

What a fantastic term it has been! We would like to extend our gratitude to all our families for your engagement and encouragement. Whether it was attending school events, helping with home learning, or simply ensuring your children arrived ready to learn, your contribution is what makes our school community thrive. Working together in partnership is the best way to help our children reach their full potential, and we thank you for being such an active part of that journey. We wish you a wonderful festive season, and a Happy New Year.

A Heartfelt Thank You! We want to share our deepest gratitude with Martha Rice and Gwylm Gibson as they prepare for new adventures starting in January. They have been much-loved members of our staff team, always going the extra mile to support our children and lead fantastic school clubs. Thank you, Miss Rice and Mr. Gibson, for everything you've brought to our school—you will be missed!

A Fantastic Year 1 Extravaganza! A huge well done to all our Year 1 children for their brilliant "Extravaganza" afternoon! It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers joining us to work alongside the children. We would like to extend a massive thank you to the Year 1 team for their hard work in organising such an event. Thank you to everyone who attended and made it such a memorable afternoon.

School Menu – January 2026: We will be running the same menus for the Spring term and will start again on Week One when we come back on Tuesday 6 January. Menus with the new dates have gone out this week. Please order lunches for the first week back by **Monday 29th December**.

Teacher for the Day: A big thank you to our Teachers for the Day who have been working hard in the classroom as well as enjoying a well-earned break in the staff room. We have raised an amazing £471 so thank you to everyone who entered.



Christmas tree: We have had a wonderful response to our Christmas tree donations for the food bank. Thank you to everyone who has kindly contributed and the Civic Award children and Mrs Nowell for coming up with such a great idea. All items have been collected by Westbank to support people in need.

Friday 19 December 2025

Future Dates

Mon 29 Dec – Deadline to order
lunches for w/c 5 Jan 2025

Tues 6 Jan – First day of Spring
term



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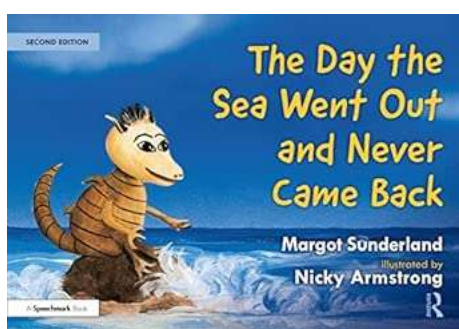
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Mental Health and Wellbeing update - Community Library: Please take a look at some of the new texts we have purchased for you to look at with your children.



The Kissing Hand

Since its first publication in 1993, this heart warming book has become a children's classic for times of separation, such as starting school, entering day care, or going to camp. It has touched the lives of millions of children and parents.



The Day the Sea Went Out and Never Came Back

This is a story for children who have lost someone they love. The beautiful illustrations and sensitively written story offer a wealth of opportunities to begin a conversation about the difficult emotions that can follow a loss, helping children to acknowledge and express their feelings. The story shows them they are surrounded by support and that memories of a loved one are a special treasure.

ESA Christmas Raffle: A fantastic £550 was raised so thank you to everyone who donated for the hampers, bought tickets and helped out at the events.

National Online Safety Guides: Please see attached this week's guide on safety over the festive season.

Video School Newsletter: Don't forget you can now listen/view our weekly newsletter on our website.



Exminster Parish Church: all families are invited to join in with the Christmas Eve Crib Service at 4pm in St. Martins.

This is for all ages and children (and adults!) are very welcome to come as a character from the Nativity if they would like to. Lots of fun and plenty of kids carols too.

Exminster Methodist Church: Sunday 21 Dec 10.30am.

Join us for Christmas carols followed by refreshments. Come dressed up as Mary or Joseph, an angel, a shepherd, wise man, sheep, donkey etc. or just come as you are. We would love to see you.



Have your say: In response to ongoing financial pressures, Devon County Council has launched a consultation on potential reductions to library services across Devon. Adults and under-18s can take part, and all feedback will help shape the future of local provision. You can read the details and complete the consultation here:

<https://devonlibraries.commonplace.is/>

Thank you for helping us make sure families and young children have their voices heard.

