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NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

As we reach the final day of term, I want to extend my warmest wishes to you all for a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. To those of you who are new to the Millfield community this term, I trust that you have made strong connections to our school and that your children are feeling settled and proud of all they have achieved since September. To those who have been here a while, I suspect you are wondering how each term seems to fly by quicker than the last!

This final week has been filled with festive joy across campus, and it was wonderful to herald the start of the Christmas break together at our annual Carol Service this afternoon. My sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to making the occasion so uplifting and memorable – a true highlight and a fabulous way to end the term.

I would also like to thank the PFA for hosting a lovely coffee morning this morning. Their ongoing support and enthusiasm continue to add so much to our community.

In our Final Assembly today, I reminded the children about making sure they spend some time thinking about others this Christmas. I asked them to ask themselves three questions regularly over the festive period: What can I give to others? What can I share with others? How can I make others happier? I hope you will be able to reinforce these with your children as we all try to help them focus on our core value of kindness this Christmas.

I hope the holiday period offers every Millfield family time to relax, recharge and enjoy the festive season together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in January as we begin an exciting new year at Millfield Prep.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful Christmas, and a wonderful start to 2026.

Yours,
Dan



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PARENT NOTICES

Managed Devices

Following the successful Year 5 and Year 8 managed devices meetings, please can parents be aware that if they buy their child an iPad for Christmas, it won't be useable in school.

X accounts - Social media update

As part of our continued efforts to manage and adapt our school's social media presence, we have taken the decision to no longer maintain an account on X. You can, of course, stay connected with us through our website and our other official channels on Instagram, Facebook and TikTok, where we will continue to share updates, stories and moments from across the school. Boarding houses will be moved across to Instagram over the course of the Christmas break, and we will update boarding parents once the changes have been made.

Student Art Exhibition

You are all very warmly invited to the annual Student Art Exhibition at the Atkinson Gallery at Millfield Senior School. It's a wonderful show that celebrates the creative talents of our students from youngest to oldest. This year we are really pleased to have some fantastic work by Frogs, Reception and Year 8 pupils as well as Year 9, GCSE, A level and BTEC. The exhibition runs from Friday 9 January to Saturday 24 February.

The Private View is on Friday 9 January - there are two opportunities to visit: 7.15-8.30pm is the main event, and we are also running an earlier Private View for younger students at 4-5pm. There will be refreshments available at both. Please drop us an email via atkinsongallery@millfieldschool.com if you would like to come along.

SALVATION ARMY APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Salvation Army appeal this year. The donations were gratefully received and will be gifted to those who need it most at this time of year.





SANTA RUN!

Despite the very British weather, our pupils put on a fantastic display of spirit and determination at this week's Santa Run - and they were brilliant from start to finish! Huge congratulations to Danes, who won every age group! An incredible achievement and well deserved. A big thank you to our Millfield Senior School Sports Leaders for supporting the event!










JUNIOR PRODUCTION
















JUNIORS CHRISTINGLE









CRAFT CLUB

Well done to the Craft Club on their successful projects this term, starting with Viking shields using traditional themes and patterns, and finishing with honeycomb baubles and a glowing model village. Happy crafting over the holiday!

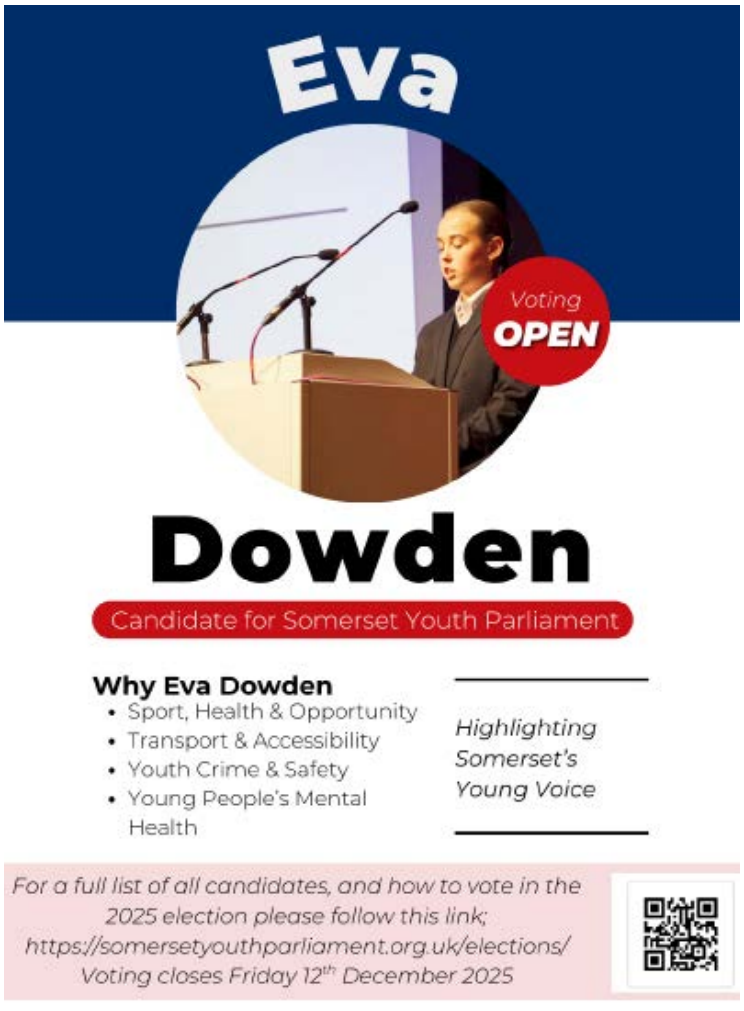






SOMERSET YOUTH PARLIAMENT ELECTION

Former Prep pupil, **Eva**, is running for the Somerset Youth Parliament. Voting opened last week and closes on Friday 12 December, anyone aged 11-18 that lives in or goes to school in Somerset is eligible to vote and a link to the voting form is here.





RS

This half term, Year 8 have been studying the foundations of Buddhism and the founder, Siddhartha Gautama - the first Buddha. They have learned about the concepts of the Four Noble Truths and how Buddhists understand that change is the cause of suffering as well as human greed. They learned about the Eightfold path and the different right foundations. Many thought that it was a very difficult thing to follow, especially to only think good thoughts. We learned about the benefits off meditation and how Thich Nhat Hanh brought the term Engaged Buddhism to the West. The pupils created board games to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the path Buddhists try to tread.





ECO CLUB

For our last Eco Club of the term we made Christmas wreathes using willow. We decided keeping the leaves on made it look perfect for hanging at home.









SCIENCE

While the swimmers powered up and down the pool, some intrepid and crafty scientists got busy in the labs making some gifts to take home. The scents of peppermint, lavender, orange, and lemon permeated the air of one lab, as a pastel array of bath bombs were created using a chilly endothermic reaction between citric acid and baking soda, while wreaths of Ilex aquifolium, Hedera helix, and Pinus sylvestris (aka holly, ivy, and pine cones) took shape next door. Year 7 and 8 did a great job, and we hope you enjoy their creations.







DT

After school DT club has had a great term making a small screwdriver holder before moving onto these excellent clocks. The pupils have worked hard to shape their material, stain it, and then add their fantastic vinyl stickers. Well done to all involved.





Well done Year 7 for making great progress with their marble maze projects. In the last few lessons, we have been making the maze on the computer to print on the laser cutter. The pupils displayed some careful and detailed work, well done.





Year 4 have finished their iPad stands with great skill shown in the workshop and the ICT suites. Hopefully, I haven't ruined many surprise Christmas presents that you may get!



BOARDING LIFE

HOLLIES

As we reach the end of the autumn term, Hollies has finished on a true high with our much-loved Hollies Jollies weekend! We headed off for ice skating at Clarks Village with our boarding sisters in Chestnut. On Sunday we continued the fun with a competitive game of laser tag (Year 7s reigning supreme) and a shopping trip to Cribbs Causeway, where the girls impressed us enormously with their outward-looking attitude. Not only did they shop thoughtfully for their Secret Santa gifts, but they also filled an entire box for our Christmas charity drive, supporting local families in need at this time of year. This week, rehearsals have been in full swing for the Carol Service in Wells Cathedral, we want to congratulate all our hardworking musicians and readers who have prepared so beautifully for this very special event. A huge congratulations also goes to **Faye** and **Bel**, who were voted in this week as our new Heads of House. They take over from **Ivy,** who has done a fantastic job leading Hollies through the first term with maturity and warmth. Finally, we say a very fond farewell to **Elena**, who leaves us at the end of term to return to her school in Spain. Elena has been a fun, funny, unique and resilient member of Hollies — blossoming in independence, confidence and in her language skills. We will miss her hugely and wish her every success and happiness in her next chapter. A huge happy birthday to **Rosabella**, who turned 13 this week. What a term it has been — full of growth, joy, hard work, laughter, and the very best of Hollies spirit. Wishing all our girls and families a happy Christmas and a wonderful holiday. We can't wait to see everyone again in the new year!






CHESTNUT

Christmas preparations have been in full swing this week, starting with a house trip to Millfield on Thursday evening to watch the Sleeping Beauty at the Meyer Theatre, which the girls were mesmerised by. Followed by a surprise Saturday evening to kick off our Christmas House Trips, we headed ice skating with our Hollies sisters, lots of fun was had as the girls showed off their skills on the ice. Sunday, the girls were up early for breakfast in house, and the day involved even more surprises for the girls, we headed to Bristol for some Go-Karting. They were fast, determined and rather competitive. We then stopped off at McDonalds for lunch. A great day was topped off with our Boarders' Christmas Dinner! Monday morning the girls were greeted by their advent calendars left by the Chestnut elves and in the evening, we hosted a fun-filled Gingerbread House Competition! The girls worked in their year groups, and creativity was at its peak, and after much deliberation, Mr Bingham judged the masterpieces, and we crowned two fantastic group winners: Years 6 and Year 7. Well done to everyone who took part – your designs were amazing! Wednesday was a festive and reflective evening for all the boarders at the Christingle service. We are all looking forward to our Christmas break after such a busy few weeks. We would like to wish all our girls and their families a very Happy Christmas!









BEREWALL

The Berewall boys have finished the term strongly and are now looking forward to a well-deserved break. The final week has been the busiest so far! We all enjoyed a super weekend with our house trip. On Saturday, we travelled to Ashton Gate Stadium, to watch the Bristol Bears play the Northampton Saints, in the Rugby premiership. It was a great game, and the boys were very entertained. Sunday was a nice easy start, a full English breakfast and a chill. We made the short trip to McDonald's in Street for lunch and then on to Clarks Village for some Ice Skating and shopping. We arrived back to school to prepare for the Boarders Christmas dinner…..as always, it didn't disappoint, the boys enjoyed it immensely. Christmas jumper day, house swimming, Christmas dinner in school, packing and house activities have made the week, full on and fun packed. The Carol Service in Wells Cathedral will be a fitting finale to a great term. The boys can feel proud of themselves for their achievements, they are now all set for their travel...passports ready and tickets printed! Wishing you all a happy Christmas and new year. We look forward to seeing you all in January!







CHAMPION

We can't quite believe we have made it to the final week of term. It has been a busy one to say the least! The weekend kicked off with a Christmas movie night treat with ice cream and popcorn. On Saturday, the boys enjoyed takeaway pizza for supper. Our house trip on Sunday consisted of some time in the woods playing laser tag, followed by delicious homemade burgers and falafel cooked and served right outside the house! This was followed in quick succession by some time at the local ice skating rink! The weekend was topped off by a lovely Christmas supper up at the dining hall. The boys were excited to receive and open the first doors of their advent calendars on Monday. On Tuesday, we had a special treat of pizza and ice cream from **Folarin** and **Folami** and a birthday celebration for **Jerry**, who has his birthday over the holidays. Happy birthday **Jerry**! We would like to take the opportunity to wish all of our boys and their families a very Merry Christmas!









BRILLIANT BOARDERS!

HOLLIES

Another person who deserves a huge round of applause is our Brilliant Boarder, **Tabby** — she has quietly and consistently looked after younger boarders, supported staff, and been an all-round superstar behind the scenes all term. We are so grateful for everything she brings to Hollies.



CHAMPION

This term our Brilliant Boarder is **Charlie!** Charlie started with us in September and has been a wonderful addition to the house. He is a polite and well mannered young man and lovely company to be around. He is considerate, kind and helpful. Charlie has impressed us with his ability to organise himself and his mature and sensible attitude. Keep this up Charlie - you are a real asset to our house.



BEREWALL

The Berewall Brilliant Boarder for this half term has been awarded to **Toby.** Since the very start of the year, we have been so impressed with Toby. He is kind, considerate of others, helpful and organised. He loves to represent Berewall, from showing new pupils around or volunteering to help the staff. A big well done, Toby, you embrace our school values and deserve this award very much.



CHESTNUT

The Chestnut Brilliant Boarder for the second half of our autumn term is **Hope.**

Hope truly embodies our school values and demonstrates kindness every single day to both staff and pupils. She is warm, cheerful, and wonderfully organised, always ready with a smile and a friendly chat for everyone she meets. Her positive attitude and caring nature make her a joy to have in our boarding community. We're incredibly proud of Hope this term and all she has contributed and achieved. Well done, Hope.



SPORTING NEWS

HOCKEY

We entered two mixed teams into the Redmaids Tournament and the girls were super excited to be playing.
Both teams performed with enthusiasm, confidence and amazing team spirit. Well done to all girls for a fantastic season.



Congratulations to the U11 girls on a brilliant performance at the IAPS tournament at Haileybury School. The girls displayed great skills and passion. Against some physically strong players our girls fought with determination. They are also to be commended for their behaviour and positive attitudes throughout the trip!
Well done girls! Mr Morgy and Mrs Bodman.



The Year 3 and 4 girls rounded off their season with the Hazlegrove tournament. They were the perfect ambassadors for Millfield. They have all improved so much through the term and they will be a great asset to hockey at the prep school. Photos are before and after the matches. You may notice some medals!





HOUSE SWIMMING

A huge well done to everyone who took part in Wednesday morning's House Swimming event. It was fantastic to see so many swimmers in action, showing incredible team spirit and determination. The atmosphere was electric, and several races came down to the wire. Congratulations to Danes, who emerged as 2025 House Swimming Champions! A special mention goes to **Folarin A**, who broke three non-squad school records, including one that had stood since 2007. Thank you to all swimmers, staff, and supporters for making this event such a success. We can't wait to watch Danes defend their title next year!



CRICKET

Millfield Prep are very proud of these three former prep pupils who have been selected on the Somerset Player Pathway EPP program. Well done, **Izzy, Bella** and **Wills.**





GOLF

The putting challenge this term for all the golfers has challenged them to hole as many putts as possible, from a maximum of five putts from 8 ft. If they hole the fifth putt they get to keep going until they miss. The challenge came to an exciting conclusion with long-time leader **George W** being pipped by one putt by **Rouyan W** in the penultimate week, with **Cole D** matching George for second place in the final week. Cole narrowly missed the putt that would have tied Rouyan's score and forced a playoff to decide the winner. **Matilda R-C** claimed the prize for the top girls score, narrowly beating **Joy X** and **Georgie P. Ollie M** claimed the win for Year 5 and under. It's been great to see the improvement in the pupils putting techniques and the competitive spirit clearly on show!

Georgie P was presented with her Ladies Knockout trophy this week at Wells GC. It's been a great year for Georgie getting used to competing with the ladies. Securing one of the main trophies reflects the hard work she has put into improving her golf.









SPORT

SPORTING COLOURS

Tennis Full

Almendra C G
Izzy M
Hector B

Half Colours Skiing:

Mia W
Lucien S

Shooting

Gyumin S

Rugby Full

Raffie B
Oscar F
Charlie G
Charlie G
Noah K
Henry L
Sebastian T
Kyoya Y
Harry G
Jac L

Rugby Half

Micah G
Jerry L
Callum-Jack M
Archie P
Gyumin S
Vinnie S
Micah W

Cross Country

Eloise S
Lowri S-M
Ralph H
Dylan M

Karting

Lucien S
Joseph D

Modern Pentathlon

Eloise S

Swimming Full Colours:

Quanren C
Rhydian F
Joey W
Rosabella B
Sophia E

Hockey Full Colours

Rosabella B
Sophia E
Amelie H
Jessica H
Layla K
Sofia L
Lowri S-M
Martha S
Tabitha W

Hockey Half Colours

Mia W



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MESSAGE FROM MR JORY



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

It's hard to believe we've already reached the final newsletter of the year! What a fantastic term it has been, filled with countless highlights across the whole of Pre-Prep. The children have worked incredibly hard and achieved so much; they continue to amaze us every day and make Pre-Prep such a joyful and inspiring place to learn. Why not ask your child about their favourite learning experience from this term?

A huge thank you goes to our wonderful Pre-Prep team, whose enthusiasm and dedication make all these learning opportunities possible and make Millfield Magical.

This past week has been especially festive, with Christingle celebrations, Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas lunch, Christingle, Singing in the Woods, Christmas parties, and even a special visit from Father Christmas himself. We can only wonder what surprises he has in store for the children this year—only 20 days to go!

Thank you to our whole school community for your continued support throughout the term. It may be the busiest time of year in Pre-Prep, but it is undoubtedly one of the most magical. It was lovely to bring everyone together in our Forest School for singing in the woods. We might have to start a Millfield Community Choir, beautiful singing!

The children have loved every moment of the festive fun and are now eagerly looking forward to a well-deserved Christmas holiday. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

See you in 2026!

Best wishes,
Mike

PRE-PREP

HOUSE TOTALS

HOUSE	ANGLES	DANES	JUTES	SAXONS
OVERALL	637	560	658	587

FATHER CHRISTMAS VISIT!













CHRISTMAS DINNER









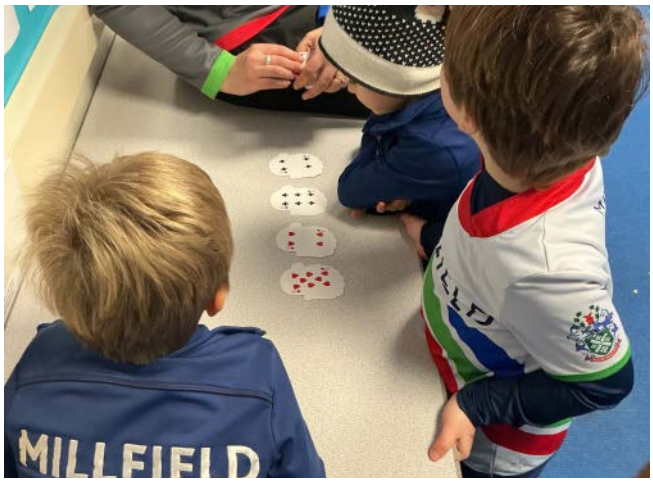






CHRISTMAS MATHS!

This week, we went to see Mr Edwards in the Maths Department. He put on some festive maths for us to enjoy. The children were a real credit to the Pre-Prep and had a lot of fun playing the maths games!

















SINGING IN THE WOODS



















