



Dear Parent/ Carer,

Apple Juicing

Next Thursday, please send your child into school with a small, clean, preferably recycled, plastic bottle with a screw lid. The bottle must be clearly named please! We hope to juice enough apples, so that every child has some fresh apple juice to bring home and enjoy. If you have a tree full of eating apples at home and are happy to share, please send in clean, good enough to eat, apples in a box next Wednesday or Thursday to add to our stock.

Safeguarding

If you come into the building after school, perhaps to collect a forgotten lunch-box or similar, please exit by the school gates. If the gates are already locked – **please make sure you close the school front doors behind you.** We have children on site until 5:30pm.

Harvest Festival

We look forward to seeing you at the Harvest Festival on Friday 24th October. After the service, children can be collected from the church. If you are unable to join us or your child has a club, staff will walk the children back to school. We are collecting for Taunton Foodbank this harvest time and they have asked for specific donations; Pasta sauces, tinned fruit, tinned meals (both meat and vegetarian), packet soup, savoury snacks. Taunton Foodbank has said that "Unfortunately, the needs of our local community continue to grow and, for various reasons affecting today's society, donations are noticeably reduced. During the last year, we have provided food to 4,287 adults and 2,379 children in our local community. We will be collecting in school from week beginning 20th October. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Stoddart



This week, we were very lucky to have a guest speaker in assembly. Clare came in from 'Little Green Change' which is a non-profit, environmental education social enterprise. Clare taught us about the importance of pollinating insects and how to choose plants which encourage pollinators to our school or garden. Clare kindly donated to the school a fabulous bug house which we will put up in Forest School so we can watch the pollinators nesting. After the assembly, Clare helped Classes 1 and 2 plant bluebells and daffodils along the edge of the wood. We also planted daffodils in pots so we can watch them grow in the spring. We are all very excited to see our blubs grow and see what insects are attracted to them.

Ms Boullin



YOUNGMINDS
Hello Yellow
THURS 10 OCT

Wear yellow on Thursday 10th October to show young people they are not alone with their mental health.

www.youngminds.org.uk

It was great to see so many children wearing yellow to bring awareness to World Mental Health Day. If you would like to donate to this important work, please go to <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/donate/>

Diary Dates

Forest School Thursdays

Class 2 16th October
Class 1 23rd October
Class R 6th November
Pre-school 13th November
Class 6 20th November
Class 5 27th November
Class 4 4th December
Class 3 11th December
Class 2 18th December

South West Heritage

Workshop for Class 1 & 2

Friday 17th October

MSA Halloween Disco

Friday 17th October—see p4!

Autumn Tidy Up!

Saturday 18th October
10am to 1pm

PINS Coffee Session

Monday 20th October
1.30pm to 3pm.

New Parents 2026 Tour

Weds 22nd October at 1.30pm
& Thurs 6 Nov at 9.30am

Tempest Individual Photos

Thursday 23rd October

Harvest Festival at St Michael's Church

Friday 24th October at 2pm. All welcome.

Half Term Break

Monday 27th to Friday 31st October

Parents' Evening 1

Thursday 27th November
5pm to 7.30pm

Parents' Evening 2

Tuesday 2nd December
3.30pm to 6pm

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	262	850
Cork Oak	237	935
Blue Cedar	176	744
Horse Chestnut	262	1012

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Preschool	Albie for showing kindness and helpfulness towards others.
Class R	Rya for fantastic reading this week and working really hard on your phonics. You have shown great enthusiasm for your learning.
Class 1	Maisy for your amazing progress in writing!
Class 2	Ollie QP for your wonderful creative ideas when planning your writing.
Class 3	Tallulah for the kindness that you have showed others this week.
Class 4	Finn for your fantastic story writing this week.
Class 5	Eddie for your incredible enthusiasm and challenging yourself in Maths.
Class 6	Henry for your determination, perseverance and hard working attitude.



Last week, Class 4 had a lovely morning of forest school with Ms Boullin. The children spent time making some very exciting dens with multiple rooms and entrances! We also had the chance to do some pond dipping, and many different bugs and plants were found. During the morning, a few children used Ms Boullin's guidebook to successfully identify different fungi around the school site. Thanks to Ms Boullin for our forest school morning – we had a great time!

Mr Penny

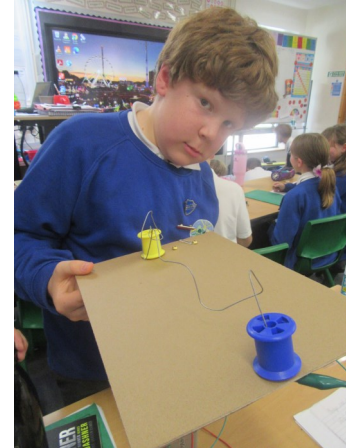


Class 5 have been learning about light and shadows in Science this term. We have made our own shadow puppets and enjoyed performing our own shows when the sun briefly came out earlier this week!

Mrs Smith

This week the children in Class 6 have been using their problem-solving skills and their resilience in order to make a working buzzer game in science. They were asked to work in a group of three and use all of their learning to design and make the game. They were asked to construct circuits and use buzzers and lights to create a fun, electrical game. All the children worked really well and each team managed to create something that worked! A great session Class 6, thank you.

Mr Coupe



Class 1 were joined by their buddies from Class 5 to help them to learn how to login our computing platform - Purple Mash. Class 5 were excellent teachers; they helped Class 1 to navigate around the keyboard by explaining to them what keys to press. Once logged in, Class 5 helped them to create their own avatar and complete their first activity. Class 1 had a fantastic time, thank you Class 5 for making computing so much fun together. We look forward to buddying up again soon.

Ms Boullin

Over the last few weeks, Pre-school have really enjoyed harvesting some apples from our school apple trees. We have used the apples created our own delicious apple crumble for snack, tasted each variety of apples, made some puff pastry apple tarts to take home, and used the fallen apples in our mud kitchen to create potions, mud apple pies and fruity orange and apple tea. Delicious!

Laura



SPORTS NEWS



Youth Fencing

Thursdays 6—7 pm
IKB Primary School, Wellington
£6.00 per session




You must be 8 years or older
Kit provided.

Phone: 07913636227

email: info@wellingtonswords.club
website: www.wellingtonswords.club

Classes 3, 5 and 6 have all been trying out fencing in their PE enrichment. What talented fencers we have! They have been practicing the footwork, lunging and tactics to beat their opponents. Wellington Swords kindly lent us equipment to be able to do this opportunity. If you would like to find out more about this club, see above! *Miss Storey*



Class 6 pupils were invited to a cyclo-cross club in school and 11 of them had a go at cycling over ramps, pursuit racing and being timed around the cycle track. What confidence was shown by all of them! Well done! *Miss Storey*



Some of Class 6 took part in a cyclo-cross event in Taunton this week. When we got there, we were given a bib. We lined up and then walked the track. Samuel went first, but when he started the chain fell off at the final straight! Next was Jesse who had a good start and came 2nd. Brodie went next and lapped the other cyclists and came 1st! Then it was Alfie who made a good start and got 4th. Next it was Dorie and she came 5th. Anna had a flat tyre so she changed bikes then she got 3rd. Martha started well and came 2nd. Finally, it was my turn and I did not start how I would have liked, some cyclists overtook me and I came 5th. We don't know what the overall scores yet, but at least we tried our hardest and it was a super hard track. *by Cas, Class 6*



Recently, pupils from Years 3 & 4 took part in a cross country running event at King's College in Taunton with many pupils from different



schools across the county. As part of the event their names were put in a hat to win a prize of some trainers. One of our pupils was the lucky winner! Robyn was very surprised to be given her new trainers in assembly today by Mr Halls from King's College. We feel sure she will make good use of them!

On Tuesday 7th October Rory, Fred, Jesse, Samuel, Aubrey, Cas, Alfie and Brody from Class 6 took part in a Year 4 Football Tournament at Lyngford Park School. In our first game we



were losing 2-0 in the first half but, in the second half Aubrey, Rory and Samuel each scored!! Samuel was the only Goalkeeper to score. The game ended 3-3. In our second game we lost 4-0. but had a lot of fun and everyone came off smiling and laughing. In our final game the score was a 2-1 loss. Fred scored a rebound goal but we didn't win. The players of the day were Rory and Samuel.

by Rory, Class 6



PARTNERSHIPS FOR INCLUSION OF NEURODIVERSITY IN SCHOOLS

We are delighted to share our parent group which is part of the Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) project.

This group is a friendly place to come and meet other parents in your school who also have children with additional needs (your child doesn't need a diagnosis to attend).

We will be joined by reps from Somerset Parent Carer Forum. We hope that these groups will be a place to meet other parents and share experiences.

Parent Coffee Session



*Please come along
and let the office
know!*

**Milverton Community
Primary School**

Monday 20th October
1.30pm – 3.00pm



MILVERTON SCHOOL AUTUMN TIDY DAY

Saturday, 18 October
10am to 1pm

WE'RE INVITING PARENTS WITH HANDY SKILLS, GREEN-FINGERS AND EVERYONE ELSE WHO'D LOVE TO HELP SMARTEN UP THE SCHOOL GROUNDS FOR A FEW HOURS ON A SATURDAY.

COFFEE AND CAKE PROVIDED!

EMAIL TO LET US KNOW YOU CAN JOIN
OFFICE@MILVERTONPRIMARY.CO.UK



JOIN US IF YOU DARE FOR Milverton's Halloween DISCO

Friday 17th October

SPOOKY TREATS, DRINKS & GAMES

Pre-school & KS1 3.30pm – 4.30pm
KS2 4.45pm – 5.45pm

£4 per child.
Fancy dress welcomed

NEW U6 TEAM (YEAR 1) FOR BOYS & GIRLS



 **FREE TASTER SESSION**

 **Saturday 18th October**

 **9:30 – 10:30am**

 **Kings Hall, Taunton**

 **Contact: blaafc.julie@outlook.com to sign up**



Exmoor Dark Skies Festival 2025

Friday 17 October to Sunday 2 November

- ★ Guided Stargazing
- ★ Planetarium Sessions
- ★ Astronomy Lectures
- ★ Art & Wellbeing Events
- ★ Star Suppers & Lakeside Trail
- ★ Ranger Guided Walks & Talk
- ★ E-bike Night Rides

Sponsored by



Vertu
Bridgwater

See event details online at:

www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/darkskiesfestival



Looking for free or low cost family-friendly activities over the half-term holiday?

Check out the **Exmoor Dark Skies Festival**, with events including:

Saturday 18 October **Ranger guided walk** at Bossington Hill

Saturday 25 October **Family fun day with Planetarium** at Washford

Sunday 26 October **Family Exmoor wildlife celebration** at Horner

Monday 27 October **Go Batty family event** at Dunster

Tuesday 28 October **Creative Dark Sky art sessions** at Dulverton

Tuesday 28 October **Wild Twilight nature and craft family event** at Simonsbath

Wednesday 29 October **Pathway to the planets family event** at Wimbleball Lake

Thursday 30 October **Exmoor ponies and wildlife family event** at Ashwick

Saturday 1 November **Fireside storytelling** at Malmsmead