

# Our School Newsletter

1st May 2026



## Merlins

We have been busy working on counting to 20 with Reception. We found different ways of arranging the counters. We have been working extra hard on handwriting and spelling. We are doing so well! In Geography, we have been learning about the weather. All of us have a Cloud Diary that we have taken home to complete to see if the clouds are the same in the sky by all of our home.

Well done Merlins,  
Love from Mrs Jones

## Hawks

Hawks have been working hard this week on their 'Joseph coats' in inspired by the bible story and later musical, 'Joseph and his technicolour dreamcoat'. The children have explored pattern, designed a coat and are beginning the process of using fabric crayons to decorate the real thing! We look forward to sharing the finished products with you soon.

We have also been continuing to work hard on our phonics this term, as we head towards the Year 1 phonics screen after May half Term. If you have any questions about this, please do come and see me. If you are able to continue to support your child with reading practice at home and practicing the sounds at the front of their reading book, we would be most grateful.

Have a lovely long weekend,

Miss Sparks



# Falcons

The Year 4s had a great time at Pinkery for 3 days last week. The weather was glorious and the Dunster children enjoyed lots of activities on Exmoor as well as making new friends from other schools in the federation. Meanwhile the Year 3s started their weekly violin lessons for this year. Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Gray and Mrs Lancaster



## Reminders / Important Info

School Attendance Overall – 93.8%

Merlins – 93.8%

Hawks – 93.5%

Falcons – 94.0%

## Message from Mr James

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are at the end of the second week of the Summer Term. It is great to see all of the children back and working so hard in their classes.

Last week saw our Year 4 children make some wonderful memories as they took part in the Pinkery residential visit. The children, along with their Year 4 friends from Dulverton and Langford Budville, took part in an array of activities; hiking, rock climbing, grass sledging, low ropes courses, stream dipping, orienteering and much much more. The children showed amazing resilience and determination when facing new challenges and also made new friends from other schools. They really were a credit to the school and I was very proud of them. A big thank you to Mrs Lancaster for her work during the week and giving up time away from her family, along with the kitchen staff, particularly Miss Masters and Mrs Stephens and also to Mrs Thrush who came to visit and surprisingly behaved!

Last term, the children completed a Blossom Workshop with Amy from Dunster Castle and their work is now proudly on display and looks amazing. Thank you Amy for your support and work with the school, it is much appreciated.

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend with your families.

Paul James

Head of School

# Celebrating our Achievements

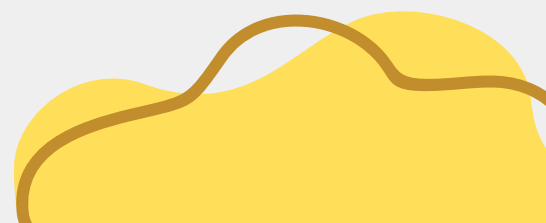


Our Value for this term



**Kindness**

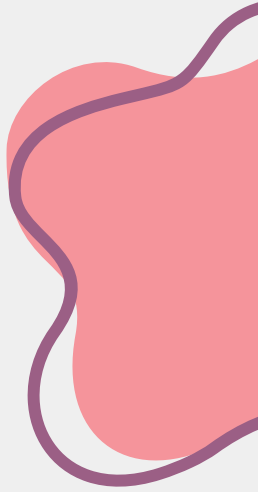
Be kind and compassionate to one another



# Wellbeing Support

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- [Click here for Support for Families](#)



# Calendar Dates

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4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday

13<sup>th</sup> May – Merlins Visit to Briddicott Farm

22<sup>nd</sup> May – Dunster Music Festival

22<sup>nd</sup> May – School Holiday

1<sup>st</sup> June – School reopens



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## Contact Details

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### SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS –

Our designated safeguarding lead is Mr James.

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Click [here](#) for all Safeguarding details.

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