



23rd October 2026



Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of a very busy half term, I would like to say how incredibly proud I am of all our children. They have settled so well, shown fantastic learning behaviours and produced some amazing work that they should be very proud of. It has been wonderful to see so many families at Parents' Evening, our Open Morning and the Phonics Morning, where the children thoroughly enjoyed showing off their skills and progress. Thank you for your continued support. We have lots of exciting events coming up next half term, so please keep an eye on both paper letters and MCAS for important updates and dates. Have a wonderful half-term break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 2nd November.

Miss Aldridge



Head of school awards



A huge congratulations to George, Alice, Nieve, Daiya, Oliver, Finley and Hudson for receiving the Head of school award. These children have been consistently going above and beyond in their learning, demonstrating our school values every day and setting a fantastic example for others. They have shown outstanding effort, resilience, kindness and enthusiasm both in and out of the classroom. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and the positive attitudes they bring to our school. Keep up the fantastic work!

Key Dates/Reminders:

Half term – 26th October -30th October
2nd Nov – 6th Nov – Yr5/6 Bike Ability – Please remember your bikes, waterproof coat and helmet. Bikes can stay in school for the week if you would like.
Friday 6th November – Hound Tor Class – Paignton Zoo Trip – Please see MCAS
Monday 9th November – Whole school trip at The Erme for an Enrichment Day – Letter has gone home today. Please check your child's bag.
Thursday 26th November – Row Tor – STEM Workshop – Parents to join from 2:30pm
Thursday 26th November – School Disco – KS1 5-6pm and KS2 6-7pm – More details to follow on MCAS
Friday 27th November – Non-pupil Day
Thursday 10th December – RockSteady Concert and Drumming performance – Parents welcome to join at 2:30pm in the school hall.

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.

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



From Mr Jolliffe

As a federation, we work with a number of different organisations to provide professional development for teachers. The Maths Team, led by Mr Brown and Mr Hamidullah, work with the Jurassic Hub to support the development of maths in all our schools. On Wednesday, Helena Palmer, who leads the Jurassic Hub, visited Silverton with Joanne Conly, who is a Numeracy Specialist for the Department of Education Services in the Cayman Islands. She was particularly interested in how we are teaching for mastery in maths and our curriculum development, especially in mixed age classes. Helena and Joanne observed maths in action Keystage 1 and lower Keystage 2. Many thanks to all the staff and children at Silverton for enabling this visit to happen and for sharing their mathematical learning.

TERM DATES

This half term ends today, Friday 23rd October and the second half of the autumn term begins on Monday, 2nd November. Friday, 27th November is a Professional Learning Day for staff and the schools will be closed to pupils on that day. The last day of the autumn term is Friday, 18th December.

WB 2.11.26	Who?	What?	When?
Monday	Year 5/6 Booked in children	Bikeability Card Making Club	During the school day 3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday	Year 5/6 Booked in children	Bikeability Choir club	During the school day 3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday	Year 5/6	Bikeability	During the school day
Thursday	Year 5/6 Booked in children	Bikeability Bench ball club	During the school day 3:30-4:30
Friday	Hound Tor Class	Paignton Zoo trip	Information sent in MCAS

PICTURE NEWS

All our schools have access to Picture News, which is a current affairs resource that is sent to schools every week for use in assemblies, collective worship and classrooms. Picture News has published a newsletter for parents that is attached to this week's newsletter. Please do take a second to look at it and talk to your child about what they have learned about this term.

SECONDARY ADMISSIONS

With the national deadline for Secondary Admissions 2027 fast approaching on 31 st October 2026, this is a final reminder to parents of Year 6 children that they need to submit their applications via the Citizens Portal as soon as possible: https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/en
This will help to ensure every Year 6 pupil has the opportunity to receive a secondary school offer on National Offer Day. If you have any questions, please contact the Devon School Admissions Team: transferadmissions@devon.gov.uk or call 0345 155 1019.

GOVERNORS' UPDATE

Moorsway Hub Governors met at Cornwood on 20th October to discuss how we can continue supporting pupils and staff at Cornwood and The Erme. Our discussions covered safeguarding, support for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), behaviour and attendance. These remain important areas of our work to help every child feel safe, included and ready to learn.

We reviewed school improvement priorities, including school reviews, Ofsted reports and the School Development Plans. The Head of School reports provided an opportunity to consider pupils' progress and ask questions about the support and learning experiences available across both schools.

The wellbeing of staff is an important standing agenda item. We also considered health and safety and premises. Governor visits, training and engagement with our school communities also formed part of the agenda, helping us stay informed and provide thoughtful support and challenge.

Thank you to our school leaders and staff for their continued dedication, and to families for the important part you play in our school communities. We remain committed to our shared vision: "A family where we flourish and learn to be the best version of ourselves."



Hound Tor

This week, we enjoyed bringing the story of The Little Red Hen to life by making our own delicious bread rolls. The children worked hard to help mix, shape and bake the dough, just like the Little Red Hen in the story. We talked about the ingredients we needed and how bread changes as it bakes. Best of all, we got to taste our freshly baked rolls! We also became little scientists and artists as we created bubbling cauldrons using paint and washing-up liquid. The children loved watching the colourful bubbles grow and spill over, creating magical effects. It was a wonderful activity for exploring colour, texture and creativity.

Shilstone Tor

This week in Shilstone Tor, we have completed our Maths sequence on Place Value, and the children have all worked incredibly hard, making excellent progress and demonstrating a secure understanding of the concepts covered. We are very proud of their efforts and achievements. We have also begun our new Geography sequence on biomes. The children have enjoyed exploring different environments around the world and are already asking thoughtful questions about how climate and location influence the plants, animals and people that live there. We are looking forward to developing their knowledge further over the coming weeks.

Row Tor

This week Row Tor has been working incredibly hard creating their own stories based on our class text The Tear Thief. We have had stories about the Dream Catcher, Curiosity Crook, Smile Snatcher, Nightmare Thief and many more! The class have done a great job and are very proud of their stories.



Forest School Reminder

After half term, it is Forest School for Row Tor class. Please make sure that they have their forest school kit (suitable clothes, coats and wellies) with them every Monday.



Y6 - Junior Life Skills

On Monday, Year 6 attended Junior Life Skills in Ivybridge Leisure Centre. We had lots of different stations where we spent 10-12 minutes learning key life skills such as train

safety, meditation, electricity safety, the fire service (in an old fire truck), RNLI, EE online safety, CPR, Moors awareness and animal welfare. We had a great morning - it was really fun!

By Ellie and Akira



Poppies

A huge thank you to Miss Gray's mum, who has kindly knitted lots of beautiful poppies for us. These will be available to purchase after half term with a suggested donation of £2 per poppy.

All donations will go towards supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. We hope you'll be able to support this wonderful cause while enjoying these lovely handmade creations.



Lunch choices on MCAS

Please make sure that you order your child's lunch choice on MCAS. There is also an option to select a Home Packed Lunch if you prefer your child to bring their own lunch. Please note that if a lunch choice is not submitted, your child will automatically be given the main meal option on the day.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.