



Dear Families,

Our Year 6 children have had an excellent day today as they went on a trip to Exeter to listen to a live Orchestra; this is one of the LAPs “70 B4 Year 7” promises of the various opportunities and experiences we provide for our pupils before they leave us for secondary school. Further examples of this are the swimming lessons we provide for our year 3, 4 and 5 pupils to ensure they are all increasingly confident to swim before they leave in year 6.

It was great to be able to share our 2023-2024 pupil outcomes with you last week and these are also now up on our website; these truly were fantastic results (all above National Averages) and a reflection of what our children are all capable of when we work together, in partnership.

A couple of ‘friendly reminders’: the children should only be wearing trainers as part of their PE kit on their PE day; aside of this, they should be in their black school shoes.

Please can I ask everyone to be mindful of our neighbours on the ‘back lane’ at drop off and pick-up times and not congregate on their driveways or near their cars. Thank you!

Regards, Ms Alison Helm: Headteacher

February

Thursday 13th February	Tiny Travels’ workshop for children in EYFS, yr 1 and yr 2
Friday 14th February	Last day of the half term
Monday 24th February	All children back to school
Wednesday 26th February	International afternoon
Wednesday 26th to Friday 28th February	Year4 Residential to Dartmoor

March

Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
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April

Wednesday 2nd April	Year 5/6 theatre trip—The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe
Tuesday 1st & Thursday 3rd April	Parents’ Evening
Tuesday 22nd April	Extra non pupil day—school closed for children

Dates for your diary ...




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 **NAME OF** classes for excellent attendance this week.



CLASS ATTENDANCE		HOUSE ATTENDANCE	
Little Bears	93.16%	Christie House	93.07%
Little Lions	96.11%		
Little Foxes	90.48%		
Little Tigers	95.5%	Darwin House	94.24%
Unicorns	97%		
Dolphins	98.26%		
Little Horses	92.57%	Kingsley House	97.27%
Eagles	97.33%		
Swans	96%		
Herdsmen	97.5%	Singer House	94.42%
Heroes	87.03%		
Hunters	89.57%		
Warriors	93.89%		
The winner is ... DOLPHINS		 <p>The winner is ... KINGSLEY HOUSE</p>	



STARS OF THE WEEK



	Little Stars	Jesmitha - growing confidence, for always willing to help her peers and listening to the adults.
	Little Bears	Amelia G - for always working hard in Phonics and helping her friends at tidy up time!
	Little Lions	Luca for improvements with his sitting and listening skills.
	Little Foxes	Aida - for her incredible attitude to learning and ALWAYS showing our school values so beautifully.
	Little Tigers	Paige - for making such amazing progress in reading and in phonics. Paige is also a role model, she helps those around her when they are finding something tricky. Keep it up Paige!
	Unicorns	Kinley for a positive attitude towards her learning and for always trying really hard with her learning!
	Dolphins	Isabella for her wonderful start to guided reading!
	Little Horses	George for putting 100% effort into everything that he does!
	Eagles	Noah for building the confidence to share his ideas in front of the class!
	Swans	Ralph for always showing our Ellacombe values and for your effort and focus in lessons.
	Herdsmen	Jasmera for a brilliant start to Ellacombe and for trying her best in all her learning.
	Heroes	Dani for his excellent learning this week and being a good friend.
	Hunters	Kaci- for her fantastic writing this week and for using expression in her reading.
	Warriors	Jakub - for his hard work in lessons and for being a lovely member of the class.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

We run our breakfast club from 8am and an after school club until 6pm to support parents/carers who are busy or working.

Please use the MCAS app to reserve spaces if you would like your child to attend this provisions.



International Afternoon

On Wednesday 26th February, the children will be spending the afternoon in their House Teams celebrating “International Afternoon”. This is a chance for them to learn about different countries and their languages and culture. This year we will be focussing on: Ukraine, France, Ghana and India.



RUDOLF RUN—ROWCROFT HOSPICE

Debbie from Rowcroft Hospice joined us for assembly on Monday. She told the children about where the money they raised doing the Rudolf Run would go.

A huge thank you for raising a staggering

£1596,69



Neurodiversity Resource Website

We would like to make you aware of a Neurodiversity resource website, which has been developed to support parents, carers, children and young people, and those working with children and young people with Neurodiversity, in Devon, Torbay and Plymouth. The link is below:

[Neurodiversity - Getting Advice and Getting Help](#)

The website includes a range of resources, videos and information about what is available in our local area, and nationally, for children, young people and families.



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The Ellacombe Weekly

31st January 2025



PARTNERSHIPS FOR INCLUSION OF NEURODIVERSITY IN SCHOOLS

We are delighted to share our Parent Group which is part of the pilot of the new Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINIS) project.

This group is a friendly place to come and meet other parents in your school who also have children with additional needs (your child doesn't need a diagnosis to attend). We will be joined by reps from SEND Family Voice Torbay. We hope that these groups will be a place to meet other parents and share experiences.

Parent Coffee Session

Ellacombe Church of England Academy
Wednesday 5th February
1:30-2:45



UPCOMING Events FEBRUARY

3 FEB	CREATE + CONNECT MINI BOOK BINDING 13:45 PM - 14:45 PM BOOK IN STORE OR CALL 01803 392436	£8 INCLUDES COFFEE & CAKE	18 FEB	CREATE + CONNECT ENGLISH PAPER PIECING 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM BOOK IN STORE OR CALL 01803 392436	£8 INCLUDES COFFEE & CAKE
4 FEB	CREATE + CONNECT TAG MAKING 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM BOOK IN STORE OR CALL 01803 392436	£8 INCLUDES COFFEE & CAKE	19 FEB	GLASS TEA LIGHT HOLDER WITH SEAVIEW STUDIOS 19:00 PM - 21:00 PM BOOK ON SEAVIEWSTUDIOS.UK	£20
5 FEB	POTTERY TRANSFERS ON A MUG WITH SEAVIEW STUDIOS 13:00 PM - 2:00 PM BOOK ON SEAVIEWSTUDIOS.UK	£20	24 FEB	CREATE + CONNECT UPCYCLE A NECKLACE INTO A BAG CHARM 10:00 AM - 13:00 PM BOOK IN STORE OR CALL 01803 392436	£8 INCLUDES COFFEE & CAKE
10 FEB	CREATE + CONNECT SLOW STITCH FELT COOKIE BUNTING 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM BOOK IN STORE OR CALL 01803 392436	£8 INCLUDES COFFEE & CAKE	24 FEB	CREATE + CONNECT SLOW STITCH TWEEED HEART 14:00 PM - 18:00 PM BOOK IN STORE OR CALL 01803 392436	£8 INCLUDES COFFEE & CAKE
11 FEB	CREATE + CONNECT BUTTON HEARTS 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM BOOK IN STORE OR CALL 01803 392436	£8 INCLUDES COFFEE & CAKE	25 FEB	CREATE + CONNECT MINI JUNK JOURNALLING 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM BOOK IN STORE OR CALL 01803 392436	£8 INCLUDES COFFEE & CAKE

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LEARN TO KNIT WITH CHLO AND LINDA
12, 19, 26 FEB & 05, 12, 19 MARCH

13:30 - 14:45

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TQ1 4NE
WWW.TORBAYSCRAPSTORE.CO.UK



UPCOMING Events MARCH

4 MAR	CREATE + CONNECT MAKE A SCRAPPY OWL 11:00 - 13:00 BOOK IN STORE OR CALL 01803 392436	£8 INCLUDES COFFEE & CAKE	18 & 25 MAR	LEARN HOW TO KNIT DESIGN & KNIT A FAIR ISLE SQUARE 13:30 - 14:45 BOOK IN STORE OR CALL 01803 392436	£10
5 MAR	PAPER BEADS TO JEWELLERY WITH SEAVIEW STUDIOS 19:00 - 21:00 BOOK ON SEAVIEWSTUDIOS.UK	£20	19 MAR	WATERCOLOUR FLOWERS WITH SEAVIEW STUDIOS 19:00 - 21:00 BOOK ON SEAVIEWSTUDIOS.UK	£20
11 MAR	CREATE + CONNECT POM POM MAKING 10:00 - 12:00 BOOK IN STORE OR CALL 01803 392436	£8 INCLUDES COFFEE & CAKE	25 MAR	CREATE + CONNECT FUNKY FLOWER CARDS 10:00 - 12:00 BOOK IN STORE OR CALL 01803 392436	£8 INCLUDES COFFEE & CAKE
18 MAR	CREATE + CONNECT MAKE BOHEMIAN TASSELS 10:00 - 12:00 BOOK IN STORE OR CALL 01803 392436	£8 INCLUDES COFFEE & CAKE	28 MAR	CREATE + CONNECT GARDEN PARTY COLLAGE BUNTING 12:30 - 14:00 BOOK IN STORE OR CALL 01803 392436	£8 INCLUDES COFFEE & CAKE

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