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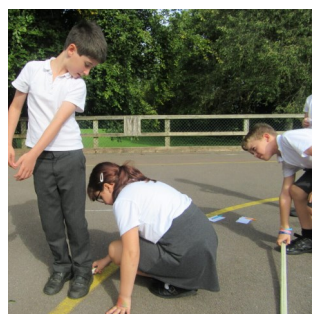
This week during our assemblies we have talked about some of the changes that we experience as we move into Autumn. At Milverton, we will also have to adjust to some changes within our school community. PCSO Louise Fyne popped into our assembly on Monday to say goodbye following her decision to start a new job in a different sector. PCSO Louise has worked closely with the school for many years providing support in a variety of ways and we are going to miss her but wish her all the best in the future. We are also very sad to say goodbye this week to Mrs Brown who has worked in our after school club 'Toasties' and worked as an LSA in school over the last 14 years. Mrs Brown is retiring from her current role as lead practitioner at Toasties. We wish her all the best and thank her for all the support she has given to children and staff during her time here at Milverton.

Mr Penny and Mrs Smith



This week Class 1 has been looking at microhabitats and the minibeasts which live in them. We had lots of fun using magnifying glasses to search for creatures in the Forest School area and around our lovely school grounds.

Ms Boullin



On Monday, Class 4 undertook a science investigation. We have been learning about the human body and asked the question 'Do people with long femurs jump further?' We had a great time discussing this question and even more fun carrying out our enquiry. After careful planning, measuring and recording we saw a trend in our results, but no strong indications and therefore we had to deduce that our investigations were inconclusive!

Mrs Laphorn



Over the last few weeks, we have seen lots of red admiral butterflies in the garden. Today, one of our Pre-school children found a

caterpillar that none of us had ever seen before! We watched how it moved and observed the markings and then we looked up what sort it was. We found out it was a tussock caterpillar that would actually turn in to a moth!

Charlotte

## Diary Dates

### Forest School Wednesdays

Class 3 4th October  
 Class 2 11th October  
 Class 1 18th October  
 Class R 1st November  
 Preschool 8th November

### Class 3 Sports Festival at Kingsmead School

Monday 25th September

### Harvest Festival

Friday 6th October

All welcome. If you would like to, please bring a non-perishable food donation to the church for Open Door, Taunton charity for the homeless.

### Class 2 Sports Festival at Kingsmead School

Monday 9th October

### Individual photos—Tempest Photography

Monday 16th October

### MSA Halloween Disco Friday 20th October

Year R to 2 3.30pm to 4.30pm  
 Year 3 to 6 4.45pm to 5.45pm  
 More information to follow

### Half Term Break

Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October

### Inset Day

Monday 30th October

### Class 4 start swimming

Monday 6th November

### Whole School Flu Vaccinations (Year R to 6)

Wednesday 15th November

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	144	420
Cork Oak	308	726
Blue Cedar	162	519
Horse Chestnut	309	701

Thank you and well done to Elsie S, Class 6, for playing the piano in this week's singing assembly. If you learn an instrument and would like to perform it in front of the school please come and speak with me.

Ms Brooke







## OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



Preschool **Tilly-Ann** for her growing confidence.

Class R **Nelly** for her excellent engagement in phonics this week.

Class 1 **Forest** for your super effort with your handwriting.

Class 2 **Darcie P** for demonstrating superb balancing during PE.

Class 3 **Brodie and Paige** for your dedication and perseverance in your independent work. Well done!

Class 4 **Aubrey** for working really hard with rounding numbers in Maths this week.

Class 5 **Charlie** for his excellent focus in his learning this week.

Class 6 **Finn** for his superb descriptive poetry about the Blitz.



Class 4 enjoyed a fun morning at Forest School this week. Here are their instructions for making apple juice:

*What you need:*

- 40 dessert apples
- 2 knives
- Apple musher
- A big bowl
- A Frankenger!

*Instructions:*

- First, cut up 40 apples with a knife.
- Next, place a bowl under the apple musher.
- Drop the apples in to the musher and turn the wheel.
- Finally, get a cup and place it under the Frankenger tube and turn the three metal bars.
- Drink the apple juice!

On Monday, some girls from Years 5 & 6 played a football tournament at Bridgwater and Taunton College. The team were Elsa (Captain), Harriet, Rose, Merryn, Lena (Goalie), Jessica, Millie, Boo and Tilly. Our first match was against Bishop Henderson with a 1-0 win with Harriet scoring and Jessica showing solid defending. Next, we played Holway Park. Millie cleared the ball twice and Elsa scored a great hat-trick with Harriet doing a wonderful assist. Our third match was against Lyngford Park which ended in 0-0 draw. Boo had a chance from the corner and Elsa had a near miss hitting the post. Our final match was against Trinity and our brilliant defender Merryn scored the goal, Rose did a great assist from the throw in and Jessica hit the post, ending with a 1-1 draw. It was a great experience and we all played our hardest. As a result, we have been invited to play in the finals next Monday.

*by Harriet and Elsa*



For Class 2's enrichment PE session they played hockey. They did particularly well considering very few of them had played hockey previously! All the children quickly grasped a feel for the sport and showed understanding of how to play, displaying fantastic effort. As a class the pupils did very well working within a team whilst playing a new sport. Overall the

children had a great session and they all displayed immense enthusiasm and gained a greater understanding of hockey. Just a few children need to focus on listening skills when the coaches were talking. The wristbands went to Orea and Patrick who both stood out during the activities: they demonstrated a positive, eager attitude throughout and were a real asset to their class displaying great listening and team work skills. Robin, Darcy T and Siena also displayed excellent behaviour and great levels of effort throughout the session.

*Miss B*



# SPORT



Class 3 attended a Sports Festival at Kingsmead School this week where they took part in a variety of sporting activities. Children used many of the skills they've developed in their PE lessons such as throwing, catching, balancing and different footwork techniques. Miss Davy and I saw lots of friendly competition, encouragement and teamwork taking place as well as children showing perseverance if they lost a game. Class 3 had a wonderful time and look forward to continuing to develop their skills in future PE lessons this year.

*Miss Downer*

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PRIMARY SCHOOL  
AND PRE-SCHOOL

JOIN US IF YOU DARE FOR

MILVERTON'S **NEON**  
**HALLOWEEN**  
**DISCO**

**FRIDAY 20th OCTOBER**

Preschool & KS1 3.30pm - 4.30pm  
KS2 4.45pm - 5.45pm

On school grounds

**SPOOKY TREATS, DRINKS AND GAMES**  
**£4.00 per child**

*fancy dressy*



Website: [www.christmas-sparkle.org](http://www.christmas-sparkle.org) Facebook: Christmas Sparkle Project

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Christmas Sparkle was founded in 2015 with the aim of giving a Christmas present to every child and young person aged 0-18 years living in difficult circumstances in the SWT/Taunton and Wellington community. Last year, thanks to the generosity of local people, we were able to provide gifts for 2,260 children and young people. Due to the ongoing Cost of Living Crisis, we are aware that there is going to be even greater need this year. We work with local charities and agencies e.g. The Foodbank, Women's Refuge, PFSAs. We were proud winners of the 2019 Mayor's Citizenship award. We work in partnership with *My Day* who kindly collect gifts from donation points and deliver to agencies.

We give only brand-new age appropriate gifts which are donated by local businesses, schools and members of the public. Wrapping events are held in Santa's workshop, aka our base, throughout November and December, generously provided by Summerfield Developments. Members of the public are invited to these events and schools and local groups help for an hour or two which makes it a real community event. Cheesy Christmas music and festive refreshments help to make the day fun for everyone!

All financial donations go straight back into the project. They are used for wrapping paper, gift tags and gifts for shortage age groups; typically 8-18 year old boys and babies.

Christmas Sparkle is run by Gill Harrison, Candice Thompson-Gardiner, Penny Walker, Julie Burton, Jules Smith, Jo Wainwright, Alison Welch, Kirsty Smith, Hollie Smith and Ruth Chase.



## Christmas Sparkle Gift Collection



Please help us to make Christmas special for hundreds of children living in difficult circumstances in our community. We need your help to support families in need this Christmas by donating gifts. We just ask that all gifts are new and are not wrapped. Here are some suggestions:

Cuddly Toys	Frisbees	Skipping Rope
Baby Clothes	Magic Kits	Wooden Toys
Rattles	Family Games	Brain Training
Soft Balls	Pencil Cases	Games
Colouring Books & Pencils	Jewellery	Hair Bands & Clips
Hats, Gloves & Scarves	Puzzles	Mini Football Goal
Early Years Games	Sports equipment	Educational Games
Toy Cars	Toilerty Sets	Word Searches
Dolls	Make Up	Wooden Puzzles
Arts and Crafts	Nail Varnish	Building Blocks
Kites	Purses/Wallets	Rubix Cubes
Goal Keepers Gloves	Bags/ Rucksacks	Headphones
Hair Products	Football/ Rugby Ball	Card Games
Selection Boxes	Top Trumps	Fluffy Socks

*Many Thanks for your Kind Donations*

