



Weekly Newsletter 2025-6

Dear Parents and Families

As we conclude the final week of this short half-term, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate everything and everyone who has made these past few weeks so successful.

Well done to our Year 11s for everything they have achieved this term. From successfully completing our new 'Power Hour' initiative to commencing their official exams, this year group continues to go from strength to strength. They should be incredibly proud of their hard work so far.



This year, we have placed attendance front and centre of our school priorities to ensure that all students are making the most of the opportunities available to them. While we still have some room for improvement, it has been pleasing to see that the school is moving firmly in the right direction.

Over the past five weeks, the school's attendance has been, on average, 5% higher each week compared to the exact same weeks in previous years. This clearly demonstrates the commitment of our students and the incredible support you are providing at home. Well done to everyone who has improved or consistently maintained good attendance this term, and thank you to our families for your continued partnership.

Our students are also now close to achieving an incredible milestone for 'On Track' points awarded this year. Collectively the total now sits fingertips away 400,000 'On Track' Points! This is a remarkable total and is a testament to the hard work and effort of every student and year group.

A great example of this collective achievement is our current Year 11 students, who have amassed 75,000 points this year alone. This is particularly impressive as it's a similar number to the whole school's total for the 2023-2024.



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This excellent performance is mirrored across the school, with year groups either matching or exceeding this impressive score. In the final term we will be looking to award as many students as possible with an invitation to the Celebration Carnival. Look out for information about this.

Finally, a huge well done to all the students who have been involved in a brilliant range of extra-curricular events and activities this term. These have included: The Year 7 Mental Health Day, UK Maths Challenge, MNSP Sports Festival, Youth Parliament Trip and MNSP Book Awards. In a term where the focus is quite rightfully on Year 11 and exam preparation, it is wonderful to see these vital opportunities continuing for our other year groups. My thanks, as always, goes to the staff who have given up their time to make these events happen.

I wish everyone a restful, relaxing, and hopefully warm and sunny bank holiday weekend and half-term break. I look forward to seeing everyone again after half term.

Best wishes,

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P. Balkwill Headteacher





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Key Dates

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.

Monday 15th June- Year 10 exams start

Wednesday 17th June & Tuesday 23rd June- Open mornings

Wednesday 10th June- Y10 site study day- History students only

Thursday 18th June- Friday 19th June- Bronze DofE expedition

Important Information

Year 11 Exams

Just a reminder for families and students that we have dedicated webpage to keep everyone updated over the exam period.

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

Dates of the final term

Just a quick reminder that the new term will start on Monday 1st June and finish on Wednesday 15th of July.

Year 10 Exams

Year 10's End of Year Exams start on Monday 15th June. Students will be given the exam timetable shortly. There will be a special assembly to teach students about exam conduct and key revision techniques. We will also be working with students in lessons and tutor time to support preparations.

Please be advised that this exam window is a compulsory part of our programmes of study. Students who are absent will be asked to sit these and catch up upon their return.

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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





Attendance Update

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%	150	0	0	Exceptional
2	98% to 100%	147	4	20	Strong Standard
3	96% to 98%	144	8	40	Expected Standard
4	93% to 96%	140	14	70	Needs Attention
5	90% to 93%	136	38	190	Urgent Improvement
6	Below 90%	135	40	200	Critical Action

As we reach the end of Term 5, there is so much to celebrate at St Dunstan's School. Across our classrooms, corridors and playgrounds, we continue to see young people growing in confidence, friendship and ambition. Every school day matters because every day is filled with moments that cannot be repeated — the lesson where something suddenly clicks, the encouraging smile from a teacher, the laughter between friends, the assembly that sparks an idea, or the quiet achievement that builds self-belief.

Attendance is about far more than simply being present. It is about belonging. It is about being part of a community that notices when you are there and misses you when you are not. At St Dunstan's, we know that children thrive when they feel connected, supported and included, and regular attendance helps build those strong foundations for success.

As we look ahead to Term 6, there is a real sense of excitement in the air. Summer brings opportunities for celebration, enrichment, sports days, trips, transition events and those important final weeks of learning that help children finish the year feeling proud of how far they have come.



Attendance Update

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



Discover the benefits of consistent attendance

PERFORMANCE

Consistent attendance leads to improved academic performance and higher grades over time.



TEAMWORK

Regular attendance fosters better teamwork skills, enhancing group dynamics and collaboration among peers.



RELIABILITY

Consistent attendance builds a reputation for reliability, making you a valued member of any team.



BE PRESENT

Commit to showing up for success and growth.



These weeks matter enormously. A strong finish to the academic year can make a powerful difference to confidence, progress and readiness for September.

We would like to thank all of our families for the support, encouragement and partnership you continue to show. Excellent attendance is always strongest when schools and families work together with kindness, consistency and high expectations.

Let us make Term 6 a term of energy, positivity and togetherness — where every child feels inspired to walk through the gates each morning knowing that they are valued, capable and part of something special here at St Dunstan's School, Glastonbury.

Every day is a chance to learn.

Every day is a chance to belong.

Every day matters.

Your attendance shapes your future!



Attendance League Results

St Dunstan's Attendance League

Please find last week's attendance league results...

Year 9 and 10

1st – 10JAN

2nd – 10JWA

3rd – 10CSH

A clean sweep for Year 10 this week!

Come on Year 9... can you steal the top spots this week?

Year 7 and 8

1st – 8AHA

2nd – 7CPE

3rd – 7RBR

Great stuff this week from all tutor groups - it was so close! Keep it up for this week and then enjoy half term.

Every day in school matters!

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On Track Update

**CONGRATULATIONS
STUDENTS!**



**399,500
POINTS ACHIEVED
SINCE SEPTEMBER**

**LET'S SEE IF WE CAN GET TO 500,000 BY
THE END OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR!**



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St Dunstan's Day

St Dunstan was Archbishop of Canterbury and the patron saint of English goldsmiths and silversmiths. His feast day is celebrated each year on 19th May, making it the perfect time to reflect on all the things we love about St Dunstan's School!



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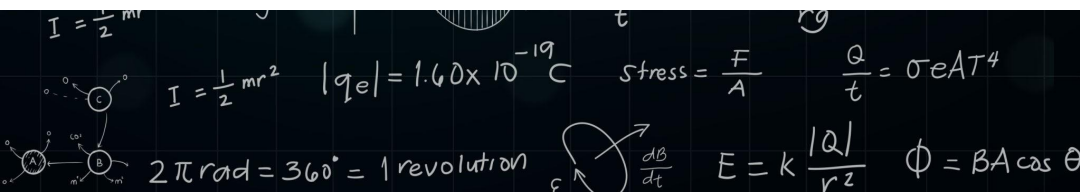
Maths Challenge

Top Maths sets in Years 7 and 8 have just completed the UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) Junior Maths Challenge - also known as the "National Maths Challenge". Similarly, at the end of January, top Maths sets in Years 9, 10 and 11 took the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge - a significantly more advanced paper.

St Dunstan's always enters our top mathematicians in these national challenges, involving a 1 hour paper with 25 challenging Maths questions. They are annual competitions, which aim to acknowledge the performances of top student mathematicians across the country.

The UKMT awards certificates to the top 40-50% of all participants for high marks. Getting a certificate is no mean feat, given that the participants around the country are typically in the top sets in their year. There are twice as many silver certificates given out compared to gold, and three times as many bronze certificates compared to gold. They are considered as quite an achievement, and can be mentioned when applying for college/university places in the future, particularly for those who get the rare gold ones!

Congratulations to all those students who gave it a go and participated this year, particularly the talented 67 who did receive a certificate.



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Roll of Honour

Junior Maths Challenge Roll of Honour:

Year 7

3 Gold: Leo T (Best in School), Daisy B, Ellis.

10 Silver: Henson, Eliza, Isaac, Xahli, Jake, Bertha, Imani, Theo, Nellie, Leah,

11 Bronze: Blaize, Sophia S, Samuel, Olivia, Oriella, Stanley M, Megan M-J, Sienna-Marie, Daisy C, Megan H, Dhaksayen.

Year 8

5 Silver: Ezmay, Jaydon, Mika, Holly, Molly.

12 Bronze: Sophie U, Elijah, Annabella, Bobby, Monika, Reuben P-E, Harriet C-V, Eyed, Maximus, Chloe H, Maxi, Maggie.

Intermediate Maths Challenge Roll of Honour:

Year 9

1 Silver: August.

3 Bronze: Zander, Bethany, Oscar.

Year 10

2 Gold: Oren (Best in School), Henry.

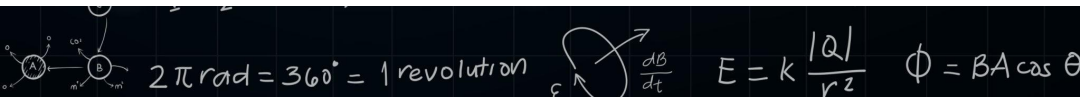
3 Silver: Erin, Jaime, Max.

5 Bronze: Harrison, Tyler J, Ethan, Fay, Elliot W.

Year 11

2 Silver: Toby, Noah S.

10 Bronze: Alex T, Sam B, Saffron, Ania, Phillippa, Katie H, Raeven, Amber, Casper, Julia.



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Uniform Exchange

We are keen to replenish our stocks for our uniform exchange scheme in order to support families with growing costs, as well as our environment.

We are gratefully accepting:

- Blazers, ties, and plain navy V-neck sweaters.
- Trousers, skirts, and school shoes.
- All items of PE kit.
- Revision guides and stationery equipment.

If you have any items, please drop them in to our reception at any time. We will contact you later this term with dates and times for the summer "Exchange Days" where you can source items for the next year. Please note, this is for all families to access.

Thank you for your support.

UNIFORM EXCHANGE SCHEME





St Dunstan's Library presents...



THE BOOK NOOK



Enter to become a child judge for next year's Children's Booker Prize

Do you love reading and want to be on a judging panel alongside Frank Cottrell-Boyce, Lolly Adefope and Sanchita Basu De Sarkar, helping judge the Children's Booker Prize 2027? Well, now is your chance!

Entries must be received by Tuesday 2nd June so you don't have long! For more information, and for the entry form, check out their website!

[Booker Prize - Children's Judging Panel Competition](#)




The
Children's
Booker
Prize
2027

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THE BEST ADVENTURES START WITH A GREAT BOOK



Do you love reading?
Are you aged 8 to 12?

Enter our competition to be a Children's
Booker Prize judge by 2 June 2026!

Visit thebookerprizes.com/children with a grown-up to find out more

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St Dunstan's Library presents...

THE BOOK NOOK

HELP US WIN
£1,000
FOR OUR SCHOOL'S LIBRARY

NATIONAL
BOOK
tokens

In association with

Read
for Good



#rebuildthelibrary

National
Year of
Reading
2026

We still need your vote!

National Book Tokens are giving away £1000 to a school library, and we need your help to be in the running to win it! Please nominate 'St Dunstan's School' on the link below, and you could personally be in with a chance of winning a £100 book voucher every week!

Nominate us!

Thank you for your support, it would make a HUGE difference to the library and to our students to win so much money, so fingers crossed! **Thank you!!**

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PLACES KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) MAY HALF TERM 2026

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN

2 Kids eat free 27th March - 19th April 2026

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with 1 paying adult

BILLS

Kids eat free Mon 25th - Fri 29th May 2026

BREWDOG

Kids eat free 23rd - 31st May 2026

CAFE ROUGE

Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

CHIQUITO

Kids eat free during all school holidays

COCONUT TREE

Kids eat free during half terms

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal purchase

FARMHOUSE INNS

Kids eat FREE from 25th - 29th May 2026

FLAMING GRILL PUBS

Kids eat FREE from 25th - 29th May 2026

FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids eat FREE during school holidays

FRANCO MANCIA

Kids eat FREE school holidays Mon-Thurs

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 from 25th to 29th May 2026.

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE via the App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

PIZZA HUT

Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm

PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PREZZO

Kids up to age 12 eat for £1 during half terms

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TESCO

Kids eat free May half term with any adult spend

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free Mon 11th - Sun 31st May (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

TURTLE BAY

Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend via app

VILLAGE HOTELS

Kids eat free weekdays via the village app

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

ZIZZI

Kids eat free via app during school holidays

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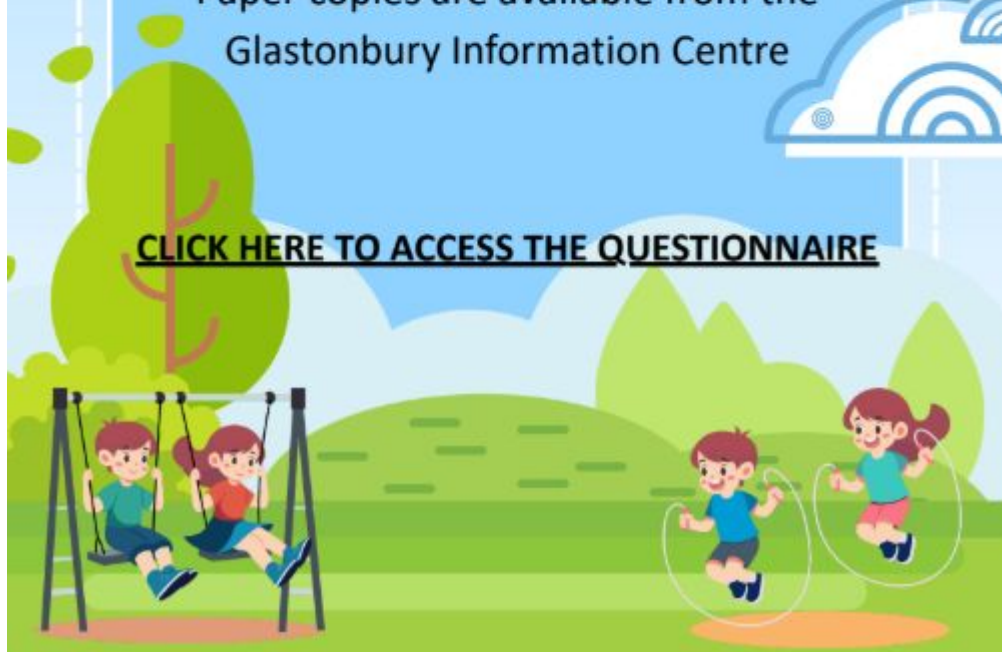
ABBHEY PARK PLAY AREA

Have your say!

Everyone's voice matters, whether you're a child who plays here, a parent or carer, or someone who enjoys Abbey Park.

Please take part in our questionnaire.
Paper copies are available from the
Glastonbury Information Centre

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE QUESTIONNAIRE](#)



[Questionnaire Link](#)

The Bishop's Palace, Wells

GARDEN FETE


Saturday 6th June

 **Petting Farm**
with Puxton Park

 **Artisan Market**
with 50+ stalls

 **Live Music**

 **Hula Hoop Show**

 **Axe throwing**
with Mendip Activity Centre

 **Meet the Gardening team**

 **Big Bloomers Walkabout Show**

 **Dog Show**
with Pawsability

 **Food stalls and bar**

Craft & Produce Competition
in partnership with
Wells Tuesday WI

Classes include:
An animal made from fruit or vegetables
Six fairy cakes
A model made from recycled materials
A drawing or painting of a landscape

Plus! Half price entry when you enter a class!

SCAN HERE for more information

BOOK NOW!

www.bishopspalace.org.uk

Annual Passes are not valid for this event
This is a fundraising event for The Palace Trust





May Half Term at The Bishop's Palace



Art Adventurers crafting
Thurs 28th May



Discover the Dragon's Lair
and Splash Play Zone



Follow the family trail
23-31 May



Children's menu in The
Bishop's Table café



Feed the newly-hatched
cygnets*



Family multimedia tours
of the Palace



Activities included with admission
www.bishopspalace.org.uk

*Please purchase swan food from our Ticket Office



OPEN EVENT

REGISTER
NOW!

STRODE COLLEGE
Wed 10 June | 6pm - 8pm

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Additional Support Courses for Parents

Three new courses offered by FACE, separate from the school membership.

Full access to all three courses for £6.99/month

Complete at your own pace, cancel anytime.



Building Emotional Resilience

Work through six stages of directed exercises to help your child (and yourself) improve emotional resilience.



Facing Defiance

A specific strategy aimed at supporting parents of children aged 5 to 12 with ADHD, ODD or just very challenging behaviour.



You & Your Teen

A skills building course for one parent and one teen (12 years old and above) to learn how they can both improve their communication with each other.

www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Online Courses for Parents page

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

