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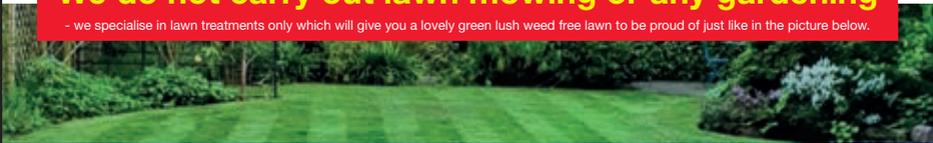
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Blakemere Village are running a Spring trail, taking place daily 10am - 4pm between Friday 3rd April - Sunday 19th April. Cost will be £5 for your child to become a Spring explorer and enjoy the interactive nature trail. This will be a great few days and a fun way for children to discover the wonders of nature! More information can be found on the advert on page 5.

Looking ahead to next month, the popular Frodsham festival of walks returns for 2026. For anyone who enjoys walking this is only a short drive to get to there and based on last year, a variety of fantastic walks will be available. Hopefully I will have more details and share the schedule with you all next month.

Have a great month!

*Best Wishes,
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Ways to make Easter special for kids this year.

Easter has a habit of sneaking up on families. One minute it's spring term, the next it's chocolate overload and two weeks to fill. But with a little planning and a willingness to get out and about, Easter can become one of the most enjoyable, sociable breaks of the year for children. Here are six ways to make it memorable in 2026.

Go beyond the back garden egg hunt

Traditional egg hunts are still a hit, but many families are now opting for organised community versions. Parks, farms, heritage sites and local attractions often run Easter trails with clues, activities and prizes. These events add structure, variety and a sense of occasion, as well as giving children something to talk about afterwards.

Try a church or community Easter event

Even for families who aren't regularly religious, Easter events hosted by churches can be welcoming, creative and child-friendly. Many offer craft sessions, storytelling, music or child-focused services that explain the Easter story in an accessible way. For our young stars, it adds meaning and a sense of tradition to the holiday.

Make a day of a spring outing

It doesn't all have to be about chocolate! Easter is one of the first chances of the year to properly enjoy being outdoors again. Zoos, wildlife parks, gardens and countryside attractions often programme special

Easter activities. A simple day out – perhaps factoring in a picnic, walk or nature trail – can feel like a proper seasonal marker for children.

Get involved in something hands-on

Children remember what they do more than what they're given. Craft workshops, baking sessions, pottery painting or farm experiences give kids something tactile and creative to focus on. Many local venues run short Easter holiday workshops designed specifically for younger age groups.

Create a mini Easter tradition

Not everything has to be an event. Families are increasingly creating their own small Easter rituals: a special breakfast, a spring walk on Easter morning, decorating eggs together, or visiting the same café or park each year. It's these repeated moments that can often provoke the most meaningful memories.

Balance treats with time together

Chocolate is part of Easter, but so is shared time. Board games, film afternoons, outdoor play or helping to cook a meal together all help children associate Easter with connection, not just consumption.

Ultimately, Easter doesn't need to be expensive or over-planned. At its best, it's social, seasonal and shared - a chance to slow down, step outside, and give children experiences that feel joyful, grounding and just a little bit special.

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4. What is the currency of Japan?
5. What is the tallest mountain in the UK?
6. Who was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize?
7. Who holds the record for the most goals in Premier League history?
8. What is the name of the hobbit played by Elijah Wood in The Lord of the Rings films?
9. What is the term for animals that eat both plants and meat?
10. What is the name of the fictional detective created by Agatha Christie?

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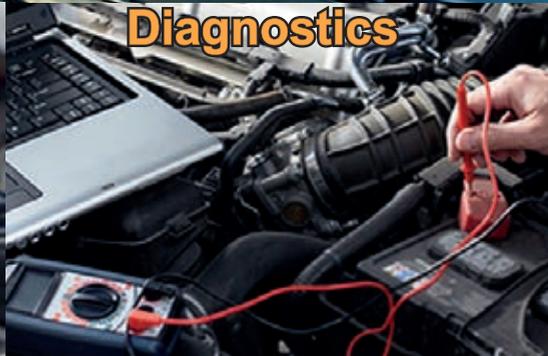
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Gardening In March

By Rob Bullock

March is the first month of spring and a busy time in the garden, but whilst the days are getting longer, winter weather might be just around the corner.

For gardeners, March 2018 reminded them that whilst it is the first of spring, the days getting longer, sunnier and often warmer, winter sometimes refuses to give up her grip on the weather, because that was the year of the Beast from the East when temperatures plummeted to sub-zero, snow fell and Siberian winds buffeted the country, wreaking havoc on gardens. So, all gardeners this month will be keeping a close eye on the weather forecasts!

Vegetable Plot

March is a great month to prepare your soil for vegetables, weeding, digging over and adding well-rotted compost or manure to nourish and replenish. Hardy crops such as spinach, broad beans and peas can be planted outside as well as early potatoes and onions.

Bare Root Planting

March is the last month that you can plant bare root shrubs, which can include roses, hydrangeas and forsythia, along with hedging shrubs such as beech, privet or hawthorn. Bare root plants can be inexpensive to buy and environmentally friendly as they are often grown outdoors in open ground, requiring fewer resources. Because of the way they are grown they suffer less from transplant shock and cost less to package and transport. And, when you plant them in your garden they start growing straight away, giving them a head start on plants that grow only when the weather improves.

Lawn Care

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Using a garden fork or aerator spike the lawn every fifteen centimetres, and if it is still very squelchy, brush in some sharp river sand to help it dry out and prevent waterlogging in the future. Trim up the edges with a spade, knife, half-moon spade or edger. And using a spring-tined rake give your lawn a good raking to get out any moss and this should allow your grass to grow more freely. But why not leave some dandelions as these will feed any early insects on the lookout for food.

Bulbs

As well as planting summer flowering bulbs such as lilies, eucomis and gladioli, dahlias can also be planted but they will need a well-draining sunny spot for best results. And March is a great time to remove seed heads from spring bulbs as they die back to allow them to concentrate on preparing for next spring.

This month you can also clean and tidy your greenhouse and cold frames, removing any insulation if the threat of frosts is receding, and opening windows and vents on warm sunny days.



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Ingredients

- 1/2 cup unsalted butter (room temperature)
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup sugar, plus more for topping
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1 large egg
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 chai tea bag

Method

- Begin by heating the oven to 180C, then grease the cookie sheet.
- Next, beat the butter and add vegetable oil, before working in sugar, powdered sugar, egg and vanilla.
- Next you'll need to stir in flour, baking soda, salt and tea. Ensure the dough is nicely whipped, then chill at room temperature for about an hour.
- Prepare the tray by lining the cookie sheet with approximately 12 tablespoons dough drops. Press evenly and cover with sugar.
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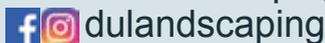


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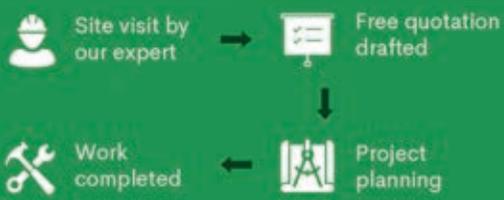
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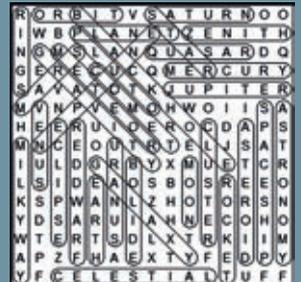
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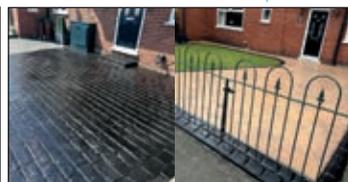
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