Milverton Community Primary & Pre-School

Newsletter

October 2026

Inspiring every child to achieve their full potential.

'Hopes for Harvest'

Next Friday 23rd October 2026 is our Harvest Festival. We will celebrate with our Harvest Service at St Michael's Church, Milverton.

We invite everyone to join us at the Church. We will leave school at 1:30pm. Our service starts at 2pm.

If you can help support the children walking down to and from the church, please let class teachers know. Children walk down with their buddies, but extra adult support is most welcome.

We will again be collecting donations for Taunton foodbank. Please send any donations into school from Wednesday 21st October. Foodbank suggest specific items that are most helpful at the moment:



Importance of reading at home

One of the most powerful things you can do to support your child's learning is to hear your child read every day. Just 10 minutes of shared reading helps children develop fluency, vocabulary, confidence and a lifelong love of books. Research has shown that children who are regularly read to and read with at home hear significantly more words than those who are not. Every page you read together matters.

We have noticed a significant decline in home reading especially for our KS2 children. We encourage all families to make reading part of their daily routine, asking questions about the story, discussing new vocabulary and, most importantly, enjoying books together. Your support at home makes a tremendous difference to your child's success in school and beyond. We will be offering reading workshops across the year - dates will be sent out after the half term break.

Autumn Tidy Day

Please join us for our Autumn Tidy Day tomorrow Saturday 17th October 9:30am-12:30pm.

Please bring gardening gloves and tools!

Attendance

96%

House Points

Blue Cedar - 675 points

London Plane - 622 points

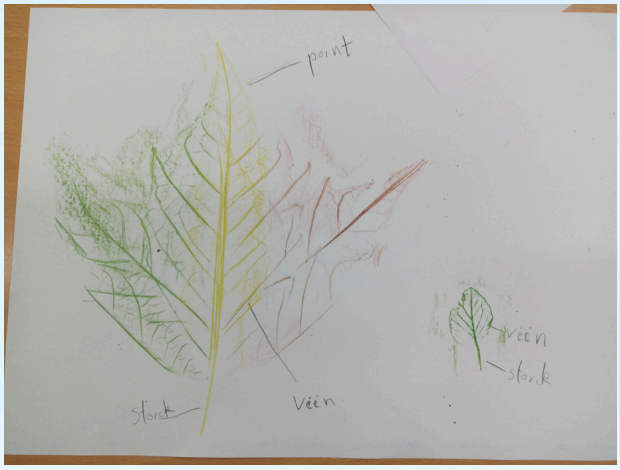
Cork Oak - 552 points

Horse Chesnut - 361 points

Class 2



Here are some of our recent highlights in Class 2.



Class 2 have had a great start to the year taking part in lots of exciting activities, we have planted bulbs, created bird sculptures in art, and had an exciting morning at Kingsmead Sports festival.

The children have settled in well to new routines and we have welcomed a new member of our class - welcome to Alexander and his family!



The children enjoyed creating a new version of the story Monkey See, Monkey Do in their writing, we had lots of fun being naughty monkeys stealing the hat sellers hats.

In Science we've been thinking about plants, how they can look different but have the same parts. We collected leaves and looked at the patterns noticing what was the same and different about them.

In Geography we have been learning about Milverton village and our school, we made a model of the school and added it to a map.

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Classroom Moments

Class R
We had a great day celebrating 'Apple Day' this week in Class R. We made apple juice, apple crumble and apple boats! We also explored 'the deep, dark wood' through the story of the Gruffalo and made our own 'Pumpkin Soup' in the mud kitchen.

Class 1
We have been making some beautiful giant fruit and vegetables – you will be able to see them in the church at Harvest Festival. We loved making our own apple juice: washing, cutting and pressing the apple. Thank you to Bobby's Dad and Grandad from both Class R and 1.

Class 3
We visited Kent's Cavern and learnt about cave formation and explored the woodlands looking for prehistoric animals. The children learnt that people used to make candles from animal fat and that hyena packs lived in the cave.

Class 4
We had a fantastic trip to Kent's Cavern last week in Torquay! We enjoyed a tour of the prehistoric cave where we learnt about where the Neanderthals slept and the dangers they faced in the cave. This brought our Stone Age learning to life.

Class 5
We have been inventing our own time travel stories this week with a focus on using speech. The children have really enjoyed our football sessions in PE this half term and will be competing in some mini games next Monday for our final session.

Class 6
We have been inventing new stories, working hard on their division and studying Lowry's use of tone, size and line to develop perspective. We have worked closely with other classes at breaktimes, and our sports leaders have had their first training session away from school.

School Tours & Open Days

Choosing the right school for your child is a big decision.

We warmly invite prospective parents and carers to join us for a school tour and discover what makes our school such a special place to learn and grow.

School tours will be held on the following dates:

Monday 9th November: 09:30am - 10:30am

Tuesday 10th November: 1:30pm - 2.30pm

Saturday 14th November: 10:00am - 11:00am
(Preschool are also holding an open day on this date from 10am - 12pm)

If you would like to attend, please contact the school office to book, by emailing office@milvertonprimary.co.uk or telephone 01823 400439.

Please provide your name, contact details, the number of people attending and the tour date.

We look forward to meeting you!

Key Dates

Forest School Dates
22.10.26 - Class R
05.11.26 - Preschool
12.11.26 - Class 6
19.11.26 Class 5
26.11.26 Class 4
03.12.26 Class 3
10.12.26 Class 2
17.12.26 Class 1

17.10.26
Autumn Tidy Day

22.10.26
Tempest School Photos

23.10.26
Harvest Festival
2pm - St Michael's Church
Collection for food bank.

Half Term from
Monday 26th October - return to school Tuesday 3rd November
(Monday 2nd November INSET)

31.10.26
Closing date for secondary school applications. See last weeks FF for more details.

09.11.26 - 22.11.26
Switch Off Fortnight

Parents Evening
12.11.26
5pm - 7.30pm
17.11.26
3.30pm - 6pm

13.11.26
Children in Need
Wear spots or stripes

02.12.26
Class 3 Rocks & Fossils Workshop (In school)

10.12.26
Class R Nativity at 2:30pm - in school.

18.12.26
Christmas Carol Concert - 1:30pm - St Michael's Church

MILVERTON SCHOOL

AUTUMN TIDY DAY

Saturday, 17 October
9.30am to 12.30pm

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!

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