



END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER

JULY 2025



As another academic year comes to an end, it is wonderful to be able to reflect on our many successes. Having been the Headteacher here for five years, I continue to be so proud of all that we have achieved at Middlezoy and Othery Schools during that time. I have said it many times before, it is an absolute privilege to lead these schools! Our amazing children continue to work hard daily and strive to be, "The best they can be!" Our team of dedicated staff work relentlessly to support every aspect of the children's well-being and education.

This year, we have continued to build our relationship with the local community through fortnightly Church Assemblies, our annual visit to Middlezoy Coffee Morning to sing at Christmas, a shared Easter Service at the Church and our amazing VE Day 80th Anniversary with the whole school. Following our Ofsted Reports last January, we have seen increased interest in our Schools, we are delighted to have welcomed so many new families this year; often coming to visit us due to "word of mouth" recommendations from parents of children already in our care. Supporting this further, our intake for September is the largest cohort entering in September for several years.

Throughout the year, we have hosted many events including, but not limited to: Mother's Day celebrations, Unicorn Class Christmas Production, a Harvest Festival assembly with donations going to our local foodbank, Sports Day and our recent KS2 Productions. We have also taken the children in Years 5 and 6 on a residential 3-day break, been on many trips including to Wells Cathedral, The Newt and Noah's Ark and welcomed visitors into school for Science, PE and Art. Not forgetting visits from our favourite artist, Darrell Wakelam. Our Year 6 successfully completed their bikeability training too and we have received coaching in rugby, playground games and cricket. To top this off, we secured our bronze level sports award just last week.

Results

Academically, we have had an amazing year. All our Year 6 cohort achieved the expected standard or higher in Reading, Writing and Maths. What more could we ask? A truly spectacular result! In Phoenix Class, following lots and lots of practice and effort, our year 4 all achieved well on their multiplication checks. Well done to Mr Cornish, the team and the children in Year 4. Furthermore, the magic continues in Unicorns, our phonics results are, once again, 100%, in Year 1. In Year 2, although not statutory, the children all sat their SATs with 80% of the children achieve the expected standard for writing with 90% securing this in Reading and Maths. Remarkable work and a wonderful starting place for their journey into Key Stage 2 in September. Well done to the children and the whole staff team on such a successful year.

Governors

The Governors continue to support our strategic planning and regular visits to school help to ensure that the quality of education the children receive is at least good or 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.

In addition to this, the future of Hatchlings Pre-School was discussed. The decision has been made to change the school age to 4-11 from 2-11. This request has been applied for and the Pre-School will now remain closed.

Staffing

Our staffing remains consistent with all current staff remaining with us for next year. In addition, we will have extra support in Unicorns Class. Miss Izzy Harris will be joining our team from September and will be working alongside the children in reception.

Clubs

We are delighted 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 open to all children will include board games on a Monday with Miss Lester, Lego on a Monday with Mr Cornish and Dancing on Tuesdays with Mrs Brown. Gardening/Art on a Thursday with Mrs Silver will be for Unicorns Class only during the Autumn Term.

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

Trim Trail Update

Thank you to all who have supported the events held to help raise money towards the new trim trail. The trim trail and ground works is costing in excess of £24,000 and a recent, very kind donation of a considerable sum has been put towards this. In addition, the PTA have donated £4,500 of the money raised over the years and the remaining amount has come from the school budget. We have received additional donations from a number of people following the setting up of the Just Giving Page and from a couple of local benefactors. The Soak-a-Teacher event was well attended and raised an additional £131. Proceeds from the BBQ have also been put toward this project. This leads me on to....

The PTA

A huge thank you to you all and to the committee of Ella, Emma, Rachel, Jodie and Lucia who work tirelessly behind the scenes to organise and put on such events as the ones mentioned above and many others including discos, "Be yourself days," Christmas raffles, Smartie challenges and more. Please do consider attending the next AGM on Monday 22nd September, as the team would really appreciate some additional help, support and ideas. Details and Teams Link will be sent out nearer the time.

It certainly has been a busy year! Thank you for your continued support of our school and for sharing our success 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 you a very happy and healthy summer break.

We look forward to seeing you all back on Thursday 4th September.

With my very best wishes,

[Mrs Lindsay Hayward, Headteacher](#)

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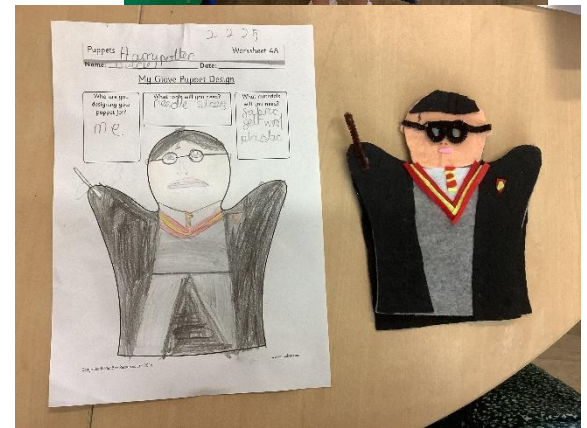
Unicorn class have had a wonderful summer term. The children have all been working very hard and are in a great position to start their new school year in September. They have all made fantastic progress throughout the year and should be very proud of their achievements. Apart from reading, writing and number, there have been many memorable activities taking place ensuring that learning is informative and fun. These experiences have included hatching our own butterflies, a Teddy Bear's Picnic, making hand puppets in DT, science workshops, a VR mission into outer space and 2 trips - one to Dunster Castle and one to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm!

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 Thursday September 4th.

Mrs Silver, Mrs Greedy, Mrs Hale and Miss Lester





PHOENIX

Phoenix Class have had a fantastic summer term, working hard whilst also enjoying themselves. They should all be very proud of the progress they've made this year and enjoy their summer break. One of the highlights was our trip to the Roman villa at The Newt in Somerset where we got to see the original ruins and explore the fantastic recreation and learn a lot about life in Roman Britain. They all were amazed to get a chance to explore volcanoes in virtual reality during our science workshop too.

They all deserve a lot of credit for their outstanding performances in Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies, a memorable production which was much loved. They also loved working with Darrell to create some beautiful artwork. We are very proud of the Year 3's for their hard work all year and look forward to welcoming them back in September and we must say a big congratulations to the Year 4's on their times tables test results and wish them all the best as they move up into Dragons Class.





**Roman villa at
The Newt**



DRAGONS

We have had a wonderful summer term in Dragons Class. The children have worked incredibly hard throughout the whole year, but we have also had lots of fun along the way. One of the term's highlights must be our phenomenal production of Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies- what a treat! They also experienced a three-day residential to Okehampton where they were all amazingly well-behaved and courageous. Back in school they have enjoyed a science VR experience, playground games workshop and art with Darrell alongside their usual learning.

We are so proud of all the children have achieved this year. Our remarkable year 6 cohort are ready and equipped for their journey into secondary education and we know they will continue to shine. Year 5 are more than ready to take on the challenges that year 6 will bring.

Here are some of our highlights....





**Robin Hood
and the
Sherwood Hoodies**





Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER	
Tuesday 2 nd and Wednesday 3 rd	INSET DAYS
Thursday 4 th	Start of Autumn Term
Thursday 4 th	Swimming Year 5 and 6
Wednesday 17 th	Family Learning with Darrell Wakelam Morning – 9-10:30am Phoenix class 10:30-12pm Dragons Afternoon – 1:15-3:15pm Unicorns
Monday 22 nd September	PTA – AGM time to be confirmed
Thursday 25 th	Open Evening at Huish Academy
Friday 26 th	MacMillian Coffee Afternoon and Cake Sale
OCTOBER	
Friday 3 rd	Unicorn Class Harvest Assembly @ 2pm Donations of produce will go to a local foodbank
Friday 10 th	World Mental Health Day
Tuesday 14 th	Parents Appointments 3:30pm-5:30pm
Wednesday 15 th	Tempest Photography- Sibling and Individual Pictures Parents Appointments 3:30pm – 5:30pm
October Half Term Monday 27th- Friday 31st	
NOVEMBER	
10 th Nov to 14 th Nov 2025	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 11 th	Remembrance Day
DECEMBER	
Thursday 11 th	Unicorn Class Christmas Production
Thursday 18 th	Our Christmas Jumper Day Whole School Trip to the Panto TBC
Friday 19 th	Last Day of Term Christmas Service in the Church Time TBC
Christmas Holidays Monday 22nd December to Friday 2nd January	

Huish CLP Sporting dates for your diary

Please note for events running out of school hours, children will need to be taken to the venue. We will send reminders nearer the time to check we have a team and can attend. If no team is available, it may be possible to join with another school.

Tuesday 23rd September 4pm Start

Cross Country @ Long Sutton

Tuesday 30th September 4-6pm

Yr5/6 Football @ Huish Academy 3G Pitch

Wednesday 22nd September Time TBC

Yr 3/ 4 Tag Rugby @ Somerton RFC

Thursday 23rd October Time TBC

Yr 5/6 Tag Rugby @ Somerton RFC

Tuesday 2nd December 4-5:30pm

Yr 5/6 Basketball tournament Huish Leisure

Tuesday 20th January 4-6pm

Yr 5/6 Hockey Tournament Huish Academy 3G pitch

Tuesday 10th March 3-4pm

Cross Country @ Huish Academy

Tuesday 16th June 4-6pm

Rounders Yr 5/6 @ Huish Academy

Tuesday 30th June 2-4pm

Athletics KS2 @ Huish Academy