

School and Office Opening Hours
School - 8.45am - 3.15pm
Office - 8.30am - 4pm
Morning club - 8am
Sports clubs 3.15pm - 4.30pm
Toasties 3.15pm - 4.30/5.45pm

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Friday Flyer

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a welcome to Mr John Clark; John joins our staff, working in Class 2 to cover Mrs Hards' absence. Mrs Hards has started a phased return to work today.

This week is National Anti-Bullying Week. The children have been thinking about what bullying is, and how to recognise when we are being bullied and when we might be bullies, whether we meant to be or not.

Of course, in these times of social media children's social lives don't stop when they leave school, and to support you and your children if things go wrong there is some useful advice here: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/cyberbullying-advice-parents-and-carers>. We know that the digital world can sometimes seem bewildering so the following link has plenty of easy-to-understand guides to what your children might come across either now, or in the future: <https://parentzone.org.uk/advice/parent-guides>.

Mr R Stead

Our sessions in the outdoors have continued to follow the quest theme of 'Journeys'. Classes 5 & 6 have been on sensory journeys, relying on smell, hearing, touch and their classmates' judgement to guide them safely through a variety of blindfold challenges. Developing their trust in each other, their communication skills and their self belief, the blindfolded children attempted sheep herding, a caterpillar slalom and a ninja rope trail. The trust that many of them placed in each other was inspiring, and often the crucial factor in a team's success.



We have been developing a forest school area since September and it now has a canopy and fire circle, thanks to the hard work of a small group of children, the support of Milverton Saw Mill and help from parents Guy Manning and Steve Care. Protection from the rain, a warm fire and the promise of hot chocolate should help us through the coming winter. With their blindfolds removed, the children had two making tasks to complete, the first of which was to use ribbon and glitter to 'bling up' the wooden medallion that they made at the start of the year (please remind your child to bring their medallion to every session). Their second task was to construct rustic stick mobiles. They learned lashing and frapping techniques to fix hazel sticks together in triangles, pyramids and stars. Once finished with feathers, nuts and other natural objects, these make quirky decorations for our outdoor classroom! Well done to Classes 5 & 6; they have set the standard for the rest of the school to follow!

Mr Wedderkopp



Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 21st November Parents' Evening

Yrs 1, 2, 4, 5, 6: 3.30pm-6pm
 Reception Class: 2pm-7pm
 Class 3: 2.20pm - 7pm
NO MULTIGAMES

Friday 24th November

Flu Vaccinations for Year R-4.
Permission forms are being sent home directly from the NHS.
Please return completed forms to the school office.

Friday 1st December

MSA Christmas Fair from 5.30pm

Friday 15th December

Reception Nativity Play at 2pm

Tuesday 19th December

Non-uniform day, Sharing Lunch

Thursday 21st December

Christmas Service at 2pm
 Last day of term
NO GYM OR ART CLUB

Sharing Assemblies

Class 3: Fri 1st December 9am
Class 4: Fri 8th December 9am
Classes 5 & 6:
 Curriculum Evening Thursday
 30th November at 6pm

Forest School Reminder Next Tuesday is Class 4

| House Points | Weekly Total | Half Term |
|----------------|--------------|-----------|
| Horse Chestnut | 298 | 684 |
| London Plane | 251 | 716 |
| Blue Cedar | 226 | 649 |
| Cork Oak | 321 | 833 |

Well done everyone for your colourful display of spots and stripes for Children in Need! You raised an amazing £207.38!

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



- CLASS R** Maurice for outstanding progress and fabulous effort in phonics.
- CLASS 1** George for excellent work with number bonds.
- CLASS 2** Adèle for exceptional listening skills this week. Well done.
- CLASS 3** Emily N for superb care and close attention to detail when drawing a Viking.
- CLASS 4** Darragh for his consistently showing willingness to contribute to ideas in class discussions. Well done Darragh!
- CLASS 5** Tyrone for his fantastic progress in handwriting, well done Tyrone!
- CLASS 6** Victoria for her fantastic Saturn information text please.



Recently, 9 boys and 9 girls from Class 6 went to an athletics tournament at King's College. There were two categories; field and track. The boys started with the track activities and the girls did the field. The field activities consisted of speed bounce, standing triple jump, chest push, javelin, standing long jump and high jump. Afterwards, the girls and boys swapped around so we had a chance to have a go at everything. In the end we came 4th, which we were very pleased with. We really enjoyed our time there and we would love to go again.

by Poppy and Connie, Y5



We have been asked by our local PCSO Louise Fyne to tell you these tips for safe scooter riding, after a recent report of a member of public being nearly knocked off their feet by a young person on a scooter, that was in Milverton School Uniform.

Top Tips for riding a scooter safely:

1. Know how to stop
2. Scoot with your leg away from the road
3. Stay on the pavements riding at a safe speed and watching out for pedestrians and cars at driveways.
4. Be visible.
5. Do not ride in crowded areas.



On Wednesday afternoon our team of Matthew, Evie, Lucy, Emelia and Ethan went to the Taunton area, 'Have A Go' dodgeball tournament. The children played 4 matches against other schools and had loads of fun dodging and throwing balls at each other! At the end, the teachers all had a go too. The tournament was really well organised by SASP and we would like to give thanks to the parents who transported and supported our team.



Reminders

Years R-4: Please bring your completed flu vaccination consent form to the office as soon as you can.

Next Tuesday is the deadline for returning your Tempest photos to the school office.

If you have anything you would like to donate as a raffle prize for the Christmas Fair raffle, it will be gratefully received! Thank you.

MSA Christmas Fair

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2017 FROM 5.30PM

COME ALONG TO OUR CHRISTMAS FAIR, DO SOME CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AND KICK OFF THE FESTIVE SEASON WITH LOTS OF CHRISTMAS FUN!

WE NEED DONATIONS OF JAM JARS, BOOKS/DVD'S, RAINBOW STALL GIFTS FOR YOUR CHILD'S COLOUR THEMED STALL AND CAKES TO RUN THE EVENT.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP, EITHER ON THE NIGHT OR DURING THE AFTERNOON TO HELP SET UP,

PLEASE EMAIL

MSA-SOMERSET@OUTLOOK.COM

Please read the MSA flyer for much more information

Gymnastics Premier Sport Camp

Christmas Holidays

Cotford St Luke Primary School (TA4 1HZ)

Wednesday 3rd January

10.00am - 3.00pm

£20.00 per child – tuck shop max £1.00



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