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MILLFIELD
PREP SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

It has been fantastic to welcome everyone back to school after the half term break. I hope that you were able to enjoy some time relaxing with family over the past few weeks. The second half of term is already in full swing, and I know time will fly between now and the Carol Service on 11 December.

Thank you to Elly Sturges, her team, and everyone involved in the exceptional House Singing event before Half Term. Each and every performance was outstanding, which was a testament to all the hard work that went into the planning and rehearsals. It was brilliant to welcome parents for the event, and I hope that everyone enjoyed watching the performances in person or virtually.

Looking ahead, there is so much to be excited about. This Saturday, we have the much-anticipated Bonfire Night and Fireworks and I'm grateful to all who are involved in organizing it. There are quite a few parents' notices this week, so please do ensure you give those a read. I am looking forward to all the upcoming events and do hope to see many of you at something soon.

Yours,
Dan

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is by **Nova-Annalise** in 7LEB.



EAL PUPIL OF THE WEEK

We were so impressed with **Diego's** innovative EAL vocabulary game which used Bedrock Language. His creativity and thoughtful approach really stood out, and it was very user friendly! Keep up the fantastic work, **Diego**!



Millfield Prep and Pre-Prep does not tolerate any harassment in any form towards our pupils/staff

PARENT NOTICES

Fireworks Arrangements

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the fireworks display tomorrow.

Saturday 7 November

6.15pm-Gates open
7.00pm-Fireworks display
7.30pm-Lighting of the bonfire

Refreshments: Hot dogs and hot chocolate are included in the ticket price (vegetarian option available). The Parents and Friends Association will be running a tuck shop for the event.

The display will be on the Coxbridge Field (to the right of the bottom roundabout on Martins Lane). Tickets for day pupils and their families should be collected from Reception and boarders will be given tickets for their families on the day via their houseparents. If you have not booked your ticket, you can do so via this link.

Dogs will not be allowed on site. Car parking stewards will direct you to the parking areas. Please park in the designated areas and do not park on the road.

Remembrance Service

All pupils will take part in a Remembrance Service on Wednesday 1 November. Please can pupils wear their formal uniform.

Odd Socks Day and Anti-Bullying Week

We will be supporting Anti-Bullying Week (16-20 November) by having an Odd Socks Day on Monday 16 November. Prep and Pre-Prep pupils are asked to wear normal school uniform, with the addition of odd socks, or tights and socks etc. Families are not expected to make a charitable donation, but if you so wish to then we will ensure that all donations go to the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

As in previous years, the children will be signposted to support in and outside of school, how to look after themselves and others and to be respectful of all individuals in our community. We will also look at what bullying is and the difference between unkindness and bullying. We will also emphasise the use of our anonymous reporting and worries tool, Tootoot.

More information about the Anti-Bullying Alliance can be found here.



Children in Need Non-Uniform Day Friday 13 November

We will be joining in with the rest of the country to support Children in Need and raise money for good causes. Pre-Prep and Prep pupils can wear non-uniform to school, please bring a donation of £2 to go towards the charity.

This year's theme encourages you to "Challenge Yourself to 26"

Exeat Weekend Friday 20 November – Sunday 22 November

The school will shut at 3.45pm on Friday 21 November for Exeat Weekend. There will be no clubs, activities, games, late stay etc.

Traffic is likely to be high on campus so please try to arrive at your allocated time slots for year groups or it will block the campus. Siblings are able to be picked up together at earlier time slots. Please make sure your children are aware of times and venues to avoid any confusion.

Pre-Prep - 3.15pm top car park
Year 3 - 3.45pm Martins Lane
Year 4 - 3.45pm Martins Lane
Year 5 - 3.45pm Martins Lane
Year 6 - 4.00pm Martins Lane
Year 7 - 3.45pm Reception car park
Year 8 - 3.45pm Year 8 collection from the senior school following the Year 8 Discovery Day

The return for boarders following the exeat weekend is from 5pm onwards, boarding houses will not be open before then. If your child is due to return earlier, please ensure that they are supervised by a guardian.

Carol Service - Millfield Prep parents only

We are delighted to invite parents, grandparents and carers to our Carol Service on Friday 11 December from 2pm at Wells Cathedral. Pupils will need to be in formal uniform and are expected to attend (unless an absence request via the parent portal has been granted).

The term ends after the Carol Service, which should finish at approx. 3pm. Children will need to be collected from their group tutors at the end of the service. Any children not collected at the Cathedral will be brought back to school and should be collected from Reception or their boarding house by 4.30pm. Pre-Prep will finish at 3pm and children will need to be collected from school.

Headlice and nits

Please can parents and carers check their child's head for headlice and nits, which are very common in school aged children and their families. Whilst head lice and nits may be a nuisance, they don't cause serious illness or carry any diseases and can be treated at home with a fine tooth comb or over-the-counter medication. Please see the NHS website for more information.

PARENT NOTICES

Richard Shorter Talk

Saturday 14 November

11.30am - 12:15pm with parents.
12.30pm - 1pm parents with children.

Richard Shorter, widely known as The Non-Perfect Dad, has worked with England Rugby, England Cricket, and some of the UK's leading schools, helping families and coaches create environments where young people thrive—not through perfection, but through connection.
In a world where the pressures of sport, school, and life seem greater than ever, Richard offers a refreshing, honest, and often humorous take on how parents can:

- Support their child's development both on and off the field
- Balance encouragement with realistic expectations
- Build character and resilience through calm, constructive conversations

Whether your child dreams of winning trophies or simply enjoys being active, this session will provide valuable tools to help you support them with confidence.

There will be refreshments and time for informal questions at the end.

Craig Boyne, Director of Sport, will also present on his sporting philosophy.

To confirm your attendance, please click here.

We look forward to seeing you there.







SCIENCE

Year 8 Science Enrichment Club have been dissecting owl pellets this week! Emotions ranged from disbelief (that a whole skull and so much fur could fit in something less than 5cm long) to fascination (mostly at the colour of the teeth). Fine motor and bone identification skills were admirably displayed. Well done to all!






DT

Year 4 have been working hard building up a variety of practical skills as they make a small wooden train. Drilling, sawing, and shaping have been explored with the most recent lesson having children looking at different ways to join wood using wood joints and screws. Lots of complicated processes are all running simultaneously and the children are working collaboratively to manage their projects. Well done, 4DSY!



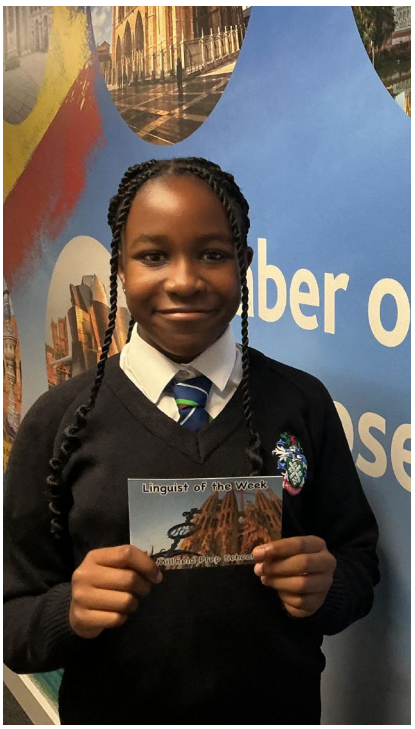


LANGUAGES

Well done **Michelle O, Aardarsh G, Fola L, Cooper L and Freddie F.** All have worked really hard in the first half of term and have impressed their teachers with their great enthusiasm, contribution and attainment in languages. They are all worthy of Good News and linguists of the week!







BOARDING LIFE

HOLLIES

We were incredibly proud of all our singers and soloists who performed so brilliantly in the House Singing extravaganza at the end of last half term. Their enthusiasm, courage and team spirit made it a truly joyful way to finish a busy six weeks.
It has also been wonderful to welcome the boarders back after the half-term break, looking refreshed and raring to go! Congratulations to Dorm One, winners of our Tidy Dorm Award for the first half of term, who celebrated their success with a delicious pizza supper.
We have some very exciting weekends coming our way, so please do check your inboxes for details about the Fireworks Evening and our end-of-term Christmas house trips. As always, please let us know if you have any questions.









CHESTNUT

We were delighted to welcome the girls back to Chestnut House after the half-term break and loved hearing all about their adventures and activities during the holiday. The week has been focused on settling back into house routines, reconnecting with friends, and preparing for the busy and exciting weeks ahead. It has been wonderful to see the girls return refreshed, full of stories, and ready to embrace the new half term.
A highlight of the week was celebrating **Beatriz's** birthday. The girls enjoyed marking the occasion together with a delicious array of cookies, plenty of birthday wishes, and lots of smiles, making it a special celebration for everyone. Happy birthday **Beatriz**! Of course, no week in Chestnut House would be complete without the obligatory evening Just Dance sessions, which is always a firm favourite! Filled with laughter, energy and a bit of friendly competition, it was the perfect way for the girls to unwind and have fun together after a busy start to the term. We are now looking forward to the weeks ahead, with lots of opportunities, activities, and memorable moments still to come.









BEREWALL

The Berewall boys are back and finding their rhythm after a lovely half term break. We were all straight back into the routine with the only change being the darker evenings! Tuesday evening was a belated Halloween fun evening for our no-tech Tuesday. The boys arranged themselves in dorms to carve pumpkins, played games with sweets and ended with the ever-popular egg throwing game. A big well done to **Seb and Monty G**, who were our winners. They managed to get a very long way apart and still catch the egg without it breaking. The car park floor was a sight to behold! Wednesday evening threw us a curve ball with 14 of our boys stuck in traffic on the way back from Monmouth. They all arrived in good spirits after a very long day. Well done boys for showing such a positive attitude. A huge well done to **James**, who has won our half termly competition for the most Good News and Praises. A top effort! Also, Dorm 2 has won the dorm prize for the highest points average. **Kona, Seb, Cameron, and Monty G**…take a bow! **Juan** will celebrate his birthday on Friday, and we are all set to celebrate with him. Have a great day, **Juan**. The boys now look forward to Fireworks on Saturday and reflecting on a brilliant first week back.







CHAMPION

It was lovely to welcome everyone back after the half term holiday, feeling well-rested and ready for the term ahead. It was wonderful to see the boys catching up with one another and sharing all their holiday news.

This week, the children enjoyed getting into the spooky spirit by decorating some Halloween cupcakes with Mrs Robbins, which they then enjoyed for their snack.

We also had a couple of birthdays to catch up on following the holidays, so there have been plenty of celebrations! We wished **Alfie** a very happy belated birthday and celebrated with some delicious chocolate cake. We also wished Mr Price a very happy birthday on Monday!











SPORTING NEWS

RUGBY

Congratulations to the U10 boys on an amazing afternoon of rugby at the end of last term, winning the cup competition at Kings Bruton. The whole team played with a wonderful sense of togetherness and should be commended for their passion on the field as well as their excellent sportsmanship off the field. They maintained a super attitude throughout the tournament and were fantastic ambassadors for the school. Well done!





PENTATHLON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to all of our pupils who competed at the Pentathlon World Championships in Madeira.
Bella, Elodie and Florence all qualified for the individual Biathle finals. The pupils won team gold and celebrated being U13 Biathle World Champions! **Bella** came 3rd and **Elodie** swiftly recovered from an injury after being clippped from behind and placed 6th in the world.

Lots of great performances across all the events, especially **Bella** who competed in all the events. Congratulations to **Kian** who won a team gold in the team laser run and placed 4th in the Individual Laser Run.

The team photo below features the four Prep athletes and two senior athletes who competed.







FOOTBALL

A dramatic win for U13 boys team away in Exeter during the last week of half term, with the game tied at 4-4 at full time. The boys showed character to come through winning 9-5 after extra time thanks to a 4-goal blitz in the first 7 minutes of extra time.





The U11 girls represented the school superbly in the face of difficult circumstances, having to play a player down and back to back games all afternoon. Their character, work ethic and determination epitomise the school values. They were rewarded with a 3rd place finish in the plate winning four out of seven games throughout the day! Well done to **Arabella, Adeline, Sophie, Alice, Ida and Sofia**, pictured above.

The Year 7 boys travelled to Allenbourn on Tuesday evening in the ESFA cup. After a close game with fading light, the match went to penalties after a goalless 60 minutes. With three penalties scored, man of the match went to goalkeeper **Teddy Q** with two outstanding penalty saves. Onto the next round!



GOLF

The golfers had a busy half term. **Matilda R-C** has taken her technical improvement from lessons out onto the course winning two team Somerset Girls events at Mendip and Burnam and Berrow GC including an eagle on the 4th hole at Mendip GC!

Juan M-A played excellent golf with two rounds in competitions in Spain with scores of 6 over and 9 over gross lowering his handicap to 11.5 and moving a step closer to qualification for the Spanish National Championships in June.

Diego B played multiple qualifying rounds in Spain and showed the work on his game is showing results in competitions with an excellent five shot reduction in his handicap!

George W played an excellent round on the East course at Wentworth to score 5 over gross and reduce his handicap to 2.1 which is the lowest it has ever been.



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CROSS COUNTRY

The weather has certainly turned into winter mode and our cross country runners had their first taste of the biting wind when they raced Downside for the second race in the Mendip Junior League. We will be sent the official results in the next couple of days, but early indications seem to show that almost all of the runners finished higher up than in their first race. **Georgina and Sage** finished one and two and didn't seem to bothered by the cold! The next races are after Christmas, so we have time to get even faster before then! Thank you to the staff and parents who helped support the playersw in the tough conditions.









NETBALL

National Cup Netball – Victory Against Penryn School

The girls travelled to Cornwall for their National Cup fixture against Penryn School, making the three-hour journey with plenty of enthusiasm and team spirit. The match got off to a closely contested start, with both teams battling hard. As the game progressed, the girls really found their rhythm, building confidence and developing as a team. Passing combinations began to link beautifully, movement off the ball improved, and the team's understanding and connections grew throughout the match.
It was a fantastic all-round team performance, with everyone making a valuable contribution and playing their part in the result. The girls showed great teamwork, determination and skill to pull away and secure an impressive 35–13 victory. Thank you to Mrs Morgan-Hughes for accompanying us. We wait to hear who we will face in the next round. A brilliant performance and a well-deserved win in the National Cup. Well done to all the girls!



EQUESTRIAN

Over half term our riders **Isla, Cornelia, Toby and Oliver** were training at Pontispool Arena Eventing in prep for the up-and-coming Arena Eventing Competition.

Cornelia was also competing at the British Showjumping Just for Schools at Dorset Show Ground and came 1st in the 90cm which was the first time out competing on her new horse Fergus.

All topped off by an Epic training Camp at the British Showjumping National Training Centre for **Toby and Oliver** which involved pole work, saddle checking, technical jumping, course walking pizza and target setting!

All our riders will have received the Autumn Term Calander of what we have going on at riding but here our next events that we have planned :

4th November 2026 Equine Explorer 1-3pm
7th November 2026 Equine Explorers 1-3pm
8th November 2026 NSEA EC @ Pontispool
10th November 2026 Equestrian Council Meeting 12-1pm at the Prep Equestrian Office
11th November 2026 Flo Norris Show Jumping Clinic







Congratulations to **Catherine** in Year 1 for winning her competition over half term on her pony Lestyn. Here is a picture from the Halloween Working Hunter Show with Lestyn.



Congratulations **Freya** who has qualified for the Regional Levels Championships in gymnastics. **Freya** won a special award for her successes over the past year. Good Luck at Regionals!



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KEY DATES

Saturday 7 November
Fireworks

Wednesday 11 November
Remembrance

Friday 13 November
Children in Need
Non-Uniform Donation £2

Monday 16 November
Odd Socks Day

Wear Odd Socks to support Anti-Bullying

Friday 20 November
Exeat

School finishes 3.15pm
No clubs, creche or later club

MESSAGE FROM MR JORY



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a wonderful half-term break. As we move further into the Autumn Term, the weather has certainly turned colder. Please remember to send children to school with their school coat and hat each day so they can continue to enjoy outdoor learning and play comfortably.
The drop in temperature certainly hasn't slowed down the learning across Pre-Prep! Our Tadpoles have been to Forest School, where they enjoyed their very first fire. They learned about fire safety and had great fun making sparklers in preparation for Bonfire Night. Be sure to ask them what they learned about staying safe around fires.
Frogs embarked on their first minibus trip to Wookey Hole, which was opened especially for us to explore the fascinating dinosaur exhibition. The children had an amazing time discovering the prehistoric creatures and learning more about their world. Why not ask them which dinosaur was their favourite and why?
Reception have continued their exciting learning about Space, creating wonderful rockets, some at home, and planets as they explore our solar system and beyond. Their creativity and enthusiasm have certainly been out of this world!
Year 1 have been learning all about Remembrance Day and the significance of the poppies. They have been considering who we remember and thank for the sacrifices made in the past and continue to make today.
Meanwhile, Year 2 have been investigating transport through time, exploring the differences between transport in the past and present. They have also been developing their scientific thinking by investigating how cars travel on different types of ramps and discussing what affects the movement.

We hope to see many of you at the Fireworks Display on Saturday evening, starting at 7pm. As we begin our busy journey towards the end of term and Christmas, please keep an eye on the noticeboard and school communications for updates about upcoming events and timings.

PRE-PREP

HOUSE TOTALS

HOUSE	ANGLES	DANES	JUTES	SAXONS
OVERALL	272	297	278	283

TADPOLES

FOREST SCHOOL

The Tadpoles were excited to have their first fire at Forest School this week. We helped collect sticks and learnt how to be safe around the fire. We listened to a story and talked about what we can cook on the fire next week. The favourite idea was definitely marshmallows! When we were finished Miss Childs showed us how to put the fire out safely using lots of water. Afterwards we used sticks to make sparklers and talked about fireworks.











FROGS

FOREST SCHOOL

Frogs had an exciting morning at the Forest School this week. We toasted our own marshmallows over the fire.
This was something the children had been looking forward to after we voted in class to toast marshmallows at our next trip to Forest School.
We helped Miss Childs to get our hazel sticks ready by taking off all of the leaves and using a peeler to peel the first few layers of the bark so we could attach our marshmallow. We learnt that you can use hazel sticks as they are nice and long and when they are peeled they are hygienic and they don't burn on the fire.
We then sat around the fire waiting for our turn to toast our very own marshmallow. The children listened really well and used their toasted marshmallow to enjoy their s'more. We had a lovely morning and lots of fun was had.





FROGS

DINOSAURS

Wow, what a wonderful time the Frogs had at Wookey Hole looking at the life-sized dinosaurs. We were very excited to spot all the dinosaurs hidden within the trees and bushes. We spotted a T-Rex, Brachiosaurus, Diplodocus, a Pterodactyl, Triceratops and an Ankylosaurus to name a few! It was amazing as some of the dinosaurs moved and made sounds. We also became Paleontologists and brushed sand from dinosaur fossils and bones. Our trip to see the dinosaurs left us with some questions. Archie thought the dinosaurs became extinct because a big rock fell down from space; how did the dinosaurs become extinct? Jonah thought it was a planet. What does extinct mean? What does carnivore mean? What does herbivore mean? Do Pterodactyl have teeth? We will find the answers to our questions over the coming days.







RECEPTION

CHEF OF THE WEEK

Today was **Poppy's** turn to be our Chef of the Week, and she chose to make spaghetti bolognese. We even made the pasta from scratch using our pasta maker!

All of the children helped to chop the onions to get us started, and it was quite funny watching their reactions. The onions made some of the children's eyes water, while others weren't affected at all. So, if they tell you tonight that Mrs Smith made them cry, this is why!

The children thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience and were very proud of the delicious meal they helped to create. It was a fantastic opportunity to develop their cooking skills, work together as a team, and try something new.



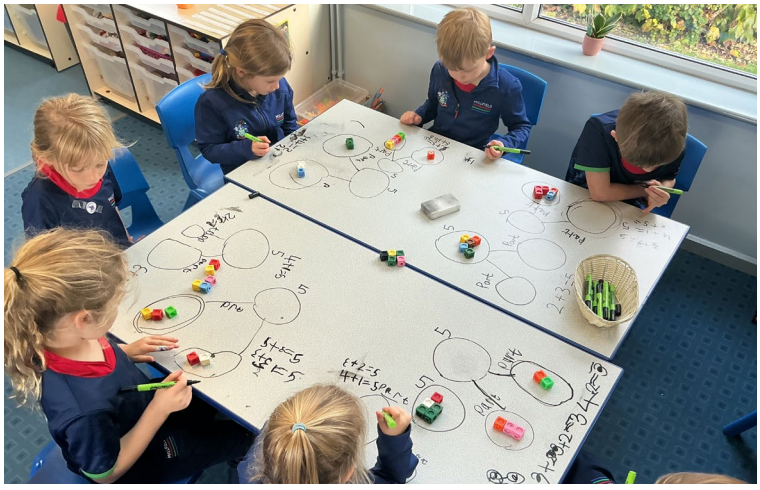


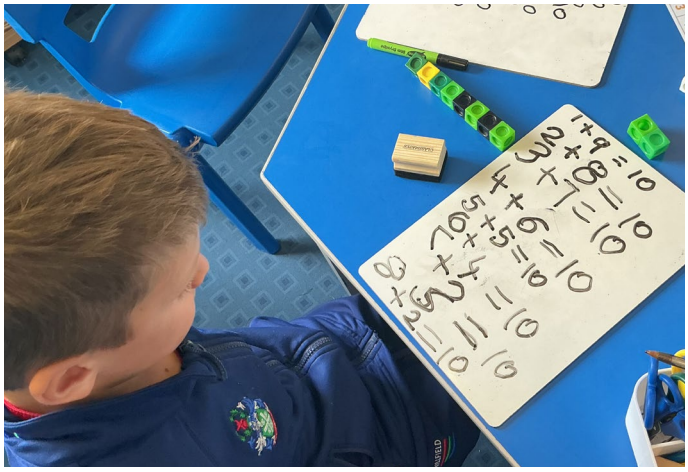


YEAR 1

POPPIES

The children have continued to work hard across the curriculum this week. In Maths, we have been focusing on the part-whole model, and the children have been confidently creating their own number sentences. In Topic and English, we have been learning about the importance of wearing poppies ahead of Remembrance Sunday. The children created beautiful stained-glass poppies and wrote about how wearing a poppy helps us remember the soldiers who served our country. Their writing was thoughtful, and they should be very proud of their excellent work.









YEAR 2

SCIENCE

Year 2 enjoyed setting up and recording a science investigation this week to investigate which surface a toy car travelled the furthest on. They chose the surfaces to compare and then ensured they kept their test fair before recording their results.





