

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Families and Parents,

Welcome back to Term 6! I hope everyone had a refreshing half-term break.

The final weeks of the school year are often incredibly busy, with many exciting events and important activities packed in. Please take a moment to read this newsletter carefully for all the latest updates.

## Important Information

### Parent Feedback

A big thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to our recent survey. Your views and feedback are truly valued and will be used to inform future developments at the school.

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

<https://forms.gle/hYXZJSEMrpdduos9>

### Equipment

Alongside their basic school supplies, we expect students to continue bringing their **mini whiteboards**. To help families, all students received a mini whiteboard and pen in February, and we've provided replacements when needed.



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NEXT WEEK  
ASSEMBLY  
FOCUS:

**Pride 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

[Click here for  
Extra-Curricular  
Activities](#)

[Click here for  
term dates](#)



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Moving forward, please ensure your child has their whiteboard and pen with them, and that they are replaced if lost or damaged. You can find suitable replacements at retailers such as:

[The works](#)

[Amazon](#),

[B&Q](#)

[Tesco](#)

[Asda](#)

If you're struggling to find a replacement or need further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

### 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**.

### Arbor Communications

We've heard from several families that school communications are still ending up in SPAM folders. Please take a moment to **check your SPAM or junk mail** to ensure you haven't missed any important correspondence over the past few weeks. The easiest way to resolve this is to save the arbor email address as a known contact.

### Getting in Touch with the School

To ensure your query reaches the most appropriate person quickly, please email **secretary@stdunstans.mnsp.org.uk** for all school communication. Direct emails to individual staff members may not always be received promptly. For more detailed information and guidance on how to contact us, please visit our dedicated 'Getting in Touch' page on the school website.



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### Important Dates

- **Week beginning June 8, 2025:**

Year 11 Exams continue

Year 10 Exams begin

- **June 12-14:** Normandy Residential Trip
- **June 19-20:** DfE Expedition
- **June 27:** School closed
- **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 huge congratulations to all the Year 10s who were recently appointed as Student Leaders! We're excited to see you develop in these important roles in the coming weeks and months.

Thank you and well done to all the students and staff involved in fundraising initiatives over the past month. Community and kindness are two of our fundamental school values, and we are incredibly proud of everyone who dedicates their time to help others and support good causes.

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

Best wishes,

P. Balkwill



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## Student Leaders



Introducing Our Student Leaders for 2025-26!

We're absolutely thrilled to announce the new St Dunstan's Student Leaders ready for September! These inspiring students represent everything we stand for – Truth, Resilience, Ambition, Community, and Kindness and will be shining role models for our school.

Choosing was no easy task – we were blown away by the passion, thoughtfulness and heart in every single application. A HUGE thank you to everyone who applied – you made us proud!

More leadership opportunities will be coming soon... so watch this space!



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## Term 6 Sports Clubs



It is time to get active!

We're excited to announce our extra-curricular clubs for Term 6. Whether you're looking to try something new or improve your skills, there's something for everyone. All clubs run from 3:15pm to 4:15pm each week. Simply report to the PE changing rooms with your kit!

Here's the schedule for this term:

### **Monday:**

Rounders (All Year Groups)

Gym Session (Year 9-11)

### **Wednesday:**

Softball (All Year Groups)

Girls Only Gym Session (Year 9-11)

### **Thursday:**

Tennis (All Year Groups)

Gym Session (Year 9-11)

### **Friday:**

Gym Session (Year 9-11)

Don't miss out on the fun and fitness! Join us after school and stay active.



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## Library Nominations



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



National Book Tokens are running their annual school prize and we need your help.

To be in with a chance of winning £1000 for our school library, we need as many nominations as we can get, and we'd be very grateful if you could nominate us via the link below.

It is free to enter and you'll also be in with a chance of winning an £100 book voucher if our school wins.

Please write our school name AND Glastonbury, BA6 9BY in the nominations box as there are other St Dunstan's schools across the UK.

Thank you so much for your help and support, and fingers crossed.

[National Book Tokens Nomination Page](#)



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# School Garden



THANK YOU to everyone who has supported our school garden so far – your donations have helped our students start planting. We're now looking for donations of compost to help enrich our soil. If you have any compost to spare—or know someone who does—we'd be incredibly grateful!

Donations can be brought to the school reception.

Thank you



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## Year 9 DT Creations



Year 9 Product Design students have been working hard to complete their USB desk lamps.

They've used a variety of techniques, including laminating wood , hand and machine wood processing , laser cutting, and soldering. The results are amazing.

Some very proud students, and teacher.



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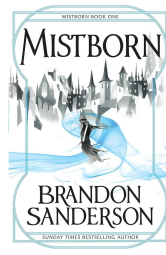


St Dunstan's Library presents...

# THE BOOK NOOK



## New books in the library:



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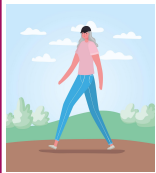
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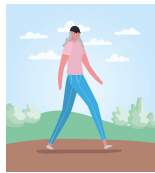
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## Student Spotlight



It has been a busy week for St Dunstan's students (and staff!) because last weekend, Aisha in year 8, Reggie in year 9, Miss Kench, and her 80 year old father, were all involved in the Mendip Mental Health Hike to raise money for Heads Up Somerset, a local mental health charity that helps adults to improve mental health and wellbeing through creativity, empowerment and support.

Aisha volunteered, getting up at 5am and not getting home until 10.30pm, to help on the support vehicle, handing out water, food and cheering the hikers along the 28 mile route. As it is volunteering week this week, it is great that we can celebrate her brilliant contribution.

Miss Kench, her father, and Reggie all walked a whopping 17 miles to raise money and awareness for the charity, which is an incredible achievement.

Well done to everyone involved!



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## Student Spotlight



We are very impressed with some of our sporting stars in Year 7. Noah, Lucas, Mika and Isambard all play for Street FC and have just had a very successful run. They won the under 12s Taunton League, the under 12s Yeovil League and the Yeovil David Trophy Cup.

Well done to the four of them, and keep up the excellent work.



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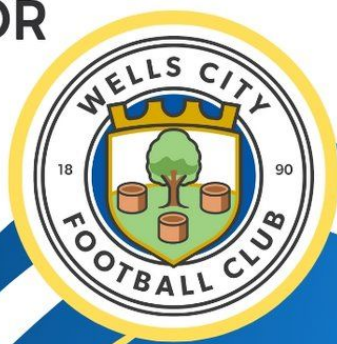


We are very proud of one of another one of our sporting stars! Joshua in Year 8 has been selected to represent Wells City Football Club Under 13s in a football tournament in France! The tournament will take place in Montpellier next weekend.

We wish Joshua the very best of luck, and look forward to hearing how the team fares when he's back.

## WELLS CITY JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

2025



If you have any spotlight stories that you would like to share, please send them, along with relevant photographs, to [secretary@stdunstans.mnsp.org.uk](mailto:secretary@stdunstans.mnsp.org.uk) with the subject line: Newsletter Student Spotlight.



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## Staff See Twelfth Night



What a wonderful time our staff had on their visit to see Shakespeare's Twelfth Night this week at the beautiful Glastonbury Abbey. The rain held off for the outdoor performance and a great time was had by all.

The show was a welcome break for the staff who attended and it was lovely to see so many members of the community and students enjoying the show too.

How lucky we are to have such enriching experiences in our town!



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## PTA Uniform Request



### Uniforms wanted

As exams finish and the school year nears its end, please donate any no-longer-needed, good condition uniforms or PE kit to the PTA who will pass them on free of charge to anyone who needs them.

Blazers and PE kits are especially in demand.

We're really grateful for your donations, they go a long way to helping our students and make a real difference.

Items can be left at reception at any time. Thank you so much for your help.

If you are in need of an item, please contact the PTA at [stdunstanscommunitypta@gmail.com](mailto:stdunstanscommunitypta@gmail.com)



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## PTA Fundraising



An easy and **free** 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 visit the Easyfundraising website before continuing to the online store you are shopping at. 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](#)

The PTA has also very kindly set up a wishlist for the library with books the students have specifically requested. If you would like to support the library, the link is below. Any donated books will get a named insert inside, so please leave your name in the notes so we know who to thank.

### [Library Wishlist](#)

Thank you for your support, it really helps the PTA, which in turn helps the students have a better school experience.



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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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## Local Events



# WESSEX YOUTH FC

U13S (CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR 8)

Wessex Youth are looking for new players for our u13s Girls, and our u13s Boys teams.

For more information, and to get involved, please contact – [secretary@wessexfc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@wessexfc.co.uk)



**ACCREDITED CLUB**  
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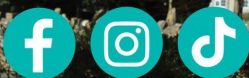
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## Careers Events



Join us at our  
**OPEN  
EVENING**  
Thu 12 June  
5.30-8pm

**REGISTER  
ONLINE  
TODAY!**

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# New Arbor App (replacing Talaxy)



We have now switched to Arbor and our new app is live! Please check your emails carefully for details on how to log in and set yourself up.

Please contact the school office if you require any assistance.



## We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Parent App

### We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Parent App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Parent App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

### How to get started

1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday

The Sunnyville School of Magic  
W10 5BN, London, GBR

Enter your password

Log in

Forgotten password?

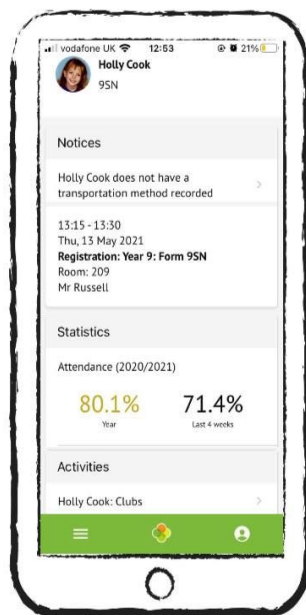
### Need help using Arbor?

**Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal.** Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

#### Some tips to try:

1. Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to **check the email address** linked to your account.
2. **Reset your password** from the login page, or ask us to do this.
3. If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the **password link will have expired**. Ask us to send it again.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
5. **Enter the birthday** of one of your children to log in.
6. Only relatives who are **Primary Guardians** of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.



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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.midsomernortonschoolpartnership.com/attendance](http://www.midsomernortonschoolpartnership.com/attendance)

**We're here to help if you need it.**



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<b><u>O</u>rganised &amp; Proactive</b>	<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>
<b><u>N</u>eat &amp; Tidy work</b>	<p>Smart, well presented books demonstrating your best work</p>
<b><u>T</u>enacity</b>	<p>Trying your hardest, rising to challenges, having a 'can do' attitude, working out solutions and taking ownership of your learning</p>
<b><u>R</u>eady, Respectful and Responsible</b>	<p>Being a role model by consistently demonstrating our basic expectations</p>
<b><u>A</u>nswering, reading and listening like an expert</b>	<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>
<b><u>C</u>ontributing to the class</b>	<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>
<b><u>K</u>indness &amp; Community minded</b>	<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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