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A Farewell to a Fantastic Academic Year! As the academic year draws to a close, we want to extend a huge thank you for your incredible ongoing support. On behalf of all the staff, we truly appreciate your continued partnership. We're so proud of how brilliantly our Reception cohort has settled into school life – it's amazing to think they've already completed their first year! And to our Year 6 children, a massive thank you and well done! You're a truly amazing group, both as individuals and as a cohort. You've given so much back to our school, supporting younger children, running clubs, taking on responsibilities, and always being engaged and motivated learners. We know you're well-prepared and ready for your exciting next steps in September.

Friday 18 July 2025

Future dates:

Mon 21 July: Rainbow Day

Wed 23 July: Last day of term

Our Dedicated Team and Volunteers: We are incredibly lucky to have such a passionate and committed staff team who consistently go above and beyond for our children. We genuinely enjoy our work and are dedicated to providing the best possible support. A huge thank you also goes to our wonderful volunteers – our book buddies, nature school buddies, classroom support, and those that volunteer time to support our environment. We're grateful for our committed school governors who donate their time to strategically guide our school, ensuring it's the best it can be. And to our active ESA members, thank you for all your hard work organising events and raising vital funds that directly benefit our school and children!

Enjoy the Summer! We hope that both our families and staff get a well-deserved rest over the summer break. We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on Thursday, September 4th!

Be the Teacher for a Day! On **Tuesday, July 22nd**, your child has another exciting chance to be the teacher for a day! It's just **£1 per entry** via MCAS. The more entries, the better their chance to be chosen! The deadline to enter is **Monday, July 21st, at 12 PM (midday)**. Winners will be randomly selected by computer and notified on the same day. Our lucky "teachers" can wear their own clothes and will enjoy a host of fun activities. This is a school fundraiser, and all money raised will go towards enhancing our playground equipment.

Don't miss out! Secure your child's spot for Epic Eve and Early Epic wraparound care this Autumn 1 (September – October 2025). Plus, our exciting after-school sports clubs for September are also ready for booking! If you haven't already, book now through MCAS!

Club Schedule (12 weeks, starting week commencing 8th September) all running from 15:30-16:30:

- o **Mondays:** Multisport Y1 and 2 (Dodgeball, basketball, handball, tennis, cricket) and Art Club Yrs 1-2
- o **Tuesdays:** Y1 and 2 Football / Y3-5 Football
- o **Wednesdays:** Y6 Football League Club and Art Club Yrs3-6
- o **Thursdays:** Tennis Y2 to Y6
- o **Fridays:** Basketball Y3 to Y6

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Rainbow Day: On Monday 21 July the children will explore our Rainbow Values through a range of activities, such as team-work on the field, arts and crafts and exploring books with an EDI focus. The Summer Rainbow Day is an exciting one as we spend the day mixed in our colour groups from Reception up to Y6. There will be familiar adults with each colour group and the children will return to their usual classrooms in good time for lunch as normal.

Please can your child wear colourful clothes. They do not need to be a specific colour as we will bib the children in to their colour groups the morning of Rainbow Day.

Rainbow day project: There is still time to bring in any kind of plastic for our big creation. Coloured or clear plastic bottles or items would be fantastic. Please bring any items in by Monday morning.

Staffing Updates & Farewells: As the school year ends, we'll be saying goodbye to some valued members of our team. We extend our heartfelt thanks to:

- Mrs. Pyatt (Learning Support Assistant in Reception)
- Miss Anstey (Learning Support Assistant in Year 2 and Year 4)
- Miss Crane (Learning Support Assistant in Year 1 and Year 2)
- Mrs. Valand (Learning Support Assistant in Year 4 and Year 5)
- Mrs. Gibson (Higher Level Teaching Assistant in KS2)

We want to give a special mention to Mrs. Gibson, who is retiring after an incredible 19 years with us! She has been a long-standing and deeply committed member of our staff and will be greatly missed by us all. We wish her all the very best for a wonderful retirement – we hope she can truly put her feet up and enjoy this well-deserved new chapter.

Summer Fair Success! A massive thank you to our incredible ESA organising team! Their hard work and dedication were essential to the smooth running of our annual Summer Fair. This year's fair, our biggest fundraiser of the year, brought in an amazing £3,300! We're so grateful for all the generous donations and the fantastic help from everyone on the night. Keep an eye on the ESA boards for exciting events coming up in the Autumn term. We'd love to welcome more parents to help with our fundraising efforts – the more volunteers we have, the more we can raise for our children!

Bravo, Year 6! 'Let The Games Begin!' Was a Hit! What an amazing show, Year 6! A massive congratulations for your two fantastic performances of 'Let The Games Begin!' You captivated audiences with the story of three tech-obsessed kids and their grandfather, bringing it to life with such brilliance. Your talent was clear for all to see, and both shows were a resounding success. It takes so much hard work – learning lines, preparing props, and countless hours of organisation – you truly rose to the challenge and were incredibly well received. We loved watching you perform!

Civic award: When children are in Y6, they get the opportunity to be involved with the Torbay and Devon Civic award. This is a 6-month project where children are involved and evidence their involvement in different areas. Mrs Nowell introduced our school to the Torbay and Devon Civic award 10 years ago now. The children started the award in October and have been working hard on it over this year. There are several sections to complete: Fundraising for a chosen charity, Being an active citizen in the school community, Pursuing an active hobby, Pursuing a non-active hobby, Adventure training and a Pledge to the planet. Throughout the award, the children have shown their commitment, developed confidence, started new skills and made an impact to the communities of which they are part of. It is an amazing achievement. Here are just a few of the activities the children have been involved in:

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- ❖ Enjoying new hobbies such as arts and crafts, ballet, running/walking, hockey, swimming, bouldering, cricket, dance, horse riding, colouring, finger knitting, , duo lingo, chess, football, judo, going to the gym, road cycling, badminton, cheerleading, golf, tennis
- ❖ Running sponsored events to raise money for a chosen charity
- ❖ Raising money through making and selling products
- ❖ Running clubs in school for other year groups
- ❖ Doing many jobs and roles around school to support the smooth running of school eg. School Learning Team, Rainbow buddy support, being part of the Eco team, being a school librarian, being a Mental Health Ambassador, PE Learning Team, reading buddies
- ❖ Attending residential and being engaged in adventurous activity
- ❖ Supporting the organisation of the foodbank collections in school
- ❖ Doing beach cleans, litter picking, switching off lights and sockets, reducing the amount of plastic being bought, sorting recycling, beach cleans, growing fruit and vegetables

Our thanks go to Mrs Nowell and Mrs Gibson for supporting the children and a huge well done to the children for what they have achieved in completing this and the journey they have been on with it. We are all very proud of them. Well done to Orla, Iris, Millie Mae, Katya, Eve, Indie, Savanna, Ivy, Florence, Talia, Violet, Olivia, Xander, Henry H, Rathees, Killian, Seth, Hugo, Zara, Gwen, Lotta, Molly, Poppy, Matthew, Archie who have received the special award this year. They have been assessed by Luke from Matford Brook Academy this year. A ceremony took place at ISCA to celebrate their success alongside other schools. They have had a special breakfast with me to celebrate and talk about this award. We look forward to beginning the Civic Award journey once again with our new Year 6 cohort in September, our current Year 6 children have already talked to them about it. The children have highly recommended completing the award.

Thank You for Supporting Our Mental Health Workshops: We want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who attended our mental health workshops for all year groups. They have been a big success and the engagement of parents and children has been brilliant.

Mental health update: Please see the attached for activities you might like to try with your children over the summer holidays.

Measles update: We have been asked by the Devon County Council Early Years and Childcare Service to bring to your attention the fact that measles is spreading and to highlight the importance of your child(ren) receiving both doses of the Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) vaccine.

NITS: Unfortunately, we are still experiencing an outbreak of nits in the school. This can happen regularly as head lice are very common amongst primary school children. They can easily be transferred by head-to-head contact. Prevention is the key and we therefore recommend that all long hair is tied back and you check your child's head on a weekly basis. Regular application of lots of conditioner and combing through thoroughly using a nit comb before rinsing out is also recommended for the ongoing management of nits alongside the use of chemical treatment when nits are found. We appreciate your support by regularly checking your child.

Devon with Kids: please click on the following link for the latest update of things to do in the local area

<https://preview.mailerlite.io/emails/webview/1310143/154356731059635260>

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Summer at The Community Cookery School at Westbank: please join the fun family cooking sessions over the summer. For more information and to book please visit www.westbank.org.uk/family-cooking-sessions-summer-25

What: Chocolate Muffin Baking Sessions

When: Wednesday 30 July, 10.30am, 1pm or 3.30pm

Suitable For: age 4+

Cost: £15 per family

What: Pizza-Making Sessions

When: Thursday 21 Aug, 10.30am or 2pm

Suitable For: Age 7+

Cost: £25 per family

What: Cookie Baking Sessions

When: Thursday 28 Aug, 10.30am, 1pm or 3.30pm

Suitable For: age 4+

Cost: £15 per family

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