



Primary Post

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**The newsletter of
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The school year has culminated in a brilliant summer term. Year 6 have left us, saying their goodbyes in the most spectacular ways through a dazzling summer show and a moving leavers' service. The summer fete raised over £9000 for the school, thanks to superb organisation by the new Friends committee, spearheaded by Holly Bird, Maria Clifford and Jess Biggs, and ably supported by so many others. Planning approval for our Dyson STEAM project was the result of years of work behind the scenes. National attention as we watched the football together was one of those spontaneous moments which come out of nowhere. But none of these things happen by accident - our school community is exceptional - and that includes the children, parents and carers, the staff and our numerous supporters in the wider town. An enormous thank you to everyone who has supported the school in any way this year. Next year promises to bring many highs as well as plenty of challenge, but now it's time for a break. We wish everyone a restful, happy and well-deserved holiday.

Steve Heal

Library Stats

This year children have borrowed a remarkable 7088 books from the school library. And even brought most of them back! Huge thanks to Mrs Luckett who devotes much of her time to managing the library and securing an excellent selection of books for the children.

Don't forget the [Summer Reading Challenge](#), run through [Malmesbury Library](#). This was introduced to children by one of the librarians last week in assembly. It's a great way to keep children progressing over the summer.



Staff Retiring

This year, we say thank you and goodbye to three very long serving members of staff who will be retiring. People who leave seem to like to come back, so we will probably see each of them around school in the future, but it will be at the times when they choose to come and help us out.

Mrs Collison was a pupil at Malmesbury Primary School, when it was in the building before the last. She has worked here **over 39 years**, with a break, but consistently for the last 20 years. She has worked both as a teacher and as a Teaching Assistant, currently in Year 4. She taught our children French for many years, highly effectively. Her expertise with Special Educational Needs will be impossible to replace, except that she is already talking about coming in as a volunteer!

Mrs Elliott has been a teacher here **for 20 years**, working part-time recently but full-time for most of that period. She has been a key member of the team leading and developing maths for many years, and is one of the many teachers who moved from the old school when the current building was constructed in 2008. The school is people, not buildings, and Mrs Elliott will be much missed.

Mrs Hill has been a Teaching Assistant and Higher-Level Teaching Assistant for **20 years**, working in Year 3 for much of that time. Specialising in maths, she has helped set countless children on a path to success in the subject. She is also our scorer on Sports Day, so we will be letting her know the date next year before she gets a chance to book any holidays! Her care for children and support of the teachers in all aspects of their learning will be greatly missed.

Our heartfelt thanks to all three of these staff members for everything they have given the school over so many years.



Miss Houghton has reached the final two of the Walkers DO US A FLAVOUR competition with her very own flavour creation: **Salt & Pepper Chicken!**

Miss Houghton's flavour will now go into production and compete against **Grilled Cheese & Chilli Jam**.

The two limited-edition flavours will be available in supermarkets from September, and the flavour that sells the most over 15 weeks will be crowned the winner, with the creator receiving up to £500,000!

We are incredibly proud of Miss Houghton's achievement and the creativity that has taken her flavour idea to supermarket shelves!

Good luck, Miss Houghton — we'll all be cheering for **Salt & Pepper Chicken** when it comes to the crunch!

Early Years

It's a wrap!

As we come to the end of this year, we want to take a moment to reflect, celebrate, and thank you for being such an important part of your child's journey.

It has truly been a year full of wonder, growth, and discovery in our EYFS classrooms. From the very first day of school, when the children entered with bright eyes and curious minds - oh, how they've grown!

We've seen them develop confidence in expressing themselves, explore early literacy and math skills, and enjoy hands-on learning - from science experiments to sensory play to art projects that filled our walls with colour and imagination.

Whether it was learning to zip their coats, write their names, or work as part of a team, each milestone was met with pride and celebration.

We are incredibly proud of the amazing individuals they have become and are continuing to grow into.

Over the summer, keep the learning alive by:

- Reading together every day (don't forget the reading challenge at the library)
- Playing outside and exploring nature
- Drawing, writing, and making up stories
- Practicing everyday math like counting and adding

But most importantly - keep playing, laughing, and enjoying time together as a family.

Wishing you all a joyful, relaxing, and memory-filled summer!





Year 2

Now, where did that time GO!

It has been a fabulous year, and this term we have certainly squeezed a lot in - not just the adults at our Sharing Afternoon!

Our school trip was brilliant. The children all had a fantastic time, and we managed to fit everything in, including lunch. Sports Day was another great afternoon, where the children showed wonderful support for both their teams and one another.

The children made us all so proud with their Abbey Service, where they showcased all their learning and beautiful singing. We had great fun creating and testing aeroplanes to measure the distances during our Maths Day for STEAM.

Finally, a huge thank you for all your support with homework, learning, and for volunteering on our trip and our walks to the Abbey. It really is a team effort.

Have a wonderful summer!



SUMMER 2026



	Plane ①	Plane ②
Ellie	2m 52cm	3m 09cm
Erin	5m 46cm	3m 95cm
Mila	1m 70cm	2m 85cm
William	4m 70cm	7m 56cm
Rufus	4m 69cm	7m 85cm
Rafferty	4m 41cm	4m 16cm
Florence	5m 82cm	3m 86cm
Sophia	8m 24cm	4m 81cm
Isabella	3m 16cm	4m 19cm
Alexander	2m 90cm	3m 61cm
Luca	2m 51cm	4m 17cm
Emma	2m 38cm	2m 50cm
Iris	5m 31cm	2m 11cm
Maddy	6m 45cm	2m 21cm
Caleb	5m 50cm	4m 10cm
Victor	5m 46cm	3m 86cm
Teal	3m 81cm	4m 15cm
Lola	2m 76cm	3m 61cm
Mana	4m 23cm	3m 98cm
Sienna	4m	3m 11cm
Evelyn	92cm	3m 11cm
Harley	3m 10cm	4m 65cm
Harvie		
Calvin	2m 48cm	6m 11cm



STEAM DAY- Maths

Measuring how far our aeroplanes flew. We created two different styles to see which was better.

We also created dragon gliders, which we didn't want to throw.



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Yr 3 Brilliant Brunel

Year 3 have had a fantastic term learning all about Brunel and his many achievements. They rounded off the term with a special visit from some Dyson engineers to help them with a bridge building challenge.



Author visit - We were also lucky enough to have a visit from the famous author Chris Smith, who talked to us about his new book and the creative process. Many thanks to Barn Owl Books for organising the visit for us.

The Maya - Year 4

Year 4 completed their Maya topic with their T-shirt printing project and a South American inspired salad, for a healthy eating challenge.

Thank you very much for all of your support with the children's learning this year and we hope that you have an enjoyable and restful summer break.

The Year 3 & 4 team



Year 5

What a fantastic and incredibly busy term it has been for Year 5! It has certainly been one to remember, packed full of exciting learning opportunities both inside and outside the classroom.

The children have quite literally been *messing about on the river*! As part of their geography learning, they have enjoyed exploring the waterways of Malmesbury through river walks, investigating the local environment, and taking a memorable trip to Slimbridge. These experiences have brought their learning to life, helping them to understand the importance of rivers, habitats and the geography of our local area.

Our Year 5 mathematicians also took part in a dedicated Maths Day, where they explored measurement through a range of practical challenges. From estimating lengths and distances to measuring accurately and solving real-life problems, the children developed their mathematical thinking while having plenty of fun.

One of the tastiest highlights of the term was outdoor cooking with **Chef Dan Wyatt**. Working together in the fresh air, the children learned new cooking skills, explored ingredients and enjoyed preparing delicious food. It was a fantastic hands-on experience that combined teamwork, resilience and, of course, some wonderful flavours!

Another highlight of the term was welcoming a visiting author and illustrator. The children were inspired as they discovered how stories are created, learning techniques for both drawing engaging characters and writing exciting narratives. It was wonderful to see their creativity flourish and many left feeling inspired to become authors and illustrators themselves.

These are just a few of the many exciting experiences Year 5 have enjoyed this term. Alongside all of this, they have continued to work incredibly hard in the classroom, showing enthusiasm, curiosity and resilience in everything they do. We are extremely proud of everything they have achieved and wish them a wonderful and well-deserved summer break.



YEAR 6

Our Year 6 children have been nothing short of amazing. They absolutely smashed their SATs, and every single one of them should be immensely proud of what they have achieved. More importantly, they have shown resilience, determination and maturity throughout the year.

This year group joined us during the COVID pandemic, when their first years of school were far from normal. Their early education was disrupted, yet to see the confident, kind and capable young people they have become has been an absolute privilege. We couldn't be prouder.

So, what have they been up to this term? Where do we begin!

The children wowed audiences with their fantastic production of **Gross Busters**. There were so many standout performances and it was wonderful to see so many children stepping well outside their comfort zones, embracing the challenge and shining on stage. Every single child played their part in making it a performance to remember.

Our Leavers' Service at Malmesbury Abbey was another unforgettable occasion. There truly wasn't a dry eye in the house as we reflected on their journey through primary school and wished them every success for the future.

A huge thank you must go to the **Friends of Malmesbury Primary School** for once again funding the Year 6 leavers' books. The cost of these has increased significantly in recent years, but the Friends were still delighted to provide this special keepsake. The children absolutely loved receiving them, and we are incredibly grateful for the continued generosity and support.

The celebrations continued with the annual Leavers' BBQ. Swimming in the lake, sharing stories with friends, enjoying some very tasty sausages and creating memories that will last a lifetime—it really was the perfect way to celebrate their time together.

Of course, that wasn't all! They have visited their new secondary schools, continued to be wonderful reading buddies for our younger pupils, created fascinating animations as part of their evolution topic, developed their writing, challenged themselves during Maths Day and, most importantly, had an enormous amount of fun along the way.

Year 6, you have been an exceptional year group. You have made us laugh, made us proud and, yes, made us cry. Thank you for everything you have brought to our school. We know you will go on to achieve incredible things, and whilst you will be greatly missed, we cannot wait to see what your future holds.

Good luck, Year 6—you will always be part of the Malmesbury Primary family.



