



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's good to welcome everyone back to the new school year and to meet all of our new starters in Class R – they've settled in well so far. Thanks for your help in saying goodbye outside of the classroom so that the cloakroom area doesn't get crowded. The new Year 6's are looking like they're shaping up to the responsibilities that being the oldest in the school brings and everyone seems to have grown a few centimetres!

As far as the staff team is concerned, we welcome Miss Farrimond as the new teacher in Class 2, Mrs Langley into Pre-school and Mrs Walsh onto the lunchtime staff, we hope they will soon feel like part of the family.

You may be aware of the new government drive to improve attendance across the country and, as such, I am no longer able to authorise non-attendance/family holidays etc unless they are 'both exceptional and unavoidable'. This does mean that if you take your children out of school, you may be liable to pay a penalty fine.

I have begun the handover to Mrs Stoddart, she is excited to be taking over as Headteacher and looks forward to meeting you all.

**Ms Alcock**



This week we welcomed our brand new, bright-eyed Class R. They have astonished us with how confidently they have settled and their enthusiasm for being at school. Over the summer holidays the classroom and outdoor area was transformed thanks to the generous donations of new toys, resources and plants. A special thank you goes to Mr Atterton, who jet washed the outside area and canopy and painted our play house, to Dr and Mrs Gauntlett from the village for their generous donation of plants and flowers, that we are really looking forward to taking care of and a big thank you to the Milverton CP School community for rallying around us to provide some exciting new resources for the new class to explore. Here's to a great year ahead.

*Mrs Atterton*



Classes 1 and 2 really enjoyed bringing in their own toys to start off our new quest 'Terrific Toys'. They were very good at talking about their toys including what they were made of. There was excellent sharing too.

*Ms Boullin*

There are try-outs on Saturday 14th September at 10am for High Park Music in Wiveliscombe. It's a fantastic group for budding musicians who want to learn an instrument in an affordable way, but it needs new incomers each year to keep it going. In the first session they get to try flute/sax/clarinet and decide which one they like best. It costs £2 a session and this includes the hire of the instrument - a total bargain!

<https://www.highparkcommunitymusicproject.org.uk/>



## Diary Dates

### Forest School Wednesdays

Class 6 11th September  
Class 5 18th September  
Class 4 25th September

### MSA Meeting

The Globe 7.30pm  
Thursday 19th September

### Whole School Flu Vaccinations

Monday 23rd September

### Meet the Teachers

Wednesday 25th Sept 3.30–4.30pm.

Parents and pupils are invited to come in to school to meet their child's new teachers.

### Class R Phonics Breakfast

Thursday 26th Sept 9-10am  
Reception parents are invited in to learn more about phonics!

### Class 5 & 6 Trip to The Big Pit

Friday 27th September  
More information to follow

### Vision Screening for Year 1

Tuesday 15th October

### South West Heritage Workshop Classes 1 & 2

Friday 18th October

### Tempest Individual Photos

Thursday 24th October

### Harvest Festival

St Michaels' Church at 2pm  
Friday 25th October

### Half Term Break

Monday 28th October to  
Friday 1st November

### Inset Day

Monday 4th November—  
school closed to pupils.

We are looking for a Teaching Assistant Apprentice. If you are interested, or know someone who may be, please follow this link for more information:  
<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeships?location=Milverton,%20Somerset&distance=10>



# OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



Preschool	<b>All Pre-school</b> for settling in so well on our return to Pre-school.
Class R	<b>The whole class</b> for settling in brilliantly in their first week of school.
Class 1	<b>Poppy</b> for a great start at Milverton School.
Class 2	<b>Amélie</b> for showing perseverance when you found something tricky.
Class 3	<b>Senna</b> for excellent contributions in PHSRE.
Class 4	<b>Noah</b> for settling in to Year 4 so well.
Class 5	<b>Amelia</b> for challenging yourself and your continuous resilience in all your learning
Class 6	<b>Isla</b> for your positive and enthusiastic start to Maths and English in Year 6.



We were really excited to go to Forest School, it was our first one of the year. First we played '123 Where Are You' (of course). But afterwards we played a new game which was like being stuck in the mud and the forest was a safe zone. There were six taggers and you had to escape without getting tagged, it was called 'Prison Escape' (we made up the name!). Next, we had playtime and you had two choices to find twenty cards which had flowers and trees on them. After that if you wanted to have hot chocolate, you could. We made a Costa window for it! Finally, we made dens and whittled marshmallow sticks. The marshmallows were amazing (as usual).  
*by Sophia and Gypsy*



Year 4 were first to try out some fencing this week. Wellington Swords have kindly let me borrow some equipment so I can do some fencing with the older classes. They learnt the on-guard position, lunge, parry and how to actually fence on a piste. What great fun we had learning a new sport. Here are the details for any children that would like to join a club and keep fencing. *Miss Storey*

## Beginner's Fencing

**Starting 12 September**  
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## Start of the Year Reminders

- ⇒ Please can you ensure that your child arrives at school with **everything that they need** for their school day including water bottles, PE kit, lunchbox.
- ⇒ Please can we remind you to only use the class email addresses for teaching and learning enquiries **only**—everything else including absence, collection and other enquiries should be directed to the school office. Please do not copy your email to the school office to the class inboxes.
- ⇒ Turning circle—please only use the turning circle for drop-off only. Please do not park on the turning circle and leave your car.
- ⇒ When we send forms for you to complete, including for sporting fixtures and trips, please can these be completed in a timely manner and **before the deadline**.
- ⇒ Please **NO dogs** on any part of the site, including the car park and turning circle.

***All of these little things help our school run more smoothly, so thank you for your co-operation with them.***



## Your Milverton School Association (MSA)

Welcome back to a new school year and a new team at the MSA - Milverton School's parent-teacher association! Our mission is to bring together parents, children, teachers and the local community to have a good time and raise money for the school. All money raised funds activities and equipment to enhance the children's learning experiences.

### New team

Rob McFaul and James Maben are co-chairs, Claire Brazier is the treasurer, and Brent Gillespie is the secretary. (A big thank you to Sarah Bray for her role as chair over the last two years. We've big shoes to fill.)



There are many ways to chat with us- at the school gate, through our [email](#), or our open meetings every term. We're here to listen and help make all the MSA activities flourish.

### Open meeting Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September and class reps

To kick off the year, we're hosting an open meeting on Thursday, 19th September, at 7.30 pm at The Globe in Milverton - a space to share your thoughts and ideas for the MSA.

We've many exciting events planned for this year - including old favourites and introducing new ideas. We also want to hear from you. If you wish to be more involved, we're after class representatives who will assist in promoting events among parents and guardians. So come say hello at our open meeting, or get in touch if you can't make it. (We know 7.30 pm is peak bedtime for many.)

### Design a new logo

Do your children love art and design? We are seeking a new logo for the MSA and would be thrilled to receive your children's designs. The winning design will be brought to life! The deadline for submissions is 27th September. There will be a box in the school entrance glass lobby for you to drop off your designs.



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