

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Families and Parents,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Please take a moment to read this newsletter carefully for all the latest updates.

What an exciting time of year this is for our students and the entire community! We know many of you are buzzing with anticipation for the upcoming festival and the packed schedule of events over the next few months.

But let's not forget, this is also a very busy period at school. Our students are deep into end-of-year assessments, finishing up their courses, and taking part in all sorts of activities. While we absolutely want every student to enjoy and make the most of those fantastic opportunities outside of school, we also need to stress the huge importance of great attendance in these final five weeks. Being here every day ensures they fully benefit from all the educational opportunities we offer.

Important Information

Parent Feedback

If you haven't had a chance to respond yet, please share your thoughts via this link:

<https://forms.gle/hYXZJSEMqrpdduos9>



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NEXT WEEK
ASSEMBLY
FOCUS:

**Plastic Free
Month**

Key Dates

12th-14th June
Year 7
Normandy
Residential Trip

19th-20th June
DofE Practice
Expedition

Friday 27th
June: School
Closed for
Glastonbury
Festival

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Glastonbury Festival School Closure

Just a quick reminder that school will be **closed on Friday, June 27, 2025**, due to the Glastonbury Festival. We will reopen as usual on **Monday, June 30**.

Important Dates

- **June 19-20:** DfE Expedition
- **July 1:** Year 10 Swanage Field Trip
- **July 2:** Year 6 Transition Day
- **July 3:** Year 11 Celebration events, including Prom
- **July 4:** Sports Day

Celebrating Success

A massive well done to all our Year 10s who have successfully completed the first week of their end-of-year exams! These exams are a crucial milestone for their GCSE courses, providing valuable insights into their current progress a full 12 months before the final exams.

We're holding an important information evening for Year 10 families on Thursday, June 19th. We highly encourage all parents and students to attend.

A big shout-out to our students who participated in the Rounders matches this week. It was fantastic to hear about your individual and collective achievements on the field.



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Finally, huge congratulations to all the students consistently earning 'On Track Points'. This week, we hit an incredible milestone, reaching a school total of 243,000 points! That's 200,000 more points than last year and truly shows our commitment to recognising and celebrating student effort and achievement. Keep up the fantastic work.

Have a good weekend, and I look forward to updating you all next week.

Best wishes,

P. Balkwill



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Year 10 Information Evening



When?: Thursday 19th June from 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Where?: St Dunstan's School

Calling all Year 10 students & families!

Get ready to level up for Year 11. Join us for an evening full of insights, support and exciting opportunities as we prepare for that all-important final year!

Short presentation & Q&A

Explore stalls on:

Safeguarding

Attendance

Careers

SEN Support

SENECA Learning

On Track for KS4 initiative

...and more!

PLUS enjoy some light **refreshments** while you chat with our team!

Letters have been sent – please check your inbox **AND** your spam/junk folders!

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST HERE:

[Year 10 Information Evening Registration](#)



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New Student Leaders



We had a very exciting day this week as our new amazing 2025-2026 Student Leaders proudly received their special blue ties and shiny badges. This is a huge milestone and a proud moment for all of us.

These incredible students will now represent our school as official ambassadors, leading with pride and living out our TRACK values every day: Truth, Resilience, Ambition, Community and Kindness.



We are so proud of each and every one of them and can't wait to see the positive impact they'll make. Let's give a big cheer for our future leaders!



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Rounders Matches



This week, our Year 7 and Year 8 rounders teams took on Fairlands School in exciting fixtures hosted here at St Dunstan's.

Both games showcased fantastic skills in batting and fielding, with clever tactics and great teamwork used to outwit the opposition.

The Year 7 team came away with a brilliant 14–9 win, demonstrating great composure and confidence throughout.

The Year 8 match was a much tighter affair, with the game going right down to the wire. Despite a strong performance, they were narrowly defeated 13.5–10.5 in very the final moments.

A special mention goes to Elliot in 8JMA, who pulled off an incredible streak of four consecutive catches - including two diving takes - to get Fairlands players out and give St Dunstan's a real boost.

Shoutout as well to Darcy and Katie from year 7, who stepped up to support the year 8 team - your efforts and teamwork were amazing!

Well done to all players involved—you represented the school brilliantly!



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Student Beta Readers



Mrs Morris has finished the first draft of her cosy fantasy book and is now in her beta reading stage of editing.

This is the phase where readers read the book and give feedback, to allow for any necessary edits.

Mrs Morris has been blown away with how many students have signed up to beta read (twenty five!) and is incredibly grateful for the support and encouragement she has been given throughout her writing journey.

It is wonderful to see just how many of our students love reading and actively engage with literature across the curriculum and outside of it... not to mention the many students who are actively writing their own books and short stories in class and in Just Write Club. Keep up the good work!

Anyone who wants to join Just Write Club can come along to the library on a Wednesday after school.



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St Dunstan's Library presents...

THE BOOK NOOK

Pride Month: LGBTQ+ Author Spotlight! Every day in June the library is showcasing an author from the LGBTQ+ community to encourage students to read more diversely. These have been shown daily in tutor and have been on display in the library. Here are some that we've highlighted this week...

Queer Author Spotlight

ALICE OSEMAN

**SHE/HEY
AROMANTIC AND ASEXUAL**



Happy Pride Month!

Queer Author Spotlight

AIDEN THOMAS

**HE/THEY
TRANSGENDER MAN**



Happy Pride Month!



Queer Author Spotlight

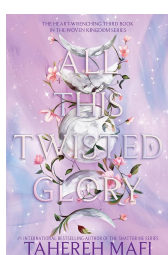
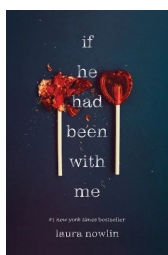
OSCAR WILDE

**GAY
(AND ARRESTED FOR BEING GAY)**



Happy Pride Month!

New books in the library:



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Prom Dress Sale



St Dunstan's
**YEAR 11 PROM
DRESS SALE**

WE HAVE A RANGE OF NEW
PROM DRESSES AVAILABLE, IN
LOTS OF SIZES AND SHADES,
KINDLY DONATED BY THE PTA

PLEASE SEE MISS KENCH TO
ARRANGE A TIME TO HAVE A
BROWSE (IN ROOM 8)

PRICE: A DONATION! IT WILL
GO TOWARDS HELPING OTHER
YEAR 11 STUDENTS TOWARDS
THE COST OF THEIR PROM
TICKETS

TIME TO SHOP!



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YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD BY:

- ensuring your child understands the importance of excellent attendance and punctuality.
- asking about school work and encourage them to get involved in school activities.
- discussing any problems they may have and inform their Form Tutor to pass on concerns.
- not allowing them take time off school for minor ailments – particularly those which would not prevent you from going to work.
- arranging appointments after school hours, at weekends or during the holidays, to prevent disruption to your child's education and to the school.
- being open and willing to work with us to improve your child's attendance.



If you are concerned about your child's school attendance, it's best to contact their school first. Our dedicated Attendance Team are on hand to support pupils and families.

For more information about school attendance visit our website: www.midsomernortonschoolspartnership.com/attendance

We're here to help if you need it.



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<u>O</u>rganised & Proactive	<p>Bringing the correct equipment, kit and uniform</p> <p>Meeting deadlines</p> <p>Working on tasks independently and completing homework to a high standard</p>
<u>N</u>eat & Tidy work	<p>Smart, well presented books demonstrating your best work</p>
<u>T</u>enacity	<p>Trying your hardest, rising to challenges, having a 'can do' attitude, working out solutions and taking ownership of your learning</p>
<u>R</u>eady, Respectful and Responsible	<p>Being a role model by consistently demonstrating our basic expectations</p>
<u>A</u>nswering, reading and listening like an expert	<p>Sophisticated full sentence answers using technical terms</p> <p>Following along, tracking the text and ready to read aloud in class.</p> <p>Reading widely and for pleasure</p> <p>Listening and considering the views of others</p> <p>Taking in turns to respond</p>
<u>C</u>ontributing to the class	<p>Playing an active role in every lesson</p> <p>Attention to the speaker, sat up straight, arms still, pens down</p> <p>Teacher focused</p>
<u>K</u>indness & Community minded	<p>Caring, polite, looking after one another and the site</p> <p>Speaking with kindness and respect</p> <p>Supporting staff and other students to create a positive learning environment for all</p>



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