



Dear Parent/ Carer,

Thank you to all who helped with and enjoyed the wonderful Christmas 'Rainbow' Fair last Friday. A special thank you to the MSA for the hard work and effort they put in, making it a great success and a lovely family event.

I do hope you have seen and read the letter detailing the changes to the school start and end times which come into play at the beginning of next term. Please help all of the children and the teachers off to a flying start every morning by getting your children through the gates and into school on time.

Arrive on time—by ten to nine!

We had an interesting visit today from Rachel Gilmour, our local MP. I was so impressed by the children's questions which ranged from "What inspired you to be an MP?" to "What are your views on children's use of smartphones?".

Parent Survey

Thank you to all who took the time to complete the recent parent survey. It is wonderful to see so many positive responses—100% responded that their child is happy at school. The survey has also given us areas to improve and we will update you in the new year with ways in which will address these areas. The results of the survey will be published on the school website.

It was a pleasure to watch the Class R Nativity yesterday. They were all wonderful! Photos will be shared in our Christmas newsletter. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at St Michael's Church next Friday for our Christmas Service. Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Stoddart



Today our local MP Rachel Gilmour came into school to talk to us and share what it's like being an MP (Member of Parliament). She came into key stage 2 assembly to do a Q & A (question and answer) session. Questions had been gathered across key stage 2 and the school councillors asked Rachel twelve questions about what its like being a Member of Parliament. The school councillors also took her on a tour of the school. She also visited Class 6 and talked to us about the British value of Democracy. She talked to us about some of the rules of being an MP and some of the things you would get told off for, such as, if you talked in a discussion for too long the microphone would turn off. Finally, Rachel said thank you for letting her come to our school and thank you to the school councillors and house captains for taking her on the tour. Before she left, she invited all the Year 6's to go to the Houses of Parliament for a tour, she even said that if we went on a sunny day she would buy us all an ice-cream!



by Jacob, Year 6



Well done to Sophia in Year 6 for coming runner-up in Rachel's Christmas card design competition. Sophia was awarded with a certificate of achievement on signed House of Commons paper and a book token.

Diary Dates

Forest School

Wednesdays

Class 2 18th December
Class R 8th January
Pre-school 15th January
Class 6 22nd January
Class 5 29th January
Class 4 5th February
Class 3 12th February

Christmas Lunch Box Party & Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 17th December

Kingsmead Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 18th December

Christmas Service at St Michael's Church at 2pm Last day of term

Friday 20th December

Inset Day

Monday 6th January

School Opens to Pupils

Tuesday 7th January

Year 4 Swimming resumes

Monday 13th January

Class 6 Trip to see Bournemouth City Orchestra, Great Hall, Exeter University

Friday 31st January

KS1 Fossils and Dinosaurs Workshop

Friday 7th February

Half Term Break

Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

Year 6 Residential to Charterhouse

Tuesday 18th to Friday 21st March

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	148	1668
Cork Oak	159	1910
Blue Cedar	144	1842
Horse Chestnut	148	1668

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Preschool
Class R
Class 1
Class 2
Class 3
Class 4
Class 5
Class 6

Millie for always giving 100% effort in all areas of your learning.
All of Class R for their outstanding performances in their Nativity play. Well done.
Jasmine for your excellent knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes.
Rafa for showing the school values of 'care' and 'belong' by being helpful and a good role model to the younger children in school.
Alby for your fantastic sewing skills.
Leonard for your excellent Mathematical reasoning.
Violet for being such a supportive classmate to others during our sewing work this week.
Aubrey and Freddie for your support of others and dedication to all your learning this week.
The whole of Class 6 for their mature and sensible approach to the MP visit today.



Our Dance Club members had a fantastic experience performing at the Tacchi Morris Arts Centre in Taunton. They worked really hard over the term creating and rehearsing a complicated dance routine to 'Revolting Children' from the musical Matilda culminating in a stage performance. Thank you to Miss Rule from Premier Sports for organising such a great event for the children and well done to all our brilliant dancers!

Class 1 had a fun time being helpful elves at Forest School. We used our geography knowledge; using a bird's eye view of a map to help Mr Wedderkopp find his magic elves and their hats. We had a lot of fun playing together at Forest School and we really enjoyed our hot chocolate and marshmallows on this chilly morning. *Ms Boullin*



On Thursday 28th November, 6 pupils went to a Dodgeball match to compete for the school. Jacob, Harry, Eva, Ethan, Alfie and Rufus went to Blackbrook Leisure Centre to play five matches of Dodgeball. We began by practising against each other before we played the other schools. Milverton started on the sixth court and we played Staplegrove and drew with them. The coach blew her whistle and we all had to swap over to a different court. We then played against another school (which we lost). Once we finished playing, each team gave each other three cheers and then we went to our final. We played our last match on the third court against a really good team and we won two and lost one, but we got lots of House Points (10 for each catch)! Once we did our three cheers, we picked the player of the match and it was joint with Harry and Rufus! Once we chose, we were called in for a final match which was the children vs the adults. Miss Storey ended up betraying us by joining the adults instead of helping the children!



In Geography this half term, Class 2 have been learning about maps. We discussed human and physical geographical features and then went on an outdoor walk around the school to identify some local human and physical geographical features.

Miss Farrimond

by Jacob and Harry

For PE enrichment in Year 2 we focussed on Team Building skills. We played a game called 'Decorating the Christmas Statue' in teams in the hall. The pupils had to negotiate together which items they chose for decorating the statue (with points) and they had to select a team mate to fetch the items. This game was also done in silence to make the negotiation more difficult for the children. The pupils then played an invasion game which was a variation of 'Capture The Flag' outside. The children worked well in teams rotating between positions in attack and defence without any disputes at all. Amélie and Joshua were outstanding: they worked well within their respective teams, they encouraged their team mates, communicated well with their peers and physically they worked throughout to achieve their team objectives.

Mr Aldwin



We were all really excited for the football tournament last Monday. We knew that our opponents were good, who were called Kingston St Mary School. The girls were in the new kit and the boys were in the old kit because the boys were in the new kit last time. The players on our team were Sophia, Ocean, Boo, Willow, Tilly, Olivia and Isla. Sophia was captain so she got to pick who played what position; Ocean played goalkeeper, Tilly and Olivia played defence, Boo played striker, Sophia played midfield, Willow played right wing forward and Isla played left wing. When the match started we all felt confident and we had the ball for most of the time. Boo scored a cracker, then Ocean did a marvellous save, after that Sophia scored a wonderful goal! At half time the score was 5-0 to Milverton, Boo scored 3 and Sophia scored 2. Sadly, Willow got injured in the last half so she had to go off for a bit. The rest of the game went really well. Sophia scored 3 and Boo scored 2. Then they scored an own goal. Then they scored a goal and we were happy for them. The ending score was 11-1 to us. We left feeling pride and joy. Well done Ocean for getting players' player with 3 votes. Thank you to Miss Storey for organising the event.

by Sophia and Ocean

In the boys' team, the captain was Charlie and vice captain Kit. Each half was 15 minutes due to the light going, but that did not keep us from having fun. We won 10/4 (Bentley scored 5, Elliot scored 4 and Kit scored 1) at the end we voted for players' player, who was Bentley. Our team position's were: Charlie—goalkeeper and defender, Ben—defender and goalkeeper, Kit—super defender, Sidney—defender, Bentley—midfielder, left striker was Elliot and right striker was Toby. We were pleased with the result.

by Charlie and Elliot



Evening Meet Up 7:00pm In Taunton



Wed 19th Jun 2024
Wed 17th Jul 2024
Wed 18th Sep 2024
Wed 16th Oct 2024
Wed 20th Nov 2024

Wed 18th Dec 2025
Wed 15th Jan 2025
Wed 12th Feb 2025
Wed 19th Mar 2025
Wed 23rd Apr 2025

A support group for anyone caring for children with ADHD and Co-morbid conditions such as Autism. A welcoming place for all who support neurodiverse children.



Beefeater White Lodge
81 Bridgwater Road
Taunton TA1 2DU



Woodwind teacher Charlotte Stus has 3 spaces available to learn saxophone, flute or clarinet on Thursday afternoons. Get in touch



via email if your son or daughter would like to try out any of these instruments next term before signing up!

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