

Milverton Community Primary School and Pre-School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and what a start to 2025 we have made! Firstly, we would like to say a huge thank you for all of our lovely treats and gifts that we received for Christmas, we are so grateful. The children have all settled back into the classroom really well and it already feels like we have done so much. They are eager to learn and enthusiastic about our new Early Years Quest, 'Reach for the Stars'. Through this Quest, we will be exploring many aspects of Space. We will also immerse ourselves in traditional fairy tales as part of National Storytelling Week and, to deepen our understanding of the world, we will be learning about Chinese New Year. After the half-term break we will investigate animals, share stories from our Author of the Term, Julia Donaldson, and enjoy hands-on discovery of a variety of musical instruments. Please see the Class R Quest overview for more information about what we will be learning this term.

Staff

We wanted to let you know about a small alteration in staffing for this term in Class R. Mrs Atterton has, up to now, been covering an extra day for Mrs Smith's absence. She will now return to three days a week and we are delighted that Mrs Wedderkopp is able to do the other two days. Mrs Atterton will be in on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and Mrs Wedderkopp on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This has been discussed with the children. Miss Chiplin will be with them Monday – Friday.

Mornings

Thank you all so much for helping the children in becoming independent with their morning routine. Could we please remind parents to drop off at the bottom of the steps, or the gate if the children prefer, so that the cloakroom can be a spacious, and less overwhelming place to be. We will be on hand to help them if they need it. We find that this helps the children engage with the day much faster and with a focus on building relationships with others in the class. We will discuss this with the children too so they will be aware ready for next week.

Reading

A big thank you for supporting your child with their phonics and reading at home. The progress they have all been making has been fantastic and it's wonderful to hear them read. We cannot emphasize enough the importance of sharing stories with your child every day, even if this is only a handful of flashcards or a few pages of their book. Children's early reading skills develop through talking about books, listening carefully to sounds in words and blending these sounds together. This term you will find a bookmark of tricky words or words containing specific phonic sounds - please help your child practise to read and spell these words fluently, before we change them.



Milverton School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our pupils and expects all staff and parents to share this commitment

Headteacher: Richard Stead BSc (Hons) QTS NPQH

Assistant Headteacher: Peter Coupe BSc (Hons) QTS

PE

Class R will have two PE lessons. One on a Monday afternoon and the other first thing on a Thursday morning. On a Thursday, please send them into school wearing their PE kit and with their full school uniform to change into afterwards.

Special Star Person

This term we will be celebrating 'Special Star Person' each day. This is an opportunity for your child to gain self-confidence and expand their communication and language skills by talking to the class about their interests, hobbies and personal experiences. Each day a different child will have the opportunity to share 5 or 6 things that represent this. We will be asking that you e-mail photos to the class e-mail address and we will display them on the interactive white board while the children speak. We will let you know in advance when it is your child's turn.

Outdoor Learning

This term the children will continue with their outdoor learning. While the weather will, hopefully, warm up a little bit, please ensure your child has suitable clothing in school on a Tuesday. They will be in school uniform.

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For any Special Educational or Disability Needs (SEND) queries, please contact Ms Pow on:
send@milvertonprimary.co.uk

If you would like more information, please feel free to approach any member of the team (after school is probably best!) Thank you for your help and support.

The Class R Team 😊



**We make use of the outdoor area
in all weather so please ensure that
your child has a coat
and wellies in school every day.
Thank You.**