

# South Molton Community Primary School

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Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week in school with learning across the curriculum. The senior leadership team spent some time reviewing children's learning this week and reviewing their journals. It was great to see so much excellent progress whilst picking up a few areas that we can work on as a school to ensure consistent expectations across the school. It was clear from this review of learning that the teachers and staff at this school put in a huge amount of work to ensure progress is made and potential is achieved. I am sure you will all join me in thanking the staff for their ongoing commitment to ensuring the highest quality of teaching for your children.

## Weekly Certificates

Well done to all the children receiving a certificate this week for their excellent learning and demonstrating our school values.



## Bronze Awards

In our celebration assembly this morning we awarded over 40 Bronze certificates which is absolutely fantastic so a big well done to all these children who have consistently demonstrated our school values.

## Tarka Learning Partnership

As you will know we have been working closely alongside Tarka Learning Partnership over the last 18 months and getting to know how they work. This has been part of a larger piece of work around investigating Multi Academy Trusts in the area and considering which one, if any, we would like to join. Governors have looked in great detail into the benefits for the children at this school of joining a trust and how it will help us move forwards on the next stage of our improvement journey. Governors voted last week to take the formal step in the direction of joining Tarka Learning Partnership. Over the next 6 months governors and staff will be holding formal consultations around our proposal to join Tarka Learning Partnership so you will know lots more about this and have a chance to ask questions both online and in person. If anyone has any questions in the meantime, then I would be happy to answer them on the drive each morning or in a more private setting.



### Reception and Year one Reading Workshop- Wednesday 31st January 2024 from 9am-9.30am.

We would like to invite parents and carers to a reading workshop focussing on developing your child's early reading and Phase 3 Phonics with Miss Simpson.

The session will cover the next stages of reading with your child and an update on the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Programme.

Arrive from 8.45am for a coffee/tea for a 9am start.

This will be held in Lyn Class.

We look forward to seeing you.

Miss Simpson

### Speed Stacking

This week Puffin Class really enjoyed their speed stacking session with Mr O'Sullivan from the South Molton Community College. Speed stacking has many benefits including increasing bilateral proficiency, awareness, focus, creativity and rhythm. All the children who took part showed fantastic improvement from just one session.



### Rock and Rapid Wild Climbers Club

A big well done to all the children who took part in this week's Wild Climbers Club at Rock and Rapid's Adventure! We have had some fantastic feedback from the children and parents. Each week the children will be learning new skills in order to achieve their [NICAS Wild Climber Award](#).

Fantastic effort from our Gliddon and Squire Cross Country team on Sunday! The 4th race of the series was held at Westward Ho, not only did the children battle the muddy and icy course but also the wind and cold weather! Amazing perseverance and effort shown by all involved, well done! A special mention to Will who came 12th in the U11's category and is in 10th place with 349 individual points.

Please see our individual and team results

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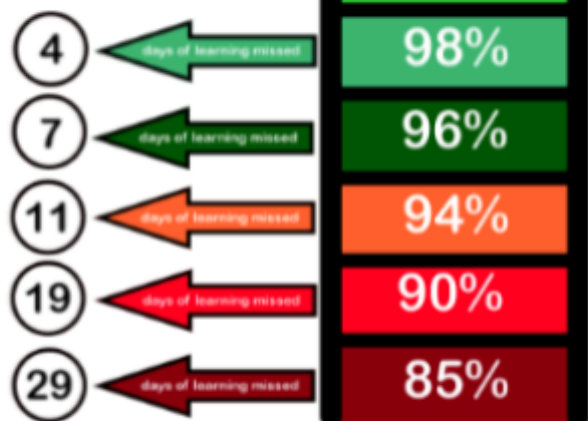


I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Mr Parkin

## Attendance

In a school year, this equates to:



Children's attendance matters - It is every child's right to receive an education.

Our aim is for childrens attendance to be 96% of more to help them reach their full potential.

This weeks attendance: **91.58%**

Children arriving after registration at 8:45am will be classed in our registers as 'Late'. All late children must report to the office to register.

School finishes at 3:15pm however if something unexpected happens and you're running late, please let us know to make arrangements for your child. We offer a breakfast and after school club everyday allowing you to book your children in if you are not able to collect them at 3:15pm.



## Social Media

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## Upcoming Events

After School Clubs Monday 8th January - Friday 9th of February

Bags to School Collection 20th of February



