



Weekly Newsletter 2025-6

Dear Parents and Families

Blessed Beltane! Welcome to this week's newsletter. One of my favourite car journeys is the drive across the moors, watching the various gatherings taking place throughout the year on the Tor. Not many headteachers are greeted with such a spectacular and iconic view, and it serves as a wonderful reminder of the unique community we serve.



As we move into summer and the weather finally improves, we have been able to open the fields for students during break and lunchtimes. This provides a vital space for students to sit in the shaded spots or on the grass and enjoy the warmer weather. Equally, the introduction of summer sports in PE has been very well received by all. I know the students are benefiting from the addition of this outdoor space, and it has certainly lifted the atmosphere across the school after such a very wet winter.

I would like to say a huge well done to our Year 11 students who have been involved in their Art or French speaking exams this week. We are now only one week away from the start of the final GCSE exam window, and staff continue to be impressed by the hard work and maturity with which they are preparing for these important assessments. I encourage all our students to use this weekend to have a proper rest and a break, whilst still setting aside a small amount of time for revision. The dedication shown now will certainly pay off in a few weeks' time.

I have a huge plea to all our families regarding Collaborate Digital. Please see the article later in this newsletter. We are asking as many families as possible to vote for our students' contributions. They have worked incredibly hard on these and have shown real creativity and thought; I encourage you all to listen to their podcasts.



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Finally, I would like to draw your attention to our upcoming open mornings this summer. In June, we will be opening our doors to prospective Year 5 families to come and see the school in action, providing an opportunity to speak to students and staff ahead of finalising decisions in the autumn. We recognise that this is an important decision that is often made during a very busy time of the year, so we have arranged these additional summer mornings alongside our usual autumn dates to help families navigate the period. If you know anyone who would be interested in these events, we will be sending further information to primary schools and posting details on Facebook shortly.

Thank you all for your continued support, and I wish you all a wonderful extended bank holiday weekend.

Best wishes,

P. Balkwill *Headteacher*



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Key Dates

4th May- Bank Holiday Monday

5th May- Year 7 Mental Health Awareness Day

11th May- GCSE Formal Exam Period Starts

14th May- Normandy Trip Parents' Meeting

14th May- MNSP Trust Sports Festival- students involved will be contacted by the PE team

Wb 25th May- We will be running revision sessions for Year 11 GCSEs over the half term break. Please look out for more details in your emails.

Important Information

As we move into the summer, we advise students to wear suncream and have a hat with them for break times and lunchtimes. Students should also bring with them a suitable drinks bottle to stay hydrated across the day.

Year 11 Exams

Just a reminder to all families and students that we have dedicated webpage to keep everyone updated over the exam period. We advise that you check this regularly for updates.

[St Dunstan's School | Information on Exams](#)

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Announcement

Summer Open Mornings



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Wednesday 17th & Tuesday 23rd June
9:00-11:00am



'Come and see what makes our school such a great place to be.'

To register your interest in attending, please email:
secretary@stdunstans.mnsp.org.uk
Or visit our website: www.stdunstansschool.com





Announcement

Enrichment Week Form Request

Dear all,

Thank you to those who have completed the Enrichment Activities 2026 form - there was a huge uptake and the majority have submitted a form by the deadline.

Unfortunately, we still have a large number of students (90) that need to fill the form in OR need to complete the form again because they have not put their name on the form they have submitted. Until such time as all students have completed the form, we will not be able to finalise allocations for Enrichment Activities, nor will we be able to open payments on Arbor.

Please can I ask any who know they've not completed the form to do so **before the end of this weekend**. The form is accessible via Arbor on the Enrichment Activities Selection 2026 letter or via the link below:

[Enrichment Week Form Selection](#)

A first **and** second choice for each day must be selected (as some trips are almost full at this stage).

Year 9 students on DofE must make a first and second choice selection for Wednesday ONLY.

Camp students must make a first and second choice selection for Tuesday ONLY, then tick Camp for Wednesday.

Many thanks for your help with this - we really do want these days to be an enormous success, as they always are!



Attendance Update

What does my attendance look like so far? Term 5 Week 3

Band	Percentage	Number of days attended this year to date	Potential Days of Absence across the year if this continues	Potential hours of lost learning	Classification
1	100%	140	0	0	Exceptional
2	98% to 100%	137	4	20	Strong Standard
3	96% to 98%	134	8	40	Expected Standard
4	93% to 96%	130	14	70	Needs Attention
5	90% to 93%	126	38	190	Urgent Improvement
6	Below 90%	125	40	200	Critical Action

As we move swiftly towards the end of term, we would like to remind all families that there are now just 14 days of school remaining. This is a crucial period in the academic calendar, and every day continues to count towards your child's progress, confidence, and overall achievement.

Please also note that Monday is a bank holiday, meaning next week will be a four-day school week. We encourage all students to make the most of the shortened week and maintain strong attendance throughout.

We are also taking this opportunity to highlight the importance of attendance. If your child has reached or exceeded 7 days of absence this year, we strongly encourage you to review their attendance record carefully. Consistent attendance plays a vital role in academic success, and even a small number of missed days can have a lasting impact on learning.

To encourage strong attendance during this important period, we are running our Term 5 Attendance Challenge. This is a weekly challenge, meaning every week is a fresh opportunity to take part.



Attendance Update

All students who achieve 100% attendance for that specific week will be entered into a prize draw. This week, 382 students are in the prize draw!

For this week and next week, winners will receive cheesy chips, and in the final week of term, there will be a special treat of donuts for selected students. We hope this adds a little extra motivation as we approach the end of term.

It's easy to think of the final weeks of term as a time to wind down, but in reality, the summer months are just as important as the start of the year. Teachers are continuing with key content, assessments, and preparation for the next stage of learning. Maintaining strong routines now helps ensure students finish the year positively and are fully prepared for September.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. By working together over these final 14 days, we can ensure every student finishes this term successfully and with a strong sense of achievement.

100 CLUB AWARD

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**STUDENTS
WITH 100% IN
APRIL**

WELL DONE!

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MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.



Attendance Update

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MAY MOTIVATORS!



To celebrate and award good attendance in weeks 2-4 students with 100% will be entered for the following prizes in a weekly draw:

Friday 1st May- Cheesy Chip Friday- 20 Winners



Friday 8th May- Cheesy Chip Friday- 20 Winners

Friday 15th May- Doughnut Day- 30 winners



A prize draw will take place every friday morning. All students with 100% attendance each week will be included.

Every student with 100% will get 10 On Track Points at the end of the week

Look out for our 'Rewards Raffle Tickets'

There will also be the following awards-

- The 100 Club Prize Draw for April & May
- Celebration Carnival Invitations for students with 96% attendance or Improved attendance
- Tutor Group attendance league table

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On Track Update

CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS!



381,000 POINTS ACHIEVED SINCE SEPTEMBER

KEEP UP THE AMAZING WORK!



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P.E Department Update

Students have been enjoying their outdoor PE lessons more than usual this week - with the sunny weather being a welcomed bonus!

Summer sports such as cricket and tennis are the focus this term for Year 10 and students were loving their learning.



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Revision Star

We are proud to unveil our Revision Star this week.

This student has won the prize for accumulating the most hours of independent revision in Year 11, using the SENECA platform.

Completing work set and finding extra content to revise can be a challenge when the weather is unusually glorious, but this has not held back this week's winner.

Well done indeed!



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St Dunstan's Library presents...

THE BOOK NOOK

New Manga!

We have a HUGE thank you to extend to the **Wells Festival of Literature Education Team**. They have generously purchased loads of new manga books for our library! Manga is hugely popular amongst our students but we didn't have a huge selection, but now we do, thanks to this generous donation! Manga is a great way to get into reading, particularly for any reluctant readers as they are packed with action and adventure and lots of hand drawn images, but with enough challenging words to make them excellent ways to stretch your reading, just like graphic novels. If you've never read one before, why not try now that we have a fab new selection available! There has already been a huge buzz about the new manga, with lots of excited students, so thank you again WFL!



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Collaborate Digital- Please Vote

A few weeks ago, Collaborate Digital came in to work with our students. All Y9-10 students had an assembly on the topic of 'Active Bystander'. A selection of Year 9 students then created **podcasts**. We are proud to say that **Group 2 have been selected as finalists** out of the 50 podcasts created and will therefore go through to the public vote!

Voting is OPEN! The poll will take place on the Collaborate Digital website www.collaboratedigital.com in the top corner there is a green '**vote**' button.

There are 10 brilliant finalists in total – please listen to as many of them as you can and then cast a vote for your favourite. So that no finalist gains an unfair advantage, the podcasts will appear in a different order each time you visit this page. You will need to provide an email address the first time you cast a vote – in order to comply with GDPR, all email addresses will be deleted from our system within 7 days of the end of the voting period. Please check your junk folder for a confirmation email.

You can cast one vote every 24 hours. Voting closes on **Tuesday 5th May** at **5pm**. So please vote every day and from different email addresses if you can!

Fingers crossed for our students and please vote as many times as you can!



May 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

School Anxiety	4 May 10am
Understanding Anger	4 May 7pm
Facing Defiance	5 May 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	5 May 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	11 May 10am
Anxiety Explained	11 May 7pm
Introduction to OCD	12 May 10am
What is ACT?	12 May 7pm
Decreasing Depression	18 May 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	18 May 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	19 May 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 May 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 May 10am
Improving Family Communication	25 May 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	26 May 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	26 May 7pm
FREE Getting a Good Nights Sleep	28 May 7-8pm

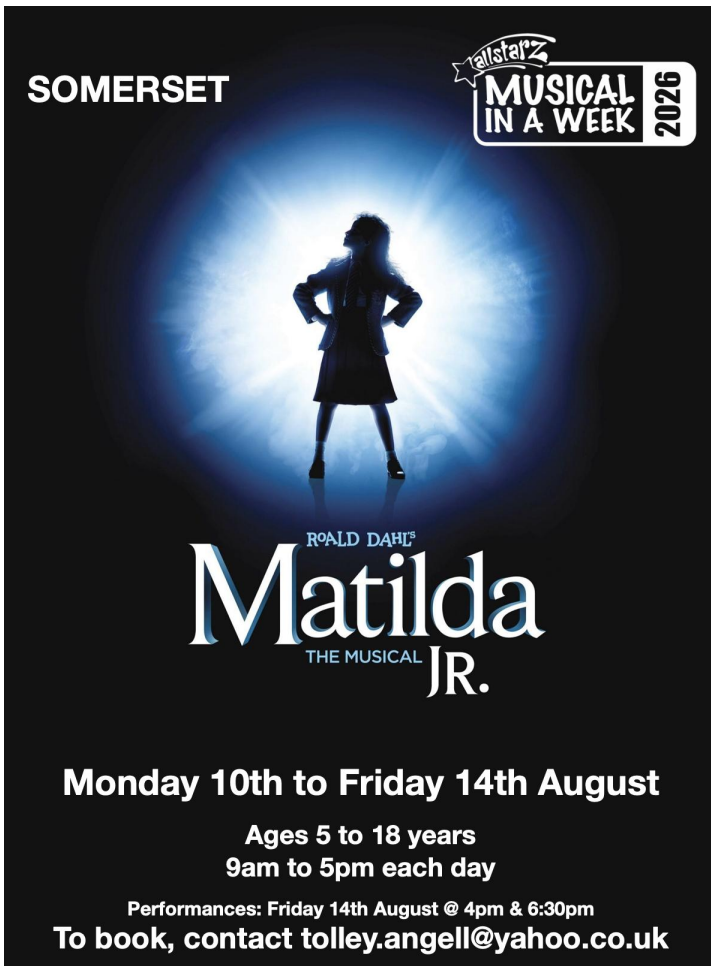
Events Spotlight

Do you love to sing, dance, and act? National Award-Winning All Starz are super excited to bring to Somerset for the very first time, Musical in a Week!

Within 5 days, the highly qualified team of West End creatives will teach the young actors to perform a much-loved classic musical, which is then performed publicly.

For all young people aged between 5 and 18 years old 9am to 5pm each day at King's College, Taunton. Performances on the Friday at 4pm and 6:30pm

£150 per child and £130 for each additional sibling. Included in the price, every child receives a keepsake t-shirt.



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MUSICAL IN A WEEK 2026

ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
THE MUSICAL **JR.**

Monday 10th to Friday 14th August

Ages 5 to 18 years
9am to 5pm each day

Performances: Friday 14th August @ 4pm & 6:30pm
To book, contact tolley.angell@yahoo.co.uk

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U13 PLAYER RECRUITMENT 2026/2027 SEASON WE'RE RECRUITING NEW PLAYERS

WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW FOOTBALL PLAYERS ENTERING YEAR 8 THIS SEPTEMBER. IF YOU'RE MOTIVATED, RESILIENT, AND COMMITTED TO TEAMWORK, COME AND JOIN US. GET IN TOUCH TO FIND OUT MORE OR

SIGN UP!

CONTACT ADAM GRIBB

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Mighty Girls

Upcoming Events

SPRING / SUMMER 2026



Mighty Girls Club BOA

THURSDAYS
MOUNT PLEASANT
BRADFORD ON AVON
4.30-6PM. AGE 8-12

★ Make friends ★ Feel empowered ★ Have fun!

To learn more and book your place visit our
website or email info@mightygirls.co.uk

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BOA MIGHTY GIRLS CLUB

THURSDAYS TERM TIMES
8-12 YRS 4.30PM-6PM
MOUNT PLEASANT, BOA

MAY HALF TERM MIGHTY GIRLS CLUB

TUESDAY 26TH MAY
8-12 YRS 10-3PM
SCOUT HUT, BOA



Mighty Girls Holiday Club TUESDAY 26TH MAY

SCOUT HUT, BRADFORD ON AVON
10AM - 3PM.
AGE 8 TO 12 YRS

**MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB
JUST £35**

Fun, craft, adventures and
empowerment with the Mighty
Girls team.

Further details visit www.mightygirls.co.uk



Self Defence half day workshop

THURSDAY 28TH MAY

BRADFORD ON AVON
2PM - 5PM.
AGE: 10-15 YR 6-YR 10
COST £25

Mighty Girls & Helen from Systema bring you:

- Practical self-defence techniques
- A focus on movement, breath work, relaxation, and posture
- Enhance self-awareness & resilience
- Help equip you to handle various situations effectively

www.mightygirls.co.uk or QR Code to book



MAY HALF TERM SELF DEFENCE WORKSHOP

THURSDAY 28TH MAY
10-15YRS School Years 6 to 10
SCOUT HUT, BOA

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