



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are currently seeing an increase in requests for absence during term-time. School attendance has been hard-hit by sickness for many children this year and there have been high levels of unavoidable absence. School staff continue to work harder than ever to help children make good progress with their learning. Absences **must** be kept to **unavoidable** matters **only**, please. If the reason is truly unavoidable, you must request the absence, 14 days in advance, using the form on our website here: <https://www.milvertonprimary.co.uk/parents/forms>. Absence during term-time can quickly mount up and become a problem, potentially leading to fines and distress which could easily be avoided. Thank you,

Mr Stead



Classes 1 and 2 had an opportunity to try on some armour this week to help them appreciate how heavy and difficult it would be to defend or attack a castle! Thank you to Robin's dad for lending it to us.

Ms Boullin



This week, it was Class R's turn for Forest School on a beautiful, sunny Spring day. We have been learning all about mini-beasts and their life cycles this half term, which really helped us to make sure we built the best Milverton Mansion for bugs! Damper bread went down a treat and we continued the fun into the afternoon with t-shirt printing and hot chocolate whilst listening to a story on the field.

Mrs Smith



Class 2 have had a busy couple of weeks! We have been learning the recorder and have mastered 2 notes and a short song now, reading notes and tempo on sheet music. We have also received certificates for our Secret Agent Training (SATs) which finished with an obstacle dodging mission across the Adventure Playground. What agile children you all are!

Ms Brooke

Diary Dates

Forest School Wednesdays

Class R 17th May

Pre-school 24th May

Class 6 7th June

Class 5 14th June

Class 3 *Monday* 19th June

Class 4 21st June

Class 2 5th July

Class 1 12th July

Class R 19th July

Talent Show

Tuesday 23rd May

Classes 1 & 2 Trip to Dunster

Castle, Class 3 Bridge

Builders Virtual Workshop

Wednesday 24th May

Class & Leavers' Photos

Thursday 25th May

Half Term Break

Monday 29th May to Friday
2nd June

Class 2 start swimming

Monday 5th June

The Railway Children

Production for whole school

Tuesday 6th June

Class 5 Trip to Bristol

Museum and Art Gallery

Wednesday 7th June

Class 3 & 4 Trip to

Nettlecombe Court

Friday 9th June

Year 6 Sports Festival at

Kingsmead,

Class 3 Tudor Day

Friday 16th June

Whole School Waste

Workshops

Friday 30th June

Year 6 Court Fields School

Induction Days

Tues 4th and Weds 5th July

Year 6 Kingsmead School

Induction Days

Weds 5th and Thursday 6th July

MSA Summer Fair

Saturday 8th July

If you can help, please contact
msa-somerset@outlook.com

Year 6 Play

Thursday 13th July at 6.30pm

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Thursday 20th July at 9am

Last Day of Term for Pupils

Thursday 20th July



OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



- Preschool **Elodie** for showing such kindness towards the smaller children.
- Class R **Hudson** for your outstanding story writing about the Owl Babies.
- Class 1 **Nicholas** for your super progress in reading.
- Class 2 **Noah** for showing resilience and overcoming your fears on the Adventure Playground!
- Class 3 **Freddie and Orla** for applying your understanding of telling time to problem solving.
- Class 4 **Niamh and Harry S** for your clearly written explanation text, explaining how the water cycle works.
- Class 5 **Lena** for your consistently outstanding attitude to learning.
- Class 6 **Lettie** for your focus and hard work in our Egyptian history work this week.



Last week, Class R attended their first multi-skills sports festival at Kingsmead School. We had a fantastic time developing our fundamental skills, alongside lots of new friends from other local primary schools. Thank you to the amazing sports leaders from Kingsmead for organising such a fun event and supporting us so well.

Mrs Smith



We would like to say a very big thank you to the MSA for their kind donation. It has allowed us to provide both key stages with some great new play equipment. Just in time for the sunshine!

Miss Mansfield



This week at Pre-school we have been learning about different houses and where people live. We learnt about African mud huts. We talked about how the houses would be made. Ella said "People could call someone else to get some money, so they can go in a hot air balloon to go get stuff and come back to build a house." We then watched a video of the building process and made our own mud hut, collecting the things we needed from around the school grounds.

Charlotte

We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who took part and supported our Gromit's Grand Readathon for Bristol Children's Hospital. We raised an amazing £863!! We know that every penny raised allows the Grand Appeal to be there for every child and family from the moment they arrive at Bristol Children's. All the money raised helps to fund:

- Family Support Workers, who provide comfort and advice to families.
- Their three family accommodation houses that give parents a free, private, and comforting place to stay for as long as they need.

• Specialist staff who help to ease the incredible burden of being in hospital through a diverse art, music and play programme. As well pioneering equipment and research to help save lives every day.

Miss Yeats

| House Points | Weekly Total | Half Term |
|----------------|--------------|-----------|
| London Plane | 314 | 986 |
| Cork Oak | 271 | 934 |
| Blue Cedar | 280 | 1195 |
| Horse Chestnut | 310 | 1034 |







THANK YOU

Milverton Community Primary and Pre-School
for raising a cracking

£863

from Gromit's Grand Read!

2023

Your fantastic contribution means that we can continue to improve the treatment and care of young patients at Bristol Children's Hospital and the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at St Michael's Hospital.

grandappeal.org.uk



On Thursday 18th of May, 12 Year 6 pupils went to play in a non-competitive Rounders' tournament against different schools. We played 3 matches. Each game we played we got the highest score, meaning we won all of our matches!!

| Schools | Results |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Thurlbear vs Milverton | 16—29 to us |
| Trull vs Milverton | 20—27 to us |
| Creech St Michael vs Milverton | 20—30 to us |

We played some very skilled teams and enjoyed the teamwork that was needed. Good game everyone! *by Ava and Megan*

Over the last few months, children at Toasties have been learning essential skills for cooking such as weighing, rubbing in, and rolling out. We have had many requests for our recipes and our scones have been a firm favourite- even if we still haven't managed to settle the jam first cream first debate! By popular demand here is our scone recipe if you would like to have a go at home.

- 8oz/ 225g self-raising flour
- 2oz/ 55g butter (or dairy free spread)
- 1oz/ 25g(ish) sugar
- 150ml milk (a little less if using dairy free alternatives)
- Pinch of salt
- A beaten egg or extra milk to glaze
- 220c/200c fan 12-15minutes
- *Rub butter into flour and salt
- *Stir in sugar and milk- bring together into a soft dough
- *Turn onto a floured work surface and gently knead
- *Pat out or roll to 2cm deep and use a cutter
- *Glaze before baking

Don't forget- cream first!

Over the past couple of week's the children in Classes 2 - 6 have all taken part in an inter-house competition during their PE lessons. The scores were very close.

The results are as followed:

- 1st: **Blue Cedar** with 33 points.
- 2nd: **Cork Oak** with 31 points.
- 3rd: **London Plane** with 29 points.
- 4th: **Horse Chestnut** with 27 points.



Mrs McDonagh

TALENT

*time to
show
them
what
you're
made of*

SHOW

Tuesday 23rd May

Milverton Community Primary and Pre-school

The auditions and talent show are taking place on Tuesday – please can parents/carers ensure their child has any props readily available on the day!



On Tuesday 16th May, 5 children from class 6 (Ed, Leo, George S, George B and Archie I) went to a mountain biking tournament. There

were 3 heats (depending on the time you took on the practice round). The first heat was for the fastest, second for the medium speed, and the third for the slightly slower people. Everyone tried their best and did really well. It was great fun and everyone enjoyed the challenge. It was a tricky track and nearly everyone fell off! There were lots of schools participating and they were all very talented.

by Ed and George S.

AFTER HALF TERM BREAK, STARTING WITH YEAR 6... BE PREPARED!

HORRIBLE HISTORIES



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MILVERTON'S FOREST SCHOOL ROUNDS OFF EVERY YEAR WITH A FESTIVAL AND THIS SUMMER WILL BE HORRIBLY FUN! CHOSE AN HISTORICAL CHARACTER FROM THE DAWN OF HUMANITY RIGHT UP TO THE 20TH CENTURY. YOU COULD BE ATILLA THE HUN, HILDEGARD OF BINGEN, CONFUCIUS, ADA LOVELACE, PAUL ROBESON, A VIKING, NEANDERTHAL, NINJA, OR ANYONE ELSE YOU FIND FASCINATING ENOUGH TO RESEARCH!

DRESS UP AS LITTLE OR AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE. YOU CAN EVEN COME IN CHARACTER.

ENJOY:

HORRIBLE HITS ON THE MAIN STAGE;

STUPID DEATHS ZONE (RESEARCH YOUR CHARACTER!);

CHRONOLOGICAL LINE UP (RESEARCH YOUR CHARACTER!);

HISTORICAL MUD KITCHEN (MUD THROUGH THE AGES);

1,2,3 WHEN ARE YOU?!

AND MUCH MORE...

ON A
PLATE!