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Dear Parents & Guardians,

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As we reach the end of another busy and successful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and to wish all our families a wonderful summer break. We are looking forward to finishing the year positively and celebrating all that our children have achieved.

This week, it was a pleasure to celebrate those children with families who have achieved their **Gold Certificate** for earning an incredible **150 Green Points**. These pupils are wonderful role models who consistently go above and beyond in demonstrating our school values. We are extremely proud of their achievements and delighted to recognise their hard work and commitment.

Our **Year 6 pupils** had a fantastic time on their residential trip to London this week. They enjoyed plenty of sightseeing, experienced the excitement of a West End show, and created memories that will stay with them for years to come. It was the perfect way to celebrate the end of their time at SMCPs, and we are very proud of how they represented our school throughout the trip.

On a personal note, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all our parents, carers, and the wider community for welcoming me into the role of **Acting Headteacher** during the spring and summer terms. It has been a privilege to lead the school during this time whilst Mr Parkin has been supporting North Molton. I have thoroughly enjoyed looking after the school and working alongside our wonderful children, staff, and families.

I am looking forward to returning in the autumn term before beginning my maternity leave later in the year.

Thank you once again for your continued support. I hope you all have a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer holiday, and I look forward to seeing everyone again in September.

Summer Book Quest Success!

We are delighted to share that South Molton Community Primary School currently has the **joint second-highest number of starters in Devon** for the Summer Book Quest! In fact, when looking at the percentage of pupils who have signed up, we are currently **second in the whole of Devon**. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects our pupils' enthusiasm for reading. Well done to all the children who have taken part so far and thank you to our families for supporting reading over the summer. We would also like to thank Alice Taylor-Haynes who came to visit us in school and launch the challenge- the children are so excited!

SATs results

We are incredibly proud of our children for achieving such strong SATs results, with attainment in Reading (79%) and Writing (76%) exceeding national figures, and outcomes across all subjects reflecting their hard work, resilience and determination. We are also immensely grateful to our dedicated teaching team, whose expertise, encouragement and commitment have supported our children every step of the way and helped them achieve their very best.

North Devon Schools Football Finals

What a fantastic day of football! Every player showed brilliant teamwork, determination and never gave up.

Goals came from **Charlie** and **Shraavan**, but the highlight of the tournament was an outstanding **1-0 victory over Bradworthy**. Charlie pulled off some incredible saves while in goal, then stepped up to smash home a rocket of a penalty to seal the win a moment to remember!



A huge well done to every player for their effort, sportsmanship and commitment throughout the day. You should all be proud of yourselves!

Gardening Club

Our Gardening Club has been busy over the last five weeks, meeting every Thursday from 3:15pm to 4:15pm. The children have enjoyed getting hands-on in the garden, learning how to care for plants and watching their hard work flourish.

So far, they have successfully harvested potatoes and lettuce, with plenty more vegetables still growing. The produce grown by the club will also be used by our Cookery Club, giving the children the opportunity to enjoy the results of their efforts from garden to plate.



Well done to all of our enthusiastic gardeners and thank you to Mrs Pincombe for running the club!

Archery Success!

Congratulations to Georgia, who recently competed in the Junior National Outdoor Championships. Shooting in a WA900 round for the first time, Georgia achieved a new personal best score and won an impressive **3rd place**. A fantastic achievement, especially as she competed using a barebow. Well done, Georgia!



More Sports day Images

Please see more wonderful images of sports day that we couldn't fit in last week but wanted to share. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to **Paulina Stepaniuk** polaphotography.co.uk for kindly giving her time to photograph our Sports Day. We have received so much positive feedback from families about the wonderful photographs, which captured so many special moments and achievements from the day. We are incredibly grateful to Paulina for her generosity and support of our school community. Thank you, Paulina, for helping us create lasting memories of such a fantastic event!



School Meals – Price Update

We would like to inform all parents that, after careful consideration, we are increasing the cost of school meals. From **1 September 2026** the cost per meal will be **£2.70**.

Please be reassured that this decision has not been taken lightly. As with many areas, we continue to face increasing costs in delivering high-quality meals for our pupils. We know this is a challenging time for many families and have taken care to keep the increase as small as possible whilst ensuring the sustainability of our catering provision.

We appreciate your understanding and ongoing support.

Upcoming Events

Last day of term Wednesday 22nd July

Monday 7th September Back to School

Full term dates for the year are on our website



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