



Mells Church First School

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Week Commencing – Monday 21st September 2026

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

Please remember all lunches for week commencing 5th October need to be ordered on ARBOR by midnight on Sunday 20th September

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

Hot lunches - Week 3

Mon 21st	Breakfast club anytime from 8am - £2.75 per day Evo Sports– until 4.30 Snowdrops / Sunflowers Parent talk – 3.30
Tues 22nd	Breakfast club anytime from 8am - £2.75 per day Snowdrops PE Evo Sports club – until 4.30 Bluebells Meet the teacher – 3.30
Wed 23rd	Breakfast club anytime from 8am - £2.75 per day Sunflowers PE / Bluebells PE Evo Sports club – until 4.30
Thurs 24th	Breakfast club anytime from 8am - £2.75 per day Snowdrops PE Evo Sports Club – until 4.30
Fri 25th	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 and Lunch accounts(KS2 only) in credit

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As another wonderful week draws to a close, I would like to thank our children, staff and families for the positivity, enthusiasm and support that continue to make our school community such a special place.

This week we have been celebrating our first school value, We Are Respectful. It has been a joy to see children demonstrating respect in so many ways: through their kindness towards others, their attitudes to learning, their care for our school environment and the way they represent our school both in and out of the classroom. We are incredibly proud of the way our pupils have embraced this value and we look forward to focusing on our next value, We Are Honest, during the week ahead.

As we continue our journey together this year, I would also like to remind families of the importance of excellent attendance. Every day in school matters. Whilst we understand that illness occasionally prevents attendance, being in school every day gives children the very best opportunity to learn, build friendships and fully participate in all aspects of school life.

Thank you for your continued support. It is a privilege to see the children thriving and I look forward to another exciting week ahead

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.

REMINDERS ABOUT SAFETY AT DROP OFFS

To help ease congestion and improve safety for everyone, many families follow an informal one-way system during drop-off and collection times. We kindly ask parents and carers to drive from the top of the hill down the school hill whenever possible. This helps to reduce traffic build-up, minimise queues and make the area safer for our children, families and local residents. We appreciate your cooperation and consideration towards others during our busiest times of the day.

BOARD GAMES

We are looking for donations of board games or card games for the children – ranging through all the year groups. We are looking to update the games that we already have and would be grateful to receive any donations to the school office



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

- Sienna
- Lola
- AJ

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SCHOOL COUNCIL

For Sunflowers and Bluebell class – we will be looking at voting in our School council next week. If your child would like to put themselves forward for school council, please ask them to write a short paragraph as to why they would be a good choice, and let their teacher know that they would like to be considered! Our School Council representatives meet with Mr Shipway to discuss and implement new ideas throughout the school and it is a great opportunity to make the children's voices heard! We will announce the new School Council soon.

Are you ready?! TTRockstars Battle of the Bands is back!

This time, it's a Family Battle! Will it be Blue, Green, Red or Yellow? Which family will come out on top?

Each week, complete as many correct questions as you can on TTRockstars to earn points for your family. We'll keep track of the scores and announce the winning family during our Celebration Assembly and in the school newsletter.

But wait... there's an extra twist!

This year, we're not competing against Beckington — we're joining forces with them! If you are in Green Family at Mells, you will be working together with Green Family at Beckington. The same applies to Red, Blue and Yellow Families too!

So, get practising, to see if your family can become the TTRockstars Battle of the Bands champions! 🏆 🎸



ILLNESSES

As we move into the autumn term, we kindly ask parents and carers to help us minimise the spread of illness by keeping children at home if they are unwell, particularly if they have a fever, vomiting, or diarrhoea. **We do have a 48-hour policy in place for any sickness/diarrhoea from the last bout.**

If your child is absent due to illness, please ensure that you notify the school as early as possible each day of their absence. Thank you for your support in helping us keep our school community healthy and safe.

HEALTH CARE PLANS

If you have received a health Care Plan for your child, please can you complete and return to the office ASAP. These are important so that we have all the information we need to keep children safe.

SNACKS

Please send your Bluebell/Sunflower children in to school with a healthy snack for break time please. As we are a nut free school, we ask that parents ensure that snacks are completely nut free. Can we also ask that you ensure that your child has a filled named water bottle in school each day.

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.

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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.

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.

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OPEN DAYS - WE WELCOME ANYONE
LOOKING FOR RECEPTION INTAKE 2027 OR
IN-YEAR TRANSFERS

- Tuesday 29th September @ 10.00am
- Friday 23rd October @ 10.00am
- Saturday 7th November @ 9.30 - 11.00am
- Tuesday 17th November @ 10.00am
- Tuesday 8th December @ 10.00am
- Tuesday 12th January @ 10.00am

OUR FACILITIES :

- Small nurturing school and environment with small EYFS class
- Beautiful rural location
- Breakfast & After-school clubs
- Amazing outdoor learning spaces
- Less than 10mins from Frome - with lots of safe parking!



Give us a call to book your
place - 01373 812380



Please scan the QR code to view our new website, or go to:

www.mells.bwmat.org

email: enquiries@mells.bwmat.org

Future Events

29 th September	1 st Open Day for prospective 2027 parents
5 th October	Snowdrop parents drawing club talk – 3.30pm
7 th October	Flu vaccinations with school nurses (see Arbor communication)
14 th October	Sunflowers outdoor learning
23 rd October	2n Open Day for prospective 2027 parents
26 th October	HALF TERM
4 th November	Road Safety talks

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