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Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Mells families,

**Key Dates – Autumn Term**

We are delighted to share our key dates for the remainder of the autumn term, and there is certainly plenty happening. Alongside all the learning taking place in school, we have celebrations, community events and plenty of special moments to look forward to together.

We also want to say a genuine thank you for your patience while we have been finalising the calendar. We appreciate that family diaries fill up incredibly quickly, so we hope having the dates gathered together in one place will make planning the weeks ahead that little bit easier. The dates will also be added to the website calendar for ease of reference.

I would like to draw your attention to two particular events in the coming term;

- Parent's Evenings – these are now taking place towards the end of the term to give you the opportunity to discuss the children's progress in their new class. If you do require a meeting with the class teacher in the meantime, then please do not hesitate to contact the office to arrange this.
- *Come Learn With Me* – starting this half term this new event will allow families to come into school and join their children in a learning activity – Blackbirds and Owl will complete one of these before Christmas and then Robins will have one in the new year.

It is shaping up to be a wonderfully busy autumn term, and we are looking forward to sharing so many of these occasions with you and the children.

Yours,

Rory McGrath
**Headteacher**

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| **Date** | **Event** | **Aim** |
| Friday 9th October | School Photographer | Individual photographs and siblings. |
| Tuesday 20th October - 2.00pm | Harvest Service | A whole community event in the church – families welcome. |
| Friday 23rd October – 10.00am | School Tour | An opportunity for potential new families to visit the school. |
| Friday 23rd October | Last day of term | End of half term – school closes at usual time. |
| Friday 23rd October - 3:30pm – 5:00pm | Harvest Fayre | Seasonal fun and games to raise money for the school. |
| Monday 2nd November | School Reopens | Start of the autumn 2 half term. |
| Wednesday 4th November – 9.00am | Come Learn With Me | Snowdrops class invite you in to share their learning– families welcome. |
| Wednesday 4th November | Road Safety Workshops | Important whole class discussions with external professionals |
| Tuesday 10th November – 2.30pm | Bluebell Parent Workshop | Come in find out more about our approaches to mathematics. |
| Wednesday 11th November – 10.30am | Remembrance Service | Bluebells class event in the church |
| Friday 13th November | Children In Need | Fancy Dress and donations to support this good cause. |
| Tuesday 17th November – 9.00am | Come Learn With Me | Bluebell class invite you in to share their learning– families welcome. |
| Tuesday 17th November - 10.00am | School Tour | An opportunity for potential new families to visit the school. |
| Thursday 19th November | Robins (Beckington) visiting Mells | Fairy Tales learning experience. |
| Tuesday 24th November – 3.30pm - 5.30pm | Parent's Evening | A chance for all families to meet their child's teacher to discuss the progress over the term. |
| Thursday 26th November – 3.30pm - 5.30pm | Parent's Evening | A chance for all families to meet their child's teacher to discuss the progress over the term. |
| Friday 4th December – 9.00am | Come Learn With Me | Sunflowers class invite you in to share their learning– families welcome. |
| Saturday 5th December | Winter Pine Market | A whole village festive community event |
| Tuesday 8th December - 10.00am | School Tour | An opportunity for potential new families to visit the school. |
| Thursday 10th December - 2.30pm | Christingle Service | A spiritual service for the whole school community- families welcome. |
| Monday 14th December - 2.00apm and 5.30pm | Years 2/3/4 Christmas Performance | A festive treat for families. |
| Tuesday 15th December- 2.00pm and 5.30pm | Reception and Year 1 Christmas Performance | A festive treat for families. |
| Wednesday 16th December | Christmas Jumper Day | Christmas jumpers and donations to support this good cause. |
| Wednesday 16th December | Christmas lunch | A tasty festive treat for children |
| Friday 18th December | Last day of term | End of half term – school closes at usual time. |
| Tuesday 5th January | School Reopens | Start of the spring 1 half term. |