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Dear Parents & Guardians,

13/03/26

We have had a super week in school celebrating British Science Week! Have a read below about what we got up to.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Charles-Jones

Science Week

We started the week off with an assembly looking at why Science is so amazing and all the incredible careers in Science that the children can aspire to. On Tuesday we had Dr Daisy from the Met Office visit some classes; they found out all about what the Met Office do and created some wonderful drawings. We also enjoyed a visit from Ruth who organised a super Devon Science workshop! We learned all about the human body, and especially- our guts! We had a super demonstration about the large intestine and how our food travels through our body. We also saw some VERY exciting experiments! We hope to organise another Devon Science after school club next term with Ruth, so keep your eyes peeled! Lots of the other classes have been busy carrying out a range of investigations (Year 4 made some gloop!) and have taken part in online live lessons including a fascinating AI workshop about robotics. We have had a super week and have really sparked our Scientific brains!



Parking

Please can we politely remind parents to park carefully around the school site. Of course, we encourage as many parents to walk to school, particularly with our 'Big Walk and Wheel' week next week (more information below). Parking on pavements has recently caused some very near misses and blocks the path for pavement users meaning families are having to walk on the road. This is incredibly unsafe and Senior Leaders will continue to monitor this.

ParentPay and Arbor.

We will soon be making the switch from ParentPay to Arbor as our form of communication and payment and booking method.

This will take place on Thursday 2nd April. After this date, ParentPay will no longer be in use for Parents and Arbor Parent Portal will take its place. We kindly ask that all outstanding balances on ParentPay are settled by this date to ensure a smooth transition. Any remaining payment for residential visits will be transferred to Arbor along with any current credit on each child's account.

Thank you to those of you that have already created and accessed the Arbor Parent Portal, there should be nothing further for you to do. Anyone who has not yet accessed the portal and set up their account will now need to do so to ensure you continue to receive communications from the school and are able to access the booking and payment facilities.

If you encounter any difficulties with the setup, please don't hesitate to contact us and we will do our best to assist you.

World Book Day

We had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day! The children loved dressing up as characters from their favourite stories, filling the day with colour and imagination. We were also delighted to welcome Alice Taylor-Haynes from South Molton Library, who shared exciting information about the activities and events available for children in our local community. Throughout the day, we explored the joy of reading for pleasure, taking part in rich discussions about our favourite books, authors, and genres. It was a wonderful celebration of stories and the magic they bring to our lives.



Volunteering Opportunity

Protect Earth are looking for volunteers on the 21st March and they will be completing a 320 m wildlife corridor not far from South Molton. Wildlife corridors are good for the environment in so many ways. They provide food, shelter and safe passage for wildlife, emit carbon, improve the soil quality and will provide the horses on this site with protection from the wind and sun. Volunteer for a few hours or a whole day. No previous experience is required and equipment is provided. Children are very welcome. Starting at 10:00 and finishing at 16:00. Information can be found here: [Volunteers needed near South Molton to plant a wildlife corridor – Protect Earth](#)

Big Walk and Wheel

This year we are taking part in the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel to school challenge in March. The Challenge runs from **Monday 16th March until Friday 27th March 2026**.

We are hoping that the challenge will inspire children to actively travel to school not only for the 10 days of the challenge, but every day after that! Our school will win prizes if more than 15% of children participate each day in the challenge.

As the children will have their bikes and scooters in school, the playground, drive and roundabout will be set up for them to use and enjoy at lunchtimes. This has always been a big hit with the children in past years, so be sure to make a note on your calendar of the dates.

Upcoming Events

School Book Fair 16th - 20th March
Yr3/4/5 Spring concert Wednesday 1st April 9am and 2.30pm
Spring Fling Disco - 8th May
Fathers Day Shop - 11th and 12th June
KS1 Sports day - Friday 26th June 2026 - 1.30 - 3.00
KS2 Sports Day Friday 3rd July 2026 - 9.30 - 12 and 1.30 - 3.00
Race For Life Event: Friday 10th July - 2pm-3pm
Summer Fair - 17th July

Residential meetings

Yr4- Pinkery Weds 25th March 3.20 in Puffin classroom
Yr6- London- Weds 3rd June 3.20 in Pinkery classroom
Full term dates for the year are on our website



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