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Dear Parents & Guardians,

17/10/25

As we approach the end of our first half term, it has been a real pleasure to reflect on the progress our children have made, and continue to make, across the school. Over the past few weeks, we've welcomed several visitors, all of whom have shared incredibly positive feedback. They've commented on the school's warm and purposeful atmosphere, the excellent behaviour of our pupils, and the dedication of our amazing staff, who support one another and strive for continual improvement.

Opening for Our New School Library

We were thrilled to officially open our new school library with a wonderful event that brought together the heart of our community. It was a pleasure to welcome those who helped bring this vision to life—children, families, and community members who generously donated items, as well as those who played a key role in its creation.

This library is a fantastic addition to our school, and we believe it will inspire a lifelong love of reading in our pupils. A huge thank you must go to Kirsty, all of the PTA members, and Mrs Gladman, whose dedication, teamwork, and creativity have made this space truly special. Also a special mention to Tabitha for hand painting the incredible mural which really brings the whole space together. Their tireless efforts, from extensive fundraising to countless hours of planning and preparation, have resulted in a resource that will benefit generations of children.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who contributed, your support has helped build something that will have a lasting impact on our school community.



Save the date: Autumn Term Parent Meetings

Parent meetings will be held during the week of 17th November. These will now be booked through our new online system, Arbor. We will send out further instructions on how to book slots next week. Booking will go live on Monday 3rd November where you will be able to choose a ten minute slot from the class teacher's availability.

Inset Day - Friday 24th October 2025

Don't forget we have an INSET day on Friday 24th October 2025 so the school will be closed to all children. This means our last day of the half term will be Thursday 23rd October. We welcome the children back to school after the half term on Monday 3rd November.

No Electricity Day

This term our No Electricity Day will be held on Tuesday 4th November. More information will follow around this next week.

Stephen Shield's Cross Country Annual Event

On Thursday, a large group of our KS2 children travelled to Torrington Rugby Club for the annual Stephen Shield's Cross Country event, competing against other schools in North Devon.

Our amazing SMCPs athletes raced with determination and passion to gain some fantastic results throughout our age groups. Thank you so much for representing our school with pride and showing such dedication preparing for this event

Every runner gave 100%, and we're so proud of their resilience and perseverance throughout the course.

A special mention to our top finishers who placed in the top 25, Santi 4th, Feli 11th, Lola P 19th and Molly 22nd! This year some categories had up to 150 runners!

We are very proud of all our children's results in such a competitive field!

Thank you to our super parent helpers who supported on the day Adam, James and Tim, what a team



Music Event

Yesterday the whole school enjoyed a musical concert in the hall. The children thoroughly enjoyed seeing a wide range of instruments in practice.



Upcoming Events

Friday 24th Oct Non pupil day

October Half Term Mon 27th Oct - Friday 31st Oct

Monday 3rd Nov Back to school

Tuesday 4th Nov Non Electricity Day

17th November Parent Meetings Week

Monday 1st Dec Nasal Flu Vaccination

Friday 5th of Dec Lantern Parade

Tuesday 9th Dec KS1 Nativity AM & PM performances

Thursday 12th Feb Class photos

Full term dates for the year are on our website



I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Mr Parkin



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