

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/ Carers

At the end of the spring term, I wanted to take the opportunity to share with you all some of the highlights of the year to date.

Our Friday Celebration Day has been a fantastic end to another successful term. In particular, we have all been blown away by the talents of our students who were in the Cirque de Silk Showcase as well as to the musicians who performed in our celebration assemblies. Well done to you all!

I would also like to thank everyone for their kind donations to the food bank this morning. The kindness and generosity shown by our families and students this morning was a very heartwarming moment and a real highlight of the year so far! Community and kindness are two of our core values and this was very evident in donations provided this morning. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

The spring term is a crucial time in the calendar for our Year 9s and 11s. Whilst Year 11 are reaching the final leg of their GCSEs, Year 9s are just starting this journey. It was very positive to see so many families attend our Key Stage 4 Choices event yesterday evening. We hope that you found it useful and informative. We strongly encourage all students and families to visit our webpage to find out more about the process and courses on offer.

<https://www.stdunstansschool.com/curriculum/key-st-age-four-choices-2025.htm>



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NEXT WEEK
ASSEMBLY
FOCUS:

Half Term

Key Dates

17/02/24 Half
Term begins

Term restarts:
Monday 24th
February

Week
Beginning
24th Feb: Year
11 Mocks

[Click here for
Extra-Curricular
Activities](#)

[Click here for
term dates](#)



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During the spring term, we have started our programme of after school revision support for Year 11. Thank you to our staff for giving up their time outside of normal working hours and for their hard work delivering these valuable sessions. Well done to all our Year 11s who are making the most of these and for those of you who are not, we expect to see you more often in the next term.

We have received a number of visits this term from our Trust partners. Since January we have welcomed a number of MNPS staff to review and evaluate our provision. This has included reviews of our curriculum provision, teaching & learning and our support for key student groups. In addition, we have also been visited by senior leaders from other schools keen to look at our Learning Cycle in action. Visitors have consistently commented on the calm and quiet atmosphere in classrooms, the mutual cooperation between staff and students and quality of teaching and learning seen.

The school also continues to offer a broad range of enrichment opportunities. My thanks go to the staff who have organised these for the students.

Thank you to all the staff and students at St Dunstan's for all their hard work and effort over the past six weeks. Have a great half term break and I look forward to seeing you for the start of Term Four.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Balkwill



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Thursday 6th March World Book Day



World Book Day: Thursday 6th March 2025

On World Book Day we invite everyone, staff and students alike, to dress up as a book character for the day to celebrate a love of reading!

This is not a non-uniform day, so characters like the Wimpy Kid who dress in normal clothes won't be allowed. We want you to be creative and dress appropriately.

Please ensure the character you choose is from a book, not from a film or video game, and is not offensive to anyone.

We will be participating in lots of book-related activities throughout the day alongside normal lessons to celebrate the joy of reading.



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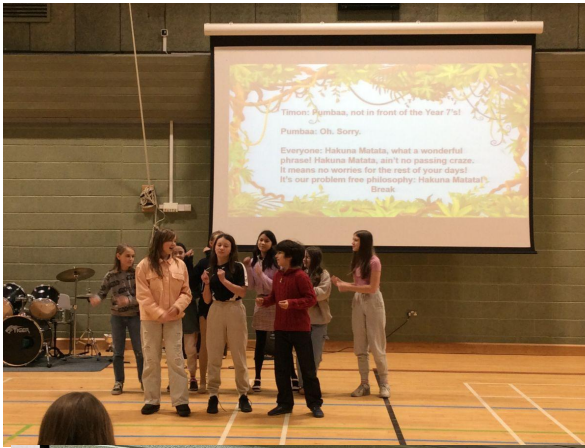
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Celebration Assemblies



What better way to celebrate the end of term than by celebrating all our students and their wonderful successes. A non-uniform day to reward 100,000 On Track points, jaw-dropping performances by Cirque de Silk, production sneak peak performances, student band KORR (with special guest Mr Andrews singing), student poetry, an abundance of awards and much much more. We're very proud of everything our students have accomplished this term, here's to next term being just as good, if not better!



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Cirque de Silk



Phenomenal performances from our students in Cirque de Silk, absolutely awe-inspiring displays. We watched holding our breaths, and have only just let them out now you're safely on the ground. Amazing, well done!



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Food bank collection



Thanks to everyone who donated an item of food for the Bridging the Gap Glastonbury food bank collection for non-uniform day. As you can see, we collected a cornucopia of products. A wonderful success that will go a long way to helping families in the local area. It has been really heartwarming to see the kindness of our students, bringing in donations large and small to help others.



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International Book Gifting Day



Friday 14th was International Book Gifting Day. The library hid seven wrapped books around the school, ready for lucky book-hunting students to find and keep, or gift to a friend.

The students weren't the only ones to receive books. Mrs Gregory, Mrs Morris and Mrs Manning organised a surprise for all staff members... a book for everyone. Wrapped and chosen specifically for them, everyone received a book, spreading the joy of reading and spreading the love on Valentine's Day and the last day of term.



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Cake Sales



Year 11 Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who sent in cake donations and provided students with some spending money for cakes on Tuesday! The student leaders were thrilled with the turnout and sold out in a record 12 minutes raising just short of £90.

This is a fantastic achievement and a real testament to the fantastic community spirit we have here at St Dunstan's. All money raised will go directly towards helping Year 11 students purchase Leavers Hoodies and Prom tickets.

World Challenge Cake Sale

Another big thank you for all our cake donations for our Friday cake sale, it was a great way to round off the week, and the whole term, while raising money for a great cause. The cakes sold incredibly well and students were able to raise lots of money for the Year 10 World Challenge.



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PTA Announcements



An easy way to support the PTA and the school by raising money for the PTA every time you shop online.

Please use the link below to join Easyfundraising and the PTA will receive a donation whenever you shop online at over 7,000 online shops including Amazon, Argos, Tesco, Ocado, Tui...

Either download the app or simply visit the Easyfundraising website before continuing to the online store. Easyfundraising will receive a donation from the retailer for the PTA at no cost to you. Please support this help raise money for our school.

[Easy Fundraising PTA St Dunstan's](#)



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St Dunstan's Library presents...

THE BOOK NOOK

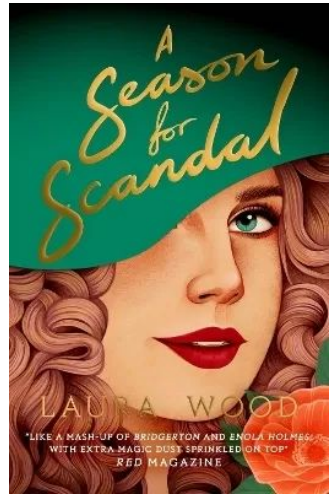
We've had a romance display in the library this week, but romance is one of our most popular genres all year round! Whether from the romance, graphic novel or LGBTQ+ section, a little bit of love can go a long way!



Review by Dulcie
in Year 7



I liked the book because it was a feminist mystery with romance. I would describe it as a historical romance. Five stars.



Popular loans this week:



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**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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CARE**

**RADIATE
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Careers



Careers Bulletin

"Keeping Careers at the Centre"

National events:

Apprenticeship Week 10th - 16th February

Amazing Apprenticeship opportunities can be found at [Higher & Degree Vacancy Listings](#)

Students might like to have a go at the quiz - [Which Apprenticeship would suit you best?](#)

Learn about the world of apprenticeships at the [National Apprenticeship Week website](#)

International Women's Day Wednesday 5th March

["EmpowerHer: Shaping the Future Together"](#), free 50 minute Zoom event for both genders to celebrate International Women's Day to inspire & empower students - Wed 5 March 9am.

Post 16 options:

Bath College are running a separate open day event for SEND students on Wednesday 7th May 4 - 7pm. Book your place here - [Somerset Valley Campus](#), [City Centre Campus](#)

Bath College courses can be found on their [website](#).

Work Experience:

Discover different roles in [graphic design & branding](#) - 4th March 10 - 12pm, ages 16-19.

Tech Industry: Learn about tech products, problem solving & working in teams in the secured tech

finance industry with [Landscape](#). 9th March 9.30-12.30pm. Age 14-19 Info

Hear from experts in [travel & tourism](#). Help students discover their role. 3-7th March 9-3pm. Age 14-19. Info. Apply by 10/2

Labour Market Information:

[National News](#) in sponsorship with Inspiring Careers Programme

Department for Education [Apprenticeship statistic summary](#)

Support for all:

[Career Connect](#) - Helping young people and adults create better futures through person-centred careers information, advice and guidance.

St Dunstan's career calendar:

6th March - World Book Day

28th March - Y10 Mock Interview Day

29th April - Strode College application information assembly

14th July - Y10 Work Experience



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PTA Quiz Night



Tickets are available on ParentPay now for St Dunstan's PTA's 4th annual quiz!

Mrs Gregory and Mrs Manning are officially announced as our sparkling quiz masters for the evening's event!

Raffle Request: 'Do you have an unwanted Christmas presents? The PTA would love to have it for a raffle prize at the quiz. Any donations can be left at school reception at any time. Thanks in advance!

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PTA PRESENTS

QUIZ NIGHT

THURSDAY 27TH
FEBRUARY 2025

6.30 pm - doors open,
7pm kick off

£6 per adult, £3 per child
[children must be accompanied]

Teams of 8 max

1st drink free, nibbles on the table, BAR!

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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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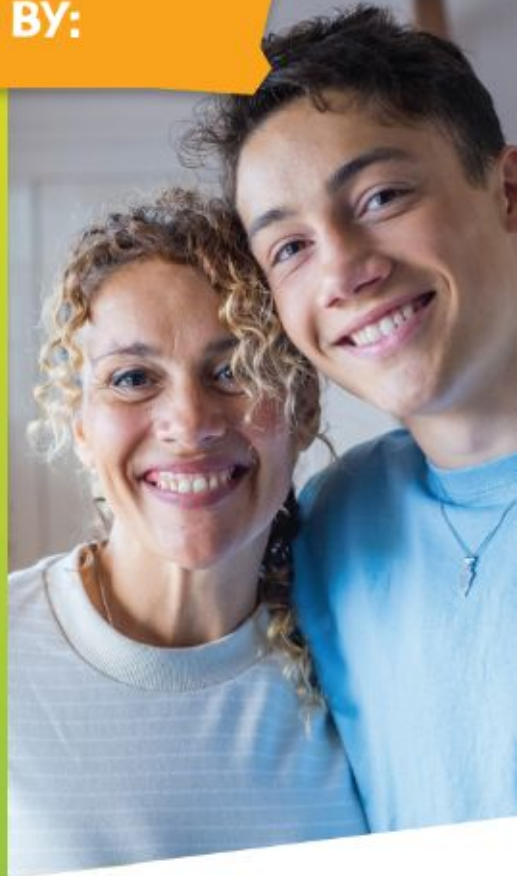


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YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD BY:

- 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

We're here to help if you need it.



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Local Events



YOUNG ARCHERS BEGINNER'S COURSE

**Saturday 26 April
(and the following three Saturdays) 12.30 - 2.30pm**

Price: £70 per person

All equipment will be provided for the duration of the course

This course will introduce you to the sport and teach you how to shoot safely. When you complete the course you will receive a certificate confirming that you have completed a Beginners Course in target archery – allowing you to join any archery club.

The course runs for **four** weekly consecutive sessions at our club within the Wells Sports Ground.

Please note that under-18s must be accompanied by a parent/guardian to all sessions. The parent can also sign up for the course at the same time.

Archery is very inclusive and can be adapted for age and disability . If you do have any concerns about your ability to join a Beginners group, please contact us - secretary@wellscityarchers.com

Book now at:

<https://wellscityarchers.com/beginners-form/>



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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

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www.ymca-bg.org

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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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ON TRACK

<u>O</u>rganised & Proactive	<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>
<u>N</u>eat & Tidy work	<p>Smart, well presented books demonstrating your best work</p>
<u>T</u>enacity	<p>Trying your hardest, rising to challenges, having a 'can do' attitude, working out solutions and taking ownership of your learning</p>
<u>R</u>eady, Respectful and Responsible	<p>Being a role model by consistently demonstrating our basic expectations</p>
<u>A</u>nswering, reading and listening like an expert	<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>
<u>C</u>ontributing to the class	<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>
<u>K</u>indness & Community minded	<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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