



16th October 2026



Dear Parents,

As you are all aware, this week has been a very busy one for our school as we had our Ofsted inspection on Tuesday and Wednesday. I would like to thank all of our families for your continued support and encouragement. The children and staff were absolutely fantastic throughout the process and represented our school beautifully. As soon as I am able to share any news with you, I will do so.

Just a reminder that Parents' Evenings are taking place next week, and the teachers are looking forward to meeting with you to celebrate your child's progress and achievements. That does mean that the only club that will be on next week will be Football club. I also hope to see many of you at the Big Breakfast on Sunday. The trim trail will be open for the children to enjoy while adults relax and enjoy breakfast together. I look forward to seeing you there!

As always thank you for all of your ongoing support. Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Aldridge



Value and Learners of the Week

Hound Tor

Learner – Matty for working hard on his finger spaces.

Value - Merryn for being so compassionate and supporting her friends by encouraging them to do their best.

Shilstone Tor

Learner – whole of Shilstone class for being amazing learners this week.

Value – Nieve for truthfulness in her learning.



Row Tor

Learner – Paddy for giving well-reasoned explanations using evidence and high-quality vocabulary in our historical class debate.

Value - Daisy.H for showing all our Cornwood values consistently.

Key Dates/Reminders:

Sunday 18th October – PTA Big Breakfast in the Village Hall

Week beginning 19th October – Parents evenings – see MCAS

Thursday 22nd October – New EYFS intake September 2027 open morning – see poster

Half term – 26th October -30th October

2nd Nov – 6th Nov – Yr5/6 Bike Ability

Friday 6th November – Hound Tor Class – Paignton Zoo Trip – More details to follow next week

Monday 9th November – Whole school trip at The Erme for an Enrichment Day – More details to follow next week

‘A family where we flourish and learn to be the best version of ourselves’

From Mr Jolliffe



This week we have had our second Ofsted inspection under the new framework, this time at Cornwood. Two inspectors visited the school on Tuesday and Wednesday and spoke to leaders, governors and staff at length about the school. They also spent a lot of time talking to children, who were the stars of the show! Many thanks to the staff, governors, leaders, parents and children for all that they did to help the inspectors understand more about the school and for making them feel welcome. The report will be completed around the middle of November and we will share it with parents as soon as it is published.

No clubs next week due to parents evening apart from Football club. Clubs for after half term will go live at 6pm on Monday. Please speak to Mrs Jarvis in the office if you have any problems.

WB 19.10.26	Who?	What?	When?
Monday	Year 6 only	Junior Life Skills at Ivybridge Leisure Centre	9:15- 12
	Booked in parents	Hound and Row Tor Parents evening	After school
Tuesday	Booked in parents	Shilstone and Row Tor parents evening	After school
Wednesday	Booked in parents	Hound, Shilstone and Row Tor parents evening	After school
Thursday	New parents/families	New Intake Open Morning	10am
	Booked in children	Football club	3:30-4:30
Friday			

Big Breakfast

Come and support the Big Breakfast on Sunday 18th October. All proceeds will go to the PTA. School Trim Trail will be open from 9am – 11:30am.



The BIG Breakfast

Sunday 18th October

at

Cornwood Village Hall

Food Served: 09:00 - 11:00
Cash & Card Accepted
Plus lots of raffle prizes
All proceeds go to friends of Cornwood Primary School.

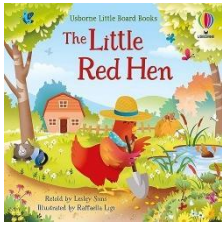
Christmas Productions

You will be very pleased to hear that both KS1 and KS2 will be performing a play this year! I have spoken to lots of parents, and the consensus was that it would be preferable to hold the performances on different days. Please make a note of the following dates in your diary:

KS2 Christmas Play – Wednesday 16th December - Performances at **2pm and 5pm** in the school hall.

KS1 Nativity – Friday 18th December - Performance at **9:30am** in the church.

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Hound Tor

In Hound Tor the children in Year 1 have been learning to find number facts within 10 using a systematic process so no facts are missed. The children enjoying using cubes to discover the facts. In English we considered the emotions of the characters in the story of The Little Red Hen. The children used some excellent vocabulary when describing how they felt.

Shilstone Tor

This week in Shilstone we combined our forest school and art session by using our beautiful autumnal forest school area to gather leaves and sketch them. This drawing skill will help us prepare for our final project next week.



Row Tor

In Row Tor the children experienced a session from NSPCC called 'Speak out, stay safe'. This encourages children to speak to trusted adults about anything that concerns them. In Science, the children researched the evolution of humans; identifying changes that occurred in order to survive.

PRAYER ROOM

Every half term, a group of parents meet to pray for the federation schools. The next prayer room will be on Friday, 23rd October at 9.30am at Silverton Evangelical Church [School Road, Silverton EX5 4JH]. Please contact Andy Mathers [apmathers@gmail.com] for more information.

After-School Club

If your child is on the registered for After-School Club with Melanie, they will be taken over to Pre-School at the end of the school day, and you will need to collect them from there. This arrangement is to make sure everyone knows where the children are and that we can keep them safe and accounted for. If there are any changes to your child's arrangements, please do let Melanie know in advance. Thank you for your support with this. It will help to ensure that everyone knows where the children should be and avoid any unnecessary worry.

Year 5/6 Bike ability

If your child is in Year 5 or 6, please use the QR code to sign them up for Bikeability. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to develop their cycling skills while learning more about road safety, awareness and confidence when riding on the road. It is a great week of practical learning and gives children the opportunity to build their confidence and master important cycling skills in a safe and supportive environment.



Cornwood CoE
Primary-Ivybridge

Parents of Year 6

Have you applied for your child's school place yet? The deadline to make your application to the Local Authority is the **31st October 2026**. You can apply online by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline. If you do not wish to or can't apply online, you can also complete a hard copy application form which can be obtained by calling 0345 155 1019. Please be advised that if you don't apply or apply after the closing date of the 31st October 2026, your application will be considered after all timely applications, and this may mean that you miss out on a place at your preferred or local school. If you need help or assistance with the application process, please speak to the school office or contact the admissions team on 0345 155 1019 or email admissions@devon.gov.uk

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Please share with any friends and families you know.....



**Come to our open morning
on Thursday 22nd October
at 10am.**
If you are unable to make
this date or would prefer an
individual tour please
contact the school office to
arrange an alternative tour.

Do you have a child starting school in September 2027?

Here at Cornwood C of E Primary school
we are:

- A small, inclusive family community where every child is known and valued.
- We offer a broad and balanced curriculum that nurtures curiosity and confidence, supported by exceptional outdoor learning spaces including our forest school, swimming pool, orchard and pond.
- Children enjoy rich experiences beyond the classroom, with exciting trips and memorable residential.
- Successfully living up to its foundation as a Church School and enabling pupils and adults to flourish (SIAMs 2025)



Contact us to book your tour

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