

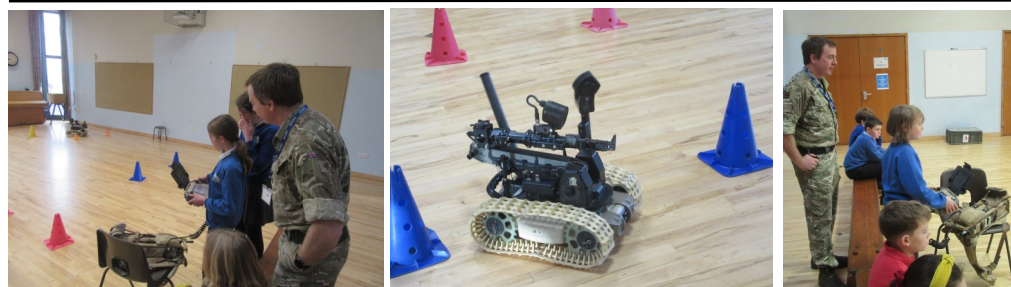


Dear Parent/ Carer,

Next week is National Storytelling Week 2026. We will be sharing many stories with the children during this celebration of oral storytelling, reading and writing for pleasure. Hopefully they will come home and share some stories with you.

We will be rearranging the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) parent/carer session to an evening online session. The children don't need any diagnoses for parents/carers to attend, it's intended as a supportive space and forum to discuss shared experiences and to ask any questions they may have to the Somerset Parent Carer Forum (SPCF) rep who leads these sessions.

Mrs Stoddart



A fortnight ago, on a Monday, Mr White (Dorie's Dad) visited Class 6 to tell us about how the military disposes of bombs. First, he gave us a presentation on the different roles and jobs needed to dispose of a bomb. Some of the roles were:

- Engineers and electricians to repair the bomb disposal robots in case there are any malfunctions.
- Marketing officers to pay for the equipment and robotics required to dispose of the bomb.
- A willing officer to test the equipment on military owned land.
- The police to evacuate any civilians.
- The Marines and Navy in case the bomb is in the ocean or natural water source.

After that, Mr White showed us some pictures of the bombs that were disposed of recently in Exmouth and Plymouth.

- Exmouth bomb: On Wednesday, 14th January 2026 a 600m cordon was put into the marina and there was a forced evacuation of approximately 2500 properties. It was safely detonated at sea on Friday 16th January.
- Plymouth bomb: This was found on a building site in the Millbay area in January. About 800 residents were evacuated from the surrounding area. The device was transported out to sea and detonated.

Mr White finished the presentation and we had the opportunity to try out driving the bomb disposal robot called the Dragon Runner. An obstacle course had been set up in the hall and we had to remotely control and navigate the robot through the obstacle course. We controlled it by using a joystick attached to a remote control camera so we could see the robot's path. It was great fun! We also did some activity sheets about bomb disposal. Thank you to Mr White for volunteering his time and sharing his knowledge to give us this amazing experience.

by Amelia and Alfred, Class 6

**Together,
we made it count**

This is to certify that

Class 1

took part in
Big Schools' Birdwatch 2026

Thank you very much!

Suzanne Welch
Education Partnerships Manager



Big Schools'
Birdwatch



In Class 1, we dodged the rain showers to take part in the RSPB Big School Bird Count. Mrs Egerton was very impressed how quietly the children observed the birds so they didn't fly away. *Ms Boullin*



Diary Dates

Forest School Thursdays

Class 5 5th February
Class 6 12th February
Class 3 26th February
Class 2 5th March
Class 1 12th March

Year 5 & 6 Trip to We The Curious, Bristol

Tuesday 3rd February

Stringfever Concert

Friday 6th February

Year 4 Sports Festival at Blackbrook Pavilion

Monday 9th February

Year 5 First Aid Trainings

Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th February

Half Term Break

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March

Year 5 Sports Festival at Kingsmead

Friday 6th March

Parents' Evening 1 All Years

17:00—19:30

Thursday 5th March

Parents' Evening 2 Year 1 to Year 6

15:30—18:00

Tuesday 10th March

Reception Class Parents' Evening 2

Thursday 26th March

Times to follow

Class 6 Residential to Charterhouse

Tuesday 17th to Friday 20th March

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	372	1341
Cork Oak	445	1252
Blue Cedar	415	871
Horse Chestnut	420	1211



OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



**JOB
WELL DONE**

Preschool	Albie for demonstrating empathy and kindness and being helpful to your friends.
Class R	Reuben for your fantastic Maths work and remembering how to make 6, 7 and 8.
Class 1	Dylan for your excellent progress in your handwriting.
Class 2	Poppy for using your creative skills this week to help plan your story and remembering what needed to be included. I can't wait to read the story when it's finished.
Class 3	Dylan and Oliver for your amazing reading this week.
Class 4	Alby for your knowledge and leadership in our Forest School session this week.
Class 5	Alexander for your incredible focus and positive attitude towards your learning this week.
Class 6	My Time Team who have worked hard to learn how to tell the time using an analogue clock – top work team!



Class 4 had a fantastic Forest School session this week with Ms Boullin. The children took part in the 'Big Schools' Bird-watch' survey in which they had to sit quietly and

identify any birds spotted on the school grounds. Some groups of children spent time making dens. One group in particular used fantastic knowledge and skills to create an enclosure utilising a wattle and daub technique. The children also spent time in the mud kitchen creating some very interesting food and drinks! As always, a huge thank you must go to Ms Boullin for all her hard work.

Mr Penny



We are proud to have received our Bronze award from the Woodland Trust for the children's outside learning and helping the environment.

Well done and thank you to Ms Boullin and the hard working Eco Committee for achieving this award.



Last week, Preschool enjoyed a rainy Forest School session. We especially enjoyed exploring the woods with the woodland cuddly animals, making 'mud drinks' in the muddy kitchen, collecting nature items with the litter pickers and inventing our very own version of 'stuck in the mud', where I had to rescue everyone who somehow continually seemed to be stuck in the mud! When we asked the children what their best bit of Forest School was, the resounding answer was "warm hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows!" as a Forest School treat! Thank you Ms Boullin for another fun morning despite the rain.

Laura

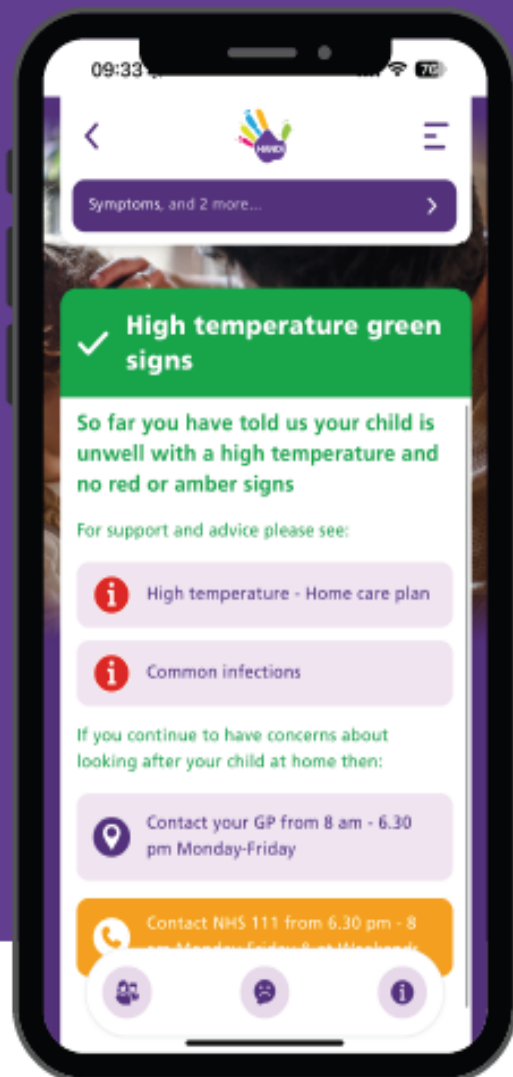
On Monday 26th January, some Year 6's went to Kingsmead School to play a basketball tournament. Samuel, Jesse, Cas, Freddie, Brody, Eva, Rory, Rupert, Henry, Alfie and Alfred went to represent Milverton. We practised dribbling, passing, shooting, reactions and control with the ball. For the matches, there were two teams: Team A (Henry was captain) and Team B (Alfie was captain). The results for Team A were: Won 2-0, Drew 1-1, Won 2-1, Won 3-0. The player of the tournament for Team A was Rupert. The results for Team B were: Won 4-1, Won 1-0, Won 1-0, Drew 1-1, Won 3-1. The player of the tournament for Team B was Rory. Both teams drew against Wellesley Park, who were a very good team. Everyone played brilliantly throughout the tournament and had a good time. Thank you to Mr Lee for being there.



by Alfie and Henry, Class 6

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Milverton Toddler Group

Thursdays in term time

9.30 to 11.00 a.m.

in Milverton Methodist Church

New families welcome

For details, please contact Helena Power on

07979210387

or helenapower.outreach@gmail.com







Family BINGO Evening

at
Oake Manor Golf Club
Thursday 5th February
Doors open at 5.30pm
Eyes Down at 6pm

Look out for details on how to buy your
books in advance to avoid the queues.



Raising funds for Taunton Scout & Guide Gang Show