



Dear Families,

Welcome back to 2025 and we hope you've all had a good break. The children all seem to have come back fully rested and ready to dive straight into their Spring term learning.

Thank you for all those parents/carers who joined us for different events at the end of last term; it really means a lot to the staff (and obviously your children!) to know that you're working in partnership with us to get the best outcomes for your children.

We had our first attendance breakfast celebration of the year today with Dolphins class being invited in to celebrate their excellent attendance. We are aware that school attendance is a 'family affair', as the children can't attend school unless you support them to, and as such, we also invited the parents/carers to join us for this celebration. Excellent school attendance continues to be the highest of priorities for us, as a school, and on this note, please be reminded that I will not be authorising any holidays during term time.

There are still some spaces in some of our After School Clubs so please use the app to sign your child up; these all start next week.

Regards, Ms Alison Helm: Headteacher

Dates for your diary ...

January

- Monday 13th January After School Clubs starting
- Wednesday 15th January Fire Brigade visiting Years 2 and 5
- Thursday 16th January Census Day—it is really important that everyone is in school today!
- Friday 31st January Year 6 trip to the Orchestra in Exeter

February

- Friday 14th February Last day of the half term
- Monday 24th February All children back to school
- Wednesday 26th to Friday Year4 Residential to Dartmor
- Tuesday 25th March World Book Day
- Tuesday 22nd April Extra non pupil day—school closed for children



Attendance Awards

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!

Well done to **Little Bears and Warriors** classes
for **100%** attendance this week.



CLASS ATTENDANCE		HOUSE ATTENDANCE	
Little Bears	100%	Christie House	95.22%
Little Lions	96.67%		
Little Foxes	93.75%		
Little Tigers	88.44%	Darwin House	92.87%
Unicorns	90%		
Dolphins	96.52%		
Little Horses	93.33%	Kingsley House	92.33%
Eagles	93.33%		
Swans	98%		
Herdsmen	92.02%	Singer House	97.59%
Heroes	92.89%		
Hunters	96.09%		
Warriors	100%		
The winners are... LITTLE BEARS & WARRIORS		The winner is ... SINGER HOUSE	



STARS OF THE WEEK



	Little Stars	Hunter K - we are very proud of you! You have returned after the holidays with such a 'I can do it' attitude. You have also really demonstrated how caring you are. Well done Hunter K
	Little Bears	Darcy Rose for great attitude to learning!
	Little Lions	Vinnie for a great improvement in his attendance!
	Little Foxes	Arabella - for your enthusiastic approach to learning this week and being an amazing team player.
	Little Tigers	Darcie C - For coming back to school so focused and happy. You have worked so hard this week, showing all our school values. Keep it up Darcie!
	Unicorns	Anzani for her perseverance with all her learning.
	Dolphins	Alicija for showing all our school values at Kents Cavern!
	Little Horses	Lyle for making amazing choices and being in the right place at the right time!
	Eagles	Annalise for showing such eagerness to learn and committing to producing a high standard of work
	Swans	Skyla R for your positive attitude towards your learning and for helping those who need it.
	Herdsmen	Ethan for his incredible contributions and use of technical vocabulary in science.
	Heroes	Yazmin for her fantastic attitude towards learning this week and being a great talk partner.
	Hunters	This week, Harry has shown perseverance in his learning- especially in guided reading and English. Well done!
	Warriors	Arli - for trying hard and making the right choices since being back in school. Arli has worked hard in class and in his maths group with Mrs Helm.



CAKE SALE

Thursday 16th January

Year 6 are holding a cake sale next Thursday to help raise funds for their trip to see an Orchestra in Exeter . These will be on sale outside of year 6 as the gates open.

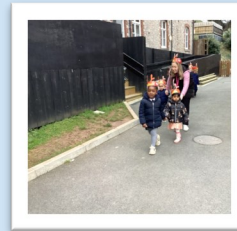
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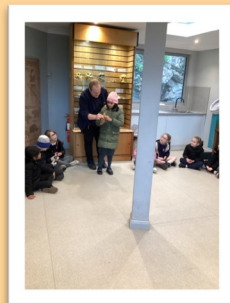
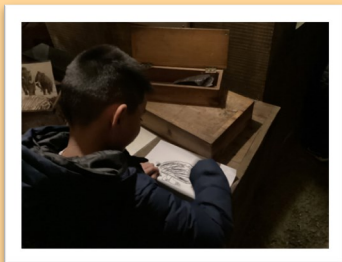
RUDOLPH RUN

The children took part in the local hospice Rowcroft sponsored Rudolph Run. They donned their reindeer antlers and we 'ran' around the playground. A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored the children it's fantastic for the children to begin to get a concept of charity and helping others. We have managed to raise over £???? which is brilliant! The children received medals, stickers, antlers and certificates.



YEAR 3 TRIP TO KENTS CAVERN

Year 3 had a wonderful trip to Kents Cavern this week. We learnt even more about the Stone Age and got to handle different artefacts from the Stone Age. We loved exploring the caves and learning about the explorer William Pengelly who spent 15 years excavating the caves at Kents Cavern. The children have all been given a voucher to return to Kents Cavern for free which can be used until the end of half term.





Torbay Council Consultation: Union Square

Just before the holidays, our School Ethos Council met with Torbay Council as part of the regeneration consultation for Union Square. The group gave some excellent suggestions about how this area could be improved and things they would like to see in their town centre.



Have fun and stay active for free!

Would you like to start a **FREE** Course all about empowering YOU to maintain and improve your Health and Wellbeing?

Classes run for 8 weeks from 10:15am-1:15pm
Tuesdays in Brixham from 4th February
Wednesdays in Torquay from 5th February
Thursdays in Paignton from 6th February
with an optional social lunch
from 1:15pm-2:30pm

The course includes 2 full weeks of **FREE** taster activities

Keep these dates free
3rd to 7th March
17th to 21st March

For more details, contact Jess Slade
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Men's Wellbeing Walk

This wellbeing walk offers men the opportunity to feel the benefit of getting out in the fresh air, connect with others, and enjoy the positive effect that spending time outside can have on both the body and mind.



When: Every Tuesday from 10.15am - 11.15am
Where: The Community Hut, behind St. Paul's Church
Locarno Avenue, Paignton, TQ3 2DH

No pre-enrolment is required

Find more information:

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