Milverton Community Primary & Pre-School

Newsletter

13th November 2026

Inspiring every child to achieve their full potential.

THANK YOU!

An enormous thank you for all the generous Harvest Festival donations. All produce has been delivered to Foodbank Taunton, where it was gratefully received!

Keeping Children Safe

Please do not let your children play in the staff car park before school. Cars may be manoeuvering at any time.

Polite reminder: The Turning Circle is not for parking on. Please use the parent carpark. If your child is old enough, you can stop and drop your children on the turning circle. Cones are positioned so that the school bus can safely park and let the 'bus children' safely into the school gate.

Attendance Letters

As part of our ongoing commitment to improve attendance and ensure that all children receive the best possible education, we will be sending out regular attendance letters when your child's attendance falls below 96%.

These letters help us meet our responsibilities and expectations set by Ofsted and the Department of Education. Thank you for your continued support & understanding.

Anti-Bullying Week 2026

Friday 20th November is Odd Socks Day!
Wear your brightest, most mismatched socks and celebrate what makes us all unique!



Attendance 95%

Class 3



Class 3 have been following up their learning from their school trip to Kent's Cavern in History by investigating the historical caves formation. They have made links to Geography by considering settlement and why people in the Stone Age chose to live in this place.

In RE and Worldviews, the children have begun learning about Diwali and why it is such an important festival in Hinduism. The class have learnt about symbols in Diwali and their meanings, such as rangoli patterns being used as decorations to encourage good fortune, wealth and happiness.

In English this week, Class 3 have finished writing their very own 'defeat the monster' stories where they have designed their own hero, monster and setting. The whole class should be very proud of their dedication and determination to create such exciting and thoughtful stories!



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Classroom Moments

Class R have started this half term learning about lots of different festivals and celebrations. We have learnt about Diwali, Bonfire Night, Remembrance and Children in Need so far. We really enjoyed our Bonfire Night storytelling and dance session with Candice from Debutots where we pretended to be fireworks!

Class 1 have been conducting some fieldwork in Geography. We have been looking closely at all the parts of our school. We used our field work to create our own 3-D model of the school and it's grounds. We were very lucky and had a reduce, reuse and recycle workshop with Carymoor. We decorated food waste bins and found out what we can put in them.

Class 2 have been looking at the art of sculptor Michelle Reader who makes wonderful creations from recycled and repurposed materials, the children used scraps and other items to create birds, some children challenged themselves to get their sculptures to stand up which was quite tricky and needed lots of perseverance and multiple tries using different materials. The results were great and will be on display for you to see during your parent meetings!

Class 4 have been learning about Haikus in English recently. The children have done a great job counting syllables to make sure it sticks to the 5-7-5 structure, and they have created a variety of poems about the seasons, animals and the Stone Age!

Class 5 have had a real focus on World War 2 over the last week. We have written some descriptive Blitz poetry using a range of poetic devices, such as metaphors. We also had a fun history session on Wednesday afternoon in which we got to handle lots of artefacts loaned from the Somerset Heritage Centre.

Class 6

Class 6 have had a very busy few days. We have visited The Big Pit in Wales as part of study of the Industrial Revolution and Victorian Britain. We have been selling poppies before and after school. We have visited the church for our Harvest Celebration, helping the youngest children in our school walk safely through the village. Our House Captains have represented the school with Mrs. Stoddart at the War Memorial at St. Michael's Church for Remembrance. The Christmas Sparkle Team have helped run an assembly promoting the charity this year and explaining what the school can do to help. Our Sports Leaders have been running games for younger children at break times. The Year 6 Girls Football team took part in a tournament at Taunton college...

Year 6 Girls Tournament by Nola

On Monday the 2nd of November, we took a team of 10 year 6 girls to play in a friendly football tournament against 5 other schools, the schools were IKB, Bishops Henderson, Parkfield, St Georges and Kingston St Mary. We played 5 ten minute games of 7 a side. As team captain I made sure that all players were rotated so we each had a fair amount of game time and when we weren't playing we would sit and watch from the sidelines and cheer our team on. The scores were 1 - 1 against Kingston St Mary with a cracking goal from Ivy. We lost 0 - 3 against Bishops Hendersen which meant we lost again. And IKB won by 8 goals. In our last match against Parkfield we had an awesome defender which was Harper. We were so close to scoring until they won by 1 goal. But the great thing was that we all had fun and enjoyed the chance to play football together. Shout out to Harper [aka - Harper the blocker] for deservingly winning the most votes for the best player on our team. We would all like to say a big thank you to Miss Storey for organizing all of this!

Key Dates

Forest School Dates
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

14.11.26
Parent school tour
10am - 11am

09.11.26 - 22.11.26
Switch Off Fortnight

17.11.26
Parents Evening
3.30pm - 6pm

02.12.26
Class 3 Rocks & Fossils Workshop (In school)

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

13.12.26
School junior park run with Miss Storey & Mr Penny. More details to follow soon!

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

Certificate of Appreciation

for

Milverton Community Primary School

With heartfelt gratitude, we thank all the students, teachers, staff, and parents for your generous donation of **75.2 kg** during **Harvest 2026.** Your kindness and support bring hope to those in need and make a significant difference in our community.

Taunton Foodbank
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Mike Turner

Foodbank Director

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12th Nov 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to ask for your support in keeping children and young people safe and ensuring families understand the law around privately owned electric scooters (e-scooters).

We are increasingly seeing children and young people using privately owned e-scooters to travel to and from school and in other public places.

While e-scooters are widely available to buy, this does not mean they can legally be used in public.

What does the law say?

Privately owned e-scooters cannot legally be ridden on public roads, pavements or in public spaces such as parks. They can only be used on private land with the permission of the landowner.

The rules for authorised rental e-scooters are different. Rental e-scooters operating within an official scheme may be used in accordance with the conditions of that scheme.

What could happen?

Using a privately owned e-scooter in public can result in enforcement action. This can include;

- Seizure of e-scooter
- Reporting riders to court
- Reporting parents or guardians where circumstances indicate offences relating to permitting unlawful use
- Potential points on driving licence for those who hold one
- Impact on future driving licence applications and insurance premiums

The financial implications of recovering a seized e-scooter can be significant, with recovery and storage fees often exceeding the value of the scooter itself.

Riders could receive a fine and penalty points, and the e-scooter may be seized by police.

Safety Concerns

Alongside the legal issues, there are serious safety concerns surrounding the use of e-scooters. Many e-scooters are capable of travelling at considerable speeds and hospitals across the UK are reporting increasing numbers of injuries linked to e-scooters. These range from minor cuts and bruises to serious and life-changing trauma. Importantly these injuries not only affect riders. Other children walking to school, pedestrians, and cyclists can also suffer injury.

Our message to parents and carers

With birthdays and Christmas often bringing new bikes, scooters and other forms of transport, we are encouraging parents and carers to think carefully before purchasing an e-scooter for a child or young person.

If you do purchase one, please be clear with your child about where it can legally be used. In particular, children should not be riding privately owned e-scooters to school, as doing so will ordinarily involve riding in a public place.

We are asking schools to help us share this message so that children and families understand the law before enforcement becomes necessary.

Our aim is not to criminalise young people. Our aim is to prevent harm, improve road safety and avoid children and families facing unnecessary consequences because they were unaware of the law.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep children and young people safe.

Best regards,





Sarah Crew QPM
Chief Constable
Avon and Somerset Constabulary

Clare Moody
Police and Crime Commissioner for
Avon and Somerset Constabulary

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