



## Weekly Newsletter 2025-6

### Dear Parents and Families

Welcome to this week's newsletter. It has been another busy, albeit short, with a great deal to pack in. Firstly, I would like to express my thanks to our Mental Health Lead, Mrs Pulford, who marked the upcoming Mental Health Awareness Week with a dedicated drop-down day for our Year 7 students on Tuesday. This followed the hugely successful Year 9 day organised by Millfield School earlier this year.



In the bustle of daily life, making time for mental health is a necessity that is often neglected or set aside. Our lives are constantly bombarded by activities and the pressures of social media and technology, alongside standard daily stresses. Teaching students not only the importance of mental health but also how to manage it effectively is a vital skill set. I am very proud that our school and its staff prioritise such opportunities.

As we reach the end of week three, we now stand on the precipice of the GCSE exam window. It was a genuinely uplifting experience yesterday to participate in the "Power Hour" celebration. My thanks go to Ms Kench for organising the event, with a particular nod to Mr Armstrong for his words of encouragement and his attempt at poetry—though I now fully understand why he chose a career in mathematics! I often remind our students at this time of year that we are incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication over the past twelve months. Now is the time for them to show the world exactly how fantastic they are. Good luck, Year 11; make yourselves as proud of your achievements as we already are.



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Finally, I would like to thank our families and congratulate our students on the continued improvement in attendance over the past three weeks. This is typically a period where we see a significant decline and a pattern of absence emerging at the start and end of the week. We have been delighted to see this trend bucked, with figures now significantly higher than in previous years for this same period. Well done to the students, and thank you to our families for everything you do to support and encourage consistent attendance.

I wish you all a fantastic weekend and look forward to writing to you again next week.

**Best wishes,**

**P. Balkwill** *Headteacher*



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### Key Dates

11th May- GCSE Formal Exam Period Starts

14th May- Normandy Trip Parents' Meeting

14th May- MNSP Trust Sports Festival- students involved will be contacted by the PE team

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.

### Important Information

As we move into the summer, we advise students to wear sunscreen and have a hat with them for break times and lunchtimes. Students should also bring with them a suitable drinks bottle to stay hydrated across the day.

### Year 11 Exams

Just a reminder ahead of next week for families and students that we have dedicated webpage to keep everyone updated over the exam period. We advise that you check this regularly for updates.

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

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## Announcement

# Summer Open Mornings



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Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:secretary@stdunstans.mnsp.org.uk)  
Or visit our website: [www.stdunstansschool.com](http://www.stdunstansschool.com)





## Attendance Update

What does my attendance look like so far? Term 5 Week 3

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%	140	0	0	Exceptional
2	98% to 100%	137	4	20	Strong Standard
3	96% to 98%	134	8	40	Expected Standard
4	93% to 96%	130	14	70	Needs Attention
5	90% to 93%	126	38	190	Urgent Improvement
6	Below 90%	125	40	200	Critical Action

### May the Fourth... and Suddenly It's the Weekend

Where has this week gone? Starting with "May the Fourth be with you", we seem to have been catapulted through the week at hyperspeed and suddenly — somehow — it is already the weekend.

As I write this, there are 428 students with 100% attendance this week — all competing for just 20 portions of cheesy chips. Those odds tell their own story. That's an incredible 82% of students who have been in school every single day this week. In a national landscape where attendance continues to dominate conversations across education, that is not something to overlook or take for granted. It reflects commitment, routines, relationships and a culture where being present matters.

Of course, the cheesy chips may grab the headlines amongst students, but the real reward is something much bigger. Every lesson attended represents learning gained, friendships strengthened, routines embedded and opportunities protected. Attendance is never just about figures on a spreadsheet; it is about belonging, aspiration and ensuring young people give themselves the very best chance to succeed.

So whilst only 20 students may walk away clutching cheesy chips this week, hundreds more should feel proud of the commitment and consistency they have shown simply by turning up, engaging and being part of our school community every single day.



## Attendance League



## ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

Huge well done to everyone in last week's attendance league Will the winners be the same this week or will there be a change...?

### **Yr 7/8**

First Place: 7CPE

Second Place: 8AHA

Third Place: 7 JPU

Can another group knock 7CPE off the top spot?

### **Yr 9/10**

First Place: 10JWA

Second Place: 9GBR

Third Place: 9SGR



## Attendance Update

MNSP  
MOMENTS  
MATTER.  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.

### MAY MOTIVATORS!



To celebrate and award good attendance in weeks 2-4 students with 100% will be entered for the following prizes in a weekly draw:

Friday 1st May- Cheesy Chip Friday- 20 Winners



Friday 8th May- Cheesy Chip Friday- 20 Winners

Friday 15th May- Doughnut Day- 30 winners



A prize draw will take place every Friday morning. All students with 100% attendance each week will be included.

Every student with 100% will get 10 On Track Points at the end of the week

Look out for our 'Rewards Raffle Tickets'

### There will also be the following awards-

- The 100 Club Prize Draw for May
- Celebration Carnival Invitations for students with 96% attendance or Improved attendance
- Tutor Group attendance league table

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On Track Update

**CONGRATULATIONS  
STUDENTS!**



**385,000  
POINTS ACHIEVED**

SINCE SEPTEMBER

**KEEP UP THE  
AMAZING WORK!**



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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 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!

## 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!

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# Blue Influencers

Our Year 8 Blue Influencers have put in an incredible effort, creating a powerful video to raise awareness about otters.

They even had the chance to present their film to MP Sarah Dyke, who was impressed by their creativity and dedication.

This project shows just how much impact a small group of passionate young people can have when they come together to champion wildlife and inspire others.

Want to support their work? Grab one of their T-shirts and help keep the momentum going!

## [Ottermistic Futures](#)



**Somerset**  
Wildlife Trust

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# Youth Council

Members of our School Council visited the Town Hall for a Youth Council meeting last week.

They had a fantastic opportunity to share their views , discuss important community challenges and take part in meaningful conversations that help shape local decisions.

It was inspiring to see them engage so confidently and thoughtfully in their community.



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# Year 7 Wellbeing Day

Next week is Mental Health Week and the theme is Take Action. As part of our whole school mental health initiative, we created a number of events for students to be involved in at school, which support their mental health.

All of the students in Year 7 have taken part in a brilliant day of workshops based on positive mental health and wellbeing strategies this week.

The workshops included: badminton, collage creating, a nature walk, mindful board games, colouring and a book design and poetry writing workshop.

Year 7 made the most of every opportunity and have lots more tips on self care to keep them happy and healthy. Well done Year 7!



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# BE MORE WITH GLASTONBURY ARMY CADETS

## Looking for a hobby with a difference?

### NEW RECRUITS WELCOME

Wednesday Evenings 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Cadet Centre - Street Road - Glastonbury - BA6 9EF

What3Words: Blindfold / Residual / Patrolled

## Cadets from 12 Years+



**Adult Volunteers Always Needed**  
No Experience Required

### Come along and meet the team!

Shooting Military Skills Navigation  
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme  
First Aid Teamwork Skills  
Leadership Training Sports  
and lots more skills for life

For more information please contact  
Email: [3923harve@armymail.mod.uk](mailto:3923harve@armymail.mod.uk)  
Phone: 01823 284486



## ARMY CADETS

**armycadets.com**

Glastonbury Army Cadets meet once a week on Wednesday evenings at Street Road, Glastonbury, BA6 9EF





Smallpeice

## Explore Engineering

11-13 August  
2026

**A three-day residential experience for curious young problem-solvers.**

**Give your child the chance to discover how engineering shapes a greener future. During this exciting residential course, students stay on campus at the University of Bath and get hands-on with real engineering challenges led by expert academics.**

**They'll explore Mechanical, Electrical, Chemical, and Civil Engineering, with an exciting design and build bridge challenge! Try out state-of-the-art facilities and meet other students who share a passion for engineering.**

### What they will experience

- Engineering career options and degree pathways
- Hear from expert academics across multiple engineering disciplines
- Take part in practical, real-world engineering projects
- See science brought to life through hands-on challenges
- Strengthen key skills like teamwork, problem-solving, and critical thinking
- Inclusive, fun supervised evening activities

[Secure your place](#)



### WHO

#### Year 10

For students who will complete Year 10 this academic year

### WHEN

**11-13 August 2026**

### WHERE

**University of Bath**

### COST

**£415 or check your eligibility for a free place.\***

\*Check eligibility here:  
<https://www.smallpeicetrust.org.uk/fully-funded-places/>



# Mighty Girls

## Upcoming Events

### SPRING / SUMMER 2026



### Mighty Girls Club BOA

**THURSDAYS**  
MOUNT PLEASANT  
BRADFORD ON AVON  
4.30-6PM. AGE 8-12

★ Make friends ★ Feel empowered ★ Have fun!

To learn more and book your place visit our  
website or email [info@mightygirls.co.uk](mailto:info@mightygirls.co.uk)

[www.mightygirls.co.uk](http://www.mightygirls.co.uk)



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## BOA MIGHTY GIRLS CLUB

**THURSDAYS TERM TIMES**  
**8-12 YRS 4.30PM-6PM**  
**MOUNT PLEASANT, BOA**

## MAY HALF TERM MIGHTY GIRLS CLUB

**TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
**8-12 YRS 10-3PM**  
**SCOUT HUT, BOA**



### Mighty Girls Holiday Club TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY

SCOUT HUT, BRADFORD ON AVON  
10AM - 3PM.  
AGE 8 TO 12 YRS

**MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB**  
**JUST £35**

Fun, craft, adventures and  
empowerment with the Mighty  
Girls team.

Further details visit [www.mightygirls.co.uk](http://www.mightygirls.co.uk)



### Self Defence half day workshop

**THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
BRADFORD ON AVON  
2PM - 5PM.  
AGE: 10-15 YR 6-YR 10  
COST £25

Mighty Girls & Helen from Systema bring you:

- Practical self-defence techniques
- A focus on movement, breath work, relaxation, and posture
- Enhance self-awareness & resilience
- Help equip you to handle various situations effectively

[www.mightygirls.co.uk](http://www.mightygirls.co.uk) or QR Code to book



## MAY HALF TERM SELF DEFENCE WORKSHOP

**THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
**10-15YRS School Years 6 to 10**  
**SCOUT HUT, BOA**

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