

Summer Term 2024

Friday 13th September



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Celebration

Today, we welcomed parents and carers of our Friday Flyers. Thank you all for joining us today for our first celebration assembly. Photos will be posted on Facebook later today.

Learning Outside

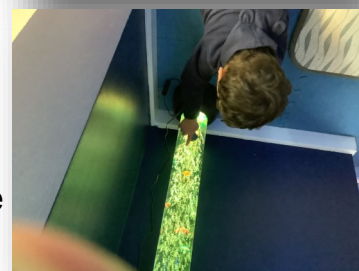
We end the week in glorious sunshine and a number of classes have enjoyed taking their learning outside. Year 5 and 6 have been exploring the solar system and role playing how the earth moves round the sun and how the moon orbits the sun. Year 3 and 4 have been practising their balancing skills in PE, and Year 1 and 2 have been reading, The Bear Hunt and acting out the story outside.

The EYFS staff are so proud of how all the children are settling back to school.

Mole Reception are already busy learning new phonic sounds. Mole Nursery are very excited to be having a new mud kitchen kindly donated by Kayleigh Jewell and Lee Lewis who are parents of one of our pupils.

Tiny Taws have been exploring their new sensory room. A great start to the term!

For further information regarding topics and learning, please see your child's curriculum map on the school website, which will be uploaded next week.



Governors

Would you be interested in becoming a Parent Governor?

What does a school governor do?

Governors are responsible for overseeing the management side of a school: strategy, policy, budgeting and staffing. They enable our school to run as effectively as possible, working alongside staff to provide excellent education to children.

Governors bring a wide range of skills and expertise from their professional lives to the governing board and schools benefit greatly from working with skilled volunteers, for example anyone with experience of finance, law, premises management or human resources. A governor with business know-how can transform the running of a school. If you would like to have an informal chat regarding the role, please do get in touch.

Devon updates

Devon Family Hubs monthly newsletter – September 2024

12-09-2024 10:07 AM BST

News and updates from Devon Family Hubs.

Courses and qualifications for working with children

12-09-2024 09:34 AM BST

Ms Claire Redwood

Well done to our Friday Flyers.

Our Friday Flyers promote our work around developing Growth Mindset and a can do attitude.

Theme

Embracing Challenge

Date

Weekending Friday 13th Sept

Bovey

Felix Jones

Piotr Ziubryniewicz

Dart

Kayden Breslan

Ryana Douglas

Exe

Arty Ralph

Freya Hubbard

Mardle

Leo Steer

Jessica Gater

Plym

Layla Forster

Riley Daniels

Tamar

Kai Smith

Skyla Margrie

Tavy

Ross Sims

Theo Shaw

Teign

Ashton Underwood

Sofia Ralph

Torridge

Hana Ziubryniewicz

Caira Bourne



Parents evening will be taking place on Monday 21st & Wednesday 23rd October 2024.

Letters for this will be sent out via Schoolcomms/School Gateway next week.

Please ensure that you follow the parent guide of how to book an appointment with your child's class teacher.

We will be having a non uniform day on Friday 27th September in aid of HITS Foodbank.

Please send in any non perishable items to school with your child on this day.

For example: Baked Beans, Biscuits, Cereal, Tea & Coffee, Custard, Tinned Fish, Tinned Fruit, Fruit Juice, Meat or Meat Meals, UHT Milk, Noodles, Pasta, Rice, Tinned Potatoes, Soup, Spaghetti or Macaroni Cheese. For more information about HITS please follow this link: [HITS FOODBANK](#)

ATTENDANCE

Taw, Tavy & Torridge classes all had 100% attendance for the period of **4th - 6th September 2024.**



Remember our whole school attendance target for the year we are working towards is 96.2%.

It is essential for children to attend as much school as possible if they are to get the most from their education and achieve their full potential.

Class	W/C 4th September
Taw	100%
Mole	98.7%
Mardle	92.4%
Bovey	93.9%
Tavy	100%
Plym	97.2%
Exe	92.8%
Dart	97.2%
Tamar	91.4%
Torridge	100%
Teign	97.6%



Ways to Wellbeing

w/c 9th Sept 2024

Hello and happy September from the Mental Health Support Team (MHST)!

This week's newsletter is going to be about...

MANAGING CHANGE & BACK TO SCHOOL STRESS

How are you feeling about going back to school?



Managing change

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Starting back at school after such a long holiday can feel a bit scary sometimes. But that is ok! Think...

Were you nervous last year? What else have you felt worried about, only to do really well?

Repeat after me...

"I can do this! I am brave!"

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What might help...

Here are some tips to help cope with the back-to-school changes:

- Keep a routine – bedtime, dinner, setting uniform out the night before
- Talk to an adult you trust
- Talk to a friend – they might be feeling the same!
- Think about new opportunities – it won't all be bad! What are you excited for?



If you need support for your mental health, please speak to a trusted adult at school or at home.

Call 111 and select option 2 for mental health. In an emergency, call 999.



Secondary School admission applications for September 2025 are now open!

If your child has just started in year 6 you can apply now.

You can apply and express your preference(s) for up to 3 schools, whether in Devon or in another Local Authority area.



Applications can be made using our online facility. Please note that the closing date for applications is the 31st of October 2024 at midnight.

If you apply after the deadline, your application may be considered late, and your application will be considered after all timely applications. If your preferred school is oversubscribed, it may be that you will be offered a school further away from home – transport would be your responsibility. It is therefore essential that you make a timely application.

Please visit our citizens portal to make an online application via the link below- You can also view the Step by Step booklet and other admissions information by visiting the same link.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/.../apply-for-a-secondary.../>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

Monday 16th - Grab & Go Breakfast commences at 8:30 to 8:40 each morning for pupils in KS2 & Flu Immunisation Team in school. AM

Tuesday 24th - Year 4 Residential information evening for parents at 3:30pm in Plym class.

Friday 27th - Non-Uniform for all pupils in aid of HITS foodbank.

Monday 30th - School Poetry Week.

October

Thursday 10th - Year 3/4 Harvest Festival at Highweek Church. Details to follow.

Thursday 10th - World Mental Health Day.

Monday 21st - School Photo Day & Parents evening. Details to follow.

Wednesday 23rd - Parents evening. Details to follow.

Friday 25th - School closes for the half term break.

November

Monday 4th - School re-opens.

Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th - Year 4 Residential at Pinkery on Dartmoor.

Monday 11th - Anti-Bullying & UK Interfaith Week.

December

Wednesday 11th - Newton Abbot late night shopping Lantern Parade.

Thursday 12th - Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children.

Friday 13th - Rudolph Run in school.

Wednesday 18th - Christmas Dinner Day.

Thursday 19th - Year 3/4 Jack & the Beanstalk Panto in Torquay.

Friday 20th - School closes for the Christmas break.

Laying the foundations of lifelong learning