



Mells Church First School

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Week Commencing – Monday 12th October 2026

Check out our website: www.mells.bwmat.org

Next Week's value – 'We are Resilient'

Please remember all lunches for week commencing 26th October need to be ordered on ARBOR by midnight on Sunday 11th October

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

Hot lunches - Week 3

Mon 12th	Breakfast club anytime from 8am - £2.75 per day Evo Sports– until 4.30
Tues 13th	Breakfast club anytime from 8am - £2.75 per day Sunflower class starter sports with IG coaching Evo Sports club – until 4.30
Wed 14th	Breakfast club anytime from 8am - £2.75 per day Sunflowers Outdoor learning Sunflowers PE / Bluebells PE Evo Sports club – until 4.30
Thurs 15th	Breakfast club anytime from 8am - £2.75 per day Snowdrops PE Evo Sports Club – until 4.30
Fri 16th	Breakfast club anytime from 8am - £2.75 per day Bluebells PE / Sunflowers PE



Class pages are viewable on our website –www.mells.bwmat.org/

Snowdrop Class	https://www.mells.bwmat.org/Snowdrop-Class/
Sunflowers Class	https://www.mells.bwmat.org/Sunflower-Class/
Bluebell Class	https://www.mells.bwmat.org/Bluebell-Class/

ARBOR REMINDERS

All parents – please keep all Breakfast(all year groups) and Lunch accounts(KS2 only) in credit

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As another busy week draws to a close, I have found myself looking ahead with excitement to everything that is coming up over the weeks ahead.

Today, we have shared a separate letter containing key dates for the term, and reading through it is a reminder of just how much is planned for our children and families. There are opportunities to celebrate learning, come together as a community and strengthen the important partnership between home and school.

I would particularly encourage families to make a note of our upcoming Come Learn With Me sessions. These are always wonderful opportunities to step into the classroom, share in your child's learning and see first-hand the experiences that make Mells such a special place to be.

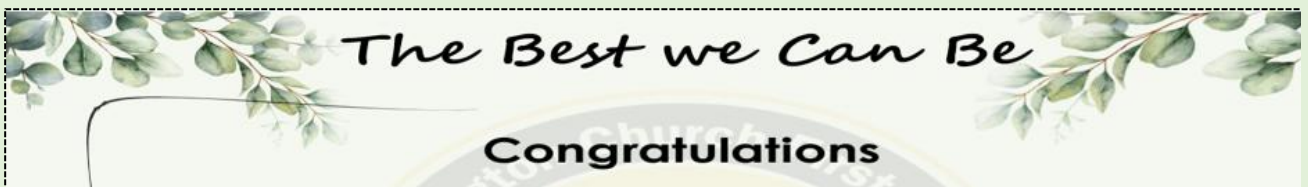
Equally, our Parents' Evenings provide an important chance to celebrate progress, discuss next steps and continue the strong dialogue between home and school that helps children thrive.

As we move through the term, I would also like to thank families for their support in ensuring children attend school regularly and arrive ready to learn each day. Every day in school matters, and strong attendance helps children make the most of the many exciting opportunities ahead.

With trips, events, learning experiences and community occasions all on the horizon, there is certainly plenty to look forward to. I encourage you to keep an eye on the dates that have been shared and join us wherever you can.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Rory McGrath



We are so proud of the children's achievements, kindness and efforts. This week for 'We are Responsible' value, our congratulations go to:

- Annabel
- Milo
- Arthur

DOODLE MATHS



We have had an amazing start to the Doodle Maths challenges – and huge congratulations goes to Year 1, with the top Doodler being Augusta! Congratulations!!

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AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

All parents will need to register on the site before you are able to make any bookings on [this link](#). Please register in advance of using the club, as this will speed up any booking processes. Bookings do close 24 hours in advance; however last-minute bookings can be made by emailing Gino Evosports7@outlook.com.

Thank you for all the replies to our afterschool questionnaire. We are collating the responses and will update parents as soon as possible. **Next week, afterschool clubs will be having fun with wildlife week - creating bug hotels, bird feeders and making crafts with natural materials!**

VISIT FROM OUR PCSO'S

Snowdrops class had a very special visit this week, from 2 of our local PCSO's who came to talk to the children about their jobs, and how the police help people! The children were amazing and even had the chance to try on some police clothing! Definitely a uniform to grow into!!!!



TTRockstars Battle of the Bands – family challenge!

We are going **Blue** this week in the family challenge! Well done to Blue house! Our top player this week was **Milo!** Awesome job!

Which house can win it next week?



MONTY THE MINER!



We have taken delivery of our 3ft tall miner, which has been provided by The Somerset Miners Welfare Trust, in recognition and remembrance of mining in the local areas, and of the Mells mine which was sunk in 1863 and closed in 1943. A few of our children have decided to call the miner Monty, which we think is a fabulous name! Thank you to Bryn Hawkins who is the Chairman of the Somerset Miners Welfare Trust for coming and visiting us!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

We are very pleased to show our new school council first picture together and we are very much looking forward to working with them.



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HARVEST FESTIVAL

As part of our Harvest Festival celebrations, we are inviting families to donate non-perishable food or toiletry items for **Fair Frome**. Donations can be left at the school office from now until the Harvest Festival. Every contribution, no matter how small, will help support local people in need. Thank you for helping us make a positive difference in our community.

PFA HARVEST FAYRE

Our Harvest Fayre is coming up, and we're looking forward to some lovely pre-half-term fun together!

As part of the fayre, we'll be holding our annual Mells Autumn Bake Off. We'd love for everyone to get involved and bring in an autumn-themed cake on Friday 23rd October.

Please make sure cakes are clearly labelled with your child's name and class, and that the relevant allergen information is included. We can't wait to see what everyone comes up with and, of course, who will be crowned this year's Head Baker!

We'll also be holding a Bottle Tombola! Anything in a bottle goes — think wine, ketchup, bubble bath, soy sauce, toiletries... whatever you like! Please bring your donations to the school office by Thursday 22nd October.

These events really do rely on everyone getting involved where they can, so please contribute in any way you're able to. Every little bit helps towards raising funds for our school! Thanks everyone, we can't wait to see you there!

CHILDREN IN NEED

We will be taking in part in BBC's Children In Need this November. We will be asking the children to come to school in their home clothes, wearing something yellow OR spotty if possible! You can donate online to our Just Giving Page by scanning the QR code or clicking this link – [Mells Children in Need](#)



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Future Events

20 th October	Harvest Festival – 2.30pm at St Andrews – all welcome
23 rd October	2nd Open Day for prospective 2027 parents
23 rd October	Mells PFA Harvest Fayre – Bake off day!
Wc 26th October	HALF TERM
4 th November	Road Safety talks
13 th November	Children in Need mufti day
19 th November	Robins class joining Snowdrops class for Fairy Tales day
10 th December	Christingle Service
14 th December	Christmas plays
15 th December	Christmas plays
16 th December	Christmas Dinner Day / Christmas jumper day
18 th December	Last day of term
4th January	Inset Day
5 th January	School reopens

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