



3rd May 2024

Dear Families

It has been amazing to see so many children joining in with our Summer term after school club programme which started this week; children were learning Robotics, singing in the choir, playing netball and football, learning different international dances and joining in with art sessions—to name but a few! There are a small number of spaces left in some of our clubs so if your child is yet to sign up for anything, please come and chat with the ladies in our school office who will be able to help you.

We are continuing to see increasing numbers of parents and children use our new Boom Reader app which encourages communication between home and school about your child's reading along with motivating the children to read more at home. All children in RWI groups are now bring a physical phonics book home with them (along with their library book and the online books) so please can you spend some time, each evening, reading this phonics book with your child. It is the same level of book they are reading in their phonics lessons so they can read it—they might just need a bit of encouragement to do so!

As the weather hopefully starts to warm up, please can we encourage you to send your children in with their water bottles every day AND label their school jumpers in case they take them off when they warm up!

Regards, Ms Alison Helm: Headteacher



Dates for the Diary

May

- Monday 6th May: Bank Holiday Monday—school closed
 - ♦ W.c Monday 13th May: KS2 (year 6) SATs
- Thursday 23rd May: After school Beach Party—fundraising for swimming lessons
 - Friday 24th May: Finish school for the holidays

June

- Monday 10th June: All children back in school
- Friday 21st June: Year 6 LAP Sports Event hosted at Warberry
 - W.c 24th June: Book fair in school
- Friday 28th June: Year 5 LAP Sports Event hosted at Warberry

July

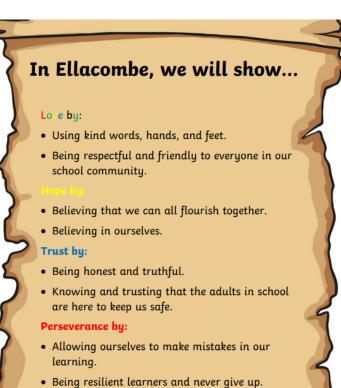
- Wednesday 3rd July: Sports Day
- Wednesday 10th July: Ellacombe Musical Extravaganza
 - Thursday 18th July: Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
 - Weds 24th July: Last day in school—holidays!





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Please continue to discuss our school values with your children and what they mean in terms of our behaviour choices ...



Attendance Awards

Taking pride in ourselves and in our school.
Helping others and working as part of a team.

Stewardship by:

We are working really hard to make sure all our pupils are in school, every day and on time. Obviously we all get sick, every now and then, but if we are well, we need to be in school!

Also well done to **Dolphins**, **Little Horses**, and **Herdsmen** classes for excellent attendance this week!



CLASS ATTENDANCE

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Little Bears: 87.21%

Little Lions: 95.53% Little Foxes: 84.33%

Little Tigers: 97.93%

Unicorns: 94.21%

Dolphins: 97.33%

Little Horses: 97.00%

Eagles: 92.50%

Swans: 89.45%

Herdsmen: 95.71%

Heroes: 93.87%

Hunters: 91.32%

Warriors: 94.98%

The winner is ...

Little Tigers!

HOUSE ATTENDANCE

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Christie House 93.87%

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Darwin House 91.44%

ATTENDANCE

Kingsley House

91.67%

ATTENDANCE

Singer House

95.75%

The winners are ...

Singer!





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Learning at Ellacombe

Last week we were lucky enough to have the RNLI attend school to undertake a workshop with the children.

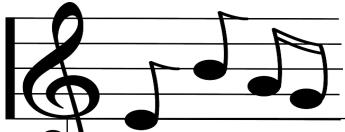
Considering how close we live to the

sea, this is obviously so important for our pupils in terms of learning how to stay save by water. Please spend some time asking your children what they learnt in this assembly and you can help them to build on this through some of the activities and games on this website:

RNLI Education Resources For Young People







Guitar lessons in school

If you would like your child to have guitar or ukulele lessons in school, our guitar teacher

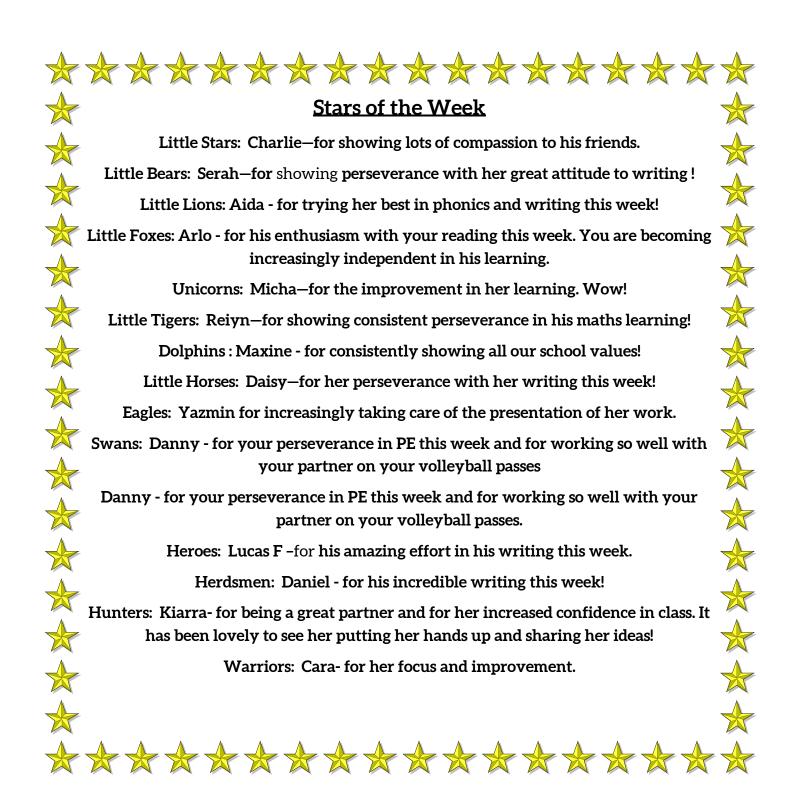
-Mr Farrin- has some availability.

If you would like to sign your child up for learning please collect a slip and return it to the school office.





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Two sports funding streams are available as part of our Torbay on the Move initiative for 2024/25

To encourage participation in sport, we have relaunched a fund called Back to Sport 2.

The fund focuses on engaging people who are less likely to use physical activity to improve their wellbeing.

Awards of up to £2,500 are available for clubs, groups, and activity providers to run activities to increase participation.

Find out more at:

https://orlo.uk/Back to Sport GPYWd

Believe to Achieve grants available for Torbay's elite and talented athletes. Believe to Achieve is a grant scheme aimed at supporting and encouraging talented athletes from across Torbay to keep pursuing their sporting goals and careers. Training costs, travel, equipment, and competition fees can soon mount up. We are providing grants to avoid these costs becoming financial hurdles that prevent athletes from achieving their full potential.

Grants of up to £1,500 (depending on level of competition) are available for training, equipment, competition fees and expenses. Find out more at:

https://orlo.uk/Believe to Achieve JkZns

Grants will be allocated based on the evidence provided in the application.









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