



Dear Parent/ Carer,

It was an absolute privilege to join the children as they performed at Come and Sing earlier this week and they represented the school impeccably. Also, we have had many candidates visiting our school this week, interested in the teaching vacancy. All have been impressed with our children's polite manners and outstanding learning behaviours. They are a credit to you all! I hope you will join us in congratulating Miss Mansfield who will be leaving us at the end of April to embark on an exciting career development opportunity. Miss Mansfield has supported so many of our children, she will be missed and we wish her all the best.

I hope the sun continues to shine throughout the Easter break and that you have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 22nd April.

Mrs Stoddart

On Tuesday 18th March Class 6 left to go to Charterhouse Centre. After a journey of an hour and half we finally got there. On the way, we were doing all sorts; laughing, singing and even a bit of sleeping for some people! When we got there we met Lawrence and Mark who were going to be our instructors for the week. And put our bags in our dorms...



On the first afternoon, we took part in a lot of different team building activities including the funniest contact sport in the world - grab ball! That evening we had dinner (honestly, the best food I have ever had) and after getting changed in to our night walking clothes, we hiked to the highest point on the Mendips. It stands at a whopping 1066ft and we were freezing on the way down and very, very tired! It was about a 2.5 hour walk so we fell asleep very quickly. The next day, my group did caving at Goatchurch Cavern, which was very exciting, dark and old. We saw a very, very rare bat - allegedly called Eric... We spent some time learning about the cave; the junction and chamber names which went 130 metres down inside the hill. After that, we moved on to climbing with Mark. It was great fun. At first we were bouldering across an 8ft wall, we walked 4 big rock faces all joined together and all about 6 metres tall. After walking back to camp we ate dinner and had a quiz which ended in the funniest paper aeroplane championships ever! Then we read *Alex Rider Stormbreaker* and went to bed. Following the best night sleep I have ever had, my dorm woke up and we talked in bed for a bit. Our first activity was gorge walking with Josh who was a great instructor. We climbed up a very big waterfall and did a sort of ditch limbo the (bar was very low). After lunch, we went on to archery. The targets were pretty big and my aim was not that great, but I still got some nice high scores. The day had been long but it wasn't over as we held the campfire dorm show. It was so funny because everyone made a play, song or performance



in their dormitories. The final day was epic. We did orienteering over a whole valley! It was about midday when we finished and I was tired! The food was very nice for lunch. It was fish fingers and chips. It was so tasty. Then we grabbed our already packed bags and said goodbye and thank you to our instructors. Thank you to Mr Coupe, Mrs Brierley and Mr Lee for taking us on this trip.

by Wilf

Diary Dates

Forest School Wednesdays

Class 4 23rd April

Class 3 30th April

Class 2 7th May

Class 1 14th May

Class R 21st May

Preschool 4th June

Easter Break

Monday 7th to Monday
21st April.

Art Exhibition after school

Thursday 24th April

Year 5 Residential to Kilve Court

Monday 28th to

Wednesday 30th April

May Bank Holiday

Monday 5th May

SATS week

Monday 12th to Thurs 15th
May

Class 1 Sports Festival at Kingsmead School

Thursday 15th May

Leavers and Class Photos

Thursday 22nd May

Half Term Break

Monday 26th to Friday 30th
May

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Preschool	Evie for your growth in confidence and demonstrating kindness to your friends.
Class R	Maisy for coming on leaps and bounds in both your phonic knowledge and your reading.
Class 1	Otto for working so neatly in your handwriting practise.
Class 2	William for your fantastic effort in maths this week!
Class 3	Tilly, Erin and Finn for working really well as a team.
Class 4	Sammy for your fantastic newspaper writing this week.
Class 5	Bluebelle, Nellie C and Nellie P for your amazing care and help towards others whilst making willow sculptures.
Class 6	Tilly for your determination in art.

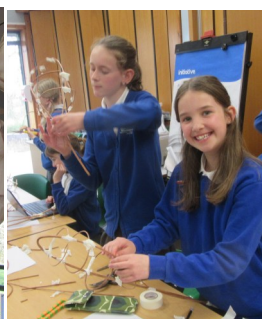


'Come and Sing' was the event, and we truly did! 38 children from our choir had practised 10 songs this term to join with 15 other primary schools to create a massed choir. All the songs were about animals; with the alliteration in 'Talk to the Animals' being fun, 'Three Little Birds' being relaxing and 'Roar' being empowering! Many of the songs were from well-known films and we may have had a quick lesson on the Beatles to learn 'Octopus' Garden! The children that represented our school were superb in every way; polite and respectful, listening to the conductor, considerate of others and playing with children from other schools in the playground. They sang with such gusto and the facial expressions showed they were in the moment and giving it their all. Well done, you were all amazing and I am very proud of each and every one of you! If you would like to see some videos, please open the links below that Wellington School has shared with us.

Ms Brooke

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<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1ALmGhuzwP/>



Year 6 have been making willow sculptures. The night before we started to make them, Mr Coupe soaked the willow sticks in water so they would be flexible enough to bend the next day. The willow was placed in a large enough plastic tube and filled with water and ties at both ends. In the morning, they were taken out and left on the side under wet towels to 'mellow'. If you were making a jellyfish, for example, you would start off with the base.

You would make a circle by bending the willow into a curve and taping the ends together. We had to bend the willow because it would snap easily and Mr Coupe said that we had to bend the fibres in the willow. We then cut the excess willow off with a pair of secateurs. Different designs needed different shapes to create the inner skeleton of our chosen animal. We made our skeletons for the entire day and, soon enough, our willow sculptures started to look like our designs. The second part of the job was to place the paper on the skeleton. We all had a bowl of watered down PVA glue each and a sponge. We placed the paper on the table and soaked the sponge in PVA glue and then dabbed the paper with the glue until it was translucent. Then we did the same on the other side of the paper. We picked up the piece of paper and placed it on the sculpture. We folded the piece of lantern paper around the willow until it was completed. We let it dry overnight by hanging it on the class washing line. It took us two days and we are really proud of our results.

by Willow



Class 1 have been learning how different fruit grows and where it comes from. Some of our fruit came from as far away as India and Costa Rica! We chopped our own fruit and made our tasty fruit salad. We all agreed it was delicious!

Ms Boullin



House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	465	787
Cork Oak	454	776
Blue Cedar	416	806
Horse Chestnut	345	714

Year 6 went to the battle on the streets and showed everyone what they are made of. There was a lot of attitude, spins, jumps, pyramids and much more. Britain's Got Talent came to mind. Even Mrs Stoddart said she would have pressed the red button. Well done, Year 6, a great team performance.



Miss Storey



We are taking part in The RHS 'Grow With It!' project which encourages us to grow plants. They sent us some seeds : Chives, Cosmos and Cornflowers. The Eco-Committee have planted the seeds. Hopefully they will soon grow as the

days get longer and warmer. We will plant them out in our school grounds so we can all enjoy them and benefit insects too.

Ms Boullin



Class 1 have really enjoyed learning about capacity and volume outside in the warm spring sunshine.

Ms Boullin

This week Pre-school have enjoyed our final week of our Creepy Crawly topic with even more activities such as Jelly Bugs, where we had to rescue the insects from the jelly, we also enjoyed tasting the jelly whilst playing too. We even rescued a honeybee, who was feeling a little tired and enjoyed a sugary recharge from a blob of jelly. We had a shredded paper snowstorm inside Pre-school on Thursday, which was great fun and even built our own cardboard car. And as its almost Easter we have really enjoyed some Easter themed activities such as creating our own Easter cards, making chocolate easter nests and looking at Easter books.

Laura



Are you planning on a spring clean of your children's toys this Easter holidays? If so, Pre-school would be extremely grateful of some new toys and resources to play with. We are particularly looking for:

- Dolls accessories such as bottles, pushchair/pram, highchair etc.
- Role play kitchen items, such as plastic plates, plastic teacups, plastic cutlery, play kettle, pretend food etc
- Role play hospital items
- Small world farm set
- Mud kitchen accessories, such as real saucepans, baking trays and watering cans.
- Puzzles and games.

• Cushions, small cozy blankets and cot sheets

We are also in desperate need of spare clothes especially:

- Girls underwear
- Trousers –both boys and girls leggings and jogging bottoms.
- Socks
- Shoes

On a final note, please can we remind anyone who has some of our existing spare clothes at home to please return them and hand them to a member of the pre-school team. Thank you in advance for your wonderful donations.

Sports Extra!

Tuesday 1st April we went to North Town School for a netball tournament. It was really fun. We had a blast. We played quickly and effectively. Our team consisted of: Charlie(Capt.) Henry, Freddie, Orla, Anna, Nellie C, Martha and Isla. Our first match was against Bishop Henderson. Then we played Trull, North Town Yellow and finally, North Town Pink. We won all of our games but lost to North Town Yellow. This was good for us because we now know what it feels like to lose a match! The oranges at half time were delicious and helped us in the tournament. The player of the match was Nellie C who did a very good job at everything. I played really well, Henry played really, really well - like he always does - by putting in 110%. Anna's shooting was very good, as always. Freddie was excellent in Centre and Goal Shoot. Isla played very well in her shooting role, Martha played a crucial part in our defence. Orla played very well in every position she played in. I can not think of one negative thing.

by Charlie, Year 6



On Thursday at Castle School, Sammy, Evelyn, Ivy, Elsie, Siena, Erin and Orea went to a bee netball friendly tournament. It wasn't what we expected, but we really enjoyed ourselves and tried our best! We had five games and won four of them and lost the last one. We all had lots of fun and a huge thank you to Miss Storey. *by Sammy, Ivy and Elsie*



We were so excited yesterday to welcome Hannah Taunton to the school. She is in the Paralympics, with a disability of learning difficulties and speech. She loves running and took part in the Tokyo and Paris Paralympics. With determination, hard work and using every bit of energy in her body to run 1500m. She came 3rd and won a bronze medal! But unfortunately she came 5th in Paris because she received an injury months before. She went to Castle school in Taunton. She joined TAC (Taunton Athletics Club) at the age of 12! Her teacher saw talent in one of her first P.E sessions when she was doing the beep test. She was the last one standing. Her story was so interesting. Sophia got to open the box... and inside it was her bronze medal. The medal was made out of recycled phones! She showed us what she eats and what exercises she does. She is a great role model to all of us and we wonder who will be the next Hannah Taunton. Sport leaders and the school council got a picture with her and even a hold of the medal.

by Sophia and Amelie, Year 6



On Monday 24th March, some Y5 and Y6 went to King's College for a cross country event. The track we were racing on was mostly dirt and grass, though we also ran a few metres on gravel. We also ran over a medium sized hill. At the beginning, it was extraordinarily cramped with everyone trying to get a head start at the same time. Near the end there was very muddy terrain, where you had to be careful not to lose your shoes! After the race finished, all of the Milverton group went up a hill to the side of the indoor pool to take a team photo. Later on we got our scores; which were all pretty good. Our best score in Y5 was Rory and in Y6 was Luke. Our scores were: Dougie 110th and Bentley 123rd and it was all out of 146 runners. We all gave a word of thanks to Miss Storey, then found our parents or guardians and left.

by Dougie and Bentley

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Fun times coming up in May!

MSA at the Milverton Family Fun Day - Bank Holiday 5th May

We are running a stall, and we'd love donations and volunteers.

⇒ We need small lucky dip toys in good condition. If you're having a spring clean, look for keyrings, bubbles, small figurines, chalk, hair clips, bouncy balls, etc. No books and nothing large, please!

⇒ Clean and good condition teddies.

⇒ Bottles- anything in sealed/in-date bottles (wine, squash, soft drinks, bubble bath, jars of sweets or small toys).

Drop off your donations in the box in school entrance lobby. Get in touch if you can help out on the day.

Muck in May - volunteer Saturday morning at the school - 10th May

Hedges to trim, playground to fix, things to spruce up. We're after handy folk, green-fingered types, and everyone and anyone who'd love to help smarten up the school grounds for our kids for the summer term. More details after Easter. Save the date in the diary if you can help.

Barn Dance at Houndsmoor Farm - 17th May

Now in its third year, this is going to be epic. Live tunes, bar, BBQ and a lot of dancing, good times and tumbling around straw bales for the kids. More details after Easter.

Wishing you all a lovely Easter break, MSA

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Milverton School from April
until end of October!

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& receive your payment / access details.

Money raised will fund equipment &
activities to enhance the education and
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