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Dear Parents & Guardians,

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The children have been working hard this week completing different assessments. This is an excellent opportunity for teachers to tailor future teaching to each, individual child's needs to ensure we are providing the very best curriculum. We have had some excellent sporting achievements this week, including our U9 girls who won their very first match playing as team- more information below about their success!

Staff Fundraising- North Devon Hospice

20 of our staff members are completing the Nightwalk in May for the North Devon Hospice and are either walking 3 or 10 miles. This charity is close to lots of our hearts, and we are so excited to take part in such an amazing event for a brilliant cause. If you would like to kindly donate towards to our fundraising page for the Hospice, please follow the link below:



<https://northdevonhospice.enthuse.com/pf/south-molton-community-primary-school/post/21265879>

Gate and Parking

We would like to remind parents and carers that the school gate is locked from 8.30am. As before, parents are not permitted to park around the roundabout during morning pick up/afternoon drop off. We understand that during bad weather it is tempting to drive right up to the gate, but the children's safety is our absolute priority. We cannot accommodate cars during this time, so please seek parking elsewhere.

Residential meetings

Please find below the dates for meetings relating to each year group's residential. These meetings will be approximately 10 minutes long and will involve a short presentation from the lead member of staff on the trip. This will explain the itinerary for the trip in more detail. You will then have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have. All information will also be sent out to parents if you are unable to make the meeting.

Residential meetings

Yr4- Pinkery Weds 25th March 3.20 in Puffin classroom

Yr6- London- Weds 3rd June 3.20 in Pinkery classroom

Parent Meetings

The second of our parents meetings will be taking place during the week of 2nd March. As before, our Parent Meetings are now booked through Arbor. These meetings will go live on 16th February at 8am where you will be able to see the teacher's available slots. If you face any difficulties, rest assured we will be able to support from Tuesday 24th February.

Safer Internet Day-10th February 2026

Safer Internet Day is a global awareness day that encourages children, young people and adults to think carefully about how we use the online world and digital technology. It's a useful annual prompt to refresh conversations about online safety, wellbeing and responsible digital behaviour.

Theme for 2026: *Smart tech, safe choices – exploring the safe and responsible use of AI.*

This year's focus reflects how quickly AI and smart technologies are becoming part of children's everyday online experiences. The emphasis is on helping young people develop confidence, critical thinking and good judgement when using digital tools, rather than fear or restriction.

For schools, Safer Internet Day is an opportunity to:

- reinforce existing online safety messages
- encourage open, age-appropriate conversations about AI and digital decision-making
- remind staff and families that online safety is an ongoing safeguarding responsibility, not a one-off lesson

Useful resources from the UK Safer Internet Centre:

Top tips for parents and carers

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

Top tips for children and young people

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-young-people>

You can find more information here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026>

An amazing effort from our School Games Virtual Competition Gymnastics team! 🌟🌟

The team have been practising at playtimes, giving up their own time to refine the Gold routine. The girls have been very dedicated to perfecting their performance. Virtual entries have been submitted today, and we can't wait to hear the results. Well, done to everyone involved!



Snack reminder

Please note that children are welcome to bring in their own healthy snack for playtimes and after school care, however this needs to be either fruit or vegetables. Children in EYFS, Year 1 and 2 are provided with a school snack, should they wish to have one. Children should not bring cereal bars or anything other than fruit/veg. Thank you for your understanding as we continually aim to be a healthy school!

U9 Girls' Football

Our U9 girls' team played their very first match together this week and delivered a fantastic performance, showing excellent teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout.

With great effort from all players and goals scored by Feli, Saoirse and Ella, the team secured a win in the qualifying round for the North Devon Tournament, that will be held at Kingsley School.

Looking ahead, Mrs Holland will be running lunchtime clubs next half term to help prepare the team for the next round.

A big thank you to Mrs Kempster for taking the girls to the event and supporting them on the day. The team are incredibly proud of their achievement and are already looking forward to the next round!



I hope you all have a wonderful weekend
Mrs Charles-Jones

Upcoming Events

PTA Valentines Cake Competition and sale - 9th Feb
Thursday 12th Feb Tempest Class photos
PTA Mother's Day Shop - 5th and 6th March
Yr3/4/5 Spring concert Thursday 1st April 9am and 2.30pm
Spring Fling Disco - 8th May
Fathers Day Shop - 11th and 12th June
Summer Fair - 17th July

Full term dates for the year are on our website



Social Media

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Find our Twitter page [@smoltonprimary1](https://twitter.com/smoltonprimary1)