



# Milborne

# NEWS



Summer 2024

Dear Families

We hope that you have been enjoying a great summer at home. Welcome back to a brand new school year. We look forward to all this year will bring and also take a moment to wish all our leavers the very best of luck in their new schools.

During the summer holidays, our staff have been busy preparing their classrooms and beautiful learning environments for all our children to return to. School has been just a little quiet without them!

There are so many memories to cherish as we ended last term with the summer show - a fabulous KS2 performance of Matilda, Sports Day - a wonderful opportunity for all to shine and such an excellent display of school values, encouraging others, giving everything their best shot despite the nerves some of our children were feeling, and Great Works Celebrations in Buttercup and Bluebell Class - where our younger children got to celebrate their learning with you.

The children settled beautifully this morning. As our new year gets underway, let's remember to support each other as the strong and inclusive community that we are. Let's look forward to welcoming our new families and new members of staff and show everyone what it feels like to belong to our amazing school.

With warm regards,

*Michelle Cheeseman*



## OUR SCHOOL GARDEN

We have been successful in our first year of growing in our superb new raised beds. Children enjoyed trying broad beans both cooked and raw, peas freshly picked and popped from their pods, and even a few tomatoes and strawberries in the last days of term!

Next steps - we were successful in gaining a grant from the Harmony Project to add a cold frame, equipment and a new shed to keep our allotment space organised.

Volunteer! - We need keen growers, like Julianne Notley, to come in and support our children and staff to make the most of the opportunity to grow our own food. This is an integral part of our curriculum as it links our Harmony principles to what we can see and feel in the garden. Please chat to Mrs Cheeseman or Mrs Latham-Winning you or someone you know might be able to help us for an hour a week, short or longer term.

## WE NEED YOU!

As nature tells us, a healthy system relies on the many interdependent roles being fulfilled. If you have half an hour, an hour or a morning, we would love to hear from you or family members. We need gardeners, people to hear readers, perhaps a one off morning to help us renew our pond area and members of our parent forum, as well as a new governor. Pop us an email if you can help!

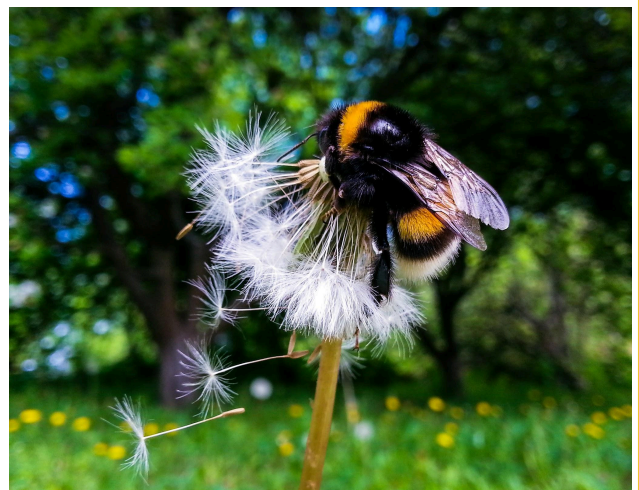
## GOVERNOR NEWS

We would like to offer our sincere thanks to Caleb Brown who has been our fantastic Chair of Governors over the last 3 years, appointing a new Head, working through an Ofsted visit and supporting the leadership of the school through a time of significant change.

The role of school governor is so rewarding and we are delighted that Mr Brown has gone on to be a governor at St Marys as his children progress through our fabulous school system.

We will be looking to appoint a new Chair early in the new term to support Mrs Cheeseman and the Governors in leading our school from strength to strength.

We will also hold parent governor elections early in the term so look out for further info on that and talk to us if you are considering this.



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