



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring Term! In preparation for springtime, you may have noticed the arrival of bird boxes around the school site. These have been kindly built and installed by Trevor Phelps, from the Milverton Conservation Society. Today, Trevor has led assemblies for the children about the project, and he and his team will be monitoring the boxes over the coming months and sharing their findings with the school. As an Eco School, caring for nature is an important part of the children's learning and so we look forward to working with the society over the coming weeks and months to support the bird life in Milverton.

**Mrs Smith**



We arrived back to school last week to discover that the Class R classroom had had some little visitors! Tiny, glittery footprints led us to a shoe workshop! Each morning new shoes were appearing in the workshop and we had to solve the mystery of what was happening. We came to learn that a pair of tiny elves had been helping out the local shoe maker, who was very poor and very tired. In return we designed some outfits for the elves, whose clothes were full of holes, and they were very grateful and left us all thank you cards!

**Mrs Atterton**



On Wednesday we braved the icy conditions and headed up to our beloved Forest School. We got involved with The Big Bird Watch and looked around the school grounds at the bird boxes that have been put up. We even met a little robin who came to play with us! We found it very funny that the grown ups had to hide with us during hide and seek; they were quite tricky to keep covered up in our tiny spaces! We managed to keep warm around the campfire and warmed our insides with roasted marshmallows and a hot chocolate before singing to the apple trees in a very exciting, if a little out of tune (Mrs Atterton, Mrs Egerton and Mr Wedderkopp!), wassailing. It was worth it for the cosy, mulled apple juice we enjoyed thanks to the trees. None of us wanted to leave and we are already plotting and planning our next outdoor learning experience.

**Mrs Atterton**

Thank you and well done to **Imogen** for playing the piano to the whole school in our singing assembly this week.

**Ms Brooke**



## Diary Dates

### Forest School Wednesdays

Preschool 17th January  
 Class 6 24th January  
 Class 5 31st January  
 Class 4 7th February  
 Class 3 21st February  
 Class 2 28th February  
 Class 1 6th March  
 Class R 13th March  
 Pre-school 20th March  
 Class 6 27th March

**Class 4 Sports Festival**  
 Monday 5th February

**MSA Valentine's Disco**  
 Friday 9th February

**Half Term Break**  
 Monday 12th to Friday 16th February

**Parents' Evening 1**  
 Thursday 7th March  
 17:00—19:30

**Parents' Evening 2**  
 Tuesday 12th March  
 15:40—18:00

**Year 6 Residential to Charterhouse Outdoor Activity Centre**  
 Tuesday 19th to Friday 22nd March

**Class 5 Sports Festival**  
 Monday 25th March

**Easter Holidays**  
 Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April

**Art Exhibition**  
 Thursday 18th April

**Year 5 Residential to Kilve**  
 Weds 1st—3rd May

**Classes 3&4 Trip to Roman Baths**  
 Thursday 25th April

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	188	374
Cork Oak	153	314
Blue Cedar	138	258
Horse Chestnut	195	341



# OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Preschool	<i>Tilly-Ann</i> for your kind and helpful attitude towards others.
Class R	<i>Ivy</i> for her fantastic reading!
Class 1	<i>Leonard</i> for your positive attitude to learning at school and at home.
Class 2	<i>Siena</i> for really applying yourself in your learning.
Class 3	<i>Charlie</i> for your creativity and well structured poetry writing this week.
Class 4	<i>Taia</i> for your determination in Maths and making great progress with multiplication.
Class 5	<i>Daniel</i> for your excellent concentration and effort this week.
Class 6	<i>George</i> for your insightful knowledge of the Space Race in our History work.



Class 3 have recently been performing and analysing poems that use language in different ways before writing their own using a variety of structures. Miss Downer

An innovation of *The Sky in the Pie* by  
Roger McGough:

## The Hotel in the Pie

*Waiter! There's a hotel in my pie,  
The pillows taste like candy canes,  
The tables smell like strawberries,  
The chairs taste like melted chocolate,  
The doors feel like bumpy cranberries.*

*The TVs taste like liquorice,  
The sofas smell like marshmallows,  
The tables taste like squashed Maltesers,  
The carpet feels like mushy apples.*

*The dining room tastes like candy floss,  
The rooms smell like vanilla,  
The lights taste like cinnamon,  
And the beds feel like ice cream. by Phoebe*

An innovation of *Spaghetti! Spaghetti!* by Jack Prelovsky:

## Pizza! Pizza!

*Pizza! Pizza!  
You are as cheesy as can be  
You are crispy and crumbly  
And rather yummy  
You are delicious and incredible  
And you are as light as a snow-  
flake. by Sammy*

An innovation of *The Jumbies* by  
Edward Lear:

## The Vampires

*The vampires  
They went to sea in a fridge they did  
In a fridge they went to sea  
Their teeth were red  
And their coats were black  
And they went to sea in a fridge.  
by Charlie*

**Golden Mile Leaderboard** as at the start of the Spring Term, 2024.

18 local schools are involved in the Golden Mile this year and our pupils have already clocked up an amazing **17,131 miles this academic year**—that is 70% of the way around the world!!

Run miles per school so far:

- **1<sup>st</sup> Milverton Community Primary School – 2933 miles**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Two Moors Primary School, Tiverton – 2867 miles
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Minerva Primary School – 1416 miles
- 4<sup>th</sup> Herne View Primary School—1292

One a miles per pupil basis

- **1st Milverton Community Primary School– 13.27 miles per pupil**
- 2nd St John's Catholic Primary School – 12.31 miles per pupil
- 3rd Minerva Primary School – 11.90 miles per pupil
- 4th Two Moors Primary School—8.35 per pupil



As you can see, we're at the top of both leaderboards, so keep up the good work those little legs! Amazing!



The Class 4 children played lacrosse during their enrichment session which for most of the children was a completely new sport. The pupils learned to develop their movement and basic skills in lacrosse as well as grasping how different a

sport this is and how to play it effectively in a game situation. The children supported one another which was very evident when they played small house team matches to finish the afternoon. The match results were: Blue Cedar in 3<sup>rd</sup>, London Plane and Cork Oak equal 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Horse Chestnut came in 1<sup>st</sup> place. Well done to all the children, however, 2 special mentions should be made: firstly to Rupert for his quick reactions and speed on the ball showing good ball and stick control, and to Isla for her honesty and good movement in space. The first wristbands this term were awarded to Martha for her great understanding of the game and her enjoyment of embracing a new sport. The second wristband was given to Rufus who clearly demonstrated confidence and understanding of the sport by the end of the lesson.

*Miss B*

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MILVERTON'S

Valentine's  
DISCO

FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

AT MILVERTON SCHOOL GROUNDS

*Key Stage 1  
& Preschool*

*3.30pm - 4.30pm*

*Key Stage 2*

*4.45pm - 5.45pm*

**£3.00 PER CHILD**

HOSTED BY THE MSA

DRINKS

TATTOOS

SNACKS





## PREMIER EDUCATION TAUNTON HOLIDAY CAMPS

**Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th February 2024**  
**Venue: Cotford St Luke Primary School**  
**Time: 9:30am- 3:30pm Price £21.00 each day**

### What we'll be getting up to...

**Tuesday 13th February: Taekwondo, Nerf and Dodgeball-** Patterns, hand attacks, blocks and self defence are just a handful of taekwondo techniques children will learn from our coach Sharon. Sharon is a level 3 in taekwondo and her club is represented at the National Taekwondo Poomsae championships!

The children won't just be coming home as little ninjas from the day. They'll also have an afternoon of our famous nerf and dodgeball games! Where they will make unbreakable forts and work hard as a team!



Childcare  
vouchers  
accepted

### The fun doesn't stop there...

**15th February: Gymnastics-** Spend the day learning new gymnastic techniques from our amazing qualified gymnastic coaches.

They will support you doing new rolls, balances and stands. Enjoy making routines in pairs and small groups which will be presented later in the day. Try out all the school equipment!

**Please wear sports/casual clothes, bring a packed lunch and soft drinks.**



## PREMIER EDUCATION HOLIDAY CAMP

**Cotford St Luke Primary School**  
**TA4 1HZ**  
**Wednesday 14th February 2024**



## FOOTBALL/RUGBY ACTIVITY DAY

### What we will get up to:

**Football/ Tag Rugby skills-** Working Individually or in pairs you will learn skills from the coaches. They will help you learn and improve!

**Football/ Tag Rugby drills-** Children will be split into groups and start practising their skills whilst also moving with the ball.

**Mini games-** Children will use their skills in game like situations before playing against each other in the afternoon in teams.

**Football/ Tag Rugby tournament-** Children will be put into teams where they will compete in a round robin tournament!



**Please bring your own lunch & lots of non fizzy drink.**



9:30am-  
3:30pm

£21 ALL  
DAY!



**Please wear casual/sports clothes.**

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