



END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER

JULY 2026



As another academic year draws to a close, it is wonderful to reflect on our many successes and achievements. Having been Headteacher here now for six years, I continue to be incredibly proud of everything we have accomplished together at Middlezoy and Othery Schools.

Our amazing children continue to work hard every day and strive to be "the best they can be". Equally, our dedicated staff team work tirelessly to support every aspect of the children's education and wellbeing, ensuring that every child is valued, nurtured and encouraged to succeed.

This year, we have continued to strengthen our relationships with the local community through our fortnightly Church Assemblies, our annual visit to the Middlezoy Coffee Morning to sing at Christmas, a shared Easter Service at the church, and our Coffee afternoon raising money for MacMillan.

Interest in our school continues, we have welcomed five new children to our school this year and we are delighted to be welcoming eleven children into our reception class in September. Many of these new entrants have had the school recommended to them by existing parents and it is always heartening to hear such positive feedback. Thank you for your support and for sharing the successes of our school with friends and family.

Throughout the year, we have enjoyed a wide range of memorable events and experiences. These have included Mother's Day celebrations, Unicorn Class's Christmas production, our Harvest Festival assembly with donations to the local food bank, our first Father's Day Assembly, whole school Sports Day and our recent Key Stage 2 productions. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils also enjoyed a fantastic three-day residential visit to Kilve. In addition, children have taken part in a variety of educational visits, including trips to Lyme Regis, Coates Willow and Secret World whilst also benefiting from visits into school focused on Science, Physical Education, history and Art.

Of course, we cannot forget the return of our favourite artist, Darrell Wakelam, whose visits continue to inspire our children's creativity. Year 6 pupils successfully completed their Bikeability training, and children across the school have benefited from specialist coaching in fencing, football, hockey, cricket and playground games. To crown another successful year, we were delighted to be awarded the Gold School Games Mark in recognition of our commitment to sport and physical activity.

Results

Academically, we have had another brilliant year.

In Unicorns, the magic continues with 87.5% of our Reception cohort reaching a Good Level of Development. In Year 1, 86% of children reached the expected standard in phonics. In Year 2, although not statutory, the children all sat their SATs with 83% of the children achieving the expected standard for reading, writing and maths. The solid start ensures that our Year 2 children are ready for their journey into Key Stage 2 in September. Well done to the children and the whole staff team on such a successful year.

In Phoenix Class, following lots of practice and effort, our year 4 all achieved scores of 20 out of 25 or higher on their multiplication checks. Well done to Mr Cornish, the team and the children in Year 4.

Our year 6 results are once again, above National averages with 80% of children achieving the expected standard for reading, writing, SPaG and maths. Over 30% achieved scores which show they are working at a level of greater depth in all areas. Well done to all the children for their hard work and efforts.

Reports

You should all have received your child's annual report which we sent via email last week. Additional SATs, phonics and multiplication check information has been sent home separately.

Governors

The Governors continue to support our strategic planning and regular visits to the school help to ensure that the quality of education the children receive is at least good if not, outstanding. At our last meeting we once again discussed the use of one site, the Othery site, and following the continuing success of the previous two years, it was decided that this would also continue for the next academic year. It will, of course, be regularly monitored and discussed at our LGB meetings throughout the year. The minibus will continue to run from Middlezoy to Othery promptly at 8:30am and will return after school finishes. Places must be booked via the school office.

Staffing

We are jiggling the classrooms around a little but the staffing remains much the same: Our Unicorns will be taught by Mrs Silver with Mrs Greedy, Mrs Hale and Miss Harris as LSAs. Phoenix Class will be taught by Mr Cornish with Miss Lester as the LSA. Dragons Class will be taught by Mrs McNamara Monday-Thursday and then I will take the class on Friday mornings. The class LSAs will be Mrs Hall and Mrs Nevard (1:1 LSA).

Mrs Brown will be supporting across the school and Mrs Higgs will continue to work in the afternoons, supporting in classes and working as the school ELSA.

Clubs

Despite being a small school, with a team of just three teachers, we are delighted to continue to offer a range of after-school clubs for the children. Sports club will now run on a Wednesday and during the Autumn Term will be for children in KS2 (Phoenix and Dragons). Details of how to sign up to this and the teacher-led clubs will be emailed out separately.

Teacher-led clubs will include board games on a Monday with Miss Lester, Lego on a Monday with Mr Cornish and KS2 Art Club Tuesday with Mrs McNamara. Gardening/Art on a Thursday with Mrs Silver will be for Unicorns Class only during the Autumn Term.

Mrs Brown will be supporting identified children with SATs booster sessions – parents will be contacted individually.

Breakfast Club and After-School provision will continue to run but must be booked and paid for, in advance, via ParentPay.

Parent Survey

Thank you for all who have responded to the parent surveys so far. It takes just a few minutes to complete and is a very helpful tool for us to see areas that could be improved. The 17 responses, so far, are overwhelmingly positive- thank you. I am delighted that all the children are happy to come to school and feel safe each day. The survey is anonymous but please do come and talk to me if you have any concerns or ideas.

To address one point raised regarding awareness of what is being taught, all curriculum maps are sent home termly and are always available on the website too. These show you all that your child/children will be learning throughout each term and there are two years' worth on the website for your information. We are heading into Year A and the link is below:

[Middlezoy & Othery Schools - Curriculum Maps](#)

Furthermore, under the subject headings, [Middlezoy & Othery Schools - Curriculum Information](#) , there are more details of all that is taught. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via the office.

Minibus

As detailed in the Spring 2 newsletter, the minibus will continue to run for the next academic year. I would like to remind you that the school does not receive any additional funding for this service. All costs are met from the main school budget, which does have an impact on the resources we are able to provide elsewhere. To book a space on the bus for your child, please contact Miss Braithwaite in the school office. If you have any queries about the bus, please come and speak with me directly.

The PTA

A huge thank you to you all and to the PTA committee who work tirelessly behind the scenes to organise and put on events including; the discos, "Be yourself days," Christmas raffles, Smartie challenges, Christmas Lunch for everyone, Soak the Teacher and Break the Rules Day. Please do consider attending the next AGM, as the team would really appreciate some additional help, support and ideas. Details of the date and a Teams Link will be sent out nearer the time.



And finally...

It certainly has been a busy year! Thank you for your continued support of our school and for sharing our successes far and wide.

The following pages share some of this year's highlights from each class.

All that is left is for me to do is to wish our year 6 leavers every future success and to wish you all a very happy and healthy summer break.

On behalf of all the staff, thank you so much for your generous gifts and the thank you cards you have presented us with this year.

We look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 7th September, when our gates will open at 8:30am.

With my very best wishes for a wonderful summer,

[Mrs Lindsay Hayward, Headteacher](#)

UNICORNS

Unicorn class have had a wonderful summer term. The children have all been working very hard and are in a great position to start their new school year in September. They have all made fantastic progress throughout the year and should be very proud of their achievements. Apart from reading, writing and number, there have been many memorable activities taking place ensuring that learning is informative and fun. These experiences have included hatching our own chicks, a Teddy Bear's Picnic, making moving monsters in DT, science day, a visit from Animals 2U and a trip out to Lyme Regis beach!

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Reception cohort, continuing to teach the current Year R and 1 during the next academic year and wish our present Year 2's the best of luck as they transition into Phoenix Class.

We wish you all a super summer holiday and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 7th September.

Mrs Silver, Mrs Greedy, Mrs Hale, Miss Lester and Miss Harris





PHOENIX

What a fantastic Summer term we have had in Phoenix Class, it certainly has been busy! I am very proud of the whole class for the progress they have made this year and the energy and enthusiasm to which they have approached their learning. Year 3 all did brilliantly, trying their hardest even when they found things hard and successfully navigating the step into KS2. I look forward to seeing them continue to flourish in all areas next year. Year 4 have also worked very hard and made great progress throughout the year particularly on their times tables and in Maths in general.

We have really enjoyed learning about the local history and geography of the area and had a lovely day at Coates Willow. We also had a fun and informative time with our visitors from Westonzoyland Church who taught us all about the Battle of Sedgemoor and showed us lots of exciting arms and armour from the time period.

We wish all the Year 4 all the best as they transition into Dragons Class in September and can't wait to welcome the current Year 2s into the new Phoenix Class cohort.

Have a fabulous summer holiday and we shall see you all in September!

Mr Cornish, Mrs Brown & Mrs Hall





DRAGONS

It has been a very busy summer term in Dragon class. All the children have worked incredibly hard and should be proud of everything they have achieved.

Year 5 have really built up their knowledge and understanding in reading, writing and maths, setting themselves up to be in a brilliant position heading into year 6 next year, we can't wait to see how they continue to flourish and shine. Year 6 have also worked incredibly hard, making great progress throughout the year, and completing their SATs. They have grown so much and have shown they are ready to move on to the next chapter, Huish! We wish them well and hope they continue to be the best they can be.

As well as working incredibly hard in the core subjects, Dragon class have learnt a lot about the British Empire in history, South America in geography, and how we have grown and changed in science. They have continued to develop their French, have created some fantastic quizzes in computing lessons and have created some fantastic pieces of artwork using the pointillism technique.

On top of all this of course, the children went on their residential trip to Kilve, practised and performed a terrific production full of laughs, shared their work during our open afternoon, and had lots of fun at the KS2 disco and during break the rules day.

We wish our Year 6s heading off to Huish all the best of luck in September and look forward to teaching our year 5s as year 6s again next year.

Have a lovely summer break, we look forward to welcoming you back in September!

Mrs McNamara, Mrs Nevard, and Mrs Brown.





Dates for your diary 2026-27

Thursday 3rd Sept and Friday 4th September	Inset Training Day
Monday 7th September	First Day of Autumn Term- gates open at 8:30am
Thursday 10th September	Swimming Starts for Year 5 only
Weds 23rd September	MacMillan Coffee Afternoon Open afternoon 1:45pm – 3pm
Thursday 24th September	Huish Academy Open Evening - 5-7pm
Monday 5th October	Whole School Harvest Festival 2pm @ St. Michael's Church
Weds 14th October	Flu Jabs
Mon 19th and Tues 20th October	Darrell Wakelam- Family Learning- details to follow
Tues 20th October and Weds 21st October	Parent's Evenings 3:30-5:30pm for Year 6 students
Friday 23rd October	Whole School Performance Poetry Day
26th -30th October	Half Term
Friday 6th November	Indian Dance Workshop Diwali Day
Monday 16th November	Anti-bullying week and Odd Socks Day
Friday 20th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 15th December	Unicorns Nativity
Wednesday 16th December	Panto – whole school
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Jumper Day and PTA Christmas Lunch (TBC)
Friday 18th December	Church Service 2pm @ St Michael's Church
5th February	NSPCC Numbers Day
Tuesday 9th February	Safer Internet Day – Too Good to be True
Mon 8th -Fri 12th March	Science Week



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VIVARY PARK

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- To go for a walk
- Meet others
- Enjoy the benefits of being in nature.

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Please note: All children (under 13) must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

To book your place, simply scan the QR code below

Time: 2.00 - 3.00pm
Dates: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th August
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What3Words: ///unwanted.menu.souk
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Contact Luke Andrews:
 ☎ 07437 404242
 ✉ latenniscoaching1@gmail.com



St Matthews Field, TA6 7BT

Wednesday 5 August 2026

10.00am - 3.00pm

A free event for children and families

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Parking available on site at £1 per car

Please note photos will be taken for publicity purposes

Dogs must be kept on a lead and litter picked up



Living History Day



Saturday 22nd August
10am - 4pm
Blake Gardens, Bridgwater

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SATURDAY 25TH JULY
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