

# South Molton Community Primary School

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

10/01/25

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week and see them getting back into routines quickly. I have seen lots of brilliant printing being created around the school during art week along with learning across the curriculum.

## Celebration Assembly

In our celebration assembly this morning lots of Bronze awards were handed out to children who have reached 50 green points. Well done to Issy D, Reuben S, Joshua TH, Jay T, Louenna B, Jude RC, Ellie G and Tilly F. We also handed out some certificates for the Children's University which recognises children's commitments to extra-curricular activities:

Viktoria M - Bronze (30 Hours)

Arya J - Gold (200 Hours - Wow)

Well done for a fantastic achievement!



## Cake and a Coffee/Tea

Come and join us for a slice of delicious homemade cake and hot drink while we talk about the next steps to helping your child to read.

We will be holding a workshop on how to support your child with their Phase 3 phonics.

This workshop is open to all parents/carers to come along and listen to how we implement the Little Wandle Phonics scheme to enable all children to become enthusiastic and confident readers. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and talk about the scheme and books we send home to support reading with a specific focus on Phase 3 as well as a chance to network with other parents/carers. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 21st January at 9am.



## No Electricity Day & Environmental Prize Winners 2024/25

Our termly No Electricity Day on Thursday was a resounding success! A huge congratulations to the Eco-Committee for their fantastic organization, ongoing support throughout the day, and for judging the Environmental Prize award. What stood out most to me was the sense of fascination and joy I witnessed in the children's interactions. It was wonderful to see their curiosity and enthusiasm shining through. A special mention goes to our EYFS children, who embraced their first No Electricity Day with such excitement and active participation. Thank you all for your cooperation and understanding, which make these days possible. **Together**, we're enabling our school to lead the way in sustainability and inspire meaningful change.



The Eco-Committee was highly impressed with this year's entries and felt that many of the ideas submitted could genuinely be adopted. A big thank you to everyone who participated and contributed such creative and thoughtful suggestions. Given the abundance of fantastic ideas, we decided it would be fitting to recognize some runners-up during the assembly. These ideas will be explored further for their potential in the future. *Please see results below*

Congratulations to this year's runners-up: **Albert S., Ruby I., Logan R., and Mylah B.** Well done to all of you for your inspiring contributions.

We initially planned to have two winners this year, but once again, we were blown away by the fantastic ideas that could truly help advance nature and sustainability at our school. As a result, we selected three winning ideas, with one of them suggested by two people independently. This meant we had four winners overall!

Below is a summary of the winning ideas, so you can look forward to seeing them brought to life over the coming months. We've also included photos of the winners receiving their prizes: a school pencil and a book voucher.

- **Char (Pinkery) and Charlie (Landacre):** Both suggested the idea of collecting rainwater to water the plants around the school. This is something we've often considered but never implemented, making it the perfect project to develop and reduce our water usage.
- **Ben (Taw):** Proposed that each class adopts an animal through the WWF. Classes could learn about their adopted animal and incorporate it into their learning, with opportunities to showcase their research through factsheets and artwork during future No Electricity Days. We loved the potential for this idea to inspire both environmental awareness and cross-curricular learning.
- **Ellie (Pinkery):** Suggested having an indoor plant in each classroom. This not only improves air quality but can also enhance focus and concentration. We felt this idea aligns perfectly with our school value of **NATURE**, and we're excited to see classrooms filled with plants that children will nurture and care for.

A huge well done to everyone who participated—your creativity and commitment to sustainability are truly inspiring. What a fantastic community of environmentally conscious minds we have! 🌍💚



Teachers Rock® are launching a brand new transition youth choir hosted at Pilton Bluecoat C of E Academy on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January. These choir sessions offer young people aged 8-18yrs a wholly inclusive Teachers Rock® Youth Choir opportunity catering for all abilities and a pathway for young people to develop their singing style and vocal technique.

Here are the dates and details for Spring 2025:

**#TRYNorthDevon**

**Rehearsal details**

Venue: **Pilton Bluecoat C of E Academy, Abbey Road, Barnstaple, EX31 1JU (School Hall)**

Day: **Thursday**

Time: **4:45-5:45pm**

Dates: **January 16th, 23rd, 30th, February 6th, 13th, March 6th, 13th, 27th, April 3rd**

Teachers Rock® Youth Choir leader: **Emelia McNeill**

Performance opportunity: **Thursday 10th April (Easter Holidays) - The Plough Arts Centre, Great Torrington**

**Membership Fees**

Spring Term 2025 - **£30.00**

Registration form: <https://forms.gle/GJth5ja9YJwTXDRq8>

For further information please email: [enquiries@teachersrock.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@teachersrock.co.uk)

I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Mr Parkin

## Upcoming Events

Tuesday 21st Jan Coffee and Cake Phase 3 Phonics for Parents Workshop

After School Clubs 13th Jan - 14th Feb

Monday 24th February Non Pupil Day

After school clubs 2025 13th January - 14th February

Thursday 6th March World Book Day

Please see our website for more details



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