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Dear Parents & Guardians,

07/11/25

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week after the half-term break. We now begin a longer half term as we build towards the festive period.

Over recent weeks, we've had the pleasure of welcoming several visitors to our school, including Gary Chown, our CEO, and Jonathan Gower, Deputy CEO. We received excellent feedback from all these visits, particularly regarding the learning environment, the positive atmosphere, and the way our children consistently demonstrate outstanding learning behaviours. Alongside celebrating these strengths, such visits also help us reflect on how we can continue to improve. Our dedicated staff are always planning and implementing enhancements while consolidating the areas of excellence that shine so brightly across our school.

Online Safety Reminder for Parents and Carers

We've been made aware of some concerning content that children may be accessing online, which has caused upset and fear among some pupils. We kindly ask all parents and carers to be extra vigilant about what children are watching, discussing, and playing—both at home and in school. Please take time to talk with your child about their online activity and encourage them to speak up if they see anything that makes them feel uncomfortable or worried. If you have any concerns about specific content or would like advice on how to support your child's online safety, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our children safe.

This week Avon had a rather "disgusting" surprise! Someone had left a revolting sandwich in their classroom! We spent the lesson making predictions and recording these in our journals. This term we are exploring the new text "The Disgusting Sandwich" and we are really looking forward to becoming authors and illustrators. We still don't know who left this unpleasant surprise- some think it was Mr Costello, and others have blamed Mrs Gardner. I suppose we will never know..



Open Days for EYFS Sep 2026 Parents & Children

We're delighted to welcome parents, with EYFS children starting in September 2026, on Monday 10th November and Friday 28th November for a chance to experience the life and learning within our school.

There will be guided tours led by some of our wonderful children, who are excited to show you around and share what makes our school so special. These sessions will give you the opportunity to observe learning as it happens and get a real feel for our school community.

Each day will include two one-hour sessions:

- Morning: 9:15am – 10:15am
- Afternoon: 1:45pm – 2:45pm

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing the warmth, curiosity, and pride that define our school. Please complete the form <https://forms.gle/SJzWXLcdAdq29Npi6> to confirm your attendance at your chosen session.

We are thrilled to announce our nativity this year, "A Miracle in Town"! We have split the performances into key stages. Please see the dates and times below:

Nursery and all Reception (from Dart & Taw) children: **Monday 8th December 9.30-10am**

Year One and Two (from Taw, Avon & Beacon) children: **Tuesday 9th December 9.15-9.45am and 2.15-2.45pm**



We will not be administering tickets this year, but we will be adding a three adult limit per child, per performance. Adults will be asked to sign in before the performance for fire regulations.

BREMCO Cross Country

On Sunday, our SMCP team took part in the BREMCO Cross Country League Race 2 of the series at Shebbear College, thank you for representing our school so fantastically.

Also, a big thank you to our amazing parents for getting up early on a Sunday morning to transport our runners to the event!

Race 3 will be on Sunday 30th November at West Buckland School.

Please see our team and individual results below:

<https://northdevonxcleague.weebly.com/>



Upcoming Events

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 and enjoyable half term break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 3rd November 2025.



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