



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are two weeks in to the new term and already school has been very busy with the Y3/4 trip, different sporting activities and creative class activities. Year 6 is working hard to prepare for their SATs in a couple of weeks' time and we wish them well with those. Trevor Phelps confirms that we have chicks in our nesting boxes; blue tits, wrens and nuthatches have all decided to create their families at Milverton - exciting news! Letters will be coming soon to tell you about the Quest learning which will take place during this term so look out for ways in which you can support your child's learning. Next week we look forward to a visit and performance by the Royal Marines Band and of course, Year 5 is off to Kilve - we hope they have a great time and the weather is kind to them.

Ms Alcock



Class 3 and 4 visited the Roman Baths this week as part of their Quest learning this term. The children used their morning to take part in several investigative workshops where they explored various aspects of Roman life ranging from digging up Roman artefacts to experimenting with building Roman arches and cranes. In

the afternoon, the children got to explore the baths for themselves, seeing them up close, speaking to live actors and exploring even more artefacts that were on offer. A huge well done to all the children for their enthusiasm for learning and their excellent maturity

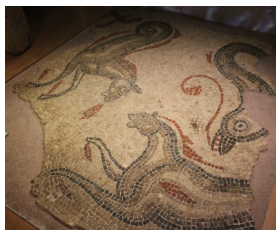
and kindness while in a public space. Also, a big thank you to all our parent helpers that kindly volunteered their time!

Miss Downer



Everyone was excited when we got there. We went into the basement and became mini archaeologists digging for artefacts. We had to recreate Roman arches and did some activities like dressing up as Romans and creating our own mosaics. We saw the Great Bath and it was massive! We couldn't go in because there is algae in the water caused by the sunlight. We could see the steam rising from the hot water. The floor was very uneven, so we had to be careful. We visited the hot room (the caldarium) and the cold room (the frigidarium) and learnt how Romans used to clean themselves. The Romans built a Great Temple next to the Sacred Spring, where naturally hot water at a temperature of 46°C rises every day for thousands of year. This was dedicated to the goddess Sulis Minerva and Romans threw many objects into the Spring as offering to the goddess. When someone else had done something bad to them, they would scratch a curse on a piece of metal and throw it into the Spring.

Class 4



Diary Dates

Forest School Wednesdays

- Class 3 1st May
- Class 2 8th May
- Class 1 15th May
- Class R 22nd May

Royal Marines Band visit

Tuesday 30th April

Class 4 Start Swimming

Wivey Pool
Tuesday 30th April

Year 5 Residential to Kilve Court Centre

Weds 1st—3rd May

May Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May

Year 6 SATS week

13th to 16th May

Class 5 Sports Festival at Kingsmead

Monday 20th May

Class R & 6 NHS Heights and Weights

Tuesday 21st May

Leavers and Class Photos

Thursday 23rd May

School Games Day

Friday 25th May

Half Term Break

Monday 27th to Friday 31st May

'A Little Princess' show for whole school and Year 6 workshop

Tuesday 4th June

Class R Sports Festival at Kingsmead

Monday 24th June

The Stringcredibles

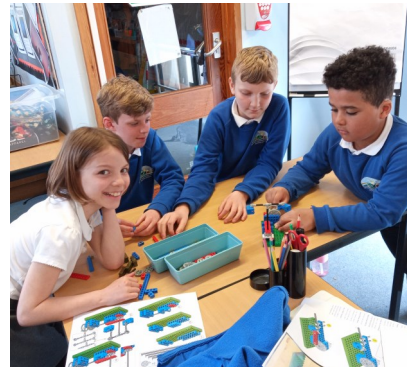
Monday 17th June

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	201	409
Cork Oak	257	462
Blue Cedar	192	430
Horse Chestnut	197	409

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

- Preschool **Rupert** for trying really hard with his counting this week.
- Class R **Sonny, Luca and Niamh** for their excellent reasoning during our doubles work in Maths. ★
- Class 1 **Leonard** for being an excellent school ambassador at our Kingsmead Sports Festival. ★
- Class 2 **Alfie** for writing really clear instructions on how to make an electrical circuit. ★
- Class 3 **All of Class 3** for representing our school so wonderfully on our trip to the Roman Baths. Well done for your enthusiasm, listening and respect towards your learning and those around you. ★
- Class 4 **Aubrey** for sharing his knowledge of plants in Science. **All of Class 4** for your exemplary behaviour and enthusiasm on our trip to the Roman Baths. *Bene factum!* ★
- Class 5 **Wilf and Toby** for their resilience this week while completing the Lego WeDo Challenge.
- Class 6 **Millie** for her hard work and focus in class this week.

This week, Mr Coupe challenged Class 5 with making many different machines with the Lego WeDo kits. On the first day, we made windmills. We programmed them to move. We next made a science rover called Milo. It had a sensor on the side to sense an object so that it could stop. We made a moon buggy the next day, one that could collect things in a scoop AND turn around! After 45 minutes of building we could programme it to scoop up space junk and turn it so it faced in a different direction. We also made some technical Lego and made a complete simple gears and belt drives. We made a helicopter with moving blades by using a small gear on top of a bigger one that moved the blade on top. Lastly, we made pistons of a train move and that was super cool! I challenged myself to do a double sided one and succeeded!



Kit, Class 5



Last Friday Class R and Class 4 enjoyed getting together in the sunshine for our reading buddies session. Class R brought some books from our classroom and enjoyed being read to by the older children. Some of us even read our own reading books to Class 4.

Mrs Atterton



This week, Class 1 were lucky enough to go to Kingsmead school for a Sports Festival with other Year 1 children from local schools. The children were very excited and joined in lots of activities with other children.

They were very well-behaved including working with other children and sharing resources kindly. I was particularly proud of Leonard. An activity organiser from Kingsmead came and spoke to me to tell me how kind and generous he had been sharing and speaking kindly to children from other schools. An excellent ambassador for Milverton. Well done to all of Class 1 for their excellent participation and behaviour.

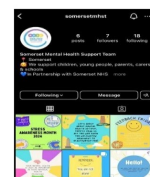
Ms Boullin

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It's great to see the new multi-use court now being used for Netball Club. It's wonderful to have new netball posts which means we can now host fixtures! Thank you to the MSA! We have 2 matches booked in for May against other schools to use this great facility.
Miss Storey



This term on Tuesdays one of the after school clubs is Real Archery for the older children. How exciting for the children to try something new! They're currently learning all the safety around the sport and learning the shooting technique. Well within in the 5 minutes I was there I saw a lot of golds hit already!
Miss Storey



In PE enrichment this week the Year 4 pupils played the sport of Boccia. Many of the children were unfamiliar with this sport and knew nothing about it. As usual, enthusiasm to embrace a new sport was not an issue. The children demonstrated a high ability of accuracy and aiming in their skill drills to begin with and they adapted well when they were shown how we throw a Boccia ball with a 'flick'. They all displayed great effort and played a small competitive game at the end - both teams were supportive of each other. Cass and Nelly P were our wristband winners this week as they showed great sportsmanship;



they worked well with their partners and showed great listening skills and enthusiasm. Henry, Aubrey, Isla, Jesse and Nelly C were also children whom we noticed displaying strong team spirit and politeness to coaches and peers. As a group, the pupils were delightful, they were all polite, enthusiastic and showed great ability.
Miss



Everyone was really excited to do Bikeability! We met our super nice bike instructors and were given some high-vis jackets (mine was number 11) and Amy (one of our instructors) asked how much cycling we do whilst Philip (our other instructor) went out to check our bikes were safe for riding on the road. They told us about COPP: Communication, Observation, Position and Priority. Then we went out and did some cycling around the playground, but before that we did ABCDD which stood for AIR, BRAKES, CONTROL, CHAIN

and DROP. It was really fun cycling around the playground and practicing. Then it was lunchtime, I filled up on pasta and we headed out along Huntash Lane. We whizzed down a hill and then we stopped and practised U-turns. I crashed into the hedge a couple of times but I made it the third time. We did some junction turning practice and then we cycled back just in time for home time! The next day, we practised going around parked cars and we went back up the giant hill for lunch time. We cycled around Milverton and travelled to the roundabout. We cycled towards Wiveliscombe and then we did a U-turn and circled the roundabout twice and headed back in to Milverton. The two days were great fun.

by Elis, Year 5



Somerset Primary Schools Inter Races at Yeovil.

Four Milverton School children were selected from the area to represent not just Milverton, but the Taunton & Wellington area as well. Luke, Year 5, took part in the Year 5 and 6 boys' race. He ran 2km and he came fourth! The Taunton and Wellington team got placed first overall. Luke received a team medal. Jesse, Rory and Freddie in Class 4 took part in the Year 3 and 4 race and they ran 1.7km. We haven't heard their actual finish positions yet, but know they ran a strong race. Taunton and Wellington team got placed second in this year group. The three boys received a team medal too. Well done to all of you.

Miss Storey





On Thursday 25th April we entered a gymnastics competition (Amelie, Sophia, Tilly and Jessica). We competed and were judged in floor routines and the vault. We also went on the trampoline for fun. First, we went on the trampolines and had a go at various jumps (the trampolines made you go really high). Miss Storey had a go too and couldn't get out of the foam pit! We were really nervous at first but by the end we were ready for our floor routines. Next, we went to the vault. We got two practice jumps and two proper jumps. We were judged on our run up, jump onto the block, jump off the block and our landing. We all nailed our vaults and got high scores! Finally, we competed on the floor doing our routines. Sophia went first, Amelie second, Tilly third and Jessica fourth. We all remembered our routines and performed them flawlessly. We did really well overall and did not forget anything. We came 5th overall. Thank you to Miss Storey for helping out, it's really appreciated.

by Tilly, Sophia, Amelie and Jessica

Nest box update—we have Great Tit chicks!

Our Nuthatch and Blue Tits are sitting tight.

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PREMIER EDUCATION TAUNTON HOLIDAY CAMPS
 Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th May 2024
 Venue: Cotford St Luke Primary School
 Time: 9:30am- 3:30pm Price £21.00 each day

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 Tuesday 28th Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th May
 Venue: Holy Trinity PS, South Street Taunton TA1 3AF
 £21.00 for all day!
 9.00am-3:30pm

What we'll be getting up to...
Tuesday 28th May: 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!
Wednesday 29th May: Football- A brilliant opportunity to channel your inner Messi with a day of fun games, skill sessions and even a football tournament all led by passionate and knowledgeable coaches.



MULTI-SPORTS ACTIVITY DAY

What we'll be getting up to:
Team building- Children will be put into various teams where they will work together to complete challenges.
Gymnastics- Children will get to practice on all the equipment in our gym sessions!
Football- One of the more classic sports we run. Children will be put in teams to play a 5-a-side tournament.



Holiday Fun

Childcare vouchers accepted

The fun doesn't stop there...
Thursday 30th May: Gymnastics- Spend the day learning new gymnastics 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.

Other activities include:
Dodgeball- Working in a team, children will work together to try and hit the other team with their dodgeballs!
Nerf Games- Children will be split into teams where they will build unbreakable forts to take cover from the other teams!
Arts & Crafts - A chance for children to take a break from all the running around and relax!

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