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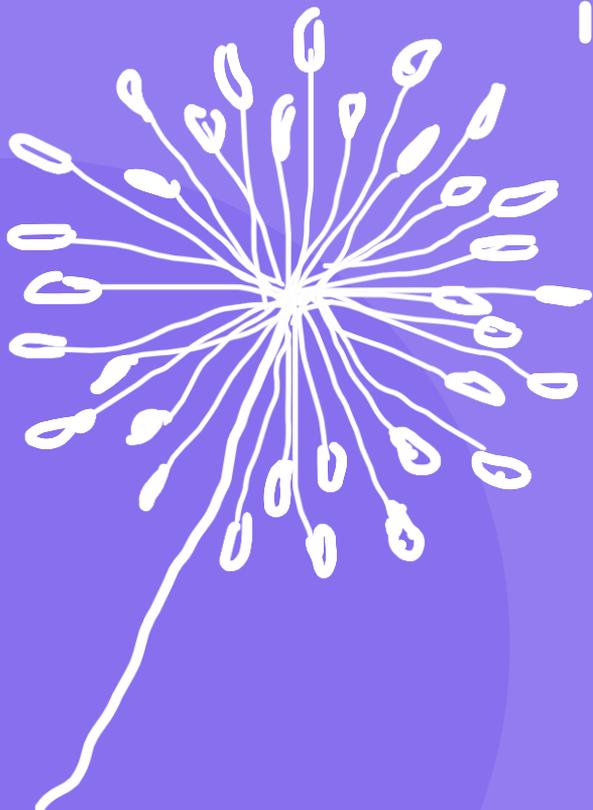


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# Month of the Military Child

## APRIL 2026

Ways for Service families to get  
involved...



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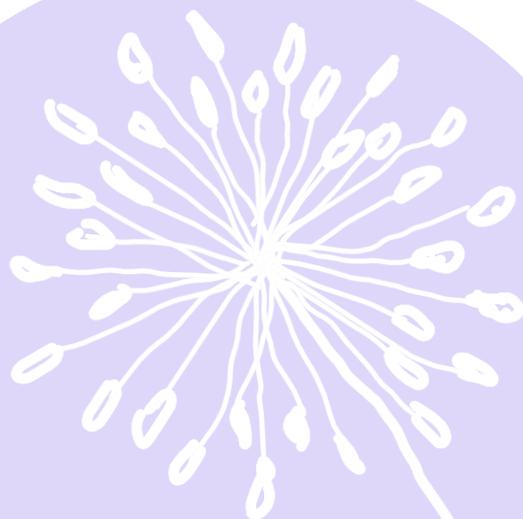
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The SSCE Cymru team will be working with education settings across Wales to carry out activities during this month to understand the experiences of Armed Forces families, engage with your local Armed Forces communities and celebrate the unique experiences of this group of children and young people.

April is designated as the Month of the Military Child, which highlights the important role Service children play in the Armed Forces community. It is a time to applaud Armed Forces families and their children for the daily sacrifices they make and the challenges that they overcome.



**This document contains some ideas for Service families to consider participating in during the Month of the Military Child.**



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# Purple Up Day

Friday 24th April is the day to 'Purple up' for Month of the Military Child!

'Purple up' day is a day dedicated to honouring Service children/ young people through the colour purple, a colour that represents all branches of the Military.



'Purple up' on Friday 24th April for Month of the Military Child!

- Wear purple
- Create purple artwork and displays
- Celebrate and thank your Service children for the important role they play in the Armed Forces community through any of the ideas in this booklet
- Take photos of your celebrations
- Share photos with [SSCECymru@wlg.gov.uk](mailto:SSCECymru@wlg.gov.uk) and tag [@SSCECymru](#) on social media ([X](#) and [Facebook](#)).



# CELEBRATE

## Service children's experiences

Wear purple and 'purple up' your home to celebrate Purple up day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

Create a display to celebrate Month of the Military Child using purple artwork.

Encourage Service children to get creative and produce a creative piece that showcases their experiences of being part of an Armed Forces family.

Speak to your child's school about ways they could get involved with Month of the Military child.

Conduct fundraising activities and donate the proceeds to a local or national Armed Forces charity.

Request free books and resources for your military children from [Reading Force](#).

Support Service children in writing a thank you card to someone who helped them or was a good friend to them when they arrived in the area.

Consider offering to deliver a short presentation or activity at your child's school.

Create purple and dandelion themed artwork.

Complete Armed Forces-themed activity sheets, puzzles and wordsearches, available from [Little Troopers](#).

Support children in entering the Never Such Innocence [Poetry and Art Competition](#). Open 1 April - 1 May.

Sing the [songs written by Service children](#) in Wales, produced with Never Such Innocence.

Help Service children to learn about the role of their Service parent, create a story together of your family on an adventure and share it with your family and friends

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## Celebrating the Month of the Military Child with Little Troopers

The military children's charity, Little Troopers, is a great place to go for inspiration on how you can recognise and celebrate the service children in your setting this April.

### Little Troopers School Pack

The charity has created a brand-new Little Troopers "Month of the Military Child School Pack" that is free to download from <https://www.littletroopers.net/month-of-the-military-child/>

In the pack, you'll find lots of activity ideas to engage children and get them talking and writing about what life is like growing up as a 'little trooper'.

### Dandelion Day – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April

This year, Little Troopers is encouraging schools and families to get involved in 'Dandelion Day' by wearing something yellow on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April. This small act will make your service children feel recognised, included and celebrated. It also gives you the perfect opportunity to talk about why the dandelion is the official flower of the military child, by using the Dandelion Poem, which you'll find in the Little Troopers schools pack.

### Crafts

Looking for ideas to engage younger children? Head to the Little Troopers website where you'll find fun, dandelion-themed activity sheets to download, including dandelion playdough, dandelion biscuits, dandelion art prints and dandelion crafts.

### Events

Little Troopers is also running online and face-to-face events throughout April, bringing together as many military children as possible during the Month of the Military Child. Find out more at [www.littletroopers.net/month-of-the-military-child](http://www.littletroopers.net/month-of-the-military-child)



Dandelion Day  
15th April

Dandelion Day returns in April 2026!

Join us in celebrating military children.

Wear something yellow, socks, a scrunchie or anything bright to show your support.



**SCHOOLS PACK**

April is all about shining a light on children who are connected to the British Armed Forces community. It's time for your school to celebrate the service children in your setting, as well as getting ALL your students to learn more about what it's like to be a 'little trooper'.

As a charity, we think it's really important that schools recognise and acknowledge the unique experiences of military children. Military life can be an exciting adventure, but at times, it can also be challenging.

This pack is full of ideas to help you acknowledge and encourage this, making the month by celebrating your service children for the unique life that they lead and encouraging them to share some of their experiences with their peers.

In the following pages you will find assembly planners, activity ideas, lesson plans and more. Many of the activities are dandelion themed, because the dandelion is the official flower of the military child. Strong and hardy, dandelions thrive wherever the wind carries them, just like our little troopers.

**You might choose to do one of the activities or you might do all of them as part of a series across the month.**

**This pack includes:**

- Dandelion Poem
- Letter Writing activities
- Class fingerprint activity
- Assembly Planners – Primary & Secondary
- Certificate template
- Mindfulness Colouring

**Dandelion Day - 15th April 2026**

We would love to encourage you to dedicate a whole day to celebrating your military children! We have named Wednesday 15th April as Dandelion Day 2026 and we invite you to join us. You might like to ask your children and teachers to come in dressed in yellow or wearing a yellow item such as socks or a hair scrunchie. Alternatively, if you run a Little Troopers Club and children have Little Troopers hoodies or t-shirts, then you might ask them to come in wearing these.

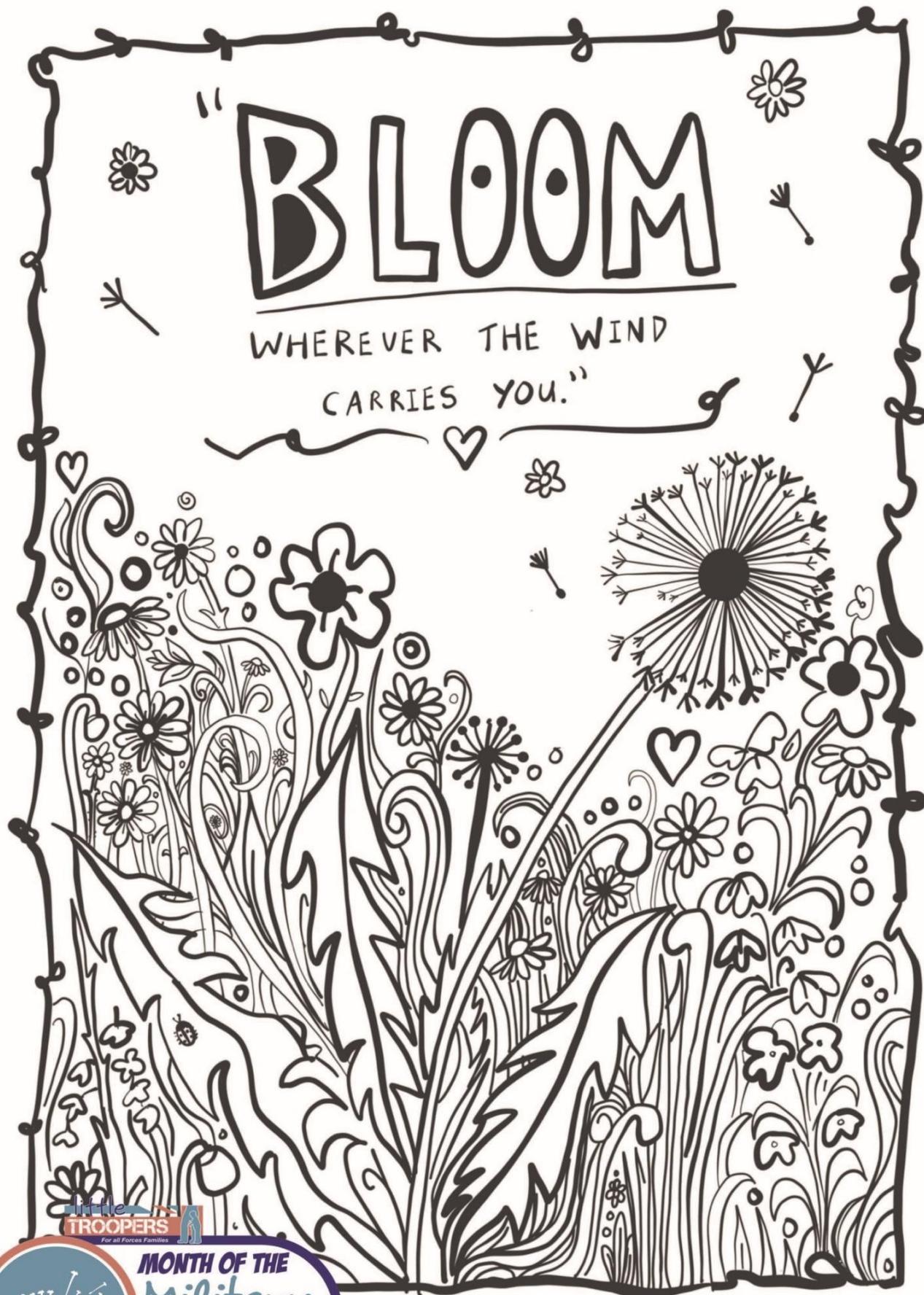
On Dandelion Day, you might choose to do activities from this pack or even invite serving parents to come into school to speak in assembly. However you mark the day, we'd love to hear about it and see your photos so do keep in touch by emailing [info@littletroopers.net](mailto:info@littletroopers.net) or tagging us on social media.

Don't forget that we also have lots of free resources to support military children all year round on the Little Troopers website including interactive video workshops especially designed for use in schools, our 'A Day of Feelings' illustrations and worksheets, our Forces Life Club pad and a podcast for military teens (called SQUAD) to name just a few! Head to [www.littletroopers.net](http://www.littletroopers.net) and the At School page.

Once again in 2026 we are delighted to say 15 April is Brown Revolution Day. We would love to encourage you to celebrate a whole day of celebrating your military children with your school!

**We have named Wednesday 15th April as Dandelion Day in 2026 and we'd love you to join us!**

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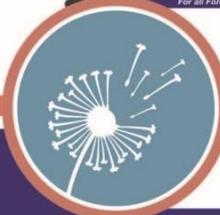


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# Service children's songs

In collaboration with Never Such Innocence, SSCE Cymru are pleased to launch five songs, written by Service children across Wales in collaboration with songwriter Otto Aday. These songs, which were created during the SSCE Cymru Armed Forces Festivals, shine a light on their thoughts, feelings and lived experiences of Service life.

These powerful pieces capture pride, resilience, connection and the realities of growing up in a Service family in their own voices 🎵



All five songs and lyrics are available on the SSCE Cymru [Service children's experiences webpage](#).

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