

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

On a wet, gloomy summer's day, it is good to have so many lovely things to write about!

Thursday this week saw our Year 11 Leaver's Assembly and Prom - these events always make me emotional but never more so than this year as it was my last time to be involved. And what a lovely time we had! The weather was kind and Year 11 looked fantastic in their 'glad rags' for the evening event. We think it was the best year for arrivals including a Shire horse and a fire engine! Year 11 were very kind and made me cry with gifts and lovely words - we wish them every success and happiness for the future; we look forward to seeing them on results' day in August. Thank you to Mrs Potter for all her hard work on both prom and the assembly. Thank you to all the staff who attended and all the parents who were there for the arrivals or who delivered students in various modes of transport; some very natty dressing from the chauffeurs!

We also welcomed our new Year 7 students on Wednesday and it was wonderful to see them joining in with such gusto during the day.

We also held mock elections this week to give students the opportunity to understand the democratic process. More of this later in the newsletter.

We have had exciting news about the Trust Maths Challenge results - there will be a full report next week but you can get a sneak preview on our facebook page - for now, suffice to say we are super proud! Thank you to Mr Conway for supporting our team.

Coming up, the PTA have their car boot sale on 7th July, we are looking forward to the school production of Aladdin on 10th and 11th July- remember to get your tickets!

We also have Sports' Day next Friday (12th), a celebration assembly to look forward to and, of course Enrichment Week.

Here's hoping the weather remembers it is summer in the near future. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Bevan.



05.07.24

**NEXT WEEK
ASSEMBLY
FOCUS:
Summer Safety
and End of Year
House
Championship**

Coming soon:

- PTA Car Boot Sale 7th July
- Aladdin 10th & 11th July
- Sports' Day 12th July
- Activities week beginning 15th July
- End of term 19th July at 3.15pm

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A welcome to our new Year 7s

Our lovely Year 7s spent some time last week reflecting on the advice they'd give to next year's Year 7s. We can't believe how quickly their first year has flown by! Here is some of their advice...

Be kind!

Don't worry about fitting in...stand out and shine

Don't stress, it is easy to find your way around

It might be scary coming into Year 7 but you've got this!

Ask for help if you need it, everyone is friendly

Do homework early not on Sunday night

Have fun!



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Year 6 Induction Day

It was fantastic to welcome our new cohort of students into school this week for their induction day.

Year 6 threw themselves into the day with gusto and were a credit to their primary schools. We hope they enjoyed their experience of a day in the life of St Dunstan's - we certainly enjoyed spending the day with them.

Well done Year 6 and thank you to their tutors and teachers for making the day so successful.

We are looking forward to seeing them in September when they will officially be Year 7 students!

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the information evening as well. It was great to meet you all.



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St Dunstan's General Election Results

This week, the students had the opportunity to speak to representatives of all of the main parties for Glastonbury and Somerton. Our core value of seeking the TRUTH was at the forefront.

Yesterday, along with the rest of the country, all students were given the opportunity to vote for the party of their choice.

It was a very close run election and the winning candidate for our school was Hal Hooberman from The Labour Party.



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Year 11 Leavers' Day

We said goodbye to our lovely Year 11 students this week.

The morning started with an assembly where Year 11 tutors shared messages and photo memories with the students, this was then followed by a buffet and shirt signing.

Well done Year 11, we are extremely proud of you and we'll miss you! See you all in August for results



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PROM — 2024 —

Year 11 Prom 2024

We hope our Year 11s enjoyed the 2024 Prom last night. It was a wonderful evening of celebrations and all of our students looked fabulous!

Thank you to The Loft in Street for their wonderful hospitality.

We will share the official photos from the photographer with you when they are ready! For now, here are some snaps...



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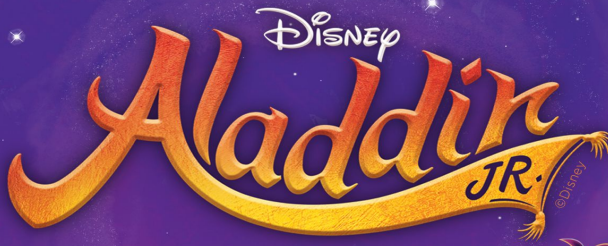
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Disney
Aladdin
JR.



St Dunstan's School
Production of



Disney
Aladdin
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Wednesday 10th and
Thursday 11th July
Drama Studio at 6pm.
Tickets £4/£2



Music by
Alan Menken

Lyrics by
Howard Ashman and Tim Rice
Book Adapted and Additional Lyrics by
Jim Luigs

Music Adapted and Arranged by
Bryan Louiselle



Based on the Screenplay by Ron Clements and John Musker
Ted Elliott and Terry Rossio

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with
Music Theatre International
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI
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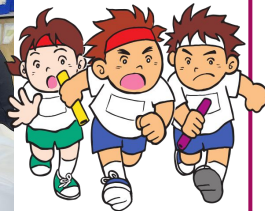
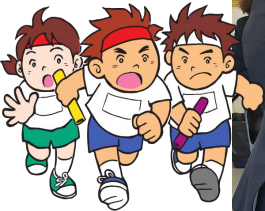
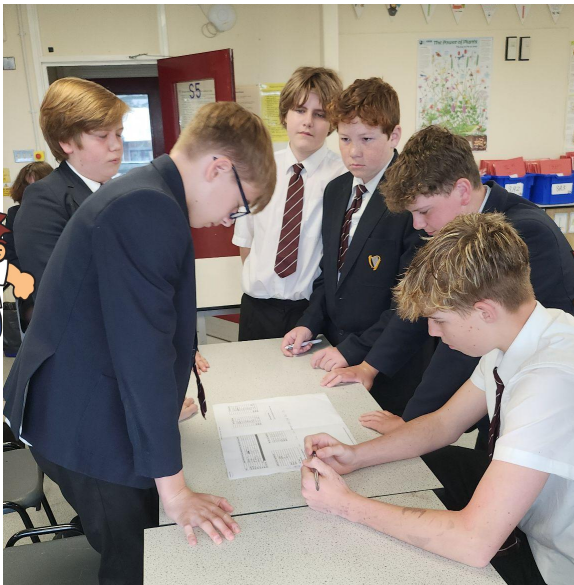
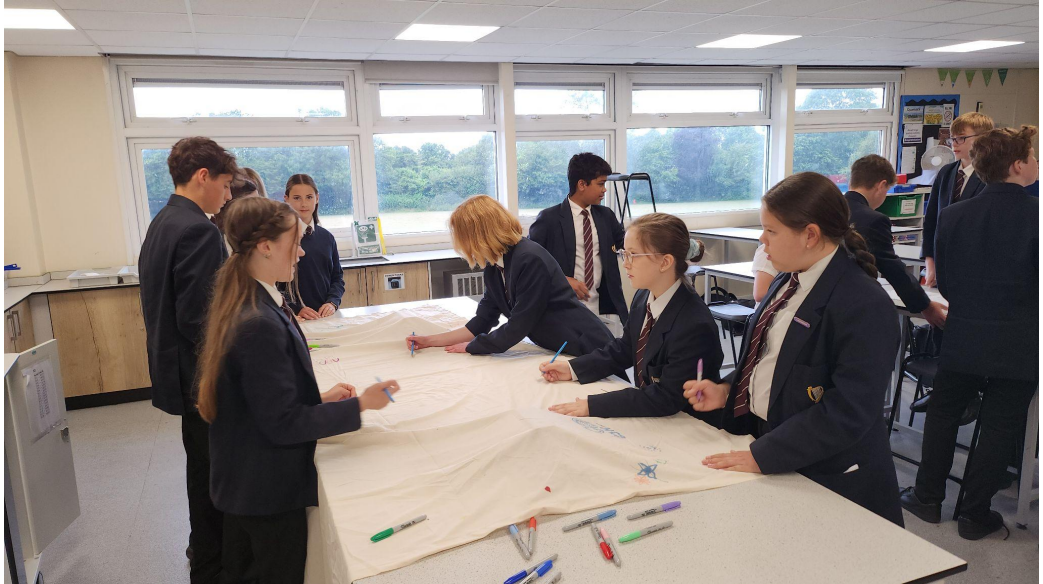


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Sports Day next week

After a gloomy forecast for this week, Sports Day will instead be held next Friday (12th).

Below are photos of 8CSH making banners and posters ready to cheer their teammates on in their races and activities! Please remember the correct PE kit next Friday and let us all keep our fingers crossed for nice sunny weather!



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3rd July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Sports Day 2024 - Friday 12th July

We are excited to announce that this year's Sports Day will be held on Friday 12th July 2024 and we will be dedicating the whole school day to the event, with a range of sporting activities for our students to compete in.

Each student will be given all relevant information in school by their tutors but listed below is key information for you

- Students should arrive at school in their **full St Dunstan's PE kit** (black sports polo, plain black shorts/skort/leggings, white socks, trainers).
- As per our kit policy, please ensure that for shorts and skorts the **distance between the top of the knee and the end of the material is no greater than 25cm**.
- If for any reason your child is unable to wear St Dunstan's branded kit, they are permitted to wear appropriate plain black alternatives with minimal branding. If the logos are deemed too large then they will be provided with items from our spare kit supply. **Examples of acceptable and unacceptable clothing are pictured below.**
- Students need to bring a suitable **cap/sunhat** and a **refillable water bottle**.
- Students need to also wear and bring their own **suncream**.
- The school canteen will be open as usual.
- All students are expected to participate in **at least 1 event** for their house and there are a variety of opportunities including Rounders, Track and Field events, Tutor Tug-of-War and a traditional Egg and Spoon race.
- Students who are not able to participate in sporting activities will be assigned alternative roles that will contribute to their tutor group and/or the wider running of the day.



Unfortunately, due to the scale of the event we are unable to accommodate parents that wish to spectate.

We are really looking forward to the day as it should serve as a fantastic whole school event, celebrating our community and the amazing sporting achievements of our students!

Yours sincerely

Mr J Waugh and Miss C Pengelly

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Donations needed!

If any Year 11 students have any school uniform or PE kit in good condition (particularly blazers!) we would be very grateful if you would be willing to donate it to our spare collection. Revision guides would also be appreciated if you no longer need them.



Items can be dropped at reception - please make sure anything that you donate to us is in a bag and clean!

Thank you very much!



Lost property

We have A LOT of lost property, namely water bottles! It is hot and we all need to be drinking a lot so please make sure you check lost property and collect what is yours, as we're overflowing at the moment. Anything left at the end of term will be disposed of.



Thank you



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We are looking
for new
players



..for our all girls
football team
next season!



Join our Team Today!

We are currently seeking girls going into Years 9 & 10 this
September to join our team.

If you're interested, please get in touch.

email: somertonycsecretary@hotmail.com



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Local events...

JULY EVENTS ON THE AVALON MARSHES



Meet the Eels – Eel Tank
Until 31 July 2024, 10 am – 5 pm
Somerset Craft Gallery



Pilates, Meditation and Nature Walk Workshop
Wednesday 3 July, 10 am - 12 pm
Avalon Marshes Centre



Discovery Tour
Friday 5 July, 10 am
Avalon Archaeology (Avalon Marshes Centre)



Ancient Music Day
Saturday 6 July, 10 am - 4 pm
Avalon Archaeology (Avalon Marshes Centre)



'Memory Mud Mind': Walk, Talk and Workshop
Saturday 6 July, 10 am - 4 pm
Avalon Marshes Centre



Discovery Tour
Monday 8 July, 10 am & 2 pm
Avalon Archaeology (Avalon Marshes Centre)



Meet Shaun the Sheep!
13-24 July, 10 am – 5 pm
Avalon Marshes Centre



Festival of Archaeology: Sweet Track Walk
Friday 19 July, 10 am
Avalon Marshes Centre/Shapwick Heath NNR



Festival of Archaeology: Viking Invasion
Saturday 20 July, 10 am - 4 pm
Avalon Archaeology (Avalon Marshes Centre)



Owl Pellet Analysis
Saturday 20 July, 10 am - 12 pm
Shapwick Moor NNR



Butterfly, Dragonfly and Damselfly Walk
Sunday 21 July, 10.30 am - 1 pm
RSPB Ham Wall NNR



Discovery Tour
Monday 22 July, 10 am
Avalon Archaeology (Avalon Marshes Centre)



Well Woman Walk
Monday 29 July, 7 pm - 9 pm
Shapwick Moor NNR



For more information visit
www.avalonmarshes.org/events



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YOUNG WARDENS PROGRAMME

Action-oriented conservation work for ages 12-17 on Somerset's Avalon Marshes

Wildlife at Westhay Moor NNR

Thursday 1 August, 10am – 2pm

Join the Somerset Wildlife Trust for a day of wildlife identification, surveying, and guided walks.

Owls & Raptors at Shapwick Moor NNR

Wednesday 21 August, 10am – 2pm

Join the Hawk & Owl Trust for owl pellet analysis and raptor walks.

Small Mammals at Shapwick Moor NNR

Saturday 7 September, 10am – 2pm

Join the Hawk & Owl Trust for small mammal trapping and learning about local wildlife.

Bio-Blitz at the Avalon Marshes Centre

Saturday 5 October, 10am – 2pm

Join the Recorders of Avalon Marshes group (RoAM) to help identify and record local species.

Scrub Clearance at Shapwick Heath NNR

Saturday 30 October, 10am – 2pm

Join Natural England and help conserve and maintain wildlife habitats.

Email somersetnnsr@naturalengland.org.uk to take part, or visit www.avalonmarshes.org/events



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Key information for Happy Healthy Holidays Summer!



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



**Bookings open on
Monday 1st July at 10am**



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



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



12 sessions of provision per child only



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

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



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HAPPY HEALTHY HOLIDAYS... IS BACK FOR THE SUMMER!

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

12 SESSIONS PER CHILD ONLY



GET A BOOKING CODE FROM YOUR SCHOOL

BOOKINGS OPEN ON 1ST JULY



FOOD INCLUDED!



Find and book FREE local activities by visiting:
www.sasp.co.uk/happy-healthy-holidays
or scan the QR code!

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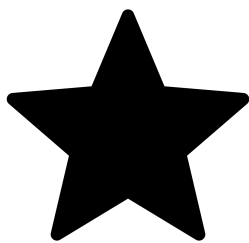


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ATTENDANCE MATTERS



100%
Attendance

Be in to win - 100% attendance will be rewarded with TRACK Stars and chance to win Amazon vouchers

95%+
Attendance

82% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

92-93%
Attendance

77% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

Below 90%
Attendance

53% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

96%
Attendance

43% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

Absences
add up

This is the target equalling at most 8 days off per year

Missing 2 days per month means you miss 10% of school

