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Primary School**

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

11/09/26

It has been a pleasure to welcome everyone back to school this week, especially the many new families who have joined us in Reception and across the school. We are delighted to have you as part of our community and look forward to getting to know you over the coming months and years.

The new academic year has got off to a fantastic start. Our staff team has been working incredibly hard to establish routines, expectations and the strong foundations that support successful learning. These first few weeks are so important in helping children settle quickly, feel confident and develop positive habits that will enable them to flourish throughout the year.

It has been wonderful to spend time in classrooms this week and see the enthusiasm, engagement and determination that pupils are already demonstrating. The quality of learning, the positive attitudes on display and the aspiration shown by our children have been a real pleasure to witness. There is a genuine sense of excitement about the learning journey ahead.

This morning, we held our first Celebration Assembly of the year, which was a lovely occasion. We recognised pupils from every class who have already demonstrated our school values in action and presented them with certificates. It was wonderful to celebrate their achievements and to see so many children setting such a positive example for others.

Thank you to our pupils, staff and families for helping to make the start of term such a success. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead, filled with learning, achievement and opportunities for every child to thrive.

Harvest Celebration and Food Bank Collection

On Friday 25 September, we will be holding our annual Harvest Assembly with the children. Harvest is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the importance of gratitude, kindness and supporting those in our local community.

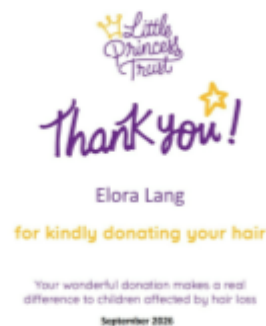
As part of our Harvest celebrations, we will once again be collecting donations for our local food bank. We would be very grateful if families could donate tinned or packet goods over the coming weeks. These donations will be shared and celebrated with the children during the assembly before being delivered to the food bank to support local families in need.

We know how generous our school community is, and these contributions will make a real difference to others. Thank you in advance for your kindness, support and generosity. We look forward to celebrating Harvest together and demonstrating the values of care, community and compassion that are so important to our school.

A Generous Donation for The Little Princess Trust

During the summer holidays, Elora did something truly amazing. She decided to have her waist-length hair cut into a bob and donate an incredible 16 inches of hair to The Little Princess Trust, a charity that provides real-hair wigs to children and young people who have lost their hair through cancer treatment and other conditions. We are incredibly proud of Elora's kindness and generosity.

Well done, Elora, on making such a thoughtful difference to others.



Last Call for Cross Country

Following the success of our team last year, we are once again entering the **Bremco North Devon Cross Country League**, which is open to children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Cross-country races take place on natural terrain and may involve hills, mud, uneven ground and all weather conditions. Children should be confident runners and willing to compete in challenging conditions.

There are **6 events** during the season, held on Sundays at venues across North Devon. To gain an individual or team score, children must attend **at least 5 of the 6 races**. Event details, maps and any updates will be emailed before each race, although parents may also wish to check the league website for any last-minute changes: [North Devon Cross Country League](https://www.northdevoncc.org/).

If your child would like to join the school team and you are able to transport them to the venues, please email southmolton@thsp.org.uk and send the **£12 entry fee (cash only)** to the school office by **Friday 18th September 2026**. The fee covers all six races.

2026-27 Race Dates

- Sunday 4 October - Kingsley School (first race 10.00am)
- Sunday 18 October - Shebbear College (first race 10.00am)
- Sunday 29 November - West Buckland School (first race 10.00am)
- Sunday 10 January - Northam Burrows, Westward Ho! (first race 11.30am)
- Sunday 7 February - Kingsley School (first race 10.00am)
- Sunday 14 March - West Buckland School (first race 10.00am)

It would be fantastic to have children representing our school. If you have any questions, please email southmolton@thsp.org.uk.

Meet the Teacher Meetings - Week Beginning 21 September 2026

(All meetings take place in Lyn Class)

- **Monday**

- 9:15am to 9:45am: Avon Class (Ms McWilliams)
- 2:45pm to 3:15pm: Dunkery Class (Miss Lavin)

- **Tuesday**

- 9:15am to 9:45am: Taw Class (Miss Langmead)
- 2:45pm to 3:15pm: Pinkery Class (Miss Gallaway)

- **Wednesday**

- 9:15am to 9:45am: Dart Class (Miss Simpson)
- 2:45pm to 3:15pm: Landacre Class (Miss Marrow)

- **Thursday**

- 9:15am to 9:45am: Beacon Class (Miss Rainger)
- 2:45pm to 3:15pm: Puffin Class (Miss Bloom and Mrs Hooper)

Upcoming Events

Year 6 Swimming Wednesday afternoons on the 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th Sep & 7th Oct

Meet the Teacher Meetings - Week Beginning 21 Sep

Tuesday 22nd Sep Flu Vaccination

Tuesday 6th Oct Year 5 Farmwise Trip

Friday 23rd Oct Non Pupil Day

Half Term: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October

Monday 9th November School Photos

Last Day of Term: Friday 18th December

Full term dates for the year are on our website



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