

Our School Newsletter

22nd May 2026



Merlins

What a lovely couple of weeks in Merlins! We have been busy with our learning about the weather- the children are now cloud experts and I know some of them are having a go at forecasting the weather every day now! In History we have curated our own Toy Museum which the children proudly showed off to families and all school staff after school. Our Science topic has been all about animals and their habitats, which fitted on perfectly with our amazing visit to Briddicott Farm. Tracey and Andrew were impressed with their knowledge and how well they listened and joined in with everything. I was really proud of them.

Have a lovely half term.

Love from Mrs Jones

Hawks

Dear parents / carers,

This week, the children visited the Dunster Museum and Dolls Collection. We looked at dolls and toys from a wide range of history, including some that were over 150 years old! The children were able to handle some very old dolls, and we talked about the differences between toys now and in the past. Hawks Class behaved beautifully throughout the visit, listening carefully and asking interesting questions. Thank you to the parent helpers who helped to make the visit possible.

Have a lovely holiday

Miss Sparks



Falcons

In Falcons class we have continued to enjoy learning about Ancient Greece in History, with some great questions being asked during our discussions. and we were impressed by creations made at home. We have continued our whole-class reading of *The Twits* by Roald Dahl, and the children have been busy writing diary entries from the perspectives of Mr and Mrs Twit. In Maths, our Year 4 children have continued to work hard on their times tables knowledge, while Year 3 have been using Dienes equipment to help them understand exchanging when solving column subtraction calculations.

Have a lovely holiday, Mrs Gray & Mrs Lancaster



Reminders / Important Info

School Attendance Overall – 94%

Merlins –94.3%

Hawks –93.7%

Falcons – 94.1%

Message from Mr James

Dear Parents and carers,

It seems like our half term break is going to coincide with some much-needed beautiful weather!

As always, the term has flown by with the children all working hard and making some amazing progress. There have been lots of exciting activities and events too. This week, I took Student Parliament and Head Boy and Girl on a visit to Dunster Castle. We went to look at the poems the children wrote—which are on display in the Watermill Tea room, the blossom tree that the children helped create, the book marks the children made—which are on display in the book shop and finally, we went to look at the progress being made on the new natural outdoor play area which all of the children have had a part in designing. If you get a chance to visit the castle this half term, please do look out for your child's work—it will be truly amazing. A big thank you to Amy for all her hard work with us.

Last night, I had the privilege of attending 'The Pride of Somerset Youth Awards' in Bridgewater. One of our pupils, Rupert in Falcons Class, was nominated for an award in recognition of his dedication, commitment and passion in helping keep our beaches clean. As you may know, Rupert has taken part in many beach cleans, organised community beach cleans but not only this, he is passionate about recycling what he can into useful items, such as jewelry or coasters. The event last night was very prestigious and Rupert came away from the awards with a commendation for his efforts. I was incredibly proud of Rupert, as I know we all are at Dunster. So very well done Rupert—keep up your excellent work!

Our half term ended with a wonderful brass ensemble from 'Kensington Brass', who will be performing over the weekend at The Dunster Festival. If you get chance, do go and see them!

Have a lovely half term with your families.

Paul James

Head of School

Celebrating our Achievements



Our Value for this term

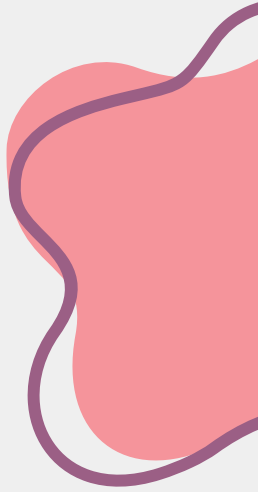
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Kindness

Be kind and compassionate to one another



Wellbeing Support

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



Calendar Dates

- 22nd May – School Holidays
- 1st June – School reopens
- 2nd June – Reading Assembly
- 16th June – Sports Day 1.45pm
- 20th June – Colour Run



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Contact Details

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