



Dear Parent/ Carer,

We are shocked and deeply saddened by events of yesterday. Our thoughts are with all the children, families, wider community and staff at Minehead Middle School, and with all the amazing emergency services and medical teams that continue to provide support.

Thank you all for a brilliant sports day – great fun was had by all! We are almost at the end of a wonderful school year. This year has been full of learning, laughter and growth. From the youngest children in Pre-School and Reception who began their learning journey with excitement and curiosity, to our Year 6 children who are preparing to take their next big step into secondary school, every child has shown aspiration, care for each other and a sense of belonging to our school. We are especially proud of our Year 6 children for the way they have grown into thoughtful, responsible role models for the rest of the school, as well as for their academic achievement. We know they will go on to do great things, and we will miss them all.

### Thank you

-To our parents and carers: thank you for the incredible support you give to our children and school. Your encouragement, communication and involvement help to create the supportive community that is so vital to our success.

-To the staff team and governors: thank you for your unwavering dedication, care and hard work. Every day, you go above and beyond to ensure our children are happy, safe and thriving. We again wish fond farewells to those staff leaving us at the end of term and are looking forward to welcoming new members of the team.

-And to the children: thank you for your smiles, your questions, your kindness and for being you! You are what makes Milverton Community School and Pre-School such a special place.

### Looking Ahead

We are already looking forward to September. We will be welcoming new families and launching exciting curriculum projects. Rest assured that Forest School will continue for all children. Both Ms Boullin and Miss Davy are qualified Forest School leaders. Ms Boullin will be leading and organising the sessions for each class, while Miss Davy will focus on planning and delivering sessions for smaller groups. Dates for the half-termly whole class Forest School sessions will be shared at the beginning of the next school year. We are also pleased to announce that Lucy Pippin and Susan Withers will be re-joining our Pre-School team in September. Until then, I wish you all a safe, sunny and enjoyable summer break.

**Mrs Stoddart**

### Diary Dates

**Year 6 Leavers' Assembly**  
Tuesday 22nd July at 9am

**Last Day of Term for Pupils**  
Tuesday 22nd July

### Inset Days

Wednesday 23rd July

Tuesday 2nd September

Wednesday 3rd September

**School Opens to Pupils**

Thursday 4th September



This week, my classmates and I prepared to perform our play 'Star Warts' to our parents and carers. We arrived at school at 5.15pm to get into our costumes and have our face paints done. Boo's Mum and sister very kindly helped us and had brought glitter and wild colours because some of us had to look crazy! Boo played Daft Ada, Sophia was Luke Warmwater, Amelie played Nebula Oregano and Kit played Yoga, amongst many other characters played by the rest of us. When we were ready, it was time to walk in to the hall in front of a big audience of parents! We were all a little nervous... but thankfully, everyone laughed so much and gave such positive feedback. We sang many songs and made a lot of jokes. We enjoyed it so much. But, it would not have happened without one spectacular person—Mrs Brierley! Not only directing and guiding us, but also being the tech crew with all the sounds effects and songs. We could not have done it without you, Mrs Brierley!

*by Tilly*



## OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

**WELL  
DONE**

<b>Preschool</b>	<b>All of Pre-school</b> for a fantastic year and for giving the adults so much fun!
<b>Class R</b>	<b>The whole of Class R</b> for a fantastic first year at school!
<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Edith</b> for always being a kind, polite and helpful friend.
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Emma</b> for showing the school value of 'care' by always thinking of others and being a thoughtful and supportive friend to everyone.
<b>Class 3</b>	<b>The whole of Class 3</b> for your excellent work creating Tudor purses.
<b>Class 4</b>	<b>Florrie, Frances and Charlie</b> for their superb effort in their creative sewing work this week.
<b>Class 5</b>	<b>All of Class 5</b> for your hard work and effort in your learning this year—keep it up in Class 6!
<b>Class 6</b>	<b>The whole of Class 6</b> for your excellent and entertaining performances of your play.



The rain just about held off to let our sports day commence! What a great morning - seeing all the children so active and happy in a variety of activities. I saw some good hockey skills, relay running, wellie throwing and long jumping! There were so much talent, such teamwork, cheering and sportsmanship. The sprint races were back and were super quick! Then, it was the turn of the parents...more and more gathered on the start line feeling confident for their race. I definitely need to clarify the rules next year—I saw a bean bag attached to a hair band!! The children started chanting for a teachers' race, so we ended the morning with the teachers getting competitive as they raced down the tracks with a bean on their head and tongues out with concentration. Thank you, parents, for coming to watch and cheer your child on. A big thank you to the Year 6's for organising and leading the children around the activities— this wouldn't work without you guys. Thank you to all staff for working together as a team so this day can happen. Roll on next year!

Miss Storey



### Golden Mile end of year report:

An amazing 6,430 miles has been achieved at Milverton this year by all the children running around the junior playground!!! Thank you Golden Mile monitors for all your hard work recording everyone's laps every week. Stand outs: Class 5 ran the most miles this year as a class with a whopping 1,607 miles! Top runners this year: Rory M ran a massive 126 miles, not far behind was also Freddie B, Cas and Jesse just getting over the 100 mark. In Year 6 Luke ran 71 miles and Kit paced him most days and got himself 62 miles. Amelie and Sophia both managed 57 miles each as they ran together everyday. In Year 4 Eddie, Ethan, Phoebe, Elsie and Rory all hitting over the 40 mile mark. It's crazy how all those laps add up to equate to so many miles! Incredible running by everyone.



Miss Storey

On Tuesday afternoon this week, Class 4 supported Class 3 with some computing work. Class 4 taught Class 3 how to use Micro:bits, which are small computers that can be coded to complete interactive projects. The Class 3 children learnt how to make a name label, a beating heart and faces showing different emotions, using the LEDs on the Micro:bits. Thank you to Mr Penny, Miss Salway and the Class 4 children for their hard work, Class 3 had a great time!

*Mrs Laphorn*



Reception and Class 1 had a lovely morning at Forest School. There were lots of lovely examples of children playing with new friends. Many dens were built, butterflies and a tadpole found, and a fun game rolling fallen walnuts down the hill!

*Ms Boullin*



Calling all budding scientists! The Big Butterfly Count starts today and goes on until 10<sup>th</sup> August. This is a great opportunity to take part in some citizen science and enjoy being outside in nature. You can spend 15 minutes recording how many butterflies you see in

one place and then add your results online. You can send in multiple results. It's a great way to learn butterfly names and help nature conservation. <https://butterfly-conservation.org/events/the-big-butterfly-count-2025>



End of the year update on the Milverton sport record board:  
Leaving us on a high—being unbeaten on the Milverton record board—Sophia is the **speed bounce champion** with 74 jumps in 30 seconds.  
Luke is champion for the boys with 71 jumps.  
**Standing long jump champion** is Amelie and Boo both at 1.90m.  
Luke champion for the boys with 1.80m  
Can't wait to see if the Year 5/4's can knock them off next year!  
Martha in Year 5 is holding a record of 60 jumps on the speed bounce, so is getting close...

We have managed to get our first crop in Pre-school from our new allotment patch! Many children have helped water and look after the plants. Our herbs and tomatoes have been very productive and we even had some tiny carrots! We shared some of the tomatoes for snack and had comments of, "They're so yummy", and "Can I have more, please?" - what more can you ask?! Thank you to everyone who donated to us and parents that helped clear the whole area earlier in the year. We look forward to being able to grow even more!

*Charlotte*



## Milverton School Association 2024/25 Update

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The MSA is a Registered Charity (number: 1183386)

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### Together, we raised £6000 this year!

The MSA team would like to thank all the volunteers and school staff that have helped at events this year or otherwise supported fund-raising efforts. Your support helps fund extra activities and experiences that our children love including:

- A whole school theatre production of *Oliver Twist*.
- Whole class music lessons
- £250 per class towards cost of school trips
- Netballs and other sports equipment
- New books for the school classrooms and library

### Muck in May –Community in Action

Our 'Muck in May' community day was a huge success! With the help of volunteers, we saved the school thousands of pounds by cleaning, tidying, and fixing outdoor areas. A massive shout-out to **Nigel Morkel** and **Dan Bere**, who worked tirelessly to make the adventure play structure safe again – it's now open and ready for fun after being out of action for too long!

### \*\*\*\*\*We Need Your Help!\*\*\*\*\*

Our small team of four needs more helping hands (new parents especially welcome) to continue raising vital extra funds for the school. We understand time is precious (we juggle full-time work and busy family lives too!) but we really need more help!

**Join us as an MSA Trustee – it's fun, friendly, flexible, and you get to plan and run events that all our children love.** As a Trustee, you would:

Participate in one in-person planning meeting per term (with plenty of flexibility)

Join up to two Zoom calls per term (again, we work around family, work and life)

Help plan and run our three major events: Christmas Fair, Spring Event & Summer Fair

Support volunteers and lead activities at events; 2025/26 Dates so far:

Wednesday 17th September	MSA Autumn Term Open Meeting 7.30pm (at Milverton Cricket Club)
Friday 17th October	Halloween Disco
Friday 5th December	Christmas Fair

Interested? Drop us a message at: [msa-somerset@outlook.com](mailto:msa-somerset@outlook.com)

### A Fond Farewell & Warm Welcome

Finally, a huge thank you to **Claire Kloeden**, our MSA Treasurer, who is stepping down this September. Claire, we are so grateful for everything you've done. We're excited to welcome Steve Harris as our new Treasurer. Our finances will continue to be in safe hands.

Thank you and have a wonderful summer!

**James, Rob, Brent and Claire**

