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'…. let your light shine…'

Drop off

With the school year heading to the winter months and with the increased likelihood of rainy mornings we now ask that all parents/carers who drop off their children in Years 1-6 **please no longer walk to the bottom playground** with their children and in fact drop them off at the school gates as this approach will now speed up the start of the school day.

If your child in is Reception, then please continue to walk to Dragonfly/Tadpole class to drop off pupils.

If the weather is very bad, rather than lining up, children will be encouraged to move straight to their classrooms, with staff supervising along the route.

Inset Day

Monday 2nd November will be an Inset Day, with no children on site. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 3rd November.

Vomiting and/or Diarrhoea

A reminder that as a school we have to follow government guidance relating to vomiting and diarrhoea. If your child has either vomiting or diarrhoea (or both), they cannot return to school until **48 hours** have passed since the last incidence.

We appreciate this can be awkward for families but it is important to prevent the unnecessary spread of infection, and to protect our vulnerable families and children.

Year 6 Tag Rugby



This week, a group of our pupils represented the school brilliantly at a Tag Rugby tournament. They demonstrated excellent teamwork throughout the event, supporting and encouraging one another in every match. Their passing, movement and determination led to some fantastic attacking play, with the team scoring plenty of impressive tries. Most importantly, the children showed great resilience, never giving up and continuing to work hard, even when faced with tough opposition. Well done to everyone involved for a fantastic afternoon of rugby and for representing our values so proudly.

Mr Musgrave

Year 6 Fundraising



A huge thank you to everyone who supported our "Soak a Year 6 Teacher" fundraiser! There was plenty of laughter and excitement as pupils took aim at Mr Musgrave and Ms Elliott. We thought the queue would never end, but in just under half an hour, an amazing £90.50 was raised. That's an incredible 181 sponges thrown! The money will be split between a charity of Year 6's choice and the PTA. Thank you to all who took part and helped make the event such a success!

Year 6 Maths Club

We are excited to invite you to sign your child up for our after-school maths club! This club, run by Mr Musgrave and Ms Elliott, will focus on developing fluency, accuracy and confidence in the key arithmetic skills needed for SATs.

Through regular practice, helpful strategies and targeted support, your young person will strengthen their understanding of calculation methods and become more familiar with the style of questions they will encounter in their tests.

This is a great opportunity for children to build confidence and prepare thoroughly for their SATs in a supportive environment!

Maths club will take place on Thursdays, commencing the third week back after half-term (19 November). If you would like to sign up your child, please do so on the School Gateway before 3rd November.

Year 6 Team

Year 1 Phonics Workshop



Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our two Year 1 Phonics workshops. We hope the information was useful and will help you support your child as they build their Phonics skills.

Poppy Appeal



Herne View Church of England Primary School will be supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal again this year.

A variety of poppy items are available for a suggested donation from the school office from Wednesday 4th November 2026.

Children can make donations at break and lunchtime only.

The suggested donations are:

- £1 per snapband
- 50p per reflective poppy / paper poppy / poppy sticker/ poppy ribbon festival band/ pencils

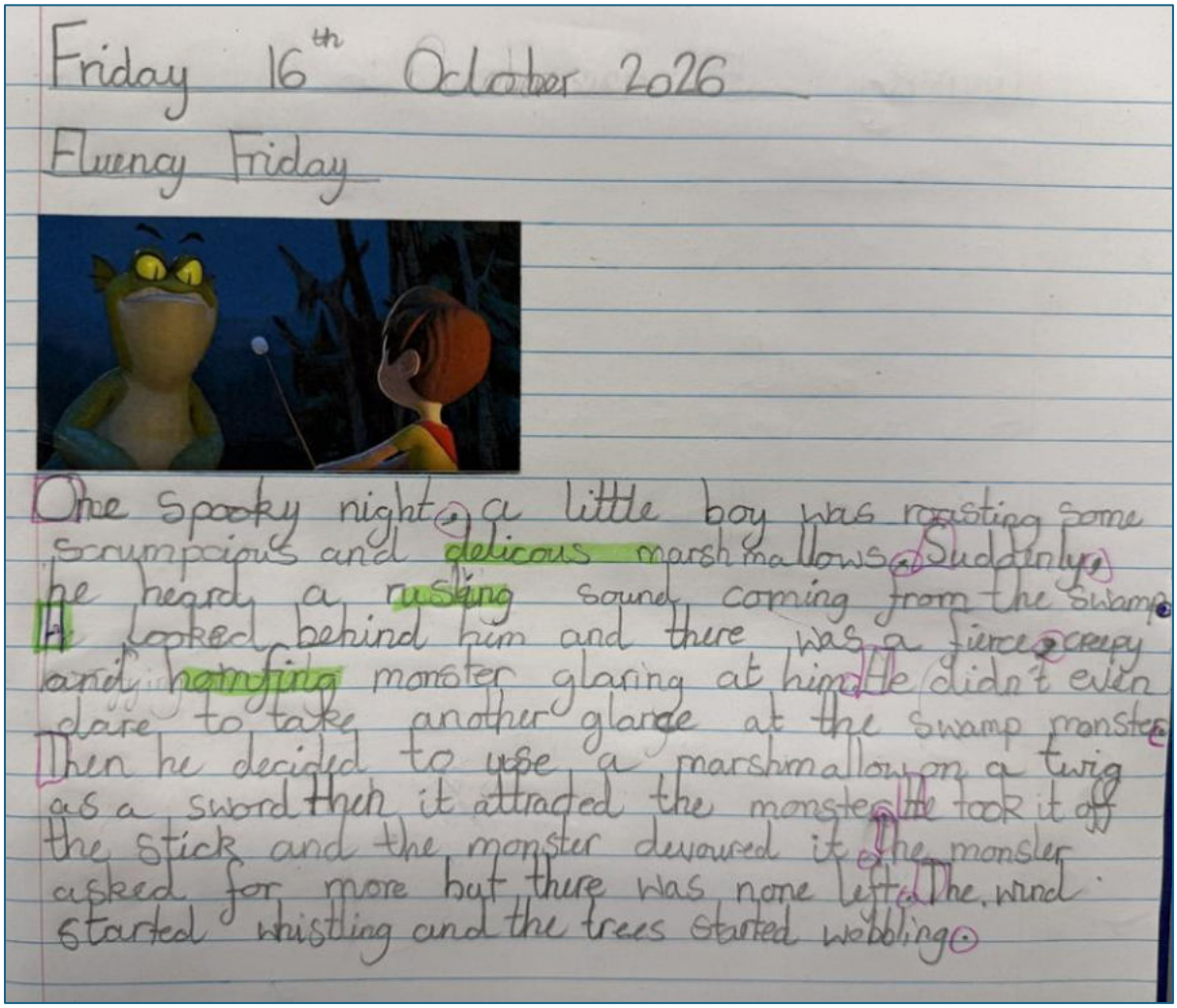
Green Ilminster Competition

Green Ilminster is inviting Herne View children to take part in their colouring and poster competition!

Look at the back of this Newsletter for a printable sheet, or pick up a paper copy from Ilminster Share and Repair, 18 Silver Street, from Saturday 24th October. You can also download from the Green Ilminster website (www.greenilminster.org.uk) and social media channels.

Completed entries should be returned to the Share and Repair shop by Saturday 21st November, with the child's name and age written on the front and their grown up's contact details on the back. Winners will be contacted and prizes awarded during the afternoon of 22nd November, before the Christmas Light Switch on!

Celebrating Children's Work



Here is a piece of work from Kite class! You may have heard your child mention 'Fluency Friday'. Each Friday, we watch a short film or look at an interesting picture, discuss it, generate vocabulary ideas together and then complete a piece of writing based on it. This helps to expand vocabulary and build stamina for fluent creative writing! 📖

Here is a picture of Evie's excellent Fluency Friday writing for you to see. We wrote about the short film 'Marshmallows', which tells the story of a boy who encounters a marshmallow-eating monster on his camping trip. I particularly loved the fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and exciting adjectives in this piece of writing. It's also a wonderful example of joined handwriting!

Miss Swinson

Star of the Week Awards

Congratulations to this week's Stars!

Tadpole	Johnny M
Dragonfly	Ettie T
Otter	Hendrix S
Hedgehog	Leo E
Deer	Jasper J-H
Fox	Rosie N
Squirrel	Harry F
Hare	Aryanna M
Owl	Nyla R
Kite	Abigail C
Robin	Madeleine M
Wren	Lyla B
Kestrel	Jacob L
Buzzard	Maddison-Beau S

Trophies and certificates will be presented on **Tuesday 3rd November at 2.30pm.**

Families of the recipients are welcome to attend via Zoom and a link will be sent out to the contact emails we have for our pupils. We encourage all family members to stay until the end of the celebration if possible.

Please note if joining via Zoom no recordings or screen shots should be taken of the sessions for safeguarding and we ask you to remain on mute. **Please also be aware of your screen name and we ask that this is changed to your child's name. If we cannot see your child's name and your camera on we may have to remove you from the session.**

Parents School Calendar 2026/27

The following dates cover school events for this academic year. Dates may be subject to change, but we will always give as much notice as possible of any alterations.

September	
Friday 25th Sept	Carnival floats & Umbrellas – set as Summer Holiday task with reminders- related to new class names (for floats) – put on stage on deadline day and carnival committee
Wednesday 30th Sept	M and M Theatre – 9.15am start
	INCLUSION Coffee Morning
October	
W/C 5th October	Parent workshops: 9:30- English Writing Monday (Year 1 – Year 6) 11:15 - Maths Friday (Year 1 – Year 6) 9:15am - Phonics EYFS/ KS1 Wednesday
Monday 12th	Year 4 and 5 Puxton Park trip
Tuesday 13th October	EYFS and Year 1 Phonics Workshop – EYFS 9.00am – 9.30am and 4.45pm -5.15pm / Year 1 9.45am – 10.15am and 5.30am – 6.00pm
Weds 14th October	Harvest Collective worship with the vicar 2.45pm-3.15pm in Hall
Thursday 15th October	Year 6 – Fundraising activity for after school
Monday 19th October	PTA Film Clubs – 3.20pm – 5.20pm KS1/EYFS (Fox) and KS2 (Robin)
Tuesday 20th Oct all day	Tempest individual photos
November	
Monday 9th and Thursday 12h Nov	Parent's Evenings (Hall and Gym)
Wednesday 11th Nov	Remembrance Day service in town attended by student councillors and four staff. Year 6 and forces children at school war memorial with four staff. EYFS to conduct own in class. Rest of school all lined up around Quad at 10.55am.
Wednesday 11th Nov	Flu vaccines Years R - 6
Friday 13th Nov	Children In Need Day – non uniform
Friday 20th Nov	School disco @ 3:30pm – 6.15pm Enter front of school; collect from top playground
W/B 23rd Nov	Parliament Week Year 3 – Year 5
Wednesday 25th Nov	Youth Speaks
Friday 27th November	PTA Quiz – doors open at 7.00pm (Quiz 7.30pm – 9.30pm)
Friday 27th November	Deadline for Christmas tree EYFS/Preschool tree school tree - 2 decorations per class
Mon 30th Nov – Sat 5th Dec	Christmas Tree festival
December	

Monday 7th December	EYFS Nativity to community in Minster (10.00am – 10.30am)
Monday 7th December	EYFS Nativity to families in school (2.00pm – 2.30pm)
Monday 7th December	KS1 Songs and Poetry to parents in Minster (2.00pm – 2.30pm)
Thursday 10th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day EYFS – Fundraising activity for after school
Thursday 10th December	Chocolate Bingo
Wednesday 16th Dec	LKS2 Carols in the Minster (2.00pm-2.45pm)
Thursday 17th Dec	UKS2 Carols in the Minster (2.00pm – 2.45pm)
Thursday 17th Dec	Christmas lunch and Santa visit
Friday 18th Dec	Parents Christmas Arts and Crafts 9.30am - 10:15am
Friday 18th Dec	Nativity in the Square 6.00pm. Organised by church. To be advertised in newsletter for families to attend outside school
January	
W/B 11th Jan	SCARF Workshops TBC
Wednesday 27th Jan	INCLUSION Coffee Morning
February	
February Dates tbc	Pancake flip
W/b 1st Feb	Storytelling Week – Thursday grandparents in for the afternoon
Monday 1st and 2nd	Year 6 Bike ability
Friday 5th Feb	NSPCC Number Day
Monday 8th and 9th	Year 6 Bike ability
Tuesday 9th Feb	Internet Safety Day
Wednesday 10th Feb	Year 4 – Fundraising activity for after school
March	
March Dates tbc	Young Voices PTA events (film club, disco)
W/B 1st Mar	Careers Week
Thursday 4th Mar	World Book Day
Wednesday 10th March	Ash Wednesday – Rev Nigel in school
Friday 19th Mar	Comic Relief Day
Tues 23rd & Weds 24th March	Parent's Evenings (Hall and Gym)
Thursday 25th March	Year 1 and Year 2 - Fundraising activity for after school
April	
Wednesday 28th April	INCLUSION Coffee Morning
Thursday 29th April	Year 3 - Fundraising activity for after school
May	
May Dates tbc	PTA Events (Break the Rules Day, Film Club)
Wednesday 5th May	Class photos PROVISIONAL

Mon 24th & Thursday 27th May	Sports day sessions: Monday 24th May LKS2 9:30-11.30 AM Monday 24th May UKS2 1:15-3:15 PM Tuesday 25th May EYFS 9:30-11.30 AM Tuesday 25th May KS1 1:15-3:15 PM
June	
June Dates tbc	Poetry Recitals – 1st week in June Book Fair TBC
Tuesday 15th/Weds 16th June	Moving Up Celebration at Taunton Minster
July	
July Dates	Summer fete date TBC Transition Morning TBC
Wednesday 7th July	Year 1 and 2 trip to Fleet Air Arm museum
Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th July	Year 6 Play – 2pm each day
Thursday 8th July	Year 5 – Fundraising activity for after school
Wednesday 14th – Friday 16th July	Bristol Trip
Tuesday 20th July	Leavers service 2pm

Somerset Council

Somerset School Terms and Holidays 2026/2027 Academic Year

September 2026						
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October 2026						
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February 2027						
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March 2027						
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April 2027						
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July 2027						
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August 2027						
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Key:

- School Holiday
- Bank Holiday
- Term Time
- Inset Days

Term dates summary:

Term 1: 03 September – 23 October 2026 (37 days)
Term 2: 02 November – 18 December 2026 (35 days)
Term 3: 04 January – 12 February 2027 (30 days)
Term 4: 22 February – 25 March 2027 (24 days)
Term 5: 12 April – 28 May 2027 (34 days)
Term 6: 07 June – 23 July 2027 (35 days) **TOTAL = 195**

Bank and public holidays 2026/27

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	25 December 2026
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	28 December 2026*
New Year's Day Holiday	01 January 2027
Good Friday	26 March 2027

*Replacement Bank Holiday when Bank Holidays falls on a weekend.
Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.



WHOLE CHURCH

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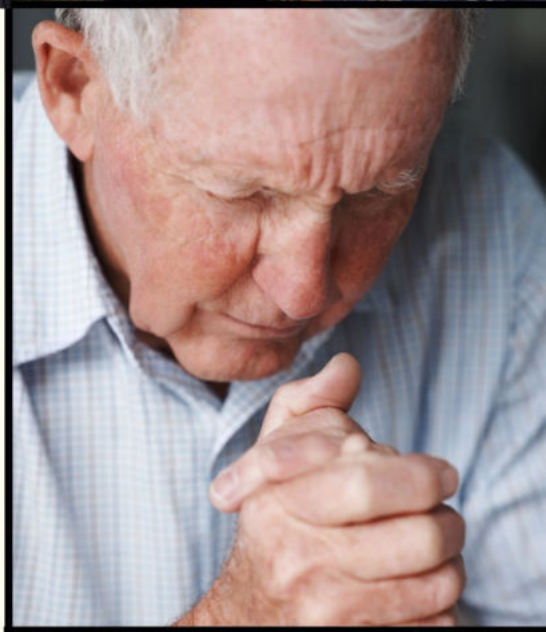


All Saints Day





We are collecting Shoe Boxes filled with gifts and essentials for people in need. It's easy to choose gifts for those who have so little: shampoo, a pair of socks, a notepad, a small toy, a bag of sweets. Things we take for granted will seem like luxuries to people living in poverty.



SHOEBOX APPEAL





SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER 10.30am

Bring your shoe box along to our **WHOLE CHURCH** service, or deliver to The Minster church between 26th to 31st October.



ilMinster and Whitelackington

RAINBOW CHURCH

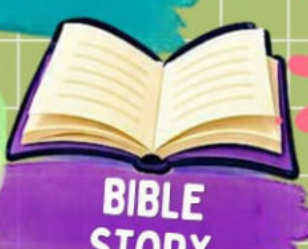
BRIGHT LIGHTS

AS WE CELEBRATE LIGHT THROUGH











AND MUCH MORE!



31 OCTOBER

4 TO 6PM

DON'T MISS OUT!



For more information please contact 01460 497798 vicar@ilminsterpc.org.uk

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My Age: _____



TREE PLANTING



WATER QUALITY TESTING



SHARE AND REPAIR



SOAP REFILLS



LITTER PICKING



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