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Christmas artwork: A reminder to complete the Christmas artwork form and return it to the school as soon as possible. There is a payment item on MCAS under products available until Wednesday 1st October. Please ensure all ordered items are paid for by this date.

Flu vaccinations: You should have received an email yesterday outlining the process for booking your child's flu vaccination through the NHS who will be visiting school on the 5th November. Also attached was an information leaflet to help answer any question. Please confirm your consent through the following link using the **School Code DV113201** <https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

School photographs: On the Tuesday 23 September Fraser Portraits will be coming to take individual and family photographs. Please ensure that children are dressed appropriately in their school uniform. Children who have PE on a Thursday should come to school in their PE bottoms with their school polo shirt and jumper/cardigan on 26th. While we will endeavour to ensure every child looks their best we cannot take responsibility for hair styling. We are unable to offer photographs of preschool age sibling family groups. There will a further date for any children absent on the day (including those on the Year 4 residential) to have their photos taken. Any sibling photos involving children on residential will also be done on that day. This date will be communicated nearer the time.

School Census Day- Census Day will take place on Thursday 2nd October. This is an important day for the school. On this day, data is collected from the school which is used to calculate some of our funding for the next financial year. As well as recording the number of children on roll it also records our uptake of Free School Meals (FSM) and Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) on that particular day. This then informs our funding to run the kitchen for the next year. We do not make any money from the kitchen and we do need to use other funds in order to run it however we do get some grant funding that supports this.

It is for this reason that we are asking for your support to ensure that we maximise meal numbers on that day. As far as possible, we would like every child who is entitled to a Free School Meal or a Universal Infant Free School Meal (all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children) to have a school lunch. If they normally have a packed lunch and would like to try a dinner on this day, they can do this and still bring in their packed lunch in case they do not like it.

Train to Teach in Devon: As a partner school with Exeter Consortium Schools' Alliance, we are proud to support their Primary Teacher Training programme. If you've ever thought about becoming a primary school teacher, this school-based training offers classroom placements across Devon, expert guidance, and hands-on experience from day one. Applications open on **7th October 2025** for training starting September 2026. Find out more here: www.exeterconsortium.com/train-to-teach

School uniform: a reminder about our school uniform. On PE days, we ask that children come to school in their PE kit – school jumper, blue or black tracksuit bottoms/shorts and a yellow t-shirt. Trainers are not part of our standard school uniform. Watches can be worn (no smart watches permitted unless the only capability is step count), one pair of ear studs can be worn but no other jewellery (eg rings, necklaces, bracelets).

Friday 19th September 2025

Future dates:

Tuesday 23rd September – School Photographs

Thursday 2nd October – School Census Day

Friday 3rd October – 2.45pm
Reception Parents Maths Workshop

Wednesday 8th October – 2.45pm
Year 2 workshop – Reading and writing

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Autumn Term workshops: We are inviting parents/carers into school to learn more about:

- the writing curriculum in your child's year group (Year 3 - 6)
- the reading and writing curriculum in your child's year group (Year 2)

Each session will take place in the school hall and the children will join the second part of the session, where you can enjoy exploring some activities together.

Year 2 Workshop: Reading and Writing: Wednesday 8th October, 2:45 - 3:25pm

Year 6 Workshop: Writing: Thursday 6th November, 9:00 - 9:45am

Year 3 Workshop: Writing: Monday 10th November, 9:00 - 9:45am

Year 4 Workshop: Writing: Tuesday 18th November, 9:00 - 9:45am

Year 5 Workshop: Writing: Wednesday 26th November, 9:00 - 9:45am

Change of pick up: if during the day something needs to change about the school pick up, please contact the school office (01392 824340) to notify us.

Sponsor a Veg Bed in Our School Garden! We're excited to offer a unique opportunity to support our school garden and directly contribute to our children's hands-on learning! We're inviting local businesses, organisations or families to sponsor a raised vegetable bed in our school garden.

For a recommended donation of £40 (this amount can be whatever you choose), your sponsored veg bed will be clearly marked with the name of your organisation or business. All donations will go directly towards developing this fantastic outdoor learning space, allowing our children to continue their work of growing their own food and supporting the environmental education.

Thank you to those who have come forward already. If you're interested in sponsoring a veg bed, please contact admin@exminsterschool.co.uk, subject marked as 'School Garden'. Thank you for helping our garden grow!

National Online Safety guides: Each week we will send out a National Online Safety guide for your information to support you and your child in navigating the online world. These are really useful guides.

Mental Health Awareness: please see the next page for this week's Mental Health Awareness information. Keep an eye out weekly for information and advice on a range of useful topics. This is a really useful tool. The website is easy to use and has lots of great ideas of how to support parents. Have a look!

Our A-Z guide gives you advice on how to help your child with their feelings and behaviour, as well as mental health conditions and life events. We'll also show you where you can get help.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/>

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