

# St Dunstan's School

## GLASTONBURY

### WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to this week's newsletter. 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 10 March

GCSE Food practical exams begin

##### Thursday 13 March

Year 7 Parents Evening

##### Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 April

School Production

#### Items to Celebrate

Thankyou to Mrs Gregory and Mrs Morris for your organisation of the World Book Day events. The events alongside the engagement of staff and students alike, was a real illustration of the fantastic reading culture in the school.

Well done to all of our Year 11s on the completion of the trial exams. This is the final opportunity students will get to experience full sets of exam papers before the summer. We have all been impressed with their efforts this week and we look forward to sharing the results along with valuable feedback over the coming weeks.



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NEXT WEEK  
ASSEMBLY  
FOCUS:

International  
Women's Day

#### Key Dates

Thursday 13th  
March: Year 7  
Parents'  
Evening

Friday 21st  
March: Year 9  
Mental Health  
trip to Millfield

2nd & 3rd  
April: School  
Production  
Performances

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term dates](#)



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Thankyou to all the families who responded to the questionnaire sent. 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



As a school, we pride ourselves in championing reading and our love of books all year round. World Book Day, for us, is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate that even more. We had a great turnout this year, with almost every member of staff dressed in their finest costumes, with lots of faculties doing group ensembles.

Students came in amazing and some really creative, homemade outfits, and it was wonderful to see such enthusiasm for books.

Throughout the day we had a selection of wrapped books hidden around the school to be found, a short story split into sections and told during every lesson, and a trail with staff baby photos and their favourite books, with a prize for the most right answers! A very fun day, celebrating literature and adding a bit of whimsy into our term.



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## Just Write Competition Winner



Recently some members of Just Write Club entered a competition where they had to create and describe their very own character who would fit into the fantasy world of Hobbledown.

Their prize? To have their characters drawn by professional illustrator E. B. Davies and to win a family ticket to Hobbledown Heath. We are delighted to report that our very own Maggie H won the competition! Huge well done Maggie, we're very proud of your writing and creativity. Here are her characters, drawn by a pro...



“Loves creativity, like plants, animals, and a little bit of art. They live in a cottage at the edge of the forest in Wilderness Wood, but sometimes strolls through the Creek Hobblers side of town”



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# Just Write Competition Winner



Here is Maggie's winning entry....



## Stalia the Hobbler and Maple the Cow by Maggie H.

Stalia: Pale porcelain skin, with a touch of faint freckles and a mole on the left cheek. Large hazel eyes with lovely long eyelashes. Short, spiky, blonde hair with darker gold tints. Little floofy sideburns on the side of face. Sharp chin. Little fangs on white teeth. Little braids in hair. [...] Long elvish ears with lots of piercings like little leaves. Wears a headband sometimes that makes her hair even more spiky. An acorn necklace. [...] Loves creativity, like plants, animals, and a little bit of art. Horrible at concentrating at something that isn't that. Wears a loose white cotton shirt with the top two buttons undone. Has a little feather charm as the main earrings. Beady odd necklace with wooden beads, seaglass, and rocks and precious stones. [...] Always little nature things in pockets. Boots are upper calf length. Has a pet cow. Bouncy and helpful. Lovely to be around.

Maple the cow: Orangy brown and short haired with an extra fluffy neck floof. Lovely butterscotch eyes. Medium horns that Stalia decorates with vines and strings of beads. A cute tail with a darker brown poof at the end matching the neck floof. A little string of beads as a bracelet around that as well. Wears a satchel around neck for stalia. Little dark brown hooves. Has little floofs at the ankle. Lovely, clever and docile. Round curvy face. little floof on forehead. Sometimes covers eyes, so Stalia tiers it up and makes it look cute. Sometimes sticks tongue out after hard work. Darker muzzle. Basically a highland cow. Everyone loves her. They live in a cottage at the edge of the forest in wilderness wood, but sometimes strolls through the creek hobblers side of town, because she is so likeable, they let her slide, especially when she helps them out.

Well done Maggie! Enjoy Hobbledown Heath.



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# Production Introductions

## Lion King - School Production

With weeks until opening night, the countdown to The Lion King performances is on and the cast and backstage teams are busy working hard to get the show ready.

Over the coming weeks, we are going to be introducing the cast and will be releasing tickets sales soon.

This week we have Eva and Zahanin Year 7 who are taking on the iconic roles of Timon and Pumbaa, they are brilliant as these characters as they show Simba how to live in the jungle and help him go back to become king.

**Hakuna Matata!**



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# Production Introductions



## Introduce the cast

### Eva is...

Hello, my name is Eva and I am playing the role of Timon in our production of the Lion King. I am in year 7, so I am very grateful to have such an amazing role in this show as I am just starting my time at secondary school. I really hope you all enjoy the performance, and I will do my best to put on a great show for all of you. I love acting as Timon because I get to make people laugh and smile.  
See you on the 2nd and 3rd of April!



Timon



## Introduce the cast

### Zahan is...

Hi my name is Zahan, and I am hugely excited to perform the role of Pumbaa in the Lion King.  
Since a young age I have admired the Lion King and the story line, and in Manchester I saw The Lion King musical and it blew my mind. I've participated in many performances in the past, and I'm looking forward to adding one of my favourite musicals to the list, and carrying on acting in the future.



Pumbaa



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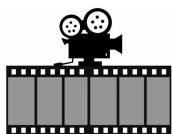
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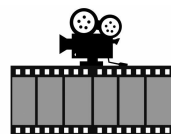
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## Pinewood Studios Trip



The Year 11 Media Studies group had a great day at the Futures Film Festival last Friday, held at the home of James Bond and Star Wars.

We saw a great range of vehicles like the Batmobile and the Ghostbusters Wagon, as well as Tow Mater from Cars.

The day was dedicated to educating young people about the broad range of careers available in the film and TV industry and connected with our core value of ambition.

From Stormtroopers and Darth Vader ; to Deadpool and R2D2; we met a range of people associated with the industry and were in awe of the skills and knowledge they shared.

A favourite of all was the time spent using the cameras and learning about how Unreal Engine is now being used in films as an alternative to green screen and the possibilities that this provides.

Our students, as always, were a credit to us and gave us a really rewarding day.



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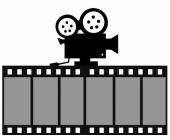


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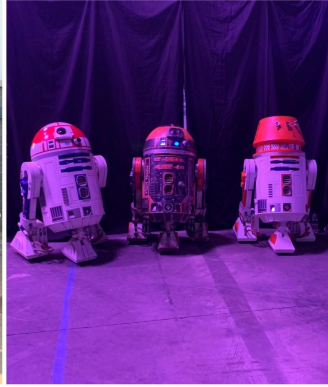
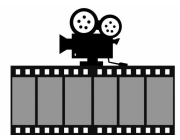


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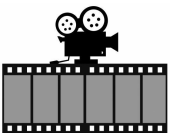


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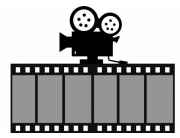


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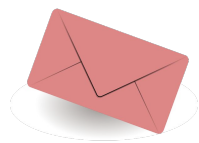
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## Pen Pals trip to Glastonbury Care Home



This week students from Year 9 and 10 who have been participating in our pen pals scheme got to visit Glastonbury Care Home to meet their pen pals.

We had a wonderful morning with the residents, catching up since our last letters, and our students all brought along books to read to their pen pals to celebrate World Book Day this week. After some reading, word searches and biscuits were brought out, and the time we spent at the care home flew by.

It was absolutely fantastic to see how well our students communicated, some having really engaging and uplifting conversations with residents suffering with dementia or non-verbal residents, and it really made everyone's day much brighter.

We are so proud of the kindness and generosity of spirit shown by our students, and they should be very proud of themselves! The residents all had a wonderful time, as did we, and we look forward to our future trips later this term.



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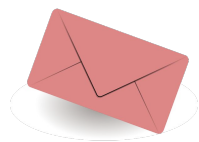


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# Pen Pals trip to Glastonbury Care Home



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## PTA Quiz



Thank you to all who attended our quiz night hosted by our fabulous PTA. It was an excellent event filled with challenging questions. The questions focused on a range of school subjects such as science and maths, English Literature and Drama and PE . Even the quiz masters learned a thing or two!

The winning teams were The Glastonbury Occasionals who steadily held a good place in the rankings throughout the competition. They were joined by the top student team, The Spanish Inquisition .

All events put on by the PTA benefit our children and we are lucky to have such a proactive group of parents who work hard for us . They are always looking for new members to lend a hand so if you think you could help, please get in touch with our school reception team.



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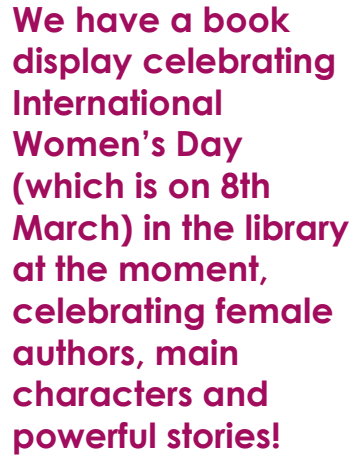
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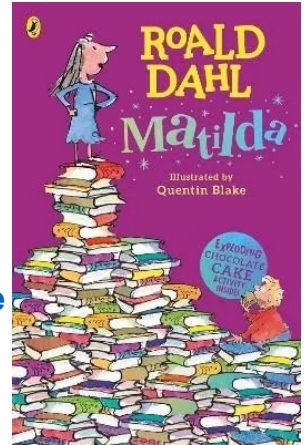
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# THE BOOK NOOK



**This book is probably my favourite book ever. I have read it at least three times and that has made me watch the musical twice as well. The story is gripping and enchanting, with Matilda being a super brave and funny girl. Despite her difficulties at home and school, she speaks up against it all and makes things fair.**



### Popular loans this week:



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# Talent Show Opportunity

Open to dancers, singers, and musicians and more!

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](mailto: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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# 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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## 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!**

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# Things to do this Easter Holidays



## HAPPY HEALTHY HOLIDAYS... IS BACK FOR EASTER!

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

4 SESSIONS  
PER CHILD  
ONLY



GET A  
BOOKING  
CODE FROM  
YOUR  
SCHOOL

BOOKINGS  
OPEN ON  
17TH  
MARCH



FOOD  
INCLUDED!



Find and book **FREE** local activities by visiting:  
[www.sasp.co.uk/happy-healthy-holidays](http://www.sasp.co.uk/happy-healthy-holidays)  
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# Things to do this Easter Holidays



## Key information for Happy Healthy Holidays Easter!

- Before bookings go live take a look at our 'how to make a bookings video' using this link  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7fInPPFjSbU>
- Bookings open on Monday 17th March at 10am which you can access  
<https://www.sasp.co.uk/happy-healthy-holidays>
- To book onto activities you will need to login into Playwaze, and enter the code your school should have given you
- Your Playwaze login is the same you used for the winter programme, if you have forgotten your password you can reset it by clicking the reset button
- Book your desired activities, you can book up to 4 days of provision per individual child
- If you need assistance you can email our HHH team or call between 9am-1pm Monday- Friday



✉ [hhh@sasp.co.uk](mailto:hhh@sasp.co.uk) ☎ 07843 816168 / 01823 653992 (Open 9am - 1pm)



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# Things to do this Easter Holidays



## Key information for Happy Healthy Holidays Easter!



**Need help with booking?  
Watch this video**



**Bookings open on  
Monday 17th March at 10am**



**LOG IN**

**Login to Playwaze  
(same login as used at winter)**



**Enter the code your school  
has given you**

**4**

**4 sessions of provision per child only**



**Need help? Call or email our  
HHH team**

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

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



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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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# 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:

Glastonbury: [SiobhanWhite@ymca-bg.org](mailto:SiobhanWhite@ymca-bg.org)  
[www.ymca-bg.org](http://www.ymca-bg.org)

### Find us:

St Edmunds Hall, Chinnock Road, Glastonbury, BA6 8EW  
Red Brick Building, Moorland Road, Glastonbury, BA1 9FT

# YMCA

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Here for communities  
Here for you



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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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