



Dear Parents and Carers,

On Thursday afternoon, we had a visit from Mr Stead to celebrate all the dedication and hard work he has given to the school over the last 16 years. All the very best to Mr Stead for the future and a huge thank you for everything you have done, you will be greatly missed. This week, Class 6 completed two wonderful performances of their play 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies'. Once to the whole school on Wednesday afternoon and then to parents and carers on Thursday evening – bravo! We are also celebrating some fantastic SATs results in Year 6 – in Reading, Writing, GPS (Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation) and Maths 90% of children achieved ARE (Age Related Expectation). Well done to the children and Class 6 teaching team for all of your hard work!

Mr Penny and Mrs Smith



Mr Stead visited the school this Thursday for a celebration assembly of his 16 years as Headteacher and to watch the Year 6 play 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies'. The children prepared some wonderful goodbye cards to present to Mr Stead in the assembly and the choir sang beautifully. To the children's delight and excitement, Mr Stead was at last able to reveal which house he had been in and kept secret for all those years! He would like to pass on this message to all the children, staff, Governors and parents—**"It was an absolute joy to see everyone in school for a farewell assembly. Thank you so much to everyone for their extremely kind and generous gifts. I will treasure the children's cards and the memories of an excellent school play by Class 6. The sun shone and we even had the chance for a game of football. Perfect!"**



At the beginning of the term, Class 4 were set the challenge of completing a home learning project on a topic that interests them from our Summer Term learning. The task was to prepare something that they could present to the class. The projects came in last week and I have been incredibly impressed with all the hard work that has gone into them. We have enjoyed a huge variety of presentations, from practical demonstrations, PowerPoint presentations and display boards

and we even had replica roman weapons and coins. Subjects covered volcanoes, plant biology, the Romans, planets and local history. We were so impressed, we exhibited the projects in the library area for the whole school to see. Mrs Laphorn



Diary Dates

Forest School Wednesdays

Class R & 1 17th July

Sports Day

Tuesday 16th July. Parents invited. 9am to 11.30/12

Class R Teddy Bears Picnic at 2pm (parents invited)

Thursday 18th July

MSA Summer Party

Friday 19th July after school

MSA AGM—Everyone welcome!

Monday 22nd July at 3.30pm at school

Leavers' Assembly

Tuesday 23rd July at 9.15am

Last Day of Term for pupils

Tuesday 23rd July

Inset Day

Wednesday 24th July

Inset Days

Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th September

School Opens to Pupils

Thursday 5th September

Whole School Flu

Vaccinations

Monday 23rd September

Class R Phonics Breakfast

Thursday 26th September

Vision Screening for Year 1

Tuesday 15th October

Half Term Break

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

Inset Day

Monday 4th November

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	175	1100
Cork Oak	176	1193
Blue Cedar	192	1436
Horse Chestnut	127	1008

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

- Preschool **Maisie** for your growing confidence and help with making snack in the morning.
- Class R **Luca** for the wonderful way you helped your friend write a sentence. We were proud of you.
- Class 1 **Dylan** for your excellent input in our PSHRE learning about families.
- Class 2 **Patrick** for always showing a positive attitude to learning and helping others around you.
- Class 3 **Ffion** for your superb communication and participation in PE this week.
- Class 4 **The whole of Class 4** for your amazing projects! Well done.
- Class 5 **Wilf** for your Design and Technology work this week.
- Class 6 **The whole of Class 6** for their fantastically entertaining performances of Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies.



It was the final Forest School session of the year for Class 2 and we went out singing and dancing to Forest Fest, adorned with sparkles and bright colours. As with many other festivals, there was lots to do. Some crafty children made friendship bracelets in a range of colours, others built dens using great teamwork. The 'main stage' saw high energy dance routines and there was also a break-dancing stage! We mixed flour and water to cook damper bread before reflecting on the times we had spent sat around the fire pit during the year. A huge thank you to Mr Wedderkopp for these sessions throughout the year. We look forward to being back in Forest School in September.

Ms Brooke



On Saturday 29th June, some children from schools including Milverton

went to Wellington School for a drama festival. First, we did a group poem called 'It's NOT a box!'. Then, some practiced individual poems and others learnt about lighting. Finally, the parents came in and we performed 'It's NOT a Box!' and our individual poems. Overall, it was a great success.

by Henry, Class 4

The choir took part in Wellington Singing Festival at Court Fields School, joining 7 other local primary schools. Our 35 children, from Years 4, 5 and 6, sang 'What do I know' and the energetic 'I am' flawlessly, receiving a rapturous round of applause from the packed hall. The other schools had their turns, showcasing their skills, before all 210 children formed one large choir and sang 2 mass songs: 'One moment, one people' and 'Together'. These songs were spine-tingling and sounded so beautiful, with many parents commenting afterwards how they enjoyed it. A huge well done to the choir for representing the school so well with great behaviour and performing with such enthusiasm.

Ms Brooke



On Thursday 4th July, Milverton School Choir headed over to Court Fields Secondary School to participate in a Singing Festival hosted in their sports hall. When we arrived at Court Fields School we were really nervous but we all entertained each other. We then got called in by the conductor and she told us to get into 4 rows and then we did a tech rehearsal. Milverton was first. We practiced our songs and made sure we were loud enough. We sang 'What do I Know' and 'I am' (sang very energetically) and then we sang some songs together with the other schools. One song was called 'Together' and another was 'One Moment, One People'. Then we had tea which lasted 40 minutes and afterwards we went to the sports hall and sat in the rows and then parents started to arrive...once they were seated we started and we sang strongly and then it was time to go home. Thank you for Ms Brooke for organising this for us and thank you to the parents for taking us there.

by Noah, Class 5

Thank you and well done to Sammy for playing the piano for Singing Assembly this week.





Year 5 had the treat of watching the Kingsmead student production of 'Bugsy Malone'. There was perfect staging with a little stairway to a stage where the dancers would dance as the singers sing. The girl who played Tallulah had an extremely powerful singing voice that sounded magical. They even had splurge guns that would shoot foam everywhere! It had been carefully cast as the chosen actors were amazing. So too were the band, music and lighting. They had fantastic props for example, ones that transformed into little tables and chairs in Fat Sam's Grand Slam song. The costumes were brilliant and the police officers were the worst ever and very funny!

All of the actors were aged between 11 and 16 and they were all amazing.

by Willow

Sports News

Elis, Seren and Miss Storey all found themselves on top of Exmoor last Sunday for the Man V Moor trail events. Elis and Seren both ran the 5km and did amazingly well. Seren braved Pinkery Pond and they both braved the tunnel. Miss Storey took on 10 miles of the hills and got to swim across Pinkery Pond too. We have been doing this now for the past 3 years. We would love it if more children/parents will come and join us next year? It's a great fun family day out. Link below if you want to be involved in an awesome adventure running challenge.



At Premier Sport's Golden Mile Cross Country Competition last weekend, we have two gold medallists and a silver medallist. In the 1800m race Elsa came 1st (making a new GM record time!) and Boo came 2nd for the Year 5/6 girls. Phoebe won 4th place in the 1200m. Rory and Jesse won 5th place. Luke won 1st for the boys' Year 5/6 1800m race. Well done to all the runners that took part.



This week our pupils took part in Quadkids Athletic Tournament at Bridgwater and Taunton College. Competing for year 3 were: Elsie, Ivy, Phoebe and Evelyn and for Year 4: Rory, Henry, Aubrey and Jesse. They all

competed in 4 events— howler throw, standing long jump, 400m and 50m sprint. They all individually did well and overall the team came 4th out of 9 teams! In the afternoon it was the turn of years 5/6. They had the same events but the sprint was 75m and the long distance went to 600m. Year 5: Willow, Year 6: Lena, Merryn, Millie, Milo, Stan and

George. The team came 7th out of 12 teams and Lena got placed as 1st girl across all 4 events!! I will receive all their individual results so will pass onto them when I do. A massive well done to all that took part and I can't wait to go back next year.

Miss Storey

On Monday, Year 3 and 4 competed in their first competitive football match. The score was 5-3 to Year 4. The scorers for Year 3 were Ethan and Rory and for Year 4 it was Rory and Jesse. Man of the Match for Year 3 went to Seth and in Year 4 it went to Nellie P. Ethan (Y3) and Rory (Y4) were excellent captains and everyone had a brilliant time competing despite the rain.

by Ethan and Eddie





The Year 2 pupils learned Dodgeball for PE enrichment last week. In their previous enrichment lessons we examined the sport of Handball. They showed fantastic efforts, but we decided that their final session should focus on teamwork. Throughout the time we played outside (and despite the weather!) the children all displayed first class team spirit and handled their individual competitive natures well in the interest of working with their peers and teammates. The children were also impressive in their flexibility and ability to adapt to the lesson, starting outside and then rushing inside due to the heavy showers! Tilly, River, Darwin and Freddie were all children who displayed growing maturity and kindness to both the coaches and to their peers but credit to all the children in how they reacted so positively to an ever changing lesson caused by the unpredictable summer weather.

Miss B



Congratulations to everyone in our school and our hard working Eco Committee members, we have been awarded our Eco School Green Flag for 2023-2024. The organisers commented: *"We love the range of activities that you and your Eco-Committee planned for delivery. The fact that they cover both indoor (energy monitors and a 'Switch-Off Fortnight', a 'switch-off taps' campaign with awareness posters, fundraisers for Water Aid and a Marine charity, recycling soft plastics and crisp packets) and outdoor (refurbishing the school pond and creating a safe, flat dipping area) activities is excellent."*

Ms Boullin

Readathon

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who took part in the Milverton School Readathon. It was great to see so many smiley faces and happy readers, and to learn about all the reading you have been doing to raise money for charity (children's books for hospitals and storytellers). All together you have raised an incredible £702!! 20% of the donations will come to Milverton School as a book voucher, so that is really exciting too. WELL DONE for participating and for reading so much, you are all incredible! All the best to you all, and keep reading! Have a great summer.

From Isla (year 7)

Toilet Twinning

Toilet Twinning is a charity that raises money for people that do not have toilets. We have had a Toilet Twinning day for people that don't have a toilet so that we could raise money for a good cause. Children were invited to wear blue and white and make a donation, while there were other activities going on in the school such as a guess the sweets in the toilet game and a water quiz. Thank you to everyone who has donated! The winners will be told next week.

Seth and Monty

MSA News: Just in time for Wimbledon! Tennis court open for community use

The MSA is excited to announce that the school tennis court will soon be accessible to you and our community. Be part of this year's trial period. Email milvertontennis@gmail.com. You'll then be given details on payment and how to book the court. Or come and chat with us at the tea & coffee stand on Sports Day, where we can take payment by card and sign you up.

Open for bookings from Saturday 20th July.

The court will be available for booking at your convenience, with hour-long slots on **weekends during term time** and throughout the **school holidays, from Easter to October.**

Pricing

We believe sport should be accessible to all, so we are offering an equity-based price. Pricing is per family up to October.

Pay it forward price: £30

Standard price: £20

Supported price: £5

We trust you will select the price that fits your situation.

Your fees will support the MSA in funding activities and equipment that are not covered by the school budget, enhancing education and experiences for the children.

Join the Tennis Sub-Committee

We're looking for people to help manage this new initiative and build on the lessons we learn from the summer trial period- if you think you can help, get in touch on the email below.

Finally, a big thank you to the school for opening this fantastic facility up for us all!





Make your voice heard for a vibrant community. If you live, work or visit Milverton (that's all of us!) then a local community group backed by the Council wants to hear your unique perspectives on Milverton as a place and community. Your input is invaluable in shaping our future, understanding how we can best meet future challenges and embrace the abundant possibilities ahead. www.bitly/milvertonsurvey