



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you very much for supporting our non-uniform day for Ukraine today. Whatever the politics of the situation, I think we've all been moved by the terrible plight of the Ukrainian people and what they are suffering. If you would still like to donate money, or donate more, you can do so [here](#). Next Friday we are celebrating Red Nose Day, and children are encouraged to come to school wearing red, if they'd like to join in. If you would like to donate, please do so directly by following this [link](#) to their website; we will not be collecting money in school on the day.

On Monday we welcome Mr Coupe back into Class 4, and Miss Mansfield also returns following her maternity leave. We welcome them both back! Thank you for your continuing support,

**Mr R Stead**



What a fantastic residential Class 6 had to Charterhouse last week! We had 4 days of fun activities, great food and good times. We took part in lots of great activities such as caving, climbing and archery. The children set a good example of behaviour and were very supportive of each other throughout the week. Please can I say a massive thank you to Mrs Pyne and Mrs Laphorn for giving up their time to come with us. We are currently sorting through the many photos taken during the week and should be able to share these with parents and carers very soon.

**Mr Penny**



The Year 6 residential trip to Charterhouse involved some interesting and fun activities. Our favourite activity was the gorge walk as it included teamwork, getting muddy and wet doing an underwater limbo! Another one of our class's favoured activities was caving. This was because you had to crawl through small spaces such as the cracks of doom, the superman and the diagonal drainpipe. In between all the entertaining events we had dorm inspections and cake time! Overall, it was a brilliant trip that we all thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you to Mr Penny, Mrs Pyne and Mrs Laphorn for organising the trip and looking after us.

**Sophie L and Anya**



## Diary Dates

### Forest School

#### Wednesdays

16th March Pre-school

23rd March Class 6

30th March Class 5

### Parents' Evenings

**Wednesday 16th March**

3.40pm to 6pm

Bookings are live, please book through Parentmail.

### Friday 18th March

Red Nose Day

Wear something red!

Please donate directly to charity.

### Thursday 31st March

Class 3 Multi-skills

Festival at Kingsmead

### Friday 1st April

Inset Day

### Easter Holidays

Monday 11th April to

Friday 22nd April





## OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

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| <b>Pre-School</b> | <i>Jasmine</i> for making new friends and becoming more independent.  |
| <b>Class R</b>    | <i>Jayden</i> for great work on his handwriting this week—well done.  |
| <b>Class 1</b>    | <i>Betsy</i> for her fantastic effort in Maths this week. You were a Maths whizz! Well done.  |
| <b>Class 2</b>    | <i>Oscar</i> for his energy, engagement and enthusiasm for his learning this week.  |
| <b>Class 3</b>    | <i>Daniel</i> for excellent progress with handwriting – well done Daniel!   |
| <b>Class 4</b>    | <i>Hazel</i> for working really hard with her fractions this week and also focusing on her handwriting.   |
| <b>Class 5</b>    | <i>Nathaniel</i> for his considerate manner in RE on the work of 'charities'. Nathaniel produced a thoughtful and carefully designed unique charity. Well done! |
| <b>Class 6</b>    | <i>Daniel</i> for his focus and hard work in class this week.   |



Milverton Primary and Pre-School celebrated World Book Day on Monday this week. It was just fantastic to see the range of costumes on show during the day. We completed our annual 'World Book Day Quiz' in class and the winning house this year were Blue Cedar. Each class also took part in many other activities to promote reading and a love of books which we value so highly at our school. Thank you to all the parents who spent time organising and making costumes for your children – we know that this can take some time! We hope the children enjoyed the day and that they keep up their fantastic reading efforts.

Mr Penny





This week Class 1 became explorers and ventured out into Milverton to explore our local village. Mrs Lewis was incredibly proud of the children's behaviour on this walk and their awareness of how to keep safe, following our talk about road safety. This walk was part of our geography work comparing Milverton to a small village in Mexico. Our geographical skills were put to action identifying human and physical features including houses, the school and a church, as well as hills, fields and a river. We then compared our first hand observations with research on the human and physical features of the village of Tocouro in Mexico. This expedition built on our work the previous week when we explored maps of the villages and towns we live in and compared the local amenities. Throughout the week we have continued our comparative work by finding out about festivals celebrated by us and those celebrated in Mexico. We look forward to continuing our learning as keen geographers as we find out more about the similarities and differences between these two beautiful places. Class 1 would like to thank Seth and Richard's mums for joining us on our local walk.



Mrs Lewis



I am currently a squad member of Taunton Trampoline and Gymnastics Academy and I train up to 7 hours a week. I recently travelled to Wiltshire School of Gymnastics where I performed a routine on the floor, vault, bats and beam. A panel of judges awarded scores for each routine. After all the points were counted I was awarded a pass in my Regional Grade 4 in Gymnastics. If anyone is interested in joining a gymnastics club, please email [tgaenquiries@gmail.com](mailto:tgaenquiries@gmail.com)

On Monday, netball players from Class 5 and 6 gathered at Castle School in Taunton to participate in a friendly netball tournament. There were many other teams from in and around Taunton there too, including pupils from Bishop's Hull, Trull and North Town. The umpires were students at Castle School and they were very nice and fair. We played 3 times against all these schools. The netball posts were so high, no wonder: they were made for Year 8 and 9 pupils! Luckily, if we only hit the hoop we were allowed to earn one point and if it went in the net, we got 3 points! In our first match against Bishop's Hull we didn't score and they won 7 points, but it was a fun match. The shooters were very good at their positions and were very gracious when the match finished. They shook our hands and politely congratulated us. The second game was against Trull. This game brought back our smiles, as the last one left us feeling a bit down. Myself and the other shooter even managed to get it in the hoop, which gave us 3 points! We won this game 7-0! We cheered for the other team and shook their hands. Fortunately for us, we had another brilliant game against North Town. We won 6-2! We went home feeling like we had played well. Thank you to Mrs McDonagh and all the parents for coming to support us and being great mentors.

Izzi, Class 6

| House Points   | Weekly Total | Half Term |
|----------------|--------------|-----------|
| London Plane   | 653          | 653       |
| Cork Oak       | 567          | 567       |
| Blue Cedar     | 659          | 659       |
| Horse Chestnut | 610          | 610       |



On Wednesday Classes 3 and 4 went for a walk around the village. The children found out about how the village has changed over time and what some of the buildings used to be. Milverton used to be centred around an Anglo-Saxon Fort which is where St. Michael's Church is now, this explains why lots of the nearby houses have the word Fort in them! We discovered that there used to be a soap factory and a knicker factory in the village. We also spotted where the fire engine was kept and where the old school was.

Mrs Calnon and Mrs Nicholls



Year 3's turn this week for curling. They worked really hard on their technique to keep their knee of the floor and swing their arm for power. They loved working in pairs to hit the alien spaceships and then the thrill of hitting other stones out of the way. They split into teams to finish and curled down towards the house/target to get closest to the middle. The wristband went to Matilda and Ocean for great perseverance and improvement from start to finish.

Miss Storey



Preschool are planning to make a picture using plastic lids. Could we please ask that you save your plastic lids from any bottles, tubs and containers. We will place a container at the front gate every morning from next week and will have one outside of preschool too. Thank you!

Charlotte