



Weekly Newsletter 2025-6

Dear Families & Parents,

This weekly newsletter is your essential guide to supporting your child. It is packed with important dates, event details and information. Please take a few minutes each week to read it so you don't miss a thing.

We look forward to sharing all the great news with you this academic year. If you have any good news stories or student achievements you'd like to share, please feel free to reach out to us!

This week the school took part in the annual Remembrance Day commemorations. This included a two-minute silence accompanied by the Last Post and a short cadet parade. I would like to congratulate the students for the immaculate and respectful manner in which they marked this poignant observance. Our students were a real credit to the school and wider community.

In addition, congratulations to all of our students for reaching the 100,000 positive points total. The school is now on 136,000 positive points this year, double the total by this time last year and three times more than the previous academic year. Keep up the good work, it is great to see so many students being celebrated for their efforts.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

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Headteacher



Key Information

Key Dates

Thursday 20 November- Youth Speaks KS3

Friday 27 November- Youth Speaks Area competition

Monday 1 December- Youth Speaks KS4 Area competition

Thursday 4 December- PTA Silent Disco- more details to follow

KS4 Bath University & Christmas Markets

Important Information

Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the survey so far. There is still chance for parents and families to provide feedback to support continued improvement. Please follow the link below to share your feedback-

<https://forms.gle/3VQsbTZs2QqZsPDE7>

Reminder

Now that we have moved into the cold and wet winter months, we ask that you make sure that students come to school with an appropriate warm waterproof coat.

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW!

ST DUNSTAN'S
PTA

MYSTERY STAFF DJ's

TICKETS ON SALE FROM RECEPTION OR THE
LIBRARY MONDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY
BREAK

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL ST DUNSTAN'S

SILENT DISCO

**On Thursday 4th
December, 6.30 -8.45pm**

CASH TUCK SHOP

TICKETS £3

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Weekly Attendance Update



What does my attendance look like so far? 17 November

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1	100%	47	0	0	Perfect
2	98% to 100%	46	4	20	Excellent
3	96% to 98%	45	8	40	Good
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6	Below 90%	41	40	200	Persistent absence



Pre-Christmas Attendance Challenge!



Win Amazon vouchers + 50 positive points + a boost towards the end-of-term celebration and other prizes!

As we head towards the festive season, we're excited to announce a special one-off attendance competition running over the next four weeks!

★ How it works

All students who achieve 100% attendance for any 3 consecutive weeks during this period will automatically be entered into a prize draw. We have several Amazon vouchers up for grabs as well as other prizes on offer —and the best part?

The draw is open to every student in the school, regardless of your previous attendance and the prize draw will not be year group specific.



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Additional Rewards

Achieving 100% attendance for 3 weeks doesn't just enter you into the draw. It also gives you:

- **A valuable boost towards qualifying for the end-of-term celebration, and**
- **An extra 50 positive points!**

Why are we doing this?

Consistency matters, especially as we approach the holidays. Being in school every day ensures you stay connected, keep up with learning, and finish the term strongly. This competition is our way of recognising and rewarding your commitment.

When does it start?

The challenge is between **17th November and 13 December**. There's everything to play for—every day counts! We're looking for 3 back to back perfect weeks during this period.

Turn up, take part, and give yourself the chance to win!



On Track Update

<u>O</u>rganised	Equipped, on time, and completing homework
<u>N</u>eat	Smart, well presented books demonstrating your best work.
<u>T</u>ry hard	Trying your hardest and rising to the challenge.
<u>R</u>esponsible	A role model to others in your appearance, actions and words
<u>A</u>ctive	Listening, responding, and participating in lessons
<u>C</u>ommunity	Supporting staff and other students to create a positive learning environment for all.
<u>K</u>nowledgeable	Knowing key information, concepts and terminology for each subject/unit

Our 'On Track' Total so far.....

136,836

Well done to all of our students!



Remembrance



This week we commemorated Remembrance Day with a two minute silence on the sports courts, with our very own Mr Bestic playing the Last Post on the cornet. It was incredibly moving.

Students wore their cadet uniforms to school and laid a wreath in respect. It was a beautiful way to commemorate and all students were a testament to the school.



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Cyber Detectives



This week, our Year 10 students were visited by representatives from the Royal Signals Corps of the British Army for an engaging and interactive session. Students explored the importance of staying safe online and thinking carefully about what they share on social media, before taking part in activities designed to help them identify potential career paths within the Army.

Through a series of questions, students discovered how their skills and interests could link to a wide variety of Army roles — from dog handlers and electricians to tank operatives and communications specialists.

At lunchtime, all year groups had the opportunity to visit the Army's information stall in the canteen, where they could speak directly with representatives and learn more about the diverse career options available across the Armed Forces.

It was an enjoyable and inspiring visit that encouraged students to think about both digital responsibility and exciting future career possibilities.





World Science Day



Happy World Science Day!

Celebrated every November 10th, World Science Day opens up the exciting world of research, discovery and innovation — from artificial intelligence to renewable energy.

It's a reminder that science is everywhere — shaping our world and inspiring everyone to explore, question and create.

Here are some photos taken by our wonderful science team over the past few weeks.



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Student Spotlight



Daisy and Bess in Year 8 are St John Ambulance cadets and they took place in the Remembrance Parade in Street last Sunday. Bess laid the wreath on behalf of the Cadets leader, which was a big honour and responsibility.

They completed their drills perfectly and were a credit to their group.

Well done Daisy and Bess, and to all the other cadets across the school, we know there are many of you and lots of you were involved in Remembrance parades outside of our school service. Thank you for representing St Dunstan's School so brilliantly.





PTA Carnival Parking



**Saturday 15th
November 2025**

GLASTONBURY CARNIVAL PARKING

**AT ST DUNSTAN'S SCHOOL
WELLS RD, GLASTONBURY BA6
9BY**

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£5

**OPEN FROM 3PM
GATES CLOSE 11PM**

*Raising funds
for the PTA*

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Breakfast Club



Thank you to our brilliant PTA who have donated some lovely colourful cutlery and crockery to our breakfast club; they really brighten these darker mornings!

We are always looking for donations of food items for our breakfast club, which runs every morning , is free of charge, and open to anyone.

The following items are always appreciated:

- ❖ Jams / spreads
- ❖ Cereals
- ❖ Breakfast bars and biscuits
- ❖ Bread
- ❖ Long life juices



New Governors Wanted!



St Dunstan's School
GLASTONBURY

JOIN OUR GOVERNING BODY

Governor Vacancy

Join our Governing Board and
help shape the future of our
school!



We are seeking a committed and enthusiastic member of the community to join our Governing Body as a Governor. As a Governor, you will play an important role in ensuring our school continues to provide the best possible education and opportunities for all pupils. You will bring valuable insight from a perspective, helping the governing board to make informed decisions and to support and challenge the school's leadership. If you are interested or would like further information please contact our clerk Mrs S Gerrard



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