

Our School Newsletter

16th October 2026



Merlins

Merlins have had another very exciting and busy couple of weeks. I was very proud of you all at Harvest Festival- your hats were super, your singing was great and the dancing were some of the best harvest moves I have seen!

One of the highlights of the last two weeks was when we all became palaeontologists. If you ask any of the Merlins children, they will tell you what this is! We were lucky enough to have a special delivery of coprolites (again, ask a Merlin if you don't know what they are). We carefully examined them and from this work could tell whether the dinosaurs that made them were carnivores, herbivores or omnivores. We had a lot of fun and learned so much too. Felix, Finn, Hattie and Kornelia were the extra special experts and were able to help their friends in their investigations.

Well done Merlins- Miss Turton, Mrs Evans, Mr James and I have had a really super half term with you and can't wait for our next adventures after the holidays.
Love from Mrs Jones

Hawks

Dear parents/carers,

We've had a wonderful time this week in Hawks Class creating abstract art inspired by famous artist Jackson Pollock. We have been using splatter painting, marble painting and mark making this term to create a variety of pieces. This week, we experimented using pieces of string to draw marks on a page. We were happy with the results!

Thank you to all of those who have been supporting their child with reading at home this term too, it is very much appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Sparks



Falcons

During Literacy lessons, Falcons Class have been putting their historical knowledge to good use by linking their learning about the Bayeux Tapestry with ideas from our Picture News assembly. They have used these connections to create their own newspaper reports, combining their understanding of history with the features and language of journalistic writing.

Year 3 have been exploring measurement, learning to measure in metres and centimetres. They have been putting their new skills into practice by measuring objects around the classroom, including discovering that the width of our door is exactly one metre!

Meanwhile, Year 4 are becoming experts at column subtraction. They have been developing their confidence and accuracy as they practise this important mathematical skill.

In PE, we have been taking part in games that encourage communication and teamwork. The children have been learning the importance of working together, listening to one another, and paying close attention to what is happening around them.

Our outdoor learning sessions have brought a touch of autumn inspiration! The children have been using natural treasures, including fallen leaves and other autumn finds, to recreate repeated patterns.

Well done, Falcons, for another super couple of weeks of learning!



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

Good afternoon, Dunster First School. We have had a wonderful week this week full of lots of exciting learning opportunities, thank you to the teachers for sharing their insights.

A huge thank you to all who were able to support us with our Harvest service - the donated items have been shared with those in need. Your generosity is appreciated and supports us in teaching our children about the core value of compassion.

Congratulations again to our new school representatives - Rupert, Jessa, Jack and Ivy - voted in by our children last week.

Have a wonderful weekend, and we will see you all next week for the final three days before half term!

Mrs Walker-Blair

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



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STAR *of the* week

MERLINS

Arabella

HcAWKS

Frankie

FALCONS

Lily

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

22nd/23rd October – INSET days
3rd November – F.O.D.S AGM
10th November – Open Morning 9.30–10.30am
w/c 23rd November – Parents Evenings (sign-up to follow)



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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