



Dear Parent/ Carer,

What a great half term it has been! It has certainly flown by. It has been a real privilege to join this wonderful school and get to know all things Milverton. I am not quite there with every child's name yet, but I am getting to know each and every one. I have enjoyed meeting so many parents at the gate or welcome coffee mornings. Your feedback has both been useful and positive. We are sending out a short parent survey via an online form on Parentmail, so please look out for this.

It has been a pleasure to watch the children rehearsing their words, songs and poems for our Harvest Festival in church this afternoon, I am sure they will shine!

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Mrs Bray and we would like to thank her for all her hard work over the years, both as a member of staff and for the time she was the Chair of the MSA. We wish her well for the future.

Keeping Children Safe

Please take a moment to follow this link regarding fire safety at Halloween.

[How to stay safe during Halloween | Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service](#)

Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable half term. Please remember Monday 4th November is an INSET day. We look forward to all of the children being back in school on Tuesday 5th November.

Mrs Stoddart



Classes 1 and 2 enjoyed an exciting hands-on workshop run by the SW Heritage centre exploring old toys. They enjoyed playing with a wide variety of old toys, dressing up in old fashioned clothes, looking at the materials toys used to be made of and how we can identify if toys are modern or from olden times. They got to watch the start of early films using a zoetrope and everyone made a thaumatrope where a bird magically appears in a cage!

Ms Boullin



Class 3 have been using natural materials to create their own cave art pictures as if they were in the Stone Age. They used berries and red cabbage as well as some soil to add colour to their drawings that told a story about what life could have been like at that time. Charcoal was used to draw detailed images of mammoths or deer and show how they were being hunted. Well done Class 3, you have all created some brilliant cave art.

Ms Brooke

Diary Dates

Forest School Wednesdays

Pre-school 6th November

Class 6 13th November

Class 5 20th November

Class 4 27th November

Class 3 4th December

Class 2 11th December

Class 1 18th December

Half Term Break

Monday 28th October to

Friday 1st November

Inset Day

Monday 4th November—

school closed to pupils.

Year 4 Start Swimming

Monday 11th November

Reception 2025 Parent Tours

Weds 13th Nov at 9.30am

Thurs 21st Nov at 1.30pm

Reception Class trip to Bear Town

Monday 18th November

Year 6 First Aid training

Monday 25th and Weds 27th November

PCSO visit to Reception Class

Tuesday 26th November

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Parents' Evening 1

Thursday 21st November
17:00—19:30

Parents' Evening 2

Tuesday 26th November
15:30—18:00

Harry Potter Show at Queen's College for Years 5 & 6

Friday 29th November



Well done to Cork Oak for winning the House Cup this half term!

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



Preschool	<i>Jana</i> for your participation in group times this week.
Class R	<i>Dylan</i> for your fantastic Forest School interactions and for helping so many other children.
Class 1	<i>Finn</i> for your super effort writing your own story.
Class 2	<i>Oliver</i> for working really hard on your handwriting and writing a great set of instructions.
Class 3	<i>Alby</i> for having a positive learning mindset and always showing you are ready to start your work. Keep it up, Alby!
Class 4	<i>Ivy</i> for your fantastic Maths work this week.
Class 5	<i>Orla</i> and <i>Alfred</i> for your excellent story writing using imagery and description.
Class 6	<i>Harry S</i> for your determination and willingness to step in and help when you can.



This week the weather was on our side and the intrepid explorers of Class R ventured out for our first Forest School. We were thoroughly impressed with Mr Wedderkopp's 'original' version of 'Campfire's Burning' and joined in and made up of our own songs. We also enjoyed practising our Harvest Festival songs around the campfire. We spent the morning exploring all that the grounds had to offer and roasting marshmallows to go with our hot chocolate. It was wonderful to hear the children speak so highly of each other during our Helping Heart ceremony at the end. We were so proud of them all.

Mrs Atterton

The Charles Darwin Experience

On Tuesday 22nd October, Class 6 enjoyed an experience all about Charles Darwin's theory of evolution. It was shown by the Ocean Conservation Trust (OCT.) The experience started and we were shown plants such as red mangroves. The sensitive plant that has a flower on it and when you touch it, it curls up to protect itself and also one of the things the sensitive plant can do is move. Secondly, we were shown different types of ocean animals such as: turtles, sharks, jellyfish and stingrays. Did you know? Jellyfish cannot actually swim and jellyfish's tentacles are actually green? Did you know that dermal denticles are small, tooth-like structures on the skin of sharks and rays? Did you know that the stingray barb is a sharp, venomous spine located on its tail? After the experience, we were given a sheet of paper to play two games, the first game was to draw a species of animal that we created and in the second game we had to roll a dice to see if we were fish, reptile or a mammal. Thanks for organising such an interesting experience, Mr Coupe.

by Jacob R



Art Club: We had a SPOOKY time in art club painting pumpkins, there were some very colourful designs ready to go on the doorstep for Halloween next week. See you after half term, art club!

Miss Allen



Toasties: Our Annual Halloween competition in after school club was an overall scary success this year! Our special guest judge Mrs Stoddart had a hard time deciding on our winners this year, it was a long process to decide, the overall winners were... for KS2, Elena and Orea with their amazing haunted house! In KS1, Poppy with her wonderful bat and witch creation. We also had runners up, Jacob L, Nina B, Amelie S and Erin and Sienna as a joint entry! Big thank you to Mrs Stoddart for judging and well done to all that took part!

Miss Davy, Miss Allen and Miss Yeats



On Thursday 24th October, some Year 6 pupils played a football tournament at Bridgwater and Taunton College. We all chose our Milverton football kit with Miss Storey and we left the school at 3pm. When we arrived at the astroturf football pitch, the team warmed up and got into the first game of three. First, we played Bishop's Hull and lost 3-0. We went into our next game against North Town losing 4-0 and finally Wiveliscombe losing 3-1. We are all happy, though, because we massively improved throughout the games, building our teamwork up.

Sidney and Bentley Class 6

Class 1 really enjoyed sewing their puppets with their buddies last week. This week they have enjoyed choosing their own decorations. I think you'll agree they look amazing!

Ms Boullin



Our Eco-Code:

Energy

- Turn off lights
- Turn heating down and shut windows

Biodiversity

- Provide food for birds
- Provide flowering for insects
- Maintain pond area for wildlife
- Monitor wildlife

School Grounds

- Leave plants and flowers for nature and for others to enjoy.
- Plant more flowers
- Recycle your rubbish or throw it away in a bin.



PE Enrichment

Year 4 took part in an Ultimate Frisbee enrichment lesson. The session focused particularly on learning the basic technique of both how to throw a frisbee with the correct technique and throwing with accuracy. The children then tried to knock a tennis ball off a stand from a distance. The children engaged in small sided matches throwing competitively within groups. The Year 4 pupils displayed excellent listening skills and the children all did well to embrace such a tricky sport, mostly a first time sport for them. The stars of the lesson were Harper and Tom who had a natural talent for Ultimate Frisbee.

Mr Aldwin

Reception Class took part in a throwing games lesson with a view to finishing with a game of Dodgeball in their enrichment lesson. The children learned rolling ball skills and underarm and overarm throwing techniques. The pupils then played 'Decorate the Snowman' to hone their throwing accuracy before an overarm power throwing game 'Knocking The Monkey Out of The Tree'. The children played a simple game of Dodgeball split into teams. The listening skills of the children, especially for Reception, were exceptional and all the pupils worked together well in teams. Amy, Lennox & Freddie all demonstrated super listening, were eager to demonstrate and displayed an awareness of power and direction in their throwing abilities.

Mr T

The Eco-committee have written our new eco-code for this year. We will kicking off by taking part in 'Switch-Off Fortnight' after half term. More information to come then.

Ms Boullin

Thank you very much to all those who have donated for our Harvest collection for Taunton Foodbank. They will be very happy to receive all your kind donations; it is much appreciated.

THANK YOU



MSA NEWS!

MSA: Sharing good news

We're off to a flying start this term. We raised **£803** at the Halloween Disco! And had lots of smiley happy children dancing in their best spooky gear. Good times!

Announcing the winner of the MSA logo competition

A big thank you to all the children who entered the logo competition. It was a joy to review all the entries. Deciding a final winner was tough! We loved Anna's (Class 5) creative interpretation of what MSA stands for: of course, it's **Making School Amazing!** Boo's (Class 6) clever addition of the school logo and Wilf's (Class 6) awesome colourful tree. A designer friend will now work on bringing a final design to life. All three winners get a book token.



🎄 Milverton School Christmas Fayre – Let's Make it Magical! 🎄

The school Christmas Fayre is fast approaching – a wonderful event bringing our school community together and raising much-needed funds for our school!

But here's the deal – we can't do it without YOU! The MSA team needs parents and carers to help shape the event and bring it to life. From planning to running some of the fun activities, we need hands-on help. In the past, we've had things like:

- 🎁 Toy & Book Sale (the famous rainbow stalls)
- 👶 Santa's Grotto (Umm, we also need a Santa!)
- 🍷 Bottle Hoopla
- 🍔 Hot Food Stalls
- 🍰 Cakes, Cakes, Cakes!
- 🍬 Sweet and treats Stall
- 🎁 Christmas Lucky Dip and other festive games
- 🍹 Drinks/Bar (Because it's Christmas, right?)

This isn't a call for helpers on the day (though that's important too!) – right now, we're looking for people to take a lead on these activities! You'll be attending some planning sessions, like the one coming up at Milverton Cricket Club on **Wednesday 6th November 19:30**. We're all about keeping these sessions light and breezy. Promise.

✉️ **RSVP by emailing us to confirm your attendance! msa-somerset@outlook.com**

And if you want to help but can't make the date let us know too. We know the bedtime and work juggle is real.

Remember, without extra help, we can't make this magical event happen. And all funds raised go directly back to benefit ALL OUR children!

Let's make this year's Christmas Fayre one to remember! 🎄 ✨

James, Rob, Claire and Brent (The **MSA: Making School Amazing** team)