

Our School Newsletter

18th September 2026



Merlins

Welcome back to all the Year One Merlins and welcome to Dunster to all of the Reception children. We have had a brilliant and very busy first two weeks, with lots of playing, getting to know each other and getting back into routines.

We have especially enjoyed making lavender play dough, colour mixing, building castles and picking our own apples from the trees at snack time. Have a lovely weekend Merlins, and I will see you on Monday for more fun!

Love from Mrs Jones

Hawks

Hello and welcome back!

The children have settled really well into life in Hawks Class and we have already got stuck in to lots of new learning. Thank you for your continued support at the door in the mornings encouraging the children to come in to the classroom independently – it's greatly appreciated! On Monday we started our new history topic all about the history of Dunster. We have started by looking at the different buildings around the village and discussing how we know whether buildings are old or new.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Sparks



Falcons

It has been a wonderful start to the new school year in Falcon Class! The children have returned from their summer break with lots of enthusiasm and have settled back into school life brilliantly. Our Year 4 children have particularly enjoyed their first ukulele lesson this week, while our Year 3 children have made a fantastic start to their whole-class reading lessons, creating some lovely finger puppets of a dragon, the main character in our book. We have also begun our local history work for this half term and have discovered the incredible link between our village of Dunster and the Battle of Hastings!

Well done, Falcons, on a super start to the new school year!

Mrs Gray, Mrs Parfitt & Mr Auton



Attendance



We will be sharing our whole school attendance with you on each newsletter – our aim is for at least 97% by the end of the term! Let's work together and smash this target!

This
week:
96.3%

Message from Mrs Walker-Blair

Good afternoon, Dunster First School families. Thank you all for your patience this week while we continue to navigate the building works onsite. We are pleased to say the builders are nearing the end of the roof works now and we will be able to make use of our lovely hall again soon. It was wonderful for parents and carers to join us for our first celebration assembly this week. The invitation is for all to attend, please do join us to share the children's achievements (and of course sing along with us!)

Have a wonderful, restful weekend.

Mrs Walker-Blair

STAR *of the* *week*

MERLINS

JAYLEN

HcAWKS

ALFRED

FALCONS

JEREMY

Reminders

Reminder – we are a NUT FREE school. No nuts of any kind in lunchboxes or for snack time – thank you.



Dinners – please remember to book these in advance, making the choices with your children.

Our Value for this term

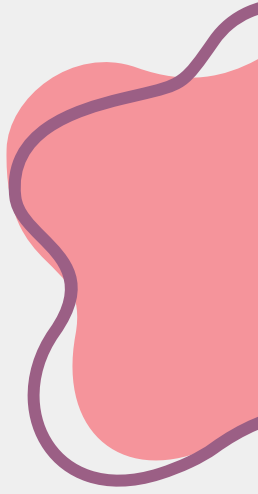
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Wellbeing Support

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Calendar Dates

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22nd September – Year 1 class Vision Testing

25th September – Tempest for School Photographs

15th October – Flu Vaccinations (Whole School)

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Calendar

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Contact Details

SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS –

Our designated safeguarding lead is Mrs Walker-Blair.

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