ Have your say & stay connected
- ✓ Have fun whilst making a difference

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Half Term Outreach: A Resounding Success!

Our first-ever Half Term Outreach went better than we could have ever hoped! We're incredibly grateful to our community partners and the incredible team at Tesco for their support in making this day such a memorable one for our students.

Thanks to everyone's hard work, we were able to offer a brilliant range of activities, including:

Community Bike Hub: Free bike safety checks and basic maintenance skills.

School Nurse Support: On-site support for students with medical and mental health questions.

Creative Fun: Tesco donation of puzzles, art supplies, colouring, and delicious refreshments were a massive hit! The jewellery-making bead kits were especially popular, keeping many students engaged and having fun for hours.

This event has given us a truly fantastic platform to build upon for the future, and we are so proud of what our community achieved together.



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Free Cygnet Autism Courses: Now Booking for 2026

Are you parenting or caring for an autistic child? Join our free 7-week Cygnet programme to gain practical support, build a stronger understanding of autism, and meet other families in a relaxed, local environment.

Upcoming Course Dates

- Thornbury: Starts Wed 25 Feb | 10:00 AM | Turnberries Community Centre
- Yate: Starts Mon 11 May | 10:00 AM | Ridgewood Community Centre
- Online: Starts Thu 14 May | 7:00 PM | Via Zoom
- Stoke Gifford: Starts Tue 2 June | 6:30 PM | Brooklands Park Community Centre

Eligibility Criteria

To join us, you must meet the following:

- Child is aged 5–18 with a formal diagnosis.
- You live in South Gloucestershire.
- You have not attended a Cygnet course before.

 [Click Here to Book via EEQU](#)

For more details on the programme, visit our [Information Page](#).

Pass it on: Please share this with any local parents or colleagues who may benefit!

New Year, New Me! **Reading Challenge**

Read More, Learn More, Be More
16th January – 6th March 2026

House	Total	Students	Staff
Brunel	55242	14594	40648
Carpenter	65605	22525	43080
Park	101965	28265	73700
Beckford	115317	10927	104390
Stephenson	105081	18435	86646



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Could you tell if your child was being exploited?



Join one of our free online sessions led by Child Exploitation Prevention Officer **Andri Nicolaou**

18 March 7:00 - 8:30pm **30 March 10:30am - 12:00pm**

Learn about the different forms of child exploitation and how offenders groom/exploit children both online and offline. We'll highlight warning signs a child may be at risk and practical steps you can take to keep them safe and respond to any concerns.

Visit the **Avon and Somerset Police Eventbrite page** or scan the QR codes below

18 March

30 March



WHITEHALL VALKYRIES

LAUNCH DAY



We're proud to invite you to celebrate two major milestones for Whitehall RFC, the launch of our Women & Girls rugby team and the official opening of our brand new female changing facilities.

SAT 7TH MARCH · 11AM ONWARDS

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE DAY

- Have-a-go rugby skills sessions for women & girls
- Women & girls rugby matches, touch & contact
- Official launch of the Whitehall Valkyries
- Special guests joining us for the celebrations
- Bar serving drinks & snacks
- Kitchen open with hot food available
- Tania's Treat Hut open for kids favourites

WHERE IS IT?

Whitehall RFC, Foundry lane, Speedwell, Bristol, BS15 3PW



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Coming up at Yate Academy

- Friday 6th March | Y9 Options Deadline
- Thursday 19th March | YA Spring Showcase Concert
- Monday 30th March | Y11 Parents Evening

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