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NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

I know that most weeks my introductions comment on how jam-packed things have been, but this week has, as you know, had the added dimension of an ISI inspection team here to add to the mix! Whilst nothing is official until the final report is published, I have been told by the Reporting Inspector that I can say I am pleased with how the inspection week unfolded.

As ever, life at MPS continued at pace. What inspectors saw was not something staged for visitors, but a very real snapshot of the school as it is on an ordinary week. One of the most heartening aspects shared with us during their visit was the strength and positivity of the responses from parent surveys. It was both reassuring and affirming to hear how clearly the care, values, and sense of community, that sit at the heart of the school, are felt and appreciated by families. It was also clear where parents feel we still have work to do, and I am very grateful for that honesty. I take this seriously and will use it to help shape our thinking and our priorities as we continue to move the school forward.

Thank you to those of you who took the time to contribute – your feedback really does matter. Most importantly, our pupils were a real credit to the school. They went about their days with confidence, kindness, openness, good humour, and real authenticity which was noted very positively by the inspection team. Our staff supported them, as they always do, with professionalism, warmth, and an unwavering focus on what is best for the pupils. Naturally, the full report will be shared with you when it is published. That is not likely to be for at least a couple of months while it goes through ISI's quality assurance process.

For now, I would simply like to thank you for your continued support and trust. As you will see from the rest of this newsletter, the energy, breadth, and purpose of life at Millfield Prep continues in abundance as always!

Yours,
Dan

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PREP ASSEMBLY

Team of Teams! It was a proud moment today when the First 'Prep Girls in Sport' group (**Sophia, Jess, Almendra** and **Lowry**) delivered the Prep school assembly. They spoke with profound wisdom about a values-based approach to sport that can supersede a results driven approach. Everyone at any level, can grow in character, in themselves, in their confidence and in their relationships.

Three senior students were honoured to be invited to support them. **Emily** and **Xander** showed what incredible role models they can be for the Prep students. Both being strong academics, they showed that it's cool to be clever. They have reframed their own elite sport, and their values-based approach helps their well-being, makes their lives better and - guess what – helps them swim even faster! **Evie** held the space perfectly and inspired the Prep Year 7 and 8 to start young in their approach to sport and what can be learned through it. She managed to relate sport and this approach to all students in whatever discipline they choose to put effort into.

As **Sophia L** (Year 8) said near the beginning: "Spread the Lovell".





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PARENT NOTICES

PCC Coffee Morning - Tuesday 31 March

The PCC team will be hosting a coffee morning and would love to see you there. We're also delighted that Julie White, Head of Learning Support at the Senior School, will be coming over to share a few thoughts on transition to the Senior School for our PCC pupils, followed by a short Q&A.

It will be a lovely chance to connect and ask any questions about transition.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Parents and Friends Association Coffee Morning - Wednesday 1 April

PFA will be hosting a coffee morning on Wednesday 1 April in the Pavilion from 08.30am-10.30am. Refreshments will be available until 11.00am. Please do come and join us. We would be grateful if you could complete the form below to help with catering requirements.

PFA Coffee Morning Wednesday 1 April 2026 – Fill out form

Easter Service - Wednesday 1 April

We are delighted to invite parents and guardians to our Easter Service on Wednesday 1 April, which is being held in the Sports Hall from 11.15am-12.00pm. Light refreshments will be available in the Pavilion. Please follow the parking signs.

Pupils will need to wear formal uniform, including a blazer.

Please can parents park (and collect) from the following car parks:

Years 3-6 parents - please use the Pavilion car park and then walk up to the Sports Hall. Your child will return to their classroom with their group tutor after the Service, please can you collect them from Martins Lane.

Years 7-8 parents - please use the Reception car park where possible and the Pavilion car park once the Reception car park is full. Your child will return to their classroom with their group tutor after the Service, please can you collect them from the Reception car park.

Parents and Friends Association Save the Date - Saturday 13th June 2026

Millfield Prep Parents & Friends Association brings you OUTDOOR CINEMA on Ostrich Green!

Keep your eyes open for more exciting details to come!

Wellbeing Classes

Please see the below links to find out more about next term's parent wellbeing classes.

Letter: Click here

Timetable: Click here

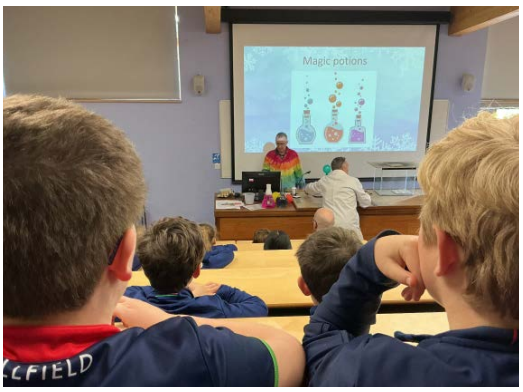


SCIENCE

Year 5 went to the Senior School science department theatre for a science show - The Liquid Nitrogen Show! The class loved watching the amazing experiments such as, seeing liquid nitrogen freeze a daffodil, and make ice cream in record time!

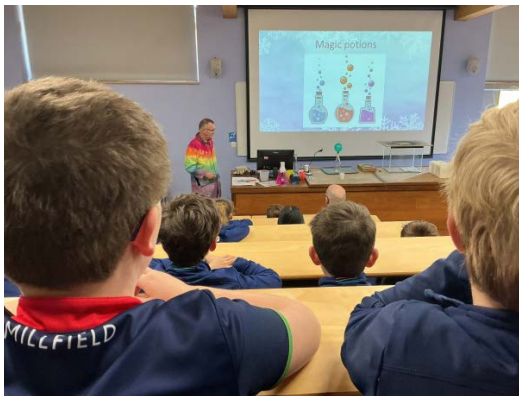


















DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Year 3 have completed their pirate ships and finished the project with some evaluating as well as competing in the great sea battle! Year 5 are starting to complete some of their autograph cricket bats using woodworking skills to shape the bats and CAD programs to design stickers.







DT FOOD

Easter Baking – Year 3

Year 3 made classic Easter nests using the bain-marie method—and did a fantastic job! They worked safely, confidently, and showed great teamwork throughout. We're so proud of them all. Here are some of the best moments.

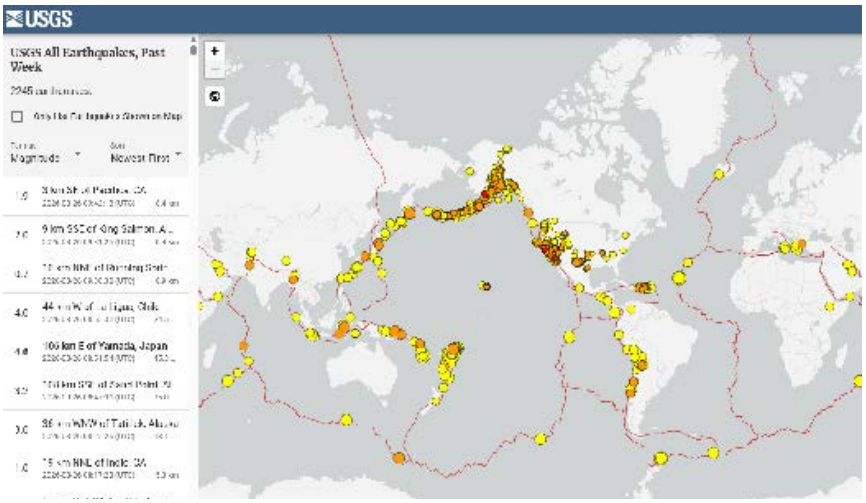







GEOGRAPHY

Year 7 pupils have been discovering how frequently earthquakes happen around the world by tracking and analysing live data using the United States Geological Survey (USGS) website. In the last 7 days, there have been 2245 recorded earthquakes around the world!

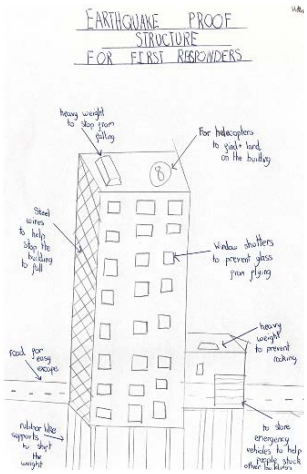


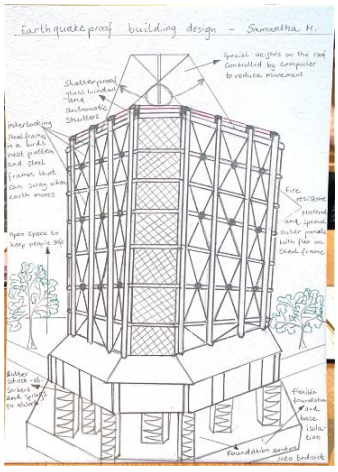
Pupils have created educational TV adverts for earthquake prone countries about how to Prepare, Survive and Recover. Here are a couple of examples from 7SP.

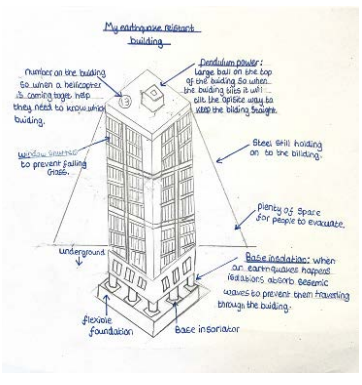
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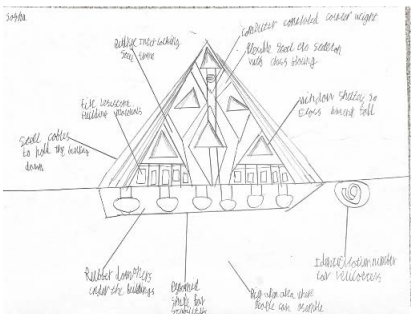
Team Focus: CLICK HERE

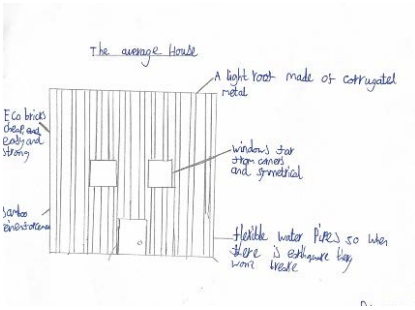
Pupils have risen to the challenge of designing earthquake proof buildings, imagining that they are the engineers and architects of the future! They understand that they are expensive to build, therefore high income countries are often more prepared for earthquakes compared to low income countries.











RAMADAN

This week the pupils at Millfield Prep were invited to the senior school to celebrate Eid with the Muslim students and their friends in Warner House. The event was really special, a celebration where Muslim students and their friends could come together to celebrate and participate in their wider community at both schools. For our pupils, it was lovely to meet and interact with senior school students who were also celebrating Eid. The food was amazing and they also had an ice-cream van to celebrate. A big thank you to Warner house for organising the event!







ECO DAY

This week Year 3 went to Magdalen Farm for Eco Day. The children throughly enjoyed the trip and had the opportunity to take part in hands on farming. The children helped plant mangetout, spread manure, feed the pigs and collect eggs from the chickens. It was a fantastic day and we had brilliant weather.





GARDENING WELLBEING

The year 7/8 cohort has been working hard to restore our garden area including the greenhouse and flatbeds in their well-being sessions. We hope to give back to the community any produce that we grow.



SHAPWICK HEATH NATURE RESERVE

During the second half of term, visits with Year 7 and Year 8 pupils to Shapwick Heath Nature Reserve have focused on supporting the volunteers with cutting back and clearing fast-growing willow trees. These trees can block sunlight from reaching the water and absorb large amounts of it, which impacts the surrounding habitat.

Willows are known for their rapid growth, with some varieties growing between three to 10 feet each year. They thrive in damp conditions and flourish in areas with plenty of water and sunlight.

The volunteers have been extremely impressed by the enthusiasm, energy, and positive attitude shown by the pupils in every task they have undertaken.

















BOARDING LIFE

HOLLIES

A highlight of the week was Red Nose Day in support of Comic Relief. The girls embraced the spirit of the day brilliantly, and it was great fun to design our own red noses delivered to house by **Flossie's** family. There was also an impromptu dance-off on Friday night — with the Year 8s taking the crown in style! Their energy, confidence and teamwork was fantastic to watch. A big thank you goes to Mrs Morgy and Miss Graham for a brilliant weekend of pizza-making session and volleyball as the sun goes down — a perfect way to unwind together at the end of a busy week. This week's house meeting brought plenty of laughter too, with the family challenge being the hilarious flour cutting challenge — a messy but memorable activity that had everyone cheering each other on. We have also loved celebrating the birthdays of **Ivy, Mayalyn, Maddie** and **Fern** this week — a wonderful excuse for even more cake!








CHESTNUT

We've had a wonderfully busy and cheerful week in Chestnut, filled with fresh-air adventures, creativity, and the start of some lovely Easter traditions. We enjoyed a beautiful sunset dog walk with Shadow, as well as plenty of energy on the field with a lively game of touch rugby, where teamwork and laughter made for a brilliant evening. On Saturday, the girls headed out for an evening trip to the park, making the most of the spring sunshine with games, chatting, and plenty of play. To top off the night, we headed to Tesco, where the girls got to choose their own supper and snack, before returning to the House to enjoy a cosy movie night together. Easter has now arrived in Chestnut, and the girls have thrown themselves into the festivities with enthusiasm. We made chocolate mini-egg cornflake cakes for evening snack, pairing them with fresh fruit and berry smoothies. The House is also starting to look wonderfully festive thanks to the Easter paper chains the girls created to decorate the common areas. It's been a joyful week full of creativity, fresh air, shared moments, and we look forward to more Easter fun still to come.








BEREWALL

The Berewall boys have spent a busy week embracing the vast array on offer for them. It has been great to see them enjoying their days and giving their all. The rugby boys did very well at the Millfield 7`s on Saturday. They were welcomed back to house with big congratulations. We got out the BBQ for the first time this year, it was a real treat. We ended the night with a movie in the common room. We have had two birthdays this week. **Sasha** and **Jack** celebrated with the boys and were very generous to their friends with a Domino's Pizza order. On Tuesday, we were very proud to see **Guymin, Monty** and **Toby** attend the pavilion for the academic endeavour meal. They had a great time and returned with big smiles. We really are racing to the end of term, our boys are looking forward to a much-needed rest, although there will be a slight delay for some. **Charlie, Samuel, Jack** and **Kona** will be taking to the slopes on the school ski trip and **Max** is away with the tennis squad for some warm weather training…enjoy boys! We will be saying a sad goodbye to **Jaime** and **Max** at the end of term. We have enjoyed their company very much. **Max** has had a half term in boarding and **Jaime** is going back to his school in Uruguay, we will miss them very much. We have planned a joint celebration this weekend, **Jaime** will treat his friends to McDonalds and **Mohammed**, a KFC to celebrate Eid, all this going on without thinking of packing for the holidays! Have a great weekend.









CHAMPION

It is hard to believe we are in our final full week of term! It has flown by as usual. The junior boarders enjoyed making some cosy looking dens under their beds at the weekend. Mr Beevor also got the kettle on and there were cups of tea all round with snacks the other evening. There is nothing quite like catching up over a brew! On Sunday some more of our boarders went on the trip to 'The Wave' and some had enjoyed it so much that they returned for a second time. We celebrated **Harris's** birthday this week with a stack of pizzas, wishing **Harris** a very happy birthday!











BRILLIANT BOARDERS

BEREWALL

The Berewall brilliant boarder for this half term is **Zitian** in Year 8. Since he started at the beginning of Year 7, **Zitian** has consistently shown great conduct and manners, he is very well organised and great fun to spend time with. At the start of Year 8, it was our pleasure to award him as our head of house. Throughout the term, he displayed outstanding leadership to his peers and has embraced our school values so well, especially BE KIND and BE YOU. We are so happy to give **Zitian** this award, he very much deserves it.



CHAMPION

Maximillian is our Brilliant Boarder for the term! He is a polite, kind and a helpful boy, who has settled well into boarding life. He consistently demonstrates excellent conduct in both his behaviour and his interactions with peers and staff. **Maximillian** takes great pride in his organisation and sets a superb example for others. He sticks to the house routines brilliantly and knows what he needs to get done each evening to be ready for the next day. He has a good sense of humour and is also great company to be around. Well done **Maximillian**!



CHESTNUT

Tabitha has been a wonderful presence in the house this half term. She approaches boarding life with a calm, responsible attitude and brings a warm, positive energy wherever she goes. She's fantastic with the younger girls—always patient, supportive, and encouraging, which makes her a positive example they naturally gravitate towards. Her cheerful outlook, kindness, and steady reliability make her a genuine joy to have in Chestnut, and we're delighted to celebrate her as our Brilliant Boarder this half term.



HOLLIES

This half term, we are delighted to award our Brilliant Boarder to **Alejandra P**. **Alejandra** is a much-loved member of Hollies, known for her kindness, warmth and wonderful sense of humour. She consistently shows empathy in all that she does and brings a positive energy to those around her. **Alejandra** has also demonstrated great commitment to her learning across all areas of school life and has formed strong, lasting friendships during her time at MPS and in house. We feel very lucky to have her as part of the Hollies family.



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SPORTING NEWS

SPORTING COLOURS

Rugby Full Colours
Harry G
Jerry L
Jac L
Callum-Jack M
Gyumin S
Vinnie S
Micah W
Roque G
Dexter R

Rugby Half Colours
Alfonso M
Oscar L

Table Tennis Full Colours
Josef D
Jerry L
Ralph H
Charlie M

Table Tennis Half Colours
Charles N

Netball Full Colours
Rosabella B
Tiggy C
Amelie H
Jessica H
Ajua O
Lowri S
Eloise S
Mia W
Georgina W
Tabitha W

Boys Hockey Full Colours
Jac L
Raffie B
Micah G
Harry G
Cameron G
Charlie G
Henry L
Sebastian T
Oscar F

Boys Hockey Half Colours
Noah K
Duke S
Lucien S
Micah W
Dylan D
Josef D
Harris S
Hector B
Gruff H

GOLF

Georgie, Matilda and **Isobel** represented Somerset in a friendly match against Wiltshire on Saturday. It was a great day for golf and they all played extremely well. It was a foursomes match play competition and **Matilda** and her partner won 5 and 4, **Georgie** and her partner won 2 and 1 and unfortunately **Isobel** and her partner lost their match. Somerset lost 2-3, but the girls had lots of fun and played some excellent golf.



George W travelled to Villa Padierna GC in Spain to play in the Under 14 World Championships. It was his first competition playing at this level with the event held over 54 holes of stroke play golf. **George** played one of his best scores in a competition, shooting 8 over to be just outside the top 20 after round 1. In Rounds two and three, **George** played well to finish just outside the top 30. It was a great experience, with **George** still eligible for this age group next year.

Georgie P, Isobel R and **Matilda R** represented Somerset in a match vs Wiltshire last weekend. The format was a foursomes match play, with **Georgie** and **Matilda** claiming wins in their pairs for Somerset, and **Isobel** playing well but coming up against a very strong pairing for Wiltshire.

The next event is the Somerset Schools Golf Championship happening this week, with thirteen pupils teeing it up at Weston-super-Mare GC.



TENNIS

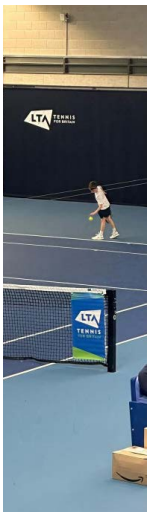
Congratulations to **Almendra** for representing Somerset in the U18 County Cup. She won two out of three singles matches and one doubles. She has also qualified for the U14 Nationals and will be playing the second seed this weekend in Wrexham.



The tennis department would like to congratulate **Meilin K** on her 14U G4 win in Cheltenham. A great result after a long a gruelling match in the final.

Finn S, Reggie O and **Rory S** had a great weekend competing in the inter-regional matchplay at the National Tennis Centre. They showed great attitude, fantastic effort and continuous progress.









ROWING

On Friday last week, the MPS indoor rowing group in Year 7 and Year 8 travelled to London to the Copper Box Arena to compete at the National Junior Indoor Rowing Championships. Our rowers competed in individual races and team relays. We attended with the senior school rowing team, with many of those pupils having started rowing at MPS. We were inspired to see how well they did and the medal haul the seniors achieved. Very inspiring! Well done to all involved, it was a great day competing on the national stage for MPS.











EQUESTRIAN

Last weekend the riders went to Cricklands in Wales for two days of competition for the Just for Schools Winter Championships. In these competitions our riders were competing against riders up to the age of 19.

On Saturday
In the warm-up class, **Oliver R** rode a fantastic round to come second place out of over 50 riders in the 60cm class.

70 cm Winter Finals:
The Team of
Calla F
Toby R
Oliver R
Alba M
Came away with team third.

80 cm class:
Alba M came third individually.

On Sunday
In the 60 cm Winter Finals the Team of:
Calla F
Toby R
Oliver R
Alba M
Came away with team third and an amazing win for **Alba M** who rode some wonderful turns to beat all the other riders against the clock.

It was a great weekend of competition, and the pupils were a pleasure.











The Easter Show Jumping Competition

At this year's Easter Show Jumping Competition we had lots of our younger and newer riders taking part in their first competition, with the more experienced riders helping them. This is the kind of team spirit that makes the stables a special place for all riders.

The results are as follows:

Class 1
1st **Max Y**
2nd **Sara C**
3rd **Arthur O**
4th **Fai M**
5th **Rocio M**
6th **Coco F**
6th **Mabel O**

Class 2
1st **Fizzy O**
2nd **Sienna A**
3rd **Elena D**

Class 3
1st **Sienna A**
2nd **Fizzy O**
3rd **Ishaan M**
4th **Isabella O**

Class 4
1st **Toby R**
2nd **Sophie U**
3rd **Terence W**
4th **Layla S**
5th **Ishaan M**
6th **Isabella O**
6th **Isla S**

Class 5 70 cm
1st **Layla S**
2nd **Oliver R**
3rd **Toby R**
4th **Isla S**
5th **Sophie U**
6th **Terence W**

Class 6 80cm
1st **Oliver R**



FOOTBALL

Congratulations to **Jess, Mia** and **Amelie** for playing in the U15 Girls football fixture at Kingweston last weekend!



NETBALL

Our U9 girls had their last festival of BEE netball here at our annual Year 4 Festival. The sun was shining and all the girls played in an action-packed programme. Lots of smiles and cheering created a lovely atmosphere. Well done girls on a great term, you have improved your skills each week and we look forward to next year when you progress onto five-a-side.



HOCKEY

The U12 boys hockey team rounded off their tournaments this season with a strong performance at the South West of England Hockey Finals. Having won the IAPS School National Finals and the County Cup, they were aiming for the grand slam. They performed well in their group, winning three and drawing one with scores of 1-0, 7-0, 5-1 and 2-2. Goals were shared around with three each for **Barney G, Hunter B, Kipkalya K** and **Ted H. Cooper L** and **Teddy G** were the other scorers. They had a confident victory in the semi-final against Taunton School and then took on Clifton College in the final. After a close and competitive game with excellent defending by both teams it came down to a 1-0 victory. Sadly for Millfield this went the way of Clifton, but lots of lessons were learnt and the team can be proud of a runners up position in the South West of England. Well done for an excellent season.



The U9 boys rounded off their season with a hockey festival at the Senior School. They have really developed their skill through the season and played some very strong hockey. We have been trying to play using the three words simple, safe and space. They can all be very proud of what great ambassadors they have been for Millfield and they all have an exciting future ahead of them in hockey.



NETBALL

The Year 5 girls finished their school netball matches against Clifton College on a high, with all three teams securing impressive victories. The players demonstrated excellent teamwork, accurate passing, and determined defending, showing just how much they have developed over the season. Their confidence on court was clear, and they supported one another brilliantly, creating exciting passages of play and capitalising on scoring opportunities. The girls represented the school with great sportsmanship and enthusiasm, making it a fantastic end to their fixtures. They now look forward to the inter-house matches this weekend, eager to build on their success and enjoy another competitive and fun afternoon of netball playing in a seven-a-side competition for the first time.





CROSS COUNTRY

The final part of the cross country season is the annual Clive Thomas Relay event at Millfield Prep. We hosted schools from the across the area for a 1.5km four person relay race. All the age groups start at the same time from different start points, so they are both chasing and being chased! Even though it was a little bit chaotic with people running everywhere it was a great race for the supporters to watch. Thank you to the huge number of staff who made the event run smoothly and to the catering and grounds teams for setting a great course and filling everyone up with hotdogs afterwards. We now start to get ready for the track season where we look to turn their endurance into some speed as the races are much shorter.

The Millfield team results were:
Girls 3+4 1st
Boys 5+6 1st
Girls 5+6 1st
Girls 5+6 2nd
Boys 7+8 2nd
Girls 7+8 1st
Girls 7+8 2nd

















BIATHLON

This weekend, we proudly took two teams to the University of Bath for the 2026 GB Schools Biathlon Finals. On Saturday, our girls delivered an outstanding performance. Congratulations to **Georgina B, Samantha M,** and **Eloise S,** who placed in the top half of their respective groups, an excellent achievement at such a competitive level. A special mention goes to **Rosabella B**, who secured an impressive 3rd place in a strong Year 8 field, and to **Sage O**, who claimed 1st place in the Year 4 individual event.

We were also thrilled to see our Year 7 team take 1st place overall - an incredible result! Huge congratulations to **Elodie B, Willow S,** and **Ayianna K**.

On Sunday, the boys matched this high standard with some brilliant performances of their own. Well done to **Rhydian F**, who finished in the top half overall and achieved an excellent 8th place in the swimming, and to **Zachary D** for his strong efforts across both disciplines.

A special shout out goes to our Year 6 boys team, who placed 2nd overall - an outstanding accomplishment. Congratulations to **Gethin H, Dylan P,** and **Charlie C**, who also achieved an impressive 11th place out of 65 competitors.

A fantastic weekend all around, well done to everyone involved!



















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MESSAGE FROM MR JORY



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

It has been a wonderful vibrant week of visits and visitors in Pre-Prep. We were delighted to welcome inspectors into school, giving our children the chance to proudly share their learning, their classrooms and the special atmosphere that makes our community so unique. Their enthusiasm and confidence shone through, showing exactly why we are so proud of our Pre-Prep.

Our Year 2 children took part in an important session with the NSPCC, who delivered their Speak Out, Stay Safe programme. The children learnt about the importance of speaking up and understanding how to keep themselves safe.

On Wednesday we celebrated Eco Day. Carymoor Recycling Centre visited to lead an inspiring assembly, followed by hands-on workshops that encouraged the children to think deeply about caring for our planet. Across the classes, activities included scavenger hunts, planting seeds, creating bird feeders, making eco crowns, and making thoughtful eco pledges.

We also enjoyed welcoming families into school this week. Tadpoles parents joined us to explore their children's learning environment and to spend time speaking with staff, while Frogs invited parents to watch a swimming session, always a highlight and an opportunity to celebrate the children's growing confidence in the pool.

To end the week, our Year 1 and Year 2 children set off on an exciting trip to the Rural Life Museum. They were immersed in hands-on activities, stories, and exhibitions that helped bring history and everyday life from the past to present.

And finally, perhaps the most eagerly awaited arrival of all, a new family has moved into our bird box! Blue tits have built their nest and the eggs are laid. We look forward to watching their progress over the coming weeks.

Yours,
Mike

KEY DATES

Wednesday 1 April
School finishes at 12pm

Saxons are the winning house for this half term.
Pre-Prep only, Non-Uniform **Wednesday 1 April.**

PRE-PREP
HOUSE TOTALS

HOUSE	ANGLES	DANES	JUTES	SAXONS
OVERALL	545	497	549	560

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RECEPTION

MAORI DAY

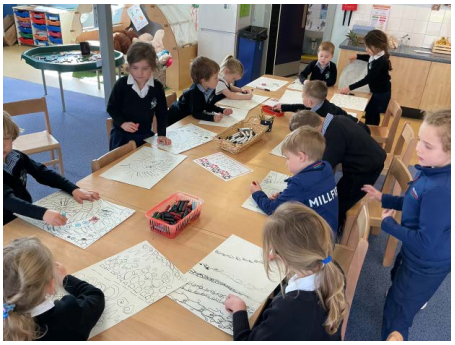
Following **Noah** and **Joseph's** amazing adventures in New Zealand we spent the day learning all about the New Zealand Māori tribes' traditions. We looked at the Māori hook necklace, did our own Haka, made Māori art, and weaved a Māori loom. We also made a traditional snack of bread, honey, and pineapple. It was a brilliant day, and the children thoroughly enjoyed all the activities.



















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YEAR 1

SEED BOMBS!

Although it was too windy to go to the forest, we have still written our eco pledges, made seed bombs, litter picked in the Pre-Prep and planted bulbs. All of this alongside learning about Wiggleburt the Worm and the 3Rs. The children have had a busy and exciting week.












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