



Dear Parents and Carers,

Today there were enough spots and stripes in school to make us feel quite dizzy as we supported Children in Need. Please remember to donate (see page 2).

Next week in school I will be talking PANTS to Classes 3 to 6. No, I've not finally gone crazy, but I did want to warn you in case your child came home talked about my assembly and you thought perhaps I had! I will be using the NSPCC's PANTS rules to help children understand that our bodies belong to us, and that they are private. This is a way of structuring the conversation about how they can keep themselves safe. There is further information about this on the NSPCC's website, here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/> and also some ways to help you have similar conversations here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/underwear-rule-guide-for-parents.pdf> Thank you in advance for your understanding!

Mr R Stead

"What do you want to be when you grow up?" "Biologists" said Class 1. We were lucky enough to be visited by a Biologist last week. This filled the classroom with excited chatter and discussion the kind of buzz you'd like to bottle up, reinforcing the importance of giving children the opportunity to experience the wider community. We found out what it was like to train, live and work as a Biologist both abroad in several different countries as well as here in the UK. Hannah explained that her passion for this area of work came from her love of Gorillas and other primates. As a child she was inspired by the work of Jane Goodall and Sir David Attenborough. Sir David Attenborough has inspired us in Class 1 as his work has linked in so beautifully with our Geography and Science topics both through this term. Class 1 learnt how a Biologist would catch, track, weigh and monitor a species of bird they were observing. We also held a variety of nests. We enjoyed examining the nests side by side and comparing how different birds use distinct materials. One of the birds Hannah studied used 67 different types of materials for their nest! Rufus, what a clever Mum you have – thank you for sharing her with us.



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Mrs MacCormick

Diary Dates

Forest School Wednesdays

Class 4— 24th November
Class 3— 1st December
Class 2— 8th December
Class 1— 15th December

Monday 22nd November
Parents' Evening 17:00-19:30 on Microsoft Teams

Tuesday 23rd November
Whole school workshop on recycling

Monday 13th December
Talent shows

Tuesday 14th December
Christmas Party lunch day. Please can children bring in party food (no sharing this year). Party clothes advised!

Friday 17th December
Last day of term
Christmas Jumper day

Tuesday 4th January
Inset day

Wednesday 5th January
School Opens to Pupils

A stranger called this morning
Dressed all in black and grey
Put every sound into a bag
And carried them away.

the scurrying of the rats
the crunching of the leaves
the bird stomping on the roof
the munching of the cow
the rattling of the trolley

A stranger called this morning
He didn't leave his name
Left us only silence
Life will never be the same.

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THE Scurrying of leaves
the blowing of the wind
the flying of the apols
the singing of the birds
the stomping of the kids
the sweeping of the mows

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In Class 1 this week we have been looking at poetry in English. We have used the poem 'The Sound Collector' by Roger McGough to help us understand and further explore the work we have been doing on verbs. We have been inspired to write our own poems and wanted to share some with you.

Mrs Lewis

For the next 2 weeks in **Forest School Years 3 and 4** are aiming to do some weaving on a loom made from natural resources. We would be really grateful for any donations of **natural fabric** eg old cotton t-shirts, blankets, sweaters, ideally cut into nice long strips (0.5m plus). The longer the strips the better. Watch this space to see our final creations. Thank you in advance.

Mr Wedderkopp



OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



Pre-School	Ella for being so kind to her friends and sharing really well.
Class R	Olivia for her excellent listening skills and fantastic contributions towards our class discussions. Well done!
Class 1	Paige for being a kind and caring friend and always putting a smile on our faces.
Class 2	Atticus , for working with greater independence in his Maths and English and for showing thoughtfulness at playtime, supporting the Reception class children with their games playing.
Class 3	Daniel for his great attitude to learning this week and for helping to tidy up our outside area. Well done, Daniel. We are looking forward to seeing the bulbs you planted flower in the spring.
Class 4	Lena for always being such a kind and caring friend. If someone is feeling lonely or sad, Lena is always around to cheer them up. Well done Lena for your kindness.
Class 5	Craig for his focus and participation in class discussions. Craig also challenged himself, with success, to use 6 figure grid references at Forest School. Well done, Craig!
Class 6	Charlie W for his fantastic art work this week!

This week Class 5 enjoyed a sunny morning at forest school. We put our map reading skills to the test and used grid references to locate trees and landmarks around our school grounds. Some of us challenged ourselves and used 6 figure grid references! We also learned how to measure the height and circumference of different trees. We worked together to complete a fact sheet on our adopted tree and sketched it. In between while we toasted marshmallows and enjoyed hot chocolate. Later that morning, we spent time building dens and playing some of our favourite outdoor games. A great morning was had by all! ☺



Miss Brown



In Class 1 we have been exploring print-making. We have been learning about different methods for print making and have enjoyed using our own creativity to apply these skills. It has been lots of fun and a little bit messy!

Mrs Lewis

What a colourful school we had today! Thank you to all the children and staff for making such a spots and stripes effort for Children in Need Day, 2021—you looked amazing! Don't forget to donate—for ways to donate please go to <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/donate/>



Class 1 took to the fencing piste this week with some basic fencing skills and finishing with some foam fencing. Not having tried it before, they found it quite tricky with the footwork. They all persevered and enjoyed lunging at a picture of Sonic the Hedgehog on the wall so that they could be super sonically charged! At the end of the session, Samantha and Richard had a played a bout to show the class their footwork skills, lunges and blocks.



Miss Storey

WE ARE HIRING!

Pre-school Practitioner

Fixed Term, with potential for continuation in next academic year

21 hours per week

Grade 15 point 3 (£9.62ph)

The successful candidate will be working with pupils aged 2-5 years old. They will work under the direction of the Lead Practitioner to enable children to make good progress with their learning. They will be well-organised, adaptable, calm, decisive and a team-player. Relevant experience in the EYFS and a relevant educational Level 2 qualification, an NVQ Level 3 would be an advantage.

Closing date: 12 noon, 25th November 2021

Interviews: Wednesday 1st December

Start date: As soon as possible

Visits to Pre-school are welcome. For an informal discussion or an application pack, please contact Charlotte Pringle-Kosikowsky, Pre-School Lead on milvertonpreschool@educ.somerset.gov.uk or 01823 400243. An application pack is also available on the school website: www.milvertonprimary.co.uk/about-us/Vacancies

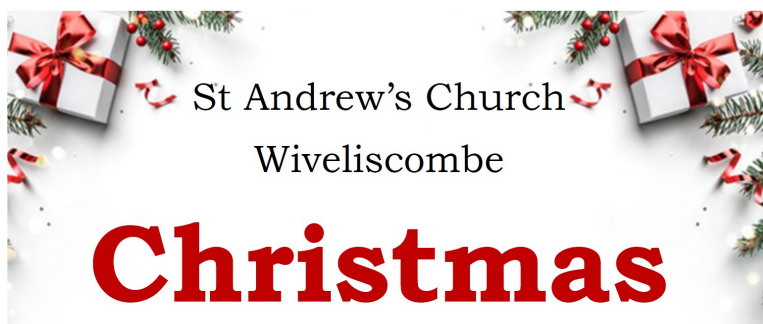
Come and join our lovely school!



House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	284	888
Cork Oak	298	831
Blue Cedar	289	854
Horse Chestnut	249	832

This week Pre-school have been looking at the artist Kandinsky. We have explored the different shape properties, and used sticking, drawing and large scale shapes to create different pieces.

Charlotte



Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 4th December
from 1pm-4pm
In St Andrew's Church

Craft Stalls, Cake Stalls,
Mulled Wine & Mince Pies,
Christmas Carols, Raffle
and an appearance from
Father Christmas

*and All Children will get a chance to visit
Father Christmas*

A group of really enthusiastic children attended the cross country and King's College on Monday night. I am really proud of how they all aspired to do their best and of each of them for their achievements.

Out of 77 competitors, Archie J came 8th, Brodie was 14th, Anya was 16th and Redvers came in at 16th! The rest of the team made equally excellent efforts, representing Milverton School brilliantly. Well done all of you.

Mrs McDonagh

