

# Milverton Community Primary and Pre-School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

14<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you and your family have all managed to have a great Christmas and a restful break. Thank you for all the kind words and lovely gifts that we received before Christmas. We are really looking forward to this term ahead.

As you are already aware, Mrs Lapthorn finished at Christmas, and we now welcome Mr Tim Bottomley as class teacher 3 days per week. Mrs Smith will continue to teach on a Monday and Tuesday, with Mr Bottomley teaching on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Brierley continues to support in class first thing every morning, with Miss Davy now joining to support us between break and lunchtime every morning too.

This term our Year 5 & 6 quest is 'Pioneers'. This quest explores Space and we hope to visit 'We the Curious' in Bristol on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, where we will experience the planetarium. More information to follow. We have a number of learning experiences planned that are outlined on the quest overview, so there is lots to look forward to over the coming weeks.

## Reading

Regular reading at home and at school makes such a difference to the educational outcomes of children and we encourage all families to listen to their children read as often as possible. The expectation within the school is to read at home at least four times a week. The children all have a reading record - please sign the reading record each time you hear your child read. There are some great prompts in the reading records to use as a guide for talking to your child about what they have read. We will be collecting the reading records in every Monday for monitoring. Books can be changed whenever needed and we have a library in the classroom which includes fiction, poetry and non-fiction which the children can borrow from. If you have an interest in volunteering your time to listen to readers in Class 5 we would love to hear from you so that we can arrange a time and sort out the necessary checks.

## Homework

In addition to reading the children will bring home their spellings weekly. New spellings will be issued on a Wednesday to be tested the following Wednesday. The spelling homework sheet needs to be returned to school on **Wednesday** with the task completed.

Weekly maths homework is also set, this will usually be on MyMaths but there will be times when a sheet will be given instead. Maths homework will be set on a **Monday** to return no later than the following Monday. This homework will always cover an area of learning that has already been taught and should take no more than 20 minutes (often less). Please do send an email if it is regularly taking longer so that we are aware.

Please support and encourage your child to complete their homework. If there are exceptional circumstances that make it difficult for your child to complete their homework, please send a message via the class email address. **Please note the changes of day for homework this term.**



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## P.E.

This half term our PE sessions will be on a Tuesday and Friday. There will be times when additional sessions may occur, so we ask that PE kits are in school every day please. If your child has their ears pierced, earrings need to be removed for the PE session. Please ensure that your child is able to remove their piercings independently. If this is not the case, we would advise that they are removed before they arrive in school.

## Coats and Water Bottles

We take the children out to play as often as we can, even in rainy and cold weather and weather, so it is important for the children to have a coat in school every day. We encourage children to drink plenty of water during the day, they are welcome to bring in their own named water bottle to drink from. Otherwise, cups and water are available in the classroom.

Everything that your child needs to access the curriculum is here in schools so there is no need to provide anything yourself, for example, pencil cases are not required in Year 5.

*Please endeavour to name everything that comes into school as it makes rehoming lost items much easier and avoids conflict in the event of uncertainty!*

## Diary Dates

We have a number of exciting opportunities this term. More information will follow about these over the coming weeks:

**Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Trip** – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026

**‘We the Curious’ Trip** – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

**Forest School** – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**First Aid training** – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Bikeability** - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> & Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Kilve** - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Finally, we are looking forward to working with you and your child this year. If you have any questions or worries please do get in touch. This can be done via the Class 5 email or in person.

Kind regards,

Mrs Smith and Mr Bottomley

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