

Our School Newsletter

2nd October 2026



Merlins

What a lot of fun we have had with our splatter painting. We did giant splatter paintings in the style of Jackson Pollock in the field, then we did smaller and more controlled pictures back in the classroom. Some of us got more 'splattered' than others! We have been learning about the Three Little Pigs, have done some great writing and have built piggy houses from all sorts of materials. We have been looking at repeating patterns and have made patterns with colour and shapes. We are looking forward to Harvest Festival next week and are still practising our singing!

Well done Merlins
Love from Mrs Jones

Hawks

Dear parents/carers,

Last week we welcomed two members of the Singer instruments team (and also two of our parents!) into our class. We learnt about the 3D printer they kindly brought in for us to look at and learnt a little bit about what an engineer does. We were set a challenge of making the tallest tower we could out of marshmallows and spaghetti – the results varied but either way the leftover marshmallows were delicious! Thank you very much to Jo and Will for coming in and helping us – we'd love to have you back again soon!

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Sparks



Falcons

Children in Falcon Class have enjoyed creating large-scale chalk drawings and patterns on the playground as part of our outdoor learning and Art and Design curriculum. This work was inspired by the Rainforest, where pupils first created mood boards and used viewfinders to make close-up observations of patterns found in nature, including butterfly wings, reptile scales, amphibian skin and tiger stripes.

The children then took their learning outdoors, carefully observing patterns within our school grounds. Swirls and stripes in wood, as well as the intricate veins on leaves, provided inspiration for their impressive chalk artwork. Back in the classroom, we are continuing to develop our artistic skills by exploring the work of William Morris and his decorative designs, taking our learning to the next level.

As we will be doing more art activities over the coming weeks, we would be grateful if children could bring an old shirt to wear for art lessons.



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:
94.3%



Message from Mrs Walker-Blair

We have had another wonderful and busy week at Dunster First School. I've loved spending time in each of the classes, continuing to get to know the children and their favourite subjects!

Next Friday we are holding our annual Harvest Service in the church. It will be at 9:30am and all are welcome. If you are able to donate an item or two to the food bank, please do – dried/tinned goods only please.

Our lovely PTA (known as FODS) are going to postpone the next planned meeting, this will now be on 3rd November at 6:30pm – you can either join online or in person, please come to support us.

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DATE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD | TIME: 6:30 PM



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STAR *of the* week

MERLINS

MAGNUS

HAWKS

ABSENT...ALL WILL
BE REVEALED NEXT
WEEK!

FALCONS

LINCOLN

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.

Wellbeing Support

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

Our Value for this term

Courage

Calendar Dates

6th October – Open Evening 4–5pm
9th October – Harvest Service
15th October – Flu Vaccinations (Whole School)
22nd/23rd October – INSET days
3rd November – F.O.D.S AGM
10th November – Open Morning 9.30–10.30am



View our Online Events Calendar
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Contact Details

SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS –

Our designated safeguarding lead is Mrs Walker-Blair.

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