



Mells Church First School

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Week Commencing – Monday 14th September 2026

Check out our website: www.beckingtonandmellsfederation.co.uk

Please remember all lunches for week commencing 28th September need to be ordered on ARBOR by midnight on Sunday 13th September

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

Hot lunches - Week 2

Mon 14th	Breakfast club anytime from 8am - £2.75 per day Evo Sports– until 4.30
Tues 15th	Breakfast club anytime from 8am - £2.75 per day Evo Sports club – until 4.30
Wed 16th	Breakfast club anytime from 8am - £2.75 per day Sunflowers PE/ Bluebells PE³⁰ Evo Sports club – until 4.30
Thurs 17th	Breakfast club anytime from 8am - £2.75 per day Evo Sports Club – until 4.30 Sunflowers PE
Fri 18th	Breakfast club anytime from 8am - £2.75 per day Bluebells 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 and Lunch accounts(KS2 only) in credit

At our school we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all pupils in our care. The health, safety and well-being of all our pupils is taken very seriously, and all staff and volunteers are aware of their responsibilities and will do all they can to provide a safe, caring and positive environment where children feel happy and secure. We encourage everyone in our wider school community to help us safeguard and protect our children at all times and in all ways. If you have any questions related to Safeguarding issues, please ask Mrs Jefferies or Mrs Howe (our designated Safeguarding Lead).



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Headteacher Blog

It has been a genuine pleasure to begin my journey as Headteacher at Beckington and Mells and to experience such a warm welcome from children, families and staff. From my very first day, I have been struck by the positivity, enthusiasm and strong sense of community that makes this school such a special place.

The start of a new school year always brings excitement and opportunity, and it has been wonderful to see the children embrace learning with such energy. I am particularly proud of how our new school values are already becoming part of everyday life, helping to shape the way we learn, work and care for one another. They provide a strong foundation for the future and reflect the kind of community we aspire to be.

As we look ahead, I am excited about the opportunities to work closely together with you as families to further enrich school life. Whether through developing our Forest School provision, enhancing the school environment, or exploring new enrichment opportunities for our children, I know that by working in partnership we can achieve great things.

I am incredibly excited for what lies ahead and look forward to a successful and rewarding year together.

Best,

Rory McGrath

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 either phoning Gino on 07525364380 or emailing Evosports7@outlook.com.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

From September 2026 the criteria for receiving free school meals are changing and many more families may now be eligible. If your household receives Universal Credit, whatever your income, your child will be entitled to a free school meal. Please click here to apply: <https://service.somerset.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

NEW WEBSITE

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new website. With a refreshed design, improved accessibility, and easy access to important information, the new site provides a better experience for all visitors. We encourage everyone to take a look and explore the updated content. As this is a fresh site, old photos have not come across but new photos will be uploaded as and when.

Please click this link to access - <https://www.mells.bwmat.org/>

WAKE AND SHAKE

For our new term, we have a new wake and shake routine for the children to learn! For our new parents, we have 'Wake and Shake' every morning to give the children (and staff!) a chance to move and wake up before lessons start! The [link is here](#) if you wish to practice at home and learn the moves. We are going back to the 90's and dancing to Reach for the Stars!

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DOODLE MATHS AWARDS

A huge congratulations to Alwyn, Alex, Dougie and Teddy for completing the Doodle Maths challenge over the holidays! We are very proud of you and your hard work!

GREAT SOMERSET FOOD RECYCLING ADVENTURE COMPETITION

As part of Somerset food recycling campaign, we're inviting children to write a short story (up to 500 words) inspired by food recycling for the chance to win book vouchers.

By taking part, your Somerset primary school will be entered into our prize draw for a chance to win £200 book vouchers for your school library.

The young story tellers could win a prize too! The winning author will win £30 book token, and runners up will receive £15 book token each.

The closing date is coming up, but there's still time to this weekend to get those creative ideas down on paper.

Competition closes on Monday 14 September, so hand in your stories to your class teacher on Monday morning (poster attached)

FACEBOOK PAGE

Just as a reminder to all our parents, if you are a social media user, Beckington and Mells have a joint schools Facebook page, which all our parents are welcome to join. We post general reminders on there, along with event information. You will be asked to answer a few simple questions to join, as it is a closed page only for our school families.

ARBOR

Please can you ensure you have up to date contact details on Arbor in the case of an emergency. We also ask that you put on any regular contacts who collect your children and select the 'Authorised to Collect' tab as every class has a list of who can collect the children. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

OPEN DAYS

Please find attached information regarding our upcoming open days for 2027 admissions. Please do share this poster with anyone who may be looking for a school place.

Future Events

21 st September	Snowdrops parent talk / Sunflowers parent talk– 3.30pm
22 nd September	Bluebell Class meet the teacher – 3.30pm
29 th September	1 st Open Day for prospective 2027 parents
7 th October	Flu vaccinations with school nurses (see Arbor communication)
23 rd October	2 ⁿ Open Day for prospective 2027 parents
26 th October	HALF TERM
4 th November	Road Safety talks

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