



Mells Church First School

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Week Commencing – Monday 19th October 2026

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

Next Week's value – 'We are Compassionate'

Please remember all lunches for week commencing 2nd November need to be ordered on ARBOR by midnight on Sunday 18th October

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

Hot lunches - Week 1



Mon 19th	Breakfast club anytime from 8am - £2.75 per day Year 4 Residential talk – 3.20 with Mrs PB Evo Sports– until 4.30
Tues 20th	Breakfast club anytime from 8am - £2.75 per day Sunflower class starter sports with IG coaching (rescheduled) Harvest Festival – all welcome from 2.30 at the church Evo Sports club – until 4.30
Wed 21st	Breakfast club anytime from 8am - £2.75 per day Sunflowers Outdoor learning Sunflowers PE / Bluebells PE Evo Sports club – until 4.30
Thurs 22nd	Breakfast club anytime from 8am - £2.75 per day Snowdrops PE Evo Sports Club – until 4.30
Fri 23rd	Breakfast club anytime from 8am - £2.75 per day 2nd Open Day PFA Harvest Fayre / Harvest Bake off ! See below 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,

It is hard to believe that we are already approaching the final week of the first half term. Since joining Mells in September, I have had the privilege of getting to know the children, staff and families that make this such a special school community.

As we head into the last week of term, it is a good opportunity to reflect on all that has been achieved. The children have worked incredibly hard, embraced new learning opportunities and approached school life with enthusiasm and positivity. I have been particularly pleased to see our school values becoming increasingly embedded in daily life. Whether through acts of kindness, determination in learning or the way children support one another, these values are becoming a visible part of what makes Mells such a special place.

Next week also brings one of the highlights of the term, our Harvest Festival on Tuesday 20 October at 2.30pm at St Andrew's Church, Mells. I am very much looking forward to celebrating this occasion with the children and hope that many families will be able to join us. It will be a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a school community before the half-term break.

As a reminder, last week we shared the key dates for the remainder of the autumn term. Please do keep these handy, as there are lots of exciting events and opportunities for families to be involved in school life after half term.

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:

- Leo
- Lexi
- Rudy

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 for the 2nd week running! 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!**



TTRockstars Battle of the Bands – family challenge!

We are going **Red** this week in the family challenge! Well done to Blue house! Our top player this week was **Teddy!** Awesome job! Which house can win it next week?



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!

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. We would like to invite all our parents and carers to join us at the service in St Andrews from 2.30pm. Thank you to all our parents who have volunteered to walk down with the children.

SUNFLOWERS STARTER SPORTS

Due to the rain on Tuesday, we have rescheduled the Sunflower starter sports to next Tuesday.

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CHILDREN IN NEED

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School's JustGiving
Page



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](#)

FAIR FROME

We have had the following information sent through from Fair Frome.

The Community Pantry runs on a Tuesday 2pm-6pm and allows people to pay £3 or £5 a week for a top up shop, a £5 shop is worth about £15-£17. We have fridge and freezer items, fruit and veg, store cupboard items, health and beauty, household items as well as pet food. We are now stocking Christmas items this includes food and non-food items such as wrapping paper. People do not need to be referred to the Community Pantry and can apply online at <https://fairfrome.org/communitypantry/>

The Christmas Get Together team are back again this year, providing a free Christmas dinner and entertainment. There is an option of a sit down meal at the Assembly Rooms (free transport is available) or delivery. There will be a children's area for those eating in. I have attached the poster. For people to sign up they need to complete the online form at

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScA2oAXRAXNrrL2CieLxzpAp1ueE2mt8eDrssxZY9lh06hdA/viewform?usp=header>



Future Events

Wc 26th October

2nd November

4th November

13th November

19th November

10th December

14th December

15th December

16th December

18th December

4th January

5th January

HALF TERM

Cross Country – for the children taking part

Road Safety talks

Children in Need mufti day

Robins class joining Snowdrops class for Fairy Tales day

Christingle Service

Christmas plays

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Christmas Dinner Day / Christmas jumper day

Last day of term

Inset Day

School reopens

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