

St Dunstan's School

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Weekly Newsletter 2025-6

Dear Parents and Families

This weekly newsletter serves as your essential guide to supporting your child, providing a central place for key dates, event details, and school information. Please take a few minutes each week to read through these updates to ensure you do not miss a thing.

Each week, we look forward to sharing more highlights from this academic year. If you have any "good news" stories or student achievements from home that you would like us to celebrate, please feel free to reach out. Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

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Headteacher

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Key Dates

Wb 23 March- French Speaking Exams (final trial)
Thursday 26 March- Year 10 Mock Interview Day
Thursday 26 March- Year 11 Information Evening
Thursday 2 April- End of Term
Wb 13 April- Year 11 Easter Revision sessions

Important Information

Subject: Uniform Update – Spring Term

With the weather finally clearing up, we want to ensure all students remain comfortable while adhering to our dress code:

- **Blazers stay on:** Blazers must be worn during the day to lessons and in corridors.
- **Jumpers are optional:** To stay cool, students should remove their V-neck jumpers.
- **Summer Policy:** We will notify you officially if and when "Summer Dress" (relaxed uniform) is permitted due to high temperatures.



Weekly Attendance Update

What does my attendance look like so far? Term 4 Week 5

Band	Percentage	Number of attended this year to date	Potential Days of Absence across the year if this continues	Potential hours of lost learning	Classification
1	100%	120	0	0	Perfect
2	98% to 100%	118	4	20	Excellent
3	96% to 98%	115	8	40	Good
4	93% to 96%	112	14	70	Requires Improvement
5	90% to 93%	108	38	190	Concerning
6	Below 90%	107	40	200	Persistent absence

Attendance on the Rise – A Fantastic Three Weeks!

It has been an absolute pleasure to see such a positive shift in attendance across the school over the last three weeks. The improvement has been significant, and what stands out most is the collective effort from our students, families, and staff to prioritise being in school every day.

We are particularly delighted that **over 70% of our students are now outperforming their attendance from Terms 1–3**. This is a remarkable achievement and reflects a real culture shift – one where attendance truly matters and is being embraced by our school community. It has been lovely to celebrate this success with students, recognising the pride they are taking in their own progress.



Weekly Attendance Update

Celebrating Success – February Awards

A reminder that our February 100% Club winners will receive their Amazon vouchers next week – a well-deserved reward for an outstanding commitment to attendance. Alongside this, our 1% Club winners will also be celebrated in the same way, recognising those students who have made meaningful improvements to their attendance. Every step forward counts, and it is fantastic to see so many students rising to the challenge.

Weekly Prize Draw Highlights

Last week, we had an incredible 423 students achieve 100% attendance, all of whom were entered into our prize draw for *cheesy chips!*

This week, despite a seasonal sickness bug, we still saw a 403 students achieve 100% attendance, earning a place in the prize draw for this week's *donuts*. It has been wonderful to see the level of enthusiasm and engagement from students – the buzz around attendance is really building.

Looking Ahead – Final Push to Easter

Next week, we will be adding an Easter twist, with Easter Eggs up for grabs in our 100% attendance prize draw.

With just 9 days left of term, we are encouraging every student to finish strong. Our goal is simple: to see every student, every day. If we can achieve this together, we will be aiming for a whole-school prize in the final week of term – a celebration worthy of the effort everyone has put in.

Let's keep the momentum going – every day counts, and together we are making a real difference.

Weekly Attendance Update

Year 9 & 10 Attendance League Update:

A huge well done to our top tutor groups so far in the Year 9 & 10 Attendance League!

Week 1 Results

9SGR

10JAN

10JWA

Last Week's Results

Joint 1st: 9JMA & 10JWA

9SGR

What a fantastic effort from these tutor groups — your commitment to excellent attendance is really shining through!

What will this week bring?!

Treats will be on their way to our winning tutor groups!

Keep it up Year 9 & 10 — every day in school counts!



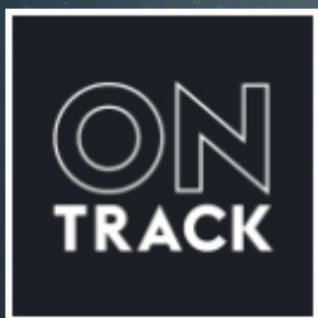
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On Track Update

**CONGRATULATIONS
STUDENTS!**



**321,398
POINTS ACHIEVED**

SINCE SEPTEMBER

Let's get to 350,000 by Easter!

**KEEP UP THE
AMAZING WORK!**



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Local Band Visit



Students in Year 8 and 9 were entertained by the local band Rosary Drive this week for a music workshop.

The band came in to play their songs to students, talk about careers in the music industry and discuss how music can support mental health.

All students were engaged throughout, asked interesting questions and enjoyed listening to the music! Thank you Rosary Drive for coming in!



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Eco Council



What an inspiring day! The St Dunstan's School Eco Councillors attended the BANES & MNSP Climate Conference at Hayesfield School this week.

They explored how small actions can make a big impact — with interactive workshops and an exciting Eco Fair.

We were, as always, proud of our students for their energy and commitment to change!



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Year 7&8 Space Competition



EXCITING competition for Years 7 and 8!

The National Space Academy has sent us their brand new book, 'Moon Rescue', which follows five young explorers on an exciting mission from Earth to the Moon. The book is now available in our school library for students to enjoy!

As part of this, our Year 7 and 8 students are taking part in a Mission Patch Competition during tutor time - designing an original patch to represent the incredible journey in the story!

The top three designs win LEGO prizes!

Entries judged on creativity, originality and effort

Deadline: 27th March 2026

All entries will be submitted to the National Space Academy, who will judge the winners — so this is a real competition with a REAL prize up for grabs!

Parents/guardians — please note that by allowing your child to enter, you are giving consent for their first name and age to be shared on social media alongside any winning entries.

Watch this space for our budding space designers!



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Revision Star



We are proud to unveil our latest Revision Star! This student has spent hours revising and reviewing course content across the last week and was at the top of the leaderboard today.

Well done to all of Year 11 who have maintained the revision momentum, even after the mocks have finished - but especially well done to our worthy winner. An Amazon voucher will be a treat or two as a reward.



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Forest School



We are working hard on creating a beautiful forest school for our children to explore and enjoy. It has been unloved for over 10 years and has become extremely overgrown and inaccessible so.... We are planning on having a community clearing event during the Easter school holidays, we have some fantastic volunteers coming to help starting clearing the space and are crying out for more volunteers to help. We're hoping to work on the site during the easter holidays and would love as much help as possible. Your children will reap the rewards in the future and beyond. Please email secretary@stdunstans.mnsp.org.uk if you are interested in helping us out with the subject header: Forest School. Thank you!



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PTA Thanks



We'd like to say a big thank you to Glastonbury Seed Swap for donating £110 to St Dunstan's PTA.

The PTA is currently fundraising to buy a shiny new greenhouse for the school. The £110 will go towards this!

If you'd like to get involved and help out with the PTA or any PTA events, please get in touch, we'd love to hear from you: stdunstanscommunitypta@gmail.com



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St Dunstan's Library presents...

THE BOOK NOOK

Kindle Recommendations:

We have had a big increase in students using kindles and e-readers we get lots of requests for kindle recommendations! So, for some bargain books...

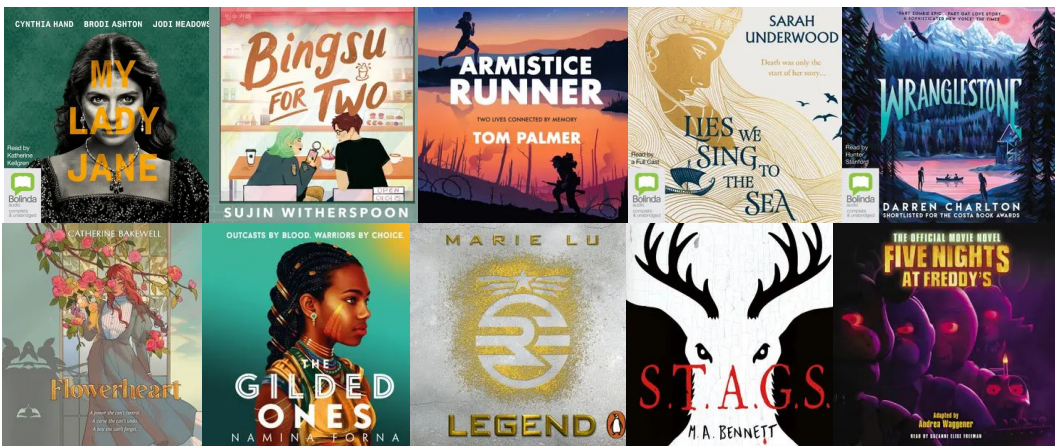
99p sale in March top picks:



Borrowbox:

This is a FREE app if you have a library card! Loan ebooks or audiobooks for free! They act the same as library loans; you may have to reserve a title if someone already has it on loan (including audiobooks) and you only have it for a set amount of time.

Audiobook top picks available now (no reserves):



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Local Events



The Bishop's Palace

OPEN DAY

Sunday 26th April 2026

FREE ENTRY!

EASTER ACTIVITY CAMPS

VENUE:
STRODE COLLEGE,
STREET

DATE:
7TH - 10TH APRIL 2026

9AM-3PM
5-13 YEARS

****FULLY FUNDED****

SPORTS, CRAFTS & GAMES
SWIMMING INCLUDED
FREE LUNCH

BOOK TODAY! HEAD TO [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/23NEF2TW](https://tinyurl.com/23NEF2TW) OR SCAN THE QR CODE.

****FOR THOSE ON BENEFIT RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

EGG HUNT!

SEND White Paper Parent Information Event

Date: Tuesday 24th March
Online (via Microsoft)
Time: 6:30pm

We're delighted to welcome Polly Kerr, Head of Education Law at Simpson Millar, who will guide us through the **SEND White Paper** and what it means for families.

Polly will break down the proposals and explore what could be the most significant changes to the SEND system in over a decade.

She'll discuss both the legal and practical implications for:

- Children and young people
- Parent carers
- Schools and settings
- Local authorities

There will be a Q & A function in this webinar for Questions

Somerset Parent Care Forum C.L.C. SIMPSON MILLAR

WELLS TENNIS CLUB EST. 1897

EASTER TENNIS CAMPS

5 - 16 YEARS

FUN • SKILLS • CONFIDENCE • FRIENDSHIPS

MINI TENNIS (5-10) 9:30AM - 12:00PM	WEEK 1 7 - 10 APRIL £52.50 MEMBERS / £61.50 NON-MEMBERS
JUNIOR TENNIS (11-16) 1:00PM - 3:30PM	WEEK 2 13 - 17 APRIL £60 MEMBERS / £70 NON-MEMBERS

BOOK NOW - LIMITED SPACES!
wellstccoaching@gmail.com
www.wellstc.co.uk/coaching/

HAPPY HEALTHY HOLIDAYS... IS BACK FOR EASTER!

4 SESSIONS PER CHILD ONLY

Exciting activity clubs for children aged 5 - 16, who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals across Somerset

GET A BOOKING CODE FROM YOUR SCHOOL

BOOKINGS OPEN ON 2ND MARCH

FOOD INCLUDED!

Find and book **FREE** local activities by visiting: www.sasp.co.uk/happy-healthy-holidays or scan the QR code!

SASP Somerset Activity Support Partnership Somerset Council Department for Education happy healthy holidays somerset



Local Events



PQA WELLS
IS COMING TO WEST PENNARD

K-POP EASTER

PERFORMING ARTS WORKSHOP & PARTY

THUR 16TH APRIL | 10AM - 3PM
WEST PENNARD VILLAGE HALL
FOR AGES 5-12
ONLY £35
INCLUDES PARTY BAG

CONTACT: LUCY.PAYNE@PQACADEMY.COM

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OF PERFORMING ARTS
BE YOURSELF BE AMAZING

K-POP DANCING
MEET THE EASTER BUNNY
GLITTER TATTOOS
FACE GEMS
HAIR TINSEL
PARTY GAMES
FREE PARTY BAG



PQA WELLS

SPOTLIGHT SESSIONS

MUSICAL THEATRE INTENSIVE

WITH INTERNATIONAL PERFORMER GRACE PARRY
MAMMA MIA INTERNATIONAL TOUR. SINGING IN THE RAIN CHINESE TOUR
AND AWARD WINNING CHOREOGRAPHER ELISHA CRESWICK
ROSE BOWL WINNER BEST CHOREOGRAPHY

WED 8TH & THUR 9TH APRIL | 10AM - 3:30PM
WELLS LITTLE THEATRE

ONLY £35 PER DAY OR £65 FOR 2 DAYS
CHILDREN WILL BE SEPERATED INTO AGE GROUPS
FOR AGES 6 - 18

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PQA WELLS

THE GREATEST SHOW

2 DAY PERFORMING ARTS WORKSHOP

MON 13TH & TUE 14TH APRIL | 10 - 3:30
WELLS LITTLE THEATRE
FOR AGES 5-16
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PQA WELLS

K-POP EASTER

PERFORMING ARTS & PAINT WORKSHOP & PARTY

WED 8TH APRIL | 10AM - 3PM
WELLS LITTLE THEATRE
FOR AGES 5-15
ONLY £35
INCLUDES PARTY BAG

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MEET THE EASTER BUNNY
POTTERY PAINTING
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FACE GEMS
HAIR TINSEL
PARTY GAMES
FREE PARTY BAG



MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP

Wonka

featuring **Jenny Legg**
Assistant Choreographer on the Wonka movie

AND

West End Director Tolley Angell

Friday 10th April 2026
King's College, Taunton
Ages 5 - 18
9am to 4pm

Free demonstration for families at the end of the workshop.
£40 per child (£35 per additional sibling)

Singing, Dancing, and Acting!

To book your place,
email tolley.angell@yahoo.co.uk





STREET CRICKET CLUB

YOUTH SIGN ON

2026 SEASON

Wednesday 1st April
6:30pm
Victoria Club, Street

PRELOVED KIT SALE
Donations welcome

YOUTH TEAMS

- ★ U11 · U13 · U15 · U19
- ★ New players welcome
- ★ All abilities welcome

Bring a friend!

