

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

To Parents/Guardians

Welcome to this week's newsletter. It was great to welcome back our students and finally see some sunshine this week! Please read this newsletter carefully for updates regarding events in the past week as well as what is coming up over the next few months.

Key Updates for Families

Monday 3 March- Friday 7 March

Year 11 Exams Continue

Thursday 6 March

World Book Day

Monday 10 March

GCSE Food practical exams begin

Thursday 13 March

Year 7 Parents Evening.

Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 March

School Production

Items to Celebrate

Firstly I would like to thank the PTA for organising the annual family quiz night at the school. It was good to see so many families involved in raising money to support the school whilst having some fun along the way.



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A particular vote of thanks goes to Adele Pole-Evans for organising the questions and Matt Gunton for the refreshments. Thank you to Mrs Gregory and Mrs Manning for compèring the evening too.

Well done to all of our Year 11s on the completion of the first week of trial exams. This is the final opportunity students will get to experience full sets of exam papers for the summer. The exams are often an important learning experience for students and will inform their preparations for the summer. We have all been impressed with their efforts this week and I wish them luck for the final few days.

Thankyou to all the families who responded to the questionnaire sent out at the end of term. We value the feedback received and will use it to improve and develop the school further. If you would like to contribute please follow the link below to submit your views.
<https://forms.gle/kvfdBkvRZ1ZTvaJR6>

Thankyou for your continued support and I look forward to updating you again next week.

Best wishes

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Thursday 6th March

World Book Day



World Book Day: Thursday 6th March 2025

On World Book Day we invite everyone, staff and students alike, to dress up as a book character for the day to celebrate a love of reading!

This is not a non-uniform day, so characters like the Wimpy Kid who dress in normal clothes won't be allowed. We want you to be creative and dress appropriately.

Please ensure the character you choose is from a book, not just from a film or video game, and is not offensive to anyone.

We will be participating in lots of book-related activities throughout the day alongside normal lessons to celebrate the joy of reading.



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Sports Clubs this term



After-school Sports Clubs - 3:15pm to 4:15pm - Arrive at changing rooms with kit

All clubs are open to both Boys and Girls unless otherwise stated

Monday - Yr 7+8 Football ; Yr7+8 Netball ; Yr 9-11 Gym

Wednesday - Badminton (all years) ; Yr9-11 Gym (girls only)

Thursday - Yr9-11 Football ; Yr 9-11 Netball ; Yr 9-11 Gym

Friday - Basketball (all years) ; Yr9-11 Gym

	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
Mon A	10A1 10A2 Girls - FITNESS/GYM - Miss Pengelly Boys - FOOTBALL - Mr Waugh		8A1 8A2 Girls - NETBALL - Miss Elkins Boys - FOOTBALL - Mr Waugh		
Tues A		9A3 9A4 Girls - NETBALL - Miss Pengelly Boys - FOOTBALL - Mr Waugh	7Y1 7Y2 Girls - FOOTBALL - Miss Pengelly Boys - NETBALL - Mr Waugh	6A2 6A1 Girls - NETBALL - Miss Pengelly Boys - FOOTBALL - Mr Norris	8B1 8B2 Girls - NETBALL - Miss Pengelly Boys - FOOTBALL - Mr Norris
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Fri A			7X1 7X2 7X3 ALL Girls - NETBALL - Miss Pengelly/Mr Norris ALL Boys - FOOTBALL - Mr Waugh/Mr Norris	11A 11A Girls - GAMES - Miss Pengelly Boys - GAMES - Mr Waugh	11B 11B Girls - GAMES - Miss Pengelly Boys - GAMES - Mr Waugh

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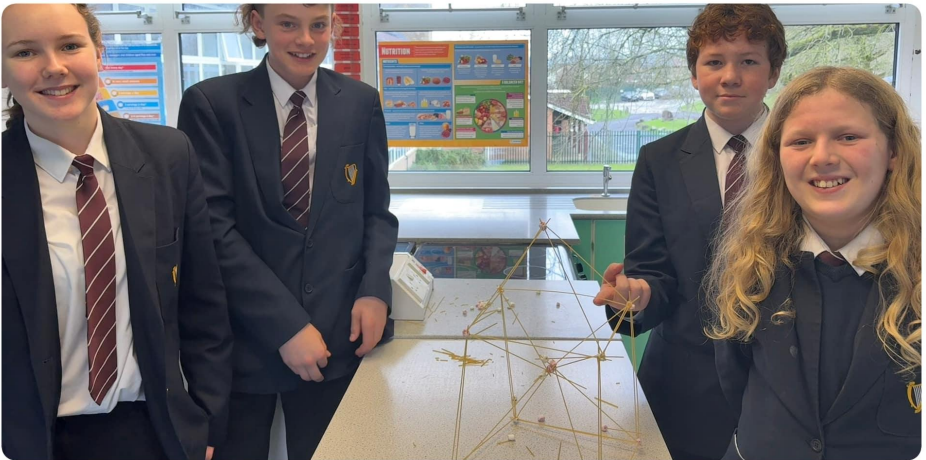
Year 9 Geography



Our budding architects from Year 9 faced a strange predicament this week — to design and build quake-proof structures, but with spaghetti and marshmallows.

Our Year 9s faced up to the challenge, and some of these structures remarkably survived the simulated earthquakes.

This task not only showcased the students' creativity and problem-solving skills but also provided practical insights into structural engineering and resilience. Well done!



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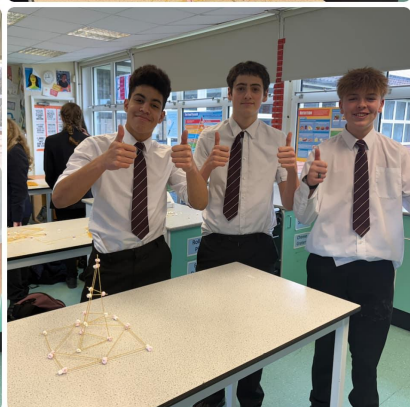
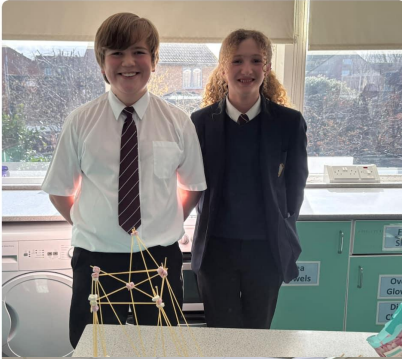
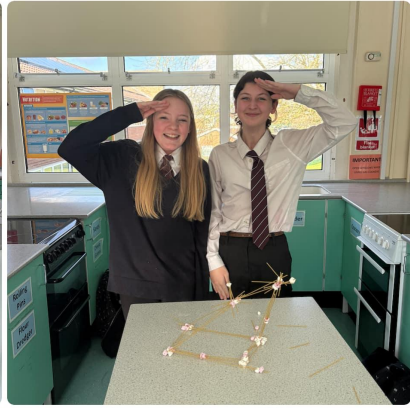
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Collaborate Digital Competition Vote...



We need your help!



A few weeks ago, Collaborate Digital came in to work with our students. All Y1-10 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 1 have been selected as finalists out of the 50 podcasts created and will therefore go through to the public vote.

Voting will open on Wednesday 5th March. 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 12 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 11th March at 5pm**. So please, vote as much as you can!

Fingers crossed for our students!



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We have a lot of lost property that has not been claimed. Lots of items of clothing do not have names in, so please take a moment to look at these photos and see if anything is yours so it can be claimed from the school office before it is too late.

**DEADLINE TO COLLECT ITEMS IS FRIDAY 7th MARCH,
AFTERWARDS IT WILL ALL BE DONATED!**



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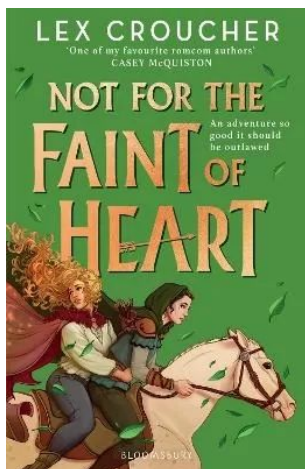
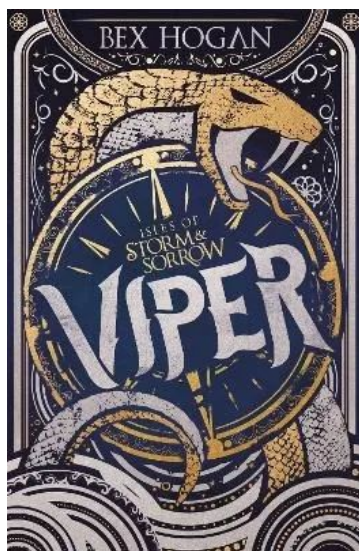
St Dunstan's Library presents...

THE BOOK NOOK

Review by
Ena in Year 9



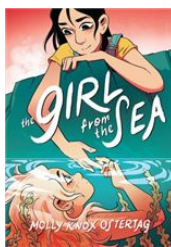
This book was a very high adrenaline read, a mixture of fantasy and pirates, all set in a world where magic is seen as dark and forbidden. When I read this book, it gave me reminders of Tricia Levenseller, and her book Daughter of the Pirate King. A very engrossing book, well worth the read.



Mrs Morris' book of the week...

Heartstopper meets Robin Hood in this funny, historical romp through Sherwood Forest, only Robin Hood's band of merry men aren't necessarily the good guys any more... Clem, a healer, finds herself thrown into a world of intrigue, adventure and romance in this fun fantasy. I loved it.

Popular loans this week:



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Youth Ambassador Programme

International Aid for the Protection and Welfare of Animals



IAPWA (International Aid for the Protection and Welfare of Animals) invites students to join their Youth Ambassador Programme. The initiative offers young people aged 11-18 the chance to develop leadership and advocacy skills, contribute to animal welfare projects, and earn the prestigious title of Youth Ambassador.

Participants will engage in fundraising, awareness campaigns, and advocacy efforts while receiving mentorship and training from charity professionals. The Youth Ambassador title recognises their dedication to animal protection and helps build their future in advocacy and leadership.

If any students are interested or for more information, please don't hesitate to contact IAPWA who are happy to provide further details and to inspire the next generation of animal welfare advocates.

[IAPWA Website](#)

[Contact Page](#)



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Talent Show Opportunity



PORTWAY PERFORMING ARTS AND PORTWAY MUSIC SCHOOL

The TALENT SHOW!

SATURDAY 26TH APRIL

You have been given this leaflet because someone knows you have a very special talent.
Portway Performing Arts are searching the area to find the best talent there is to perform
at a showcase on April 26th 2025.

Have you got what it takes to reach the final and to win?

The process:

1. Practice, practice, practice!
2. Record your audition tape.
3. Send to portwaymusicschool@gmail.com
4. Wait to see if you get through to the final.
5. If you are successful, perform in front of a live audience at Wookey Hole Theatre.

If you'd like more info or advice, please contact us via socials or email.



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Careers



**Room 8 with Miss Kench
Tuesday Lunchtimes 12.30pm**

KS4 Lunchtime Drop-In Sessions

**Chat about post-16 options,
work experience, revision, on
TRACK programme, wellbeing
and lots more! All welcome!**

**SELF
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**RADIATE
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PTA Announcements

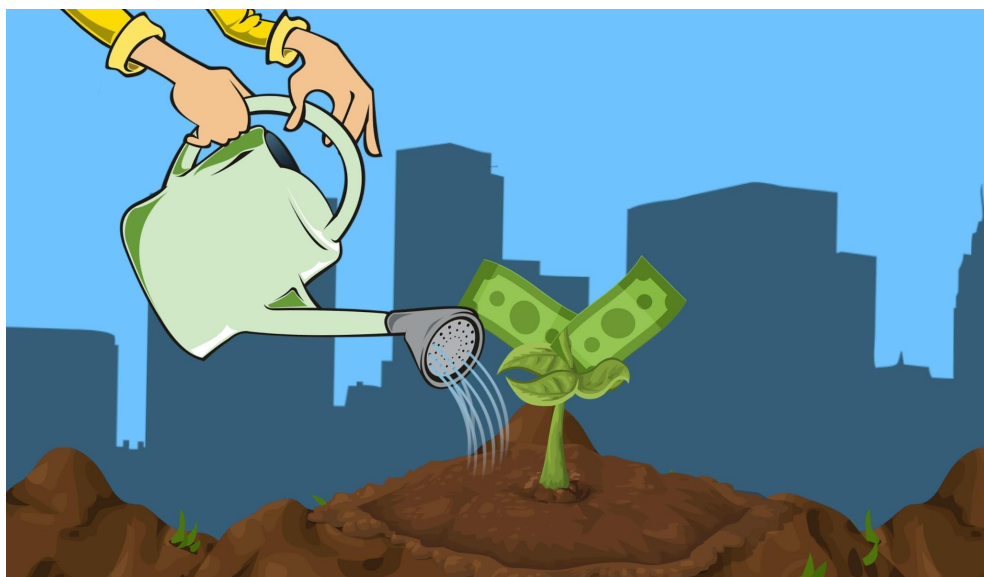


An easy way to support the PTA and the school by raising money for the PTA every time you shop online.

Please use the link below to join Easyfundraising and the PTA will receive a donation whenever you shop online at over 7,000 online shops including Amazon, Argos, Tesco, Ocado, Tui...

Either download the app or simply visit the Easyfundraising website before continuing to the online store. Easyfundraising will receive a donation from the retailer for the PTA at no cost to you. Please support this help raise money for our school.

[Easy Fundraising PTA St Dunstan's](#)



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Aerial Silks & Aerial Hoop

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via standing order
(classes only run term time)

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TIMETABLE

Mondays

4.45 PM Junior Beginner Silks

6.00 PM Junior Intermediate Silks

Tuesdays

5.00 PM Teens Beginner Silks

6.15 PM Teens Intermediate Silks

Wednesdays

3.45 PM Kids Mixed Aerial

5.00 PM Juniors Mixed Aerial

6:15PM Teens Intermediate Hoop

Thursdays

4.15 PM Junior Beginner Silks

Fridays

3.45 PM Junior Intermediate Silks

4.50 PM Teens Intermediate Silks



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PARENTS –

**GUIDING OUR CHILDREN THROUGH
THEIR EDUCATION IS ONE OF OUR
GREATEST ROLES.**



MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Consistent support and motivation from you plays a pivotal role in their success, and this begins with school attendance – that isn't just about adhering to school rules; it's about shaping their future, one day at a time.

**If your child is struggling with school attendance, our tips overleaf can help you help them.
Or if you have any concerns contact your child's school.**



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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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Local Events

YMCA BRUNEL GROUP

BATH | BRISTOL | WILTSHIRE
EAST & SOUTH SOMERSET

GLASTONBURY YOUTH CLUBS

**An exciting opportunity to
meet new friends & join in
fun activities.**

Mondays 7-9pm: Windmill Hill

Fridays 7-9pm: Red Brick

Term-time only | Entry £1



Weekly youth clubs & extra events and trips

Hang out with your friends | Meet new people | Activities & games | Free food

we
welcome all
young
people
aged 10-19



let's all
catch up,
have fun
and support
each other!

To sign up please access the consent form by scanning the QR code or via the link
<https://forms.gle/AvNMEj3MqWZv3rux5> Consent must be provided by a parent/carer

Contact us:

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www.ymca-bg.org

Find us:

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Red Brick Building, Moorland Road, Glastonbury, BA1 9FT

YMCA

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Here for you



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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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