

Midsomer Norton Primary School

Newsletter



MS BISS' Best Bits!

Dear Families,

As we approach the end of another fantastic academic year, I want to take a moment to reflect on everything we have achieved together. I am incredibly proud of our whole school community; the dedication of our staff, the support of our families, and, most importantly, the hard work and enthusiasm of our wonderful children have made this a truly memorable year.

Shining Bright: Our Recent Successes

We have so much to celebrate across all year groups this term. Here are just a few of the highlights:

- Ofsted Praise: We were delighted with our recent Ofsted report, which highly praised our school's inclusivity and our warm, welcoming environment. Creating a space where every child feels valued and happy is at the heart of what we do, and it is wonderful to have this officially recognised.
- Reception (Good Level of Development): Our youngest learners in Reception have made fantastic progress, with a superb percentage achieving a Good Level of Development (GLD). They are officially ready for Year 1!
- Year 1 Phonics Screening: Our Year 1 pupils absolutely smashed their Phonics Screening Check this year. Their reading confidence is soaring!
- Year 4 Multiplication Check: A huge well done to Year 4, who showed off their brilliant math skills and dedication in the statutory times tables check.
- Year 6 SATs: While we are still waiting for the official data to be released, we already know how hard our Year 6 pupils worked. We have no doubt the results will reflect their incredible effort and attitude.

Fond Farewells

To our Year 6 Leavers: You have been an absolutely amazing year group. You have led the school with kindness, creativity, and resilience. We will miss you immensely, but we know you are going to achieve incredible things in secondary school. Go shine!

We are also saying a very fond, yet sad, farewell to two valued members of our teaching team: Miss Dodington and Mrs Cook. We want to say a massive thank you to both of them for their years of hard work, care, and dedication to our pupils. They have made a lasting impact on our school, and we wish them the absolute best in their next chapters.

Thank You and Summer Wishes

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to all of our families. Your continued support, partnership, and engagement are what make our school community so strong. We truly could not do it without you.

I wish you all a safe, restful, and wonderfully sunny summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another brilliant year!

Warmest wishes,
Ms Sarah Biss



TRIPS



What a Year of Adventures!

What an incredible year it has been for school trips! Every year brings amazing opportunities for our children to explore new places, and this one was no exception—with unforgettable visits ranging from the hands-on fun at We The Curious to the historic wonders of Stonehenge!

On every single outing, the children were absolutely fantastic. Their behaviour was exemplary, and they represented our school with immense pride and manners wherever they went. We could not be prouder of them.

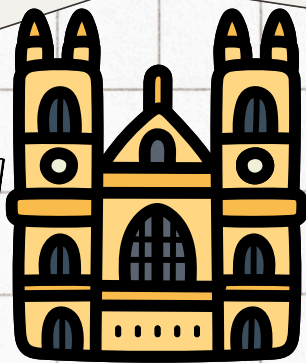
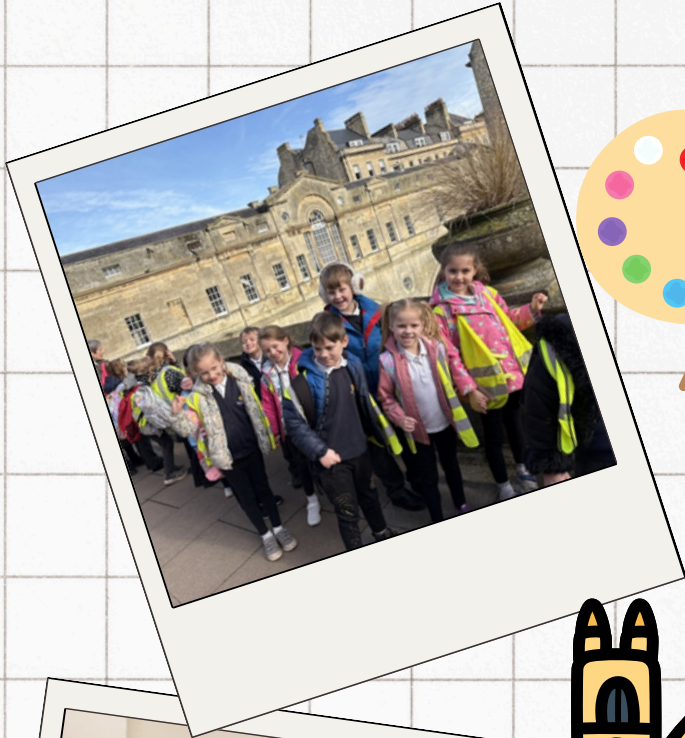
Of course, none of these enriching experiences would be possible without your incredible support. We are so grateful to all the parents, carers, grandparents and others who volunteer their time and support these trips. Thank you for making these memorable adventures happen for our children!





Reception Trips





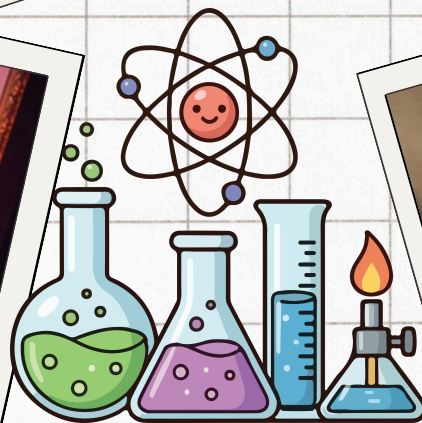
Year 1 & 2
Trips



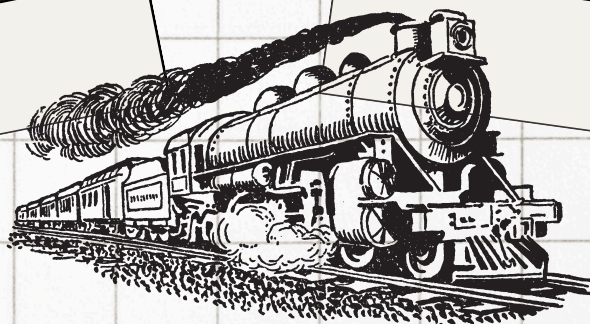


Year 3 & 4 Trips





Year 5 & 6 Trips





SCHOOL SPORTS



We have had an absolutely amazing year of school sports competitions, and our children have truly given their all! Whether they were hitting the back of the net in football or showing off their agility in multi-skills, every single child participated with brilliant determination and team spirit. We couldn't be prouder of their efforts and sportsmanship!

A special mention must go to Miss Seymour, who works tirelessly behind the scenes to arrange all of these fantastic opportunities and constantly encourages the children to do their best. We deeply appreciate all your hard work, Miss Seymour—thank you for inspiring our young athletes!





SPORTS DAY & COLOUR RUN



Oh, what brilliant fun we had! Even though was hot, hot, hot, the children (and the adults!) took on the challenges like true champions. From the classic track races to the vibrant explosion of the Colour Run, the energy and smiles were absolutely unmatched. Thank you to everyone who came out to each day to cheer, run, and make them such memorable days for everyone!



PTA

Our Parent Teacher Association (formerly Parent Support Group) is a vitally important team of parents and other supporters of the school. It has a range of functions, such as raising funds through activities, to pay for 'extras' for the children, raising funds towards whole school improvements – such as investing in outdoor play equipment, organising whole-school fundraising events for charity (e.g. Children in Need), organising social events (e.g. Summer and Christmas Fayres), supporting school events by providing refreshments.

VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers do a fantastic job and are greatly appreciated.

If you feel you are able to help with Reading/mental maths, one-off activities such as trips or activity days, bringing our curriculum to life with your expertise please contact the school office for an application form.

Please note volunteers are required to complete DBS checks, prevent training & child protection. The school will assist with these.

GOVERNORS

Our Governors take responsibility for the strategic direction of the school. They meet every term as a Local Governing Body within our academy trust. They hold the Head Teacher to account for standards in the school and offer guidance and support in all areas of school life. Each Governor is 'linked' to an area of our School Improvement Plan, in order to monitor the progress the school is making.

Our Governors come from a range of backgrounds: parents, staff, the local authority and the wider community in Midsomer Norton.

If you would like to help with any of these, please contact the school office on office@midsomernorton.mnsp.org.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 26/27



Year 6 Camp – 14th September 2026

**Meet the Teacher – 22nd September 2026
9am (KS1)
9.30AM (KS2)**

Open Days

**24th September 2026 – 9am
8th October 2026 – 5.30pm
15th October 2026 – 1.30pm
5th November 2026 – 9am**



Harvest Festival – 14th October 2026

Parents Evening 10th & 12th November 2026



KS1 Nativity Shows

**9th December 2026 – 1.45pm
10th December 2026 – 9.45am**

KS2 Carol Concerts

16th December 2026 – 9.45am & 1.45pm

Careers Day – 11th February 2027

Year 4 Camp – May 2027

Art Morning – 19th May 2027

Sports Day – 2nd July 2027



Does your child have difficulties with behaviour or attention?

Help improve local support services by taking part in research!



We are looking for families with children **aged 9-12** who:

- Have difficulty following rules and expectations.
- Have been on a behaviour support plan or have been suspended or excluded.
- Often feel overwhelmed, frustrated or dysregulated at school or at home.

And go to school in Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon or Wiltshire



- 90 minute interview with you and 30 minutes with your child (optional)
- We can travel to see you or meet you near where you live.
- You will get £30 and your child £10

Want to learn more?

- Email the team: pathways-study@bath.ac.uk
- Call/text: **07980 962364**
- Scan the QR code



PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING



FIRST OFFENCE

1

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

2

SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after **19th August 2024.**

3

THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates; fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.