

'A family where we flourish and learn to be the best version of ourselves'



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Year 6 children have shown exceptional perseverance and resilience this week as they tackled their SATs. Each and every one of them approached the tests with determination and positivity, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts. As always, tests can only measure a small part of who they are; they do not capture the full journey of growth, character, and learning they have shown throughout their time at school.

Across the rest of the school, children have been fully immersed in their learning, engaging enthusiastically with their topics and sharing ideas with their peers. With just one week to go until half term, we are busy bringing our current units to a close and celebrating all that the children have achieved.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Mrs Penhallurick

Absences calls reminder

If your child is absent from school, you must contact the school on each day of their absence to inform us of the reason. When your child is absent, please call 01752 892247 and press 1 to leave a message or 2 if you would like to speak to the office.

Please ensure that you call the school office as soon as possible each morning your child is not attending. Providing a clear reason for the absence helps us maintain accurate attendance records and ensure the safety and wellbeing of all pupils.

Thank you for your cooperation.



From Mr Jolliffe

This week, our Year 6s have taken their SATs tests, which comprise six different papers in spelling, grammar and punctuation, reading and maths. That is quite a challenge for ten and eleven year olds and they are all to be congratulated on getting through the week. What the tests don't show is how much they have learned as young people about themselves and how they look after each other and have grown in confidence and resilience over their time in primary school. Their strength of character and the values that have been given to them by school and at home are what is going to take them through the next stage of their education and beyond into adult life.

Learners of the week

Meadowsfoot – Henry P for his enthusiasm with his learning.

Mothecombe - Meadow for her constant positivity.

Riverside - Oliver H for fantastic focus & commitment in all of his independent learning.

Oldaport - Owen for his enthusiasm when creating a musical scene.

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Flapjacks

Payment is now due for next half term for flapjacks. If you would like your child to receive a flapjack each Friday at break time, please complete the payment of £1.80 for the remainder of the school year. This covers the period: Friday 5th June - Friday 17th July.

All payments must be received by Wednesday 20th May so that the kitchen have time to order the necessary ingredients. No payments will be accepted after this date.

To make payment on MCAS (My Child At School), please go to: Products, Flapjacks, Add to Basket and then checkout.

If you need any help with this, please speak to Miss Chapple in the office.



Meadowsfoot



EYFS have been working incredibly hard this week on using their growing phonic knowledge to write sentences with increasing confidence. The children are now able to clearly explain why finger spaces matter, and they've been proudly showing how this helps to make their writing easier for others to read. In maths, we've continued to rehearse the pairs of numbers that make ten, using both a tens frame and a part-part-whole model to represent our thinking. The

children are becoming much quicker at spotting these number bonds and are beginning to apply them independently during their learning.



PTFA – Ice lollies

The PTFA have stocked up on ice lollies and will be selling them on the playground on Friday afternoon at home time. They plan to do this where possible every Friday if our weather allows them too. Lollies will be 50p each and this will be payable with cash only please.



Mothecombe



Mothecombe have wowed me with their phonics knowledge this week! There is clear evidence of them applying their phonics in all of their written work, which is fabulous. We have worked really hard on our maths unit on money, we are able to find the correct coins to buy items using a range of notes and coins. In PE we developed our tennis skills focusing on accuracy of the ball.

In science we compared spring and summer and developed our reasoning skills to complete cartoon concepts. In art we created our own collages using a range of shapes to produce minibeasts.



Values of the week

Meadowsfoot - Freya for persevering with her spelling.

Mothecombe - Ewan for his perseverance with complex maths problems.

Riverside - Noah for being such a compassionate and supportive friend to his peers.

Oldaport - Ella for always persevering and trying her best.

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Riverside



It has been another busy and enjoyable week of learning in the Riverside classroom. In PE, the children have been exploring effective techniques for running, catching and throwing. They have also been learning about teamwork and how to show positive sportsmanship, even when things do not go their way. In Forest School, we continued our teamwork theme with a fun challenge: which group could create the longest human chain. It was wonderful to see the children encouraging one another and working together to build the longest line they

could. They also had time to create swings, build dens and even design their own woodland slide.



Oldaport



It has been a very different week in Oldaport Class this week. Our Year 6 pupils completed their SATs, and the Year 5s have been wonderfully supportive throughout. To celebrate everyone's hard work, we finished the week with a small class party. In English, the Year 5s have been exploring a video story called *Marshmallow*. They have been practising their descriptive writing and getting creative by designing their own imaginative creatures. In Music, the children have begun planning their own musical

scenes. Each group was challenged to include dialogue, a dance and a song, all based around the theme of a journey. They approached the task with great enthusiasm and teamwork.

Reader of the Week Certificates:

Meadowsfoot	Adelina
Mothecombe	Evelyn
Riverside	Zara
Oldaport	Mia

Reading with your child at home is one of the simplest and most powerful ways to support their learning. Just a few minutes each day helps build language skills, confidence, and a love of books, while also creating special time together. Talking about the story, pictures, or characters makes reading even more meaningful and fun for children.

We appreciate your support with reading at home and ask that you please log any reading that you do in your child's reading log. Thank you



Clubs



Please note that lunchtime and after-school clubs for the period following the May half term will be available to book via MCAS from Wednesday 20th May.

The deadline for all bookings will be Sunday 31st May. Please note that there will be no lunchtime or after-school clubs running on the final week of term. The last day that clubs will take place will be Thursday 16th July.

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Bag2School



BAG 2 SCHOOL

Please bring in your bags to school with any unwanted clothing on Wednesday 20th May. Please ensure all bags are in school by at least 9am to avoid missing our collection.

Please note they can accept the following: clothing, paired shoes, handbags, hats, bags and backpacks, scarves, ties, bras, jewellery, socks and belts. To see items that cannot be accepted please see the following link: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Diary Dates

Date	Event	Time
Mondays	Forest School starts for Riverside	
Wednesday 20 th May	Bag 2 School – am only – see above	9am
Friday 22nd May	Last day of term	
Monday 1st June	Children return to school	
Saturday 6 th June	Ivybridge Community Festival Parade – more details to follow	
Wednesday 10 th June	Tempest Class Photos to be taken – during school day	
Monday 15 th June	Sports Day – more details to follow	
Weds 17 th – 19 th June	Year 5 and Year 6 residential	
Friday 26th June	Non pupil day	
Thursday 2 nd July	Year 6 pupils to visit Ivybridge Community College	
Friday 10 th July	Whole school beach trip – more details to follow	
Wednesday 15 th July	KS2 Production – 2:30pm and 5:30pm	
Monday 20 th July	Whole school disco	4:30pm
Monday 20 th July	Year 6 leavers' disco	5:30pm
Tuesday 21 st July	Leavers' service – details to follow	9:30am
Wednesday 22nd July	Last day of academic year	
Monday 7th September	Children return to school	

Term dates

Summer term 2026

Monday 20th April to Friday 22nd May

Monday 1st June to Wednesday 22nd July [Staff Development Day 26th June]

Autumn term 2026

Thursday 3rd September to Friday 23rd October [Staff Development Days 3rd and 4th September]

Monday 2nd November to Friday 18th December [Staff Development Day 27th November]