

The EPICentre of Learning

It is hard to believe how quickly the first half of the Spring term 2025 has passed – we are already halfway through the school year! With half term next week, we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 24th February.

School dinners charge increase: Just a reminder that, further to our previous communication, the cost of school lunches will increase to £2.60 after half term.

ESA pub quiz: A big thank you to the ESA volunteers who organized the pub quiz event, and to everyone who supported it! It was a fantastic fundraiser and a fun-filled evening for all. Your involvement made it a huge success! A total of £700 was made which will go directly to diversifying our texts within the library stock.

ESA AGM: A big thank you to everyone who attended the ESA AGM meeting on Wednesday after school – it was well supported! We would also like to extend our gratitude to Nina, who has been fulfilling the Chair's role, and to Stacey, who has been doing the Treasurer's duties. We understand how busy everyone is with balancing family life and work, and we truly appreciate our volunteers who are generously donating their time to support fundraising for the school. A special thank you as well to Laura, Gemma, and Jenny, who have stepped up to take on the roles of Secretary, Co-Chair, and Treasurer. We are incredibly grateful for your willingness and enthusiasm in taking on these important responsibilities!

Positive Mental Health Workshop -Wed 26 Feb: Would you like to find out about supporting your child's positive mental health and wellbeing? This workshop will give you the opportunity to explore how we support this in school and how you can support your child at home. If you would like to attend, please let us know using the link provided.

Wednesday 26th February 9:00am in the School Hall **OR** 5:30pm in the

4S classroom entering the steps next to the main entrance. We look forward to seeing you. Mrs Coville & Mrs Fuller. https://forms.gle/3YJbJnteWt2Dbfwp6

Future dates:

HALF TERM 17-21 Feb

Next week:

Wed 26 Feb: Mental health workshop

Friday 14 February 2025

9am OR 5.30pm

Thurs 27 Feb: Y5 Maths workshop 9-

9.45am in the hall

Thurs 6 Mar: World Book Day -dress as a

book character or adjective

Fri 7 Mar: Rec, Yrs 1 and 2 Movie Night -

Tickets on School Gateway

Wed 12 Mar: Y6 Maths workshop 9-

9.45am in the hall

Fri 14 Mar: Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6 Movie Night-

Tickets on School Gateway

Mon 17 Mar: Online Safety Workshop

6.15pm in the hall

Fri 4 Apr: non-pupil day

EASTER HOLIDAYS - 7-21 April

World Book Day: World Book Day is on 6th March. On this day, children will have the choice to dress as a book character or as an adjective. We don't want anyone to buy anything new. The theme this year is Read Your Way. If you would like to take a picture of your children reading 'their way', please send these to the admin email address for the attention of Mrs Fuller. She will make a lovely display of these for us.

Save the Date! ESA Movie Nights! The School Association will be running two fund raiser movie nights after school for the children. Tickets will be £3 to include a film, sweets and a drink. Friday 7 March will be Reception and Yrs 1 and 2. Friday 14 March will be Yrs 3 to 6. Tickets are available to buy now on School Gateway. Further details about the films and pick up times to follow after half term.



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Parent Survey: We would like to know what you think about Exminster Community Primary School. We appreciate your comments, both positive and constructive. Please submit a separate response for each child you have at school by clicking on the link below. https://forms.gle/uwofYSJGNuVymtX58

Mental Health Update: Please see the National Online Safety guide attached.

Internet Safety Day: Tuesday, 11th February 2025, was Internet Safety Day, the theme was 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'. In KS1 the focus was on teaching the children to recognise when something online might be "too good to be true." Discussions revolved around trusting adults and asking permission before engaging in online activities. The children also completed a quiz on identifying trusted adults and recognising scams or situations where asking permission is needed.

In KS2 the children discussed scams, including phishing, email and phone scams. The activities helped the children to spot these types of scams and there were discussions around how the children could protect themselves when online. The children were also encouraged to speak to trusted adults if they ever encounter anything suspicious.

Half term ideas: Check out this link for loads of great ideas for half term fun in our area: FREE and cheap half term fun in Devon

Yr6 League Football Club match report: We had as 6-4 Defeat to Trinity school away on Tuesday. Losing the game in the end didn't stop the enjoyment and community rainbow values coming out, it was an action-packed game! We scored 4 brilliant goals, one header, one sole run. Despite losing the game, the teamwork and support from each other was a credit to our school. Shoutout to our debut goalkeeper, great performance, Trinity scored some amazing goals as well. Mr P

Let's Talk Dads: The Let's Talk team believes that dads and male role models play a vital part in the lives of our young people and so we are pleased to be offering a series of four 20-minute online sessions aimed specifically at dads, grandads, and male role models. If you are interested in attending these sessions, please sign up using the links below;

<u>Let's Talk Dads - Anger and Challenging Behaviour</u>

Let's Talk Dads - Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing

<u>Let's Talk Dads - Healthy Relationships</u>

Let's Talk Dads - Drugs and Exploitation