



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the final week of the Autumn Term, our assembly theme this week has been 'Patience', which is not the easiest thing to experience at this time of year! The anticipation of Christmas can definitely be felt across the school at the moment, especially after Years 4-6 watched an inspiring performance of 'A Christmas Carol' at Queen's College last Friday. Classrooms are looking festive and the children have begun to make a range of wonderful decorations and cards. We are very much looking forward to the continued celebrations next week, including our Reception Nativity and Christmas Carol Service. We hope to see many of you there on Friday.

Mrs Smith and Mr Penny



At Forest School, Class 3 were visited by Erik Bloodbrains (aka Mr Wederkopp) where they learnt further about the Vikings as part of our quest learning. The children discussed and identified runes from the Viking language before taking part in a scavenger hunt to find another Viking. The class also experienced a variety of different activities such as making their own runes, whittling their own Viking weapons, creating a Viking play, making dens and using

the mud kitchen. Before leaving, Class 3 checked in on their trees that they selected earlier in the year.

Miss Downer

It was a really good Forest School morning. I liked that I got to whittle my own weapon, and eat marshmallows and drink hot chocolate.

Charlie

I loved all of Forest School! I learnt how to do some new things on my own which made me feel good. Activities around the fire were fun, including roasting marshmallows - they were yummy.

Violet



### Family Charter Webinar from the Mental Health Support Team

The team are providing a free webinar about

'Creating a Family Charter'. A family charter is an agreement that families can help create harmony in your home. It helps sustain a positive emotional climate for your family. If you would like to attend, please click on this link to complete the form to select your time preference.

<https://forms.office.com/e/itq4CRChM3>



**MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM**  
 In partnership with Young Somerset & Somerset NHS Foundation Trust

Over the past few weeks in line with our recycling and eco school's topic, Pre-school have been making a Christmas tree from recycled materials such as bottle lids, cardboard tubes and crisp packets. The tree went to be displayed at a Christmas tree festival in All Saints Church in Rockwell Green, Wellington, before returning to Pre-School for the Christmas period, where some classes have come to see it also.

Charlotte

### Diary Dates Forest School Wednesdays

Class 2—13th December

Class 1—3rd January

Class R—10th January

**Christmas Lunch Box Party**  
 Tuesday 12th December

**Class R Nativity for parents**  
 Tuesday 12th December at 2pm

**Kingsmead Christmas Lunch**  
 Wednesday 1st December

**Christmas Service**  
**St Michael's Church**  
**Last day of term**  
 Friday 15th December at 2pm

**Inset Day**  
 Tuesday 2nd January, 2024

**School Opens to Pupils**  
 Wednesday 3rd January

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	229	1365
Cork Oak	174	1238
Blue Cedar	160	1267
Horse Chestnut	226	1394



## OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Preschool	<b>Sophia</b> for showing such kindness to other children.
Class R	<b>Freddie</b> for demonstrating fantastic knowledge of composition in Maths.
Class 1	<b>Reuben</b> for joining in whole class learning.
Class 2	<b>Willow</b> for creating interesting repeating patterns with 2D and 3D shapes.
Class 3	<b>Noah</b> for your resilience in learning and excellent use of grammar in your writing.
Class 4	<b>Rupert</b> for your well written information text. Your ideas linked well and you showed imaginative use of vocabulary.
Class 5	<b>Ocean</b> for all your help that you have given the class this week.
Class 6	<b>Talulah</b> for your focus and hard work in Maths this week.



Monday 4th December saw Reception Class children experience the sport of gymnastics in their first school term. The children gained a closer understanding of shapes on and off various pieces of apparatus. Some pupils had never participated in gymnastics before and did not know what the 5 main gymnastics shapes are, however, during the enrichment lesson they were excited to try to perform these shapes safely on and off apparatus. The pupils learnt to develop their balance and control within the different activities that were laid out to progress, improve and to understand why they need to be safe at all times.

Well done to all the children but four pupils deserve a special mention: Lyla, Felicity, Freddie and Nova. Lyla, Felicity and Freddie displayed amazing progressions throughout the lesson in their shapes and by the end they showed great control, balance and understanding of the shapes. Nova demonstrated great listening skills when trying a new sport leaving with more confidence by the end of the lesson. The wristbands though went to Sonny, Jasmine and Nellie for their great enthusiasm embracing a new sport, their amazing effort shown throughout and great respect shown towards the coaches.

Miss B

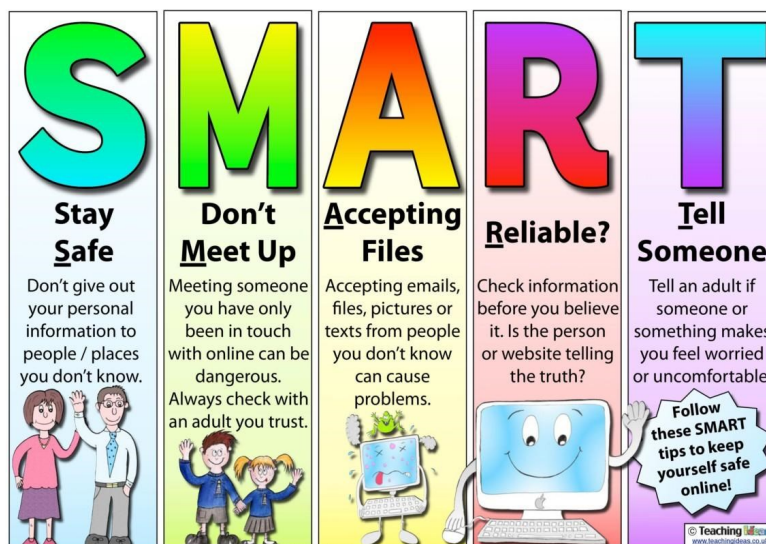
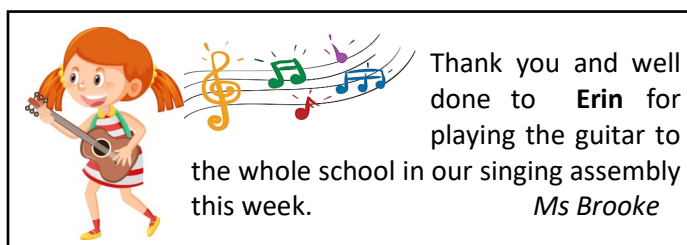


The Children's Commissioner of England, Dame Rachel De Souza, has launched The Big Ambition, which is a national survey of children and young people across England. The survey aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision makers, to make sure the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England. They want to hear from all children, in every part of the country. Let's make sure that the children and young people of Somerset are represented in the results. Children and parents can complete the survey here:

[www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)

(It only takes 5-10 minutes to complete) Closing date Friday 29th January.

Last week the Year 6 digital leaders supported during a whole school assembly about online safety. We talked about staying safe online and went through the SMART rules: S for Safe, M for Meet, A for Accepting, R for Reliable and T for Tell. We have put SMART posters up around school about online safety to remind the children. On another note, the Christmas card competition will be closing today and the digital leaders will be judging it soon. *by Thomas and Elsa, Class 6 digital leaders*





# Carols in the Cowshed



CHRISTMAS EVE 4PM AT HOUNDSMOOR FARM, MILVERTON.

DONATIONS TO OPEN DOOR FOR THE HOMELESS

IN THE AREA, BRING CASH AND CARDS ALSO ACCEPTED!

SERVICE DOGS ONLY PLEASE AS

THIS IS A WORKING FARM.



## FAMILY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Tea, coffee, squash and mince pies

Dress in Nativity costumes (optional)

enjoy Christmas crafts, make  
Christingles, whilst listening to (or  
singing along to) Christmas Carols

Visit from Father Christmas!

MILVERTON METHODIST CHURCH

3.00pm 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023



Find us on Facebook – Milverton Methodist Church



# ADVENT WINDOWS



Throughout the month of December a new window will light up at dusk every day until Christmas Eve.

The final window will light up at Houndsmoor Farm, after carols in the cowshed.

This year a little mouse can be found hiding in every window. The map to help you find them is in the Parish Magazine, Milverton Village Stores and the Post Office.

Many thanks to all who are participating in this, helping to make Christmas 2023 special for us all. The windows will all be lit up until New Years Eve.

## Happy mouse hunting!



# MILVERTON ADVENT WINDOWS

FOLLOW THE ADVENT TRAIL  
THE WINDOWS WILL LIGHT UP  
ON THEIR DATES - FIND  
THE NUMBERS IN THE  
WINDOWS

