

Review

2024/2025



Perrott Hill

From the Headmaster

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As you turn the pages of this year's Review magazine, we hope you get a sense of the breadth and depth of pupil achievement across the academic year. At the heart of everything we do is a commitment to delivering a purposeful and enriching education; one that not only stretches and inspires each child but also allows them to enjoy what we proudly refer to as a 'proper childhood'. It is a privilege to see our pupils flourish.

This year has given us much to celebrate. At the top end of the school, our Year 8 pupils have excelled, securing an impressive array of scholarships across multiple disciplines and winning places at some of the country's most prestigious senior schools. Equally important, they have led by example and been excellent role models, showing maturity, kindness and responsibility.

Academic success has been matched by achievements in the arts and beyond. Pupils have delivered strong results in ABRSM and LAMDA examinations, and our creative arts programme continues to thrive, with a series of vibrant productions and performances. On the sports field, as in the classroom, our pupils have pushed themselves and each other to reach new heights, embracing every opportunity to represent their school.

As a small rural prep school, we are now proud to be part of the Perrott Hill Education group - an expanding family of schools – which shares our values and vision. This affiliation provides a strong and stable foundation not just for today's pupils, but for generations to come.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. McCullough".

Alex McCullough

AUTUMN TERM 2024

HEADS OF SCHOOL

Willoughby C, Xanthe A

PREFECTS

Peppy K, Louisa L

SPRING TERM 2025

HEADS OF SCHOOL

Peppy K, Daisie F

PREFECTS

Sam B, Willoughby C, Louisa L, Xanthe A

SUMMER TERM 2025

HEADS OF SCHOOL

Sam B, Louisa L

PREFECTS

Reggie C, James R, Peppy K, Xanthe A, Willoughby C, Daisie F



Nursery



In Nursery and across the Early Years Foundation Stage as well as into Key Stage 1, children learn through play and a wide range of hands on experiences. Because while they're busy playing, they are also actively learning.



Nursery



Pre-Prep



Nativity

For this year's nativity performance all of the children from across Pre-Prep came together to celebrate the first Christmas through the story of The Bethlehem Bake Off, and they certainly 'rose' to the occasion! They all looked extremely happy as they waved to parents in the audience, remembered their lines and sang with great gusto. A heart-warming occasion.



Bugfest

We were delighted to welcome BugFest (and a selection of mini beasts) to school to explain how insects support the wider environment. The children loved seeing the insects up close and personal.



Working with shapes on the north lawns

Taking lessons outside always enhances the fun, which in turn helps the learning!



Easter baking

Reception were proud to display the delicious results of their Easter baking activity.

Pre-Prep



Breaktime



Year 1 and 2
celebration of work

What a lot our children had to showcase during their 'celebration of work'. They took to the stage to present their learning to their friends and families. We enjoyed presentations, artwork, songs and music. All totally delightful!



Pre-Prep Out and About



During the Summer Term, all of our Pre-Prep children enjoyed a day out at the seaside. All trips which supported and enhanced their classroom learning.



Prep



A unique bond

It's always great to catch up with our friends from Feltonfleet Prep School. We share a unique bond that goes back to WWII, when children from Feltonfleet in Surrey were evacuated to North Perrott Manor, the home of Major Hoskyns, here in Somerset. Today, we keep that friendship alive by hosting an annual programme of events, from friendly sports matches to the famous Haddock Cup cross-country race.



Remembrance Day

Staff and Prep School pupils gathered in St. Martin's Church for a special Remembrance Day service. During his address, our guest speaker Major (Retd) Sid Keyte spoke about his time in the army, and what Remembrance Day means to him. "This day always reminds me to live my life to the fullest", he told the congregation, "Which I am sure, those who have sadly lost their lives in war, would want us to do."

Prep



Easter Service

We also gathered in St Martin's Church for our Easter Service.



Breaktime fun!



Field trips

Year 3 donned their wellington boots and waterproofs, ready to get stuck into some geography field work.



Learning Support

Our brilliant Learning Support team consisting of Mrs Hobson, Miss Henning and Mrs Meade, play an important part in the life of Perrott Hill. Years of experience and expertise means they can cover a range of topics including literacy, emotional literacy, numeracy, social skills, speech and language, study skills, fine motor skills and much more. And the best part is, the children really enjoy going there.



Academic ENGLISH

A glimpse into academic life



Reading rest and evening prep

Reading rest and prep periods are quiet moments during the busy school day which help build concentration, self-discipline, and independent learning skills.



Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the children who took part in The Reading Agency's Summer Reading Challenge and received a certificate in October from Daisie in Year 8 who was acting as Head for the Day.

Book Groups

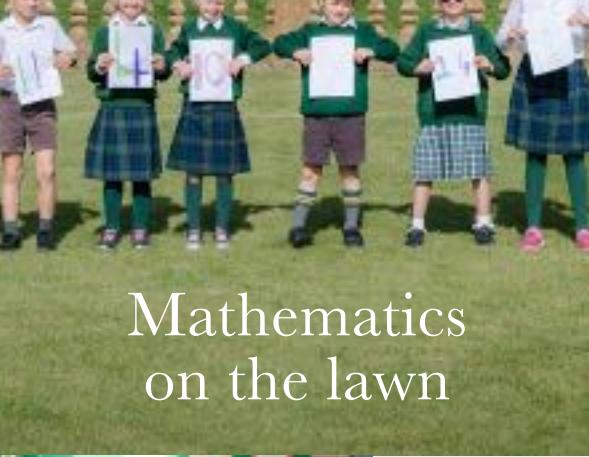
We are so proud of our book clubbers! The meetings were so well attended this year with pupils sharing their views, and carefully listening to the opinions of others, in a mature and thoughtful way.



Year 8 celebrating Poetry Day



Academic STEM



Making science memorable

There is a lot of science behind the deceptively simple 'Coke and Mentos' experiment. It is also a hugely popular one with the Year 7 pupils (and Mr Chapman!) as the physical reaction between the sweets and the carbon dioxide, instantaneously releases the gas so liquid shoots into the air.



Space training tower

We love building K'nex towers, at the same time as we are building innovation skills, problem-solving abilities and team-working.



Bunsen burner licences awarded

Congratulations to everyone who received their Bunsen burner licence in September; having demonstrated the ability to set up, light and use a Bunsen burner safely.



Notable Achievements

Here are just a few highlights from a great year that gave us lots to celebrate.



National Children's Choir

Congratulations to Gabriel O in Year 7 who has been awarded a place in the National Children's Choir of Great Britain.

National Youth Orchestra

For the fourth year running, Joe A (Year 8) has made it into the National Children's Orchestra – this year as part of the prestigious 'main' orchestra.



County cricketers

We currently have six players training with the Somerset County winter squad and with the help of specialist cricket coach Mark Davis we look forward to further developing the emerging talent we have here.



An epic ride

Rona G in Year 2 cycled 136 kilometres across the Netherlands and raised almost £3,000 for her two chosen charities!



Award-winning class of '25

It was an exceptional year for our Year 8 pupils, with over 50% of them securing prestigious scholarships to top schools across the country. The full list is as follows:

Luca C: King's College Taunton - Sport
James C: King's College Taunton - Sport
Reggie C: King's College Taunton - Sport
Emma B: Shebbear College - Art
Evie G: King's School, Bruton - Sport
Daisie F: King's School, Bruton - Sport
Jesse T-C: King's School, Bruton - Sport
Louisa L: King's School, Bruton - Art
Jessica J: Taunton School - Music
Freddie C: Blundell's - A.V.Hill Academic Scholarship
Amelia C: Blundell's - Drama
Saba S: Bryanston - Richard Hunter All-Rounder Scholarship
James R: Canford – Sport



In addition, Albert H and Peppy K have secured places at Winchester College which offers just 140 places into Year 9 from over 400 applicants. And Willoughby C will join Eton College a prestigious institution which selects candidates who demonstrate not only academic excellence, but also strong character and leadership potential.

Our warmest congratulations go to them all.

Notable Achievements



House Poetry Recitations Competition

Well done to the winners of our 2025 House Poetry Recitations Competition:

Lily S (Year 2) read *Dear Mr Merlin* by Moira Andrew.

Joe A (Year 8) read a powerful self-penned poem, *Self*.

Sam C (Year 5) read *Walking with my Iguana* by Brian Moses.

Jude B (Year 4) read *Building a Dragon* by Charles Thompson.



High scoring mathematicians

A significant number of our Year 7 and 8 mathematicians achieved certificates in the 2025 UK Maths Trust Junior Maths Challenge. Ten pupils (James R, Marco C, Saba S, Luca M, Etienne B, Joe A, Thalia A, James C, Esme V and Sam B) received Bronze certificates, and four (Max M, Albert H, Willoughby C and Martha H-P) received Silver certificates. Special mention to Martha (pictured) who was the top scorer in Year 7. Best in School was Freddie C (pictured) who achieved a Gold Certificate, with a score that qualified him to enter the next round of the competition: the Junior Kangaroo. A great result.

Gold maths certificate holders

Congratulations to everyone who earned certificates in the Mathematical Association's Primary Maths Challenge – with special mention to Oliver K, Wilbur C, William S and Ned H for achieving gold certificates.



County hockey players

It's been a busy year for our County hockey players James R and Will B who have been representing Somerset in regional matches in the U14 and U13 age groups respectively. Both gained selection through last Summer's trials.



Creative writing success

Tessa T, Harry H and Rose P reached the final of a Creative Writing Competition that was judged by Academy and Emmy Award winner Lord Julian Fellowes. They all attended an event in Dorchester, where Rose was one of four prize winners on the day. She received a Highly Commended Award and her thrilling murder mystery story was read out at the ceremony by Julian Fellowes himself.



Global canvas finalist

Congratulations to Esme V whose artwork has made the finals of the 'Global Canvas' children's art competition – an annual event run by the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation, to encourage creativity in young people.



Ballet

Matilda N is an Associate with The London Ballet Company (a significant achievement) and danced with them in Weymouth during the Easter break in a production of 'Maria'.



Public Speaking

Congratulations to Thalia A, who triumphed over stiff competition to win our 2025 Year 7 Public Speaking Competition.



Record-breaking reading

Peppy K has smashed through all previous reading records as he prepares to hit "30 million words read" since he joined us in Year 3. That's 558 books read over the last five and a half years – an average of 100 books a year!!

Creative Arts **MUSIC**

Being involved in the arts, and having the opportunity to express themselves, is a great way to help children understand themselves and the world around them. Time spent lost in a great book, creating a piece of art or poetry, rehearsing for a play or concert, or working alongside one's peers in a purposeful endeavour is always time well-spent. The value of which should not be underestimated. Here is a snapshot of some of the talent and creativity that abounds at Perrott Hill.



Christmas Carols and Readings

The historic Grundy Hall felt suitably festive when our talented performers took to the stage for our annual 'Christmas Carols and Readings'. Described by one parent as "the most magical night of the year", everyone left feeling full of joy and festive spirit.



Perrott Promenade 2025

It was a glorious Spring evening for this year's Promenade which saw performances of an exceptionally high quality and ended with a rousing rendition of Madness' *Our House* from the community orchestra. A magnificent and memorable occasion.



The Prep School Carol Service at St Bartholomew's

Each year we welcome friends and family to St Bartholomew's Church in Crewkerne to mark the end of the Michaelmas term and celebrate the festive season.





Art and music making

Musicians and artists of all ages gathered at Perrott Hill for an enriching day of art and music-making. A 'pop-up' community orchestra, with musicians aged from 8 to 80, celebrated the iconic music of French composer Georges Bizet. On the same day, an art project saw children painting their own cellos taking inspiration from Bizet's *L'Arlesienne Suite* and Van Gogh's iconic brushstrokes. The event was a powerful reminder of how art and music can positively connect people of all ages.



Rock and roll

A day in a professional studio recording their own original songs was a unique experience for our Year 7 and 8 pupils who are part of the two school rock bands: Perrock! and Perroll!

ABRSM Results

NAME	SUBJECT	GRADE	RESULT
BODHIT	PIANO	INITIAL	Pass
OCTAVIA S	PIANO (MTB)	Pre-Grade	Distinction
TESSA T	PIANO	I	Merit
CHARLOTTE S	CELLO	I	Merit
JESSICA H	PIANO	I	Merit
SENGEN W	DESCANT RECORDER	I	Merit
EDDIE S	ACOUSTIC GUITAR (Rockschool)	I	Distinction
STANLEY H	DRUMS (MTB)	I	Merit
RUPERT J	DRUMS (MTB)	I	Merit
JUDE B	CLARINET	I	Distinction
MILO B	TROMBONE	I	Merit
LÉONIE P	CELLO	I	Merit
AUDREY H-P	CELLO	I	Merit
FRANKIE P-R	RECORDER	I	Pass
OSCAR S	DRUMS (MTB)	I	Merit
ARLO M	DRUMS (MTB)	I	Merit
EDITH B	CELLO	2	Distinction
OSCAR J	TRUMPET	2	Distinction
NED H	TROMBONE	2	Distinction
BEA W	MUSIC THEORY	2	Distinction
MAX M	PIANO	3	Distinction
WILLIAM S	HORN	3	Distinction
OLIVER K	TROMBONE	3	Pass
TESSA T	VIOLIN	3	Merit
JEMIMA L	DRUMS (MTB)	3	Pass
SAUL P	ELECTRIC GUITAR (Rockschool)	3	Merit
DAISIE F	VIOLA	4	Merit
BEA W	B FLAT CORNET	4	Distinction
AMELIA C	SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATRE	4	Pass
GABRIEL O	SINGING	4	Distinction
LOUISA L	PIANO	4	Merit
FREDDIE V	SAXOPHONE	4	Distinction
JOE A	PIANO	5	Distinction
SAM B	TRUMPET	5	Merit
PEPPY K	TRUMPET	5	Merit
REGGIE C	TRUMPET	5	Pass
JAMES C	CLARINET	5	Merit
WILLOUGHBY C	CLARINET	5	Merit
FREDDIE C	SAXOPHONE	5	Pass
JESSICA J	VIOLA	5	Merit
JOE A	TRUMPET	7	Distinction

Creative Arts

ART



Polar explorers

Nursery use art to learn about the polar region.



Dotty about art

We love the joyful, colourful creations pre-prep children made from something as simple as a dot!



Hedgehog art

In Reception art classes, hedgehogs have been studied, created and celebrated.



Understanding colour

Year 3 have been learning just how effective a limited colour palette can be.



Remembrance art project

Year 4 created artwork to mark Remembrance Day

From waste into wonderful

Our Year 4 pupils collected discarded plastics from the beach to transform into something new. Using found materials, children explored printmaking and weaving techniques and created their own unique fabrics and garments.



Creative Arts

ART



Sculpture

American modernist artist and sculptor Ruth Asawa was the inspiration behind the Year 5 art project.



Apple weekend art

Our talented Prep School artists got stuck into some apple-themed artwork to display in our wonderful local shop: the North Perrott Farm Shop and Garden Centre.

Creative Arts

DRAMA



The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

What a show! It was emotional seeing our Year 8 pupils take to the stage at Perrott Hill for the last time. And they didn't disappoint, with a slick production of 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. The pupils owned the stage, to bring this classic story to life, with confidence and clarity.



Creative Arts

DRAMA



Treasure Island

Our Year 6 cast transported us to the high seas with their brilliant production of 'Treasure Island' – full of comedy, adventure and daring pirates.



LAMDA

Our Autumn Term LAMDA results made for impressive reading, with six Distinctions and seven Merits. Four of these were for Grade 5, making them the first pupils since 2019 to have reached this standard.

NAME	GRADE	RESULT
Ellie H	Entry level	Distinction
Ruby F	Grade 1 Acting	Distinction
Harry H	Grade 1 Acting	Distinction
Wilbur C	Grade 2 Acting	Merit
Tessa T	Grade 2 Acting	Distinction
Rose P	Grade 4 Acting	Merit
Thalia A	Grade 4 Acting	Merit
William B	Grade 4 Acting	Merit
Saba S	Grade 4 Acting	Distinction
Eliza D	Grade 5 Acting	Merit
Albert H	Grade 5 Acting	Merit
Xanthe A	Grade 5 Acting	Merit
James R	Grade 5 Acting	Distinction

Kids in Space

Year 4 took to the stage in May, ably supported by a fantastic Year 3 choir, to perform 'First Kids in Space'. With great gusto and enthusiasm, the children told the story of a group of cadets sent to space to help the resident androids – but it proved to be a more adventurous trip than planned.

Discussion and Debate

The ability to speak clearly and persuasively is an important life skill and one we actively nurture here by giving the pupils as many opportunities as possible to speak out and express themselves.



Year 8 debate

The Autumn Term kicked off with Year 8 debating the motion, "This House believes the monarchy should be abolished".

"It's important to remember during a debate, that listening is as valuable as speaking."

Mr Silk, Oct '24.



Year 7 debate

"This House believes the Government should impose limits on children's screen time," was the subject of much comment and lively debate.



Discussion and Debate



Year 6 debate

Year 6 took to the floor in May to consider the motion: "This House believes that children should not be forced to wear school uniform".



Mock trial

Preparations for the Year 6 mock trial started with a visit from a local magistrate who spoke about the justice system; the difference between Crown and Magistrate Courts, and how everything works in practice. Our pupils then competed against five local schools in a staged and scripted mock trial that was judged by local magistrates.



Activities

There's certainly never a dull moment at Perrott Hill! Here's a very small selection of some of the things our pupils get up to.



Community Action

Each year our community action day sees the children getting involved in a range of volunteer work. They provided a helping hand in St Michael's church yard in Haselbury Plucknett and the community orchard, as well as here at school. An important reminder to give back wherever possible.



Farmer Time

Our Young Farmers have been visiting farms across the region; making marmalade to raise money for 'Farms for City Children'; milk tasting and welcoming four-legged friends into school.



Activities



Ballet

Pupils from Years 1 to 6 have gracefully refined their ballet techniques under the guidance of Mrs Cooper, as they prepare for end-of-year examinations.



Current Affairs Quizzers

Here are the winners of the first current affairs quiz of the academic year.



SOS Kit aid

Thank you to everyone who donated sports clothing and kit at the start of the year. It has all gone to the charity SOS Kit Aid, who use sport to positively impact the lives of disadvantaged children around the world.

Forest School



We are fortunate to have a fantastic Forest School programme, which promotes independence, and builds self-esteem and confidence.

A good adult to child ratio, enables the children to take part in a range of activities such as fire lighting, cooking, sawing, whittling and den building. We also use this magical space as a place where children can relax, play and enjoy what we call a 'proper childhood'.



Guests

We host a diverse array of inspiring speakers throughout the year, enriching our children's learning experience and broadening their horizons. Here are just a few of the visitors we have welcomed to school this year.



Local MP pays a visit

Adam Dance MP visited us in October and spoke to all the children in Years 3 to 8 before taking questions from the floor. He then witnessed a debate in action, as the Year 8 students discussed the motion "Should the monarchy be abolished?"



Regenerative Farming

Ben Taylor-Davies (AKA Regen Ben) led a fascinating session about reducing pesticide use, improving soil health, reducing our carbon footprint, looking after the environment and producing nutrient dense high welfare food.



Business builders

Spencer Skinner from 'Active Partners' and Giles Adams from 'Third House' spoke about venture capitalism, before challenging our pupils to come up with an entrepreneurial idea of their own. Who knows where this could lead ...

Guests



Actor Harry Hadden-Paton read from *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl

Stories from the Orange Chair

Children have gathered around the orange chair; as invited guests have taken a seat to read-aloud to them.



Rachael Honeyball from A J Honeyball Racing read an extract from Clare Balding's heart-warming book, *The Racehorse Who Wouldn't Gallop* before bringing Biscuit out to meet everyone!



Actor James Purefoy read from *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson



Author visit

The nature writer and environmentalist Roger Morgan-Grenville gave an inspirational lecture to all children in Years 2 to 8.



Inspiring stuff

Bestselling children's author, Abi Elphinstone gave an uplifting and positive talk that covered creative writing, dealing with rejection, dyslexia, resilience, travel... and so much more.

Guests



STEM talk

Andrew Cranfield has given two fascinating STEM talks this academic year based on his own personal experiences of pushing the bounds of technology during his time as an aeronautical engineer.



Leadership

In May, Chris Wheeler, Principal at Monkton Combe School, joined us to lead a fun, interactive assembly, followed by a fascinating leadership session for Years 6 to 8.



Working in television

Former Perrott Hill parent Stephen Smallwood provided a fascinating insight into the television industry when he spoke to pupils about his career as a producer. He described the difference between film and television; explained what a producer does and how drama gets made and supported his talk with some fantastic video clips. His most recent work SAS Rogue Heroes is a drama about the conduct of the SAS in World War 2 during the allied invasion of Sicily and Italy.



Assemblies

Guy Ayling from Mount Kelly School spoke about having faith in ourselves and each other.

Rev George Beverly, the Chaplin at King's Bruton spoke about what makes us rich, quoting Proverbs 19: "Wealth brings many friends, but a poor man's friend deserts him. A friend loves at all times."

Extra Special Days



World Book Day

It was wonderful to see both staff and children dressed as their favourite characters for World Book Day in March – while enjoying a range of book-themed activities.



Victory in Europe Day

It was all red, white and blue at Perrott as staff and children marked the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe.



Extra Special Days



Four Hills Challenge

Our pupils raised over £3,500 for the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution when they took part in the Four Hills challenge in June, which involved a four-mile walk, in their Houses, across the local area. Pre-Prep also got involved with a shorter walk around the school grounds.



Snow!



Grandparents' Tea Party

We were delighted to welcome over 130 grandparents to school in June for tea on the front lawns.

Prize Giving

End of Year Prep School Prize Giving

SPORT

BOYS' CRICKET		GIRLS' CRICKET	
LOWER PREP	Harry H	LOWER PREP	Allegra B
MIDDLE PREP	Dexter T	MIDDLE PREP	Jessica H
SENIOR BOYS' CRICKET		SENIOR GIRLS' CRICKET	
BOWLING	Jesse T-C	BOWLING	Xanthe A
BATTING	James C	BATTING	Saba S
FIELDING	Reggie C	FIELDING	Millie C
ALL ROUNDER	Luca C	ALL ROUNDER	Daisie F

MOST IMPROVED SPORTS PERSON OF THE YEAR

William B	
RUGBY	
LOWER PREP MOST IMPROVED PLAYER	Balthazar P-C
LOWER PREP MOST OUTSTANDING JUNIOR	Arthur M
MIDDLE PREP MOST IMPROVED PLAYER	Ife A
MIDDLE PREP MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYER	Dexter T
UPPER PREP MOST IMPROVED SENIOR PLAYER	Etienne B
UPPER PREP MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYER	Reggie C
GIRLS' RUGBY	
LOWER PREP MOST IMPROVED PLAYER	Sengen W
LOWER PREP PLAYER OF THE SEASON	Allegra B
NETBALL	
LOWER PREP MOST IMPROVED PLAYER	Amelie S
LOWER PREP MOST OUTSTANDING JUNIOR	Alice S
MIDDLE PREP MOST IMPROVED PLAYER	Edith B
MIDDLE PREP PLAYER OF THE SEASON	Polly H
UPPER PREP MOST IMPROVED SENIOR PLAYER	Xanthe A
UPPER PREP PLAYER OF THE SEASON	Saba S
HOCKEY	
LOWER PREP MOST IMPROVED PLAYER	Inigo G
LOWER PREP MOST OUTSTANDING JUNIOR	Jude B
MIDDLE PREP MOST IMPROVED PLAYER	Ife A
MIDDLE PREP MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYER	Freddie V
UPPER PREP MOST IMPROVED PLAYER	Sam B
UPPER PREP MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYER	James R

FORMS

EFFORT	ATTAINMENT	FORM PRIZE
3B	Imogen A	Emilia H
3W	Kit P	Olivia C
4F	Sengen W	Jude B
5M	Lottie S	Joe P
6B	Sasha G-R	Frankie P-R
6DE	Ife A	Ned H
7B	Thalia A	Rose P
7C	Saul P	Penelope G
8HC	Emma B	Xanthe A
8PC	Sam B	Jesse T-C

THE ARTS

ART
LOWER PREP Wilfred B & Kit R
MIDDLE PREP Ruby F
UPPER PREP ART CUP FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION AND PERFORMANCE IN ART Evie G
DRAMA
LOWER PREP Kitty T
MIDDLE PREP Rosie B
UPPER PREP DRAMA CUP FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO DRAMA James R
MUSIC
LOWER PREP Rupert J
UPPER PREP Freddie V
THE BRASS PRIZE & UPPER PREP MUSIC PRIZE
Joe A
CARLESS SINGING CUP
Milly C
THE STRINGS PRIZE
Jessica J
McCAIG WOODWIND PRIZE
James C & Willoughby C
THE PIANO PRIZE
Louisa L

SUBJECT PRIZES	
ENGLISH	Eliza D & Peppy K
MATHS	Freddie C
SCIENCE	Albert H
FRENCH	Max M
HISTORY	James R
GEOGRAPHY	Jessica J
CLASSICS	Etienne B
LATIN	Willoughby C
THE MICHAEL MORPURGO PRIZE FOR CREATIVE WRITING	
PRE-PREP	Cosmo C
UPPER PREP (YEARS 6-8)	Ned H
LOWER PREP (YEARS 3-5 AND OVERALL WINNER OF THE PRIZE)	Oscar J
GENERAL PRIZES	
COURTESY CUP	
Reggie C	
THE BROOKE PRIZE FOR PERSEVERANCE AND PERSISTENCE	
Sholto M-R	
THE YEAR 8 BUSINESS PLAN AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP CHALLENGE WINNERS	
Will B and Jesse T-C, with Sam B receiving a Highly Commended award	
CARPENTRY PRIZE	
Oscar J	

Out and About



France

Our Year 7 linguists had a fun and highly educational week in Burgundy in October, while developing their language skills and learning about history and culture in France.



Maiden Castle, Dorset

A trip to Maiden Castle brought Celtic history to life for Year 4. The pupils explored the huge ramparts and heard how the people who lived there defended themselves from attack. Talking of which, the visit ended with an enthusiastic battle re-enactment!



Out and About



Teambuilding in Wales

Year 8 enjoyed an active 'outdoorsy' trip to Wales with geography, team building and outward bounds on the agenda.



Geography field trip

Following their class studies of rivers, Year 6 set off on an exciting field trip for some hands-on learning. Their mission? To measure the depth, width, and velocity of the River Axe, tracing its journey from its source at Chedington, all the way to where it meets the sea at Seaton.



Classics Trips

Year 7 spent a very enjoyable day investigating Roman life at the Museum of Dorset. Activities included a workshop with a mock-up of an archaeological dig, a tour of the 'Gladiators of Britain' exhibition (on loan from the British Museum), and a guided visit to a splendidly preserved Roman townhouse.

Year 5 visited the Museum of Somerset in Taunton to learn about Roman Britian. They handled artefacts such as oil lamps, tiles and brooches and saw the Low Ham Mosaic which depicts the tragic love story of Dido and Aeneas from Virgil's Aeneid, and was unearthed here in Somerset.

Sport



On a glorious May evening, the U13 Tennis Squad enjoyed a superb 5-1 victory over Sherborne Prep

Report from Mr Sheldon, Director of Sport

The Autumn term started well with some excellent football performances for all year groups, including a strong showing from the U11 team at the Sherborne tournament. The boys then moved to Rugby, showing enthusiasm for training and producing some strong performances. Beating Feltonfleet at home was a highlight in what is always a highly competitive match. The girls showed huge improvement throughout the term with the U13 girls performing well in the regional IAPS competition against the best in the west. In a term of hard hits for both boys and girls, we had no major injuries, which in no small part is due to the bodywork sessions and injury prevention work being done by Mr Roda.

Netball for the girls was enjoyed by all with Mrs Melligan taking the lead and enthusing the girls to move well and be fighters on the court. We ended the term with strong performances at all age groups and compliments from many opposition coaches. The boys continued their good play on the hockey pitch, with the U10 achieving good wins and the U11's

proving stiff opposition. The seniors had three strong teams, who all produced flowing hockey. It was a pleasure to see.

This summer has seen the boys and girls all playing more cricket and showing that they can compete with all comers. The highlight on the ovals has been the 1st team boys, being unbeaten in all matches through dedication and training all year round. Seeing their positive teamwork has really inspired others, and set the bar high for future year groups. There have been several athletics festivals, where children have gained wins and even broken meeting records. Even prior to Wimbledon, through Mr Davies-Evitt's tennis ladder, more children than ever have been playing tennis, which is great to see.

Many thanks go to the strong Grad team for their unbounding energy through the year and excellent coaching, which has allowed the children across the board to make excellent progress.



Football: Perrott Hill v Sherborne



Hockey: U10 v Lewiston



Match Teas

With spreads like these, it is no wonder we have a reputation for the best match teas in the area!

Sport



Pre-Prep Sports Day: Oh what fun we had

Great grit and determination were on display from the youngest members of our school community. We love how this event brings everyone together to celebrate the winners, the runners-up and everyone who 'has a go' - and that includes the parents! Many thanks to everyone who entered into the spirit of the day. Proud to be Perrott.

Sport



Prep School Sports Day: a record-breaking year

The standard of sport was particularly high this year, with 10 school records broken. Congratulations to Zach O (100 and 200m), Oscar S (turbo javelin), Sidney C (hurdles), Freddie V (shot put), Harriet V (girls turbo javelin), Alice S (turbo javelin), Rocco C-H, (boys' shot put), Penelope G (girls' shot put) and Emma B (girls' shot put).

Prizes were also awarded for best overall performance:

Senior Victor: Reggie C **Senior Victrix:** Evie C

Middle Victor: Will S **Middle Victrix:** Lottie S

Junior Victor: Inigo G **Junior Victrix:** Allegra B

Long Distance Cup: Sam B

Sprint Cup: Zach O

Mr Cole Cup for Endeavour: Felicity W

The overall winning house was Quantocks.

With first-class effort and teamwork from the children, enthusiasm from the gathered supporters, and the most glorious of settings, this event is always a highlight in the school year. As Headmaster Mr McCullough said, "A Perrott Hill Sports Day is hard to beat!"

Year 8 Leavers'

“You’re off to great places, you’re off and away!” – Dr. Seuss

This is a talented year group who have stretched and challenged themselves, and as a result have achieved great things. The 2025 Leaver’s programme saw them take to the seas and the stage, and gave us many opportunities to celebrate them, and all they have contributed to the school during their time at Perrott Hill.



Hooke Court

An educational workshop in Dorset provided an insight into architecture, engineering, design and materials.



Cornwall

This annual post-exam trip involved bodyboarding, camping, paddleboarding, surfing, swimming, and orienteering (to name just a few of the activities). The programme has also been thoughtfully designed to developing independence as our pupils prepare for senior school.

“Points are awarded throughout the week and prizes given at the end,” explained Trip Leader Mr Coverdale. “It’s a big incentive to work together and help with the chores whether that be packing and transporting kit or pitching in with the washing up and day-to-day running of the camp.”

“This group was brilliant; positive, enthusiastic, and willing to help. It made for a very enjoyable and successful week”





Leavers' Dinner and Dance

It is fair to say, they made quite an entrance! The Year 8 pupils arrived in style for their James Bond themed Dinner and Dance. Following a welcome speech from the Headmaster, they all enjoyed a sumptuous feast, dancing and a spot of karaoke. A memorable and truly epic evening.



Many thanks to the Friends of Perrott Hill who do so much to support the school. The main highlights this academic year included a fabulous Gin and Jazz evening, a family Bonfire Night (in conjunction with North Perrott Cricket Club), a sell-out Quiz Night and refreshments served at Sports Day. This range of activities has funded additional treats for the children such as bikes for Pre-Prep, table football for Prep and a reading nook in the Library. Exciting plans are already afoot for next year so watch this space!



Boarding



The academic year has flown by!

Our international and weekly boarders have thoroughly enjoyed the influx of flexi-boarders, those here for Boarding Activity Nights and the short-stay pupils who have joined us from Italy, Spain, Austria, France and China. This has all created a real buzz of activity and it has been heart-warming to see friendships flourish.

We have also travelled across the region at weekends, taking the children to a variety of activities including rugby matches (Exeter), beach trips, snow sports, footgolf, Ninja Warrior (Bristol), Player Ready (Taunton), Horse racing (Stafford Cross) and so much more.

Closer to home, we have enjoyed meals out, bowling nights, and cinema trips and (... of course) we always make the most of our beautiful grounds during the warmer, lighter evenings.

I would like to thank my Boarding Team: Mrs Tarrant, Mr Davies-Evitt, Miss Fletcher, Miss Henning, Mr Heroy, Mr Salaman and Miss Bounds for their positive input this year.

Mrs Ovey, Head of Boarding



Boarding



In June, we welcomed the KK Tiger group (12 children and two members of staff) from Fangcao South Primary School in Chengdu, China. They flew into Gatwick and stopped at Stonehenge for a quick bit of sightseeing before joining our regular boarders. In a jam-packed two-week immersion programme, they experienced everything that Perrott Hill has to offer, while also benefiting from cultural trips to London and Oxford. Their visit also coincided with our Summer Activity Fun Day – complete with swimming, 'zorbing', archery, basketball, slip and slide and a 'colour fun run' which the boarding staff team enjoyed almost as much as the children!



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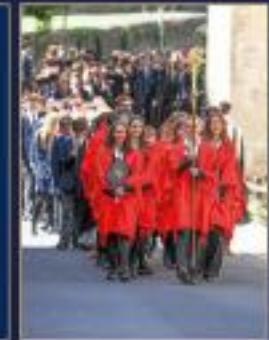
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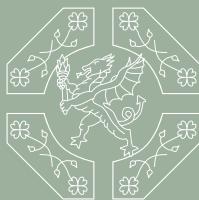
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