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Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm pleased to be able to share our Ofsted report with you, following our inspection last term. Please find a letter, the report and a post-Ofsted action plan attached with this week's newsletter.

We are looking forward to some upcoming events over the next few weeks. Next Friday, 12th June, Meadowsfoot and Mothecombe class will be visiting the Theatre Royal Plymouth to watch *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*. If you have not yet completed the payment and permission form for this, please do so ASAP.

We are also looking forward to our whole school Sports Day on Monday 15th June. The children will be taking part in a range of sporting events throughout the day, with parents invited to join us from 2pm. We also have our Summer Fair straight after this event, and a mufti day for tombola items next Thursday 11th June. More information about this can be found below.

With best wishes,

Mrs Penhallurick



From Mr Jolliffe

For the new school year, we are looking for a new parent governor on the EVMF governing board and a letter giving more details about this is attached to this newsletter. We would particularly welcome anyone with expertise or an interest in Health and Safety. Please think about becoming a governor or encouraging others to volunteer. Parent governors are welcomed as valued members of the governor team and together they are responsible for the strategic direction of the schools, promoting high standards of educational achievement and ensuring our resources are used to maximum impact. Life as a governor is interesting and varied and we feel sure that there are parents prepared to take on this important role and give their time [approximately four hours a month] and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the schools' performance. If you would like to stand for election please complete and sign the nomination form attached to this newsletter and return to your child's school office, or by email to hlast@exevalleyfederation.org.uk, no later than 12 noon on Friday, 19th June 2026.

Shaugh Prior Primary

Following completion of the statutory process on a proposal to close Shaugh Prior Primary School, Devon County Council's Cabinet met on 20th May 2026 to consider the proposal. With sadness, the Cabinet approved the proposal to close Shaugh Prior Primary School from 31st August 2026. Whilst there is a presumption against the closure of rural schools, it was clear there was sufficient evidence that the school was not educationally sustainable. Approval was also given to the new designated areas for the area currently served by Shaugh Prior Primary to inform school transport eligibility.

A copy of the minutes of Cabinet and the report is available via: [Agenda for Cabinet on Wednesday, 20th May, 2026, 10.30 am - Democracy in Devon](#)

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Staff professional development day Friday, 26th June

The final staff professional development day is on Friday, 26th June 2026 and all the EVMF schools will be closed to pupils on that day. Teachers will be working with the English Team at Silvertown School during the day.

Relationships and Sex Education

After half term, all children will be learning about positive relationships and how their bodies grow and change. For Reception to Year 4, this focuses on what makes a positive and safe relationship and includes learning about body language, touch, appropriate touch and bullying. The DfE guidance for school's states that parents cannot withdraw their child from Relationships Education because it is important that all children receive this content, covering topics such as friendships and how to stay safe. As this is part of the PSHE curriculum, the right to withdraw does not apply.

The Moorsway schools have chosen to teach Sex Education to Years 5 and 6 during this half term. The children will be using the One Decision units on relationships and growing and changing, including puberty and conception. If you do not want your child to take part in some or all of the lessons on Sex Education, you can ask that they are withdrawn. At primary level, the Head of School must grant this request for the half day that this material is being delivered. The science curriculum in all maintained schools also includes content on human development, including reproduction, from which there is no right to withdraw.

Please let your child's Head of School know if you wish to withdraw your child by **Friday, 12th June**. If you want to view lesson plans and slides for Years 5 and 6, please let your child's school office know by Monday 8th June so that they can be sent to you.



Meadowsfoot

Meadowsfoot have had a busy and brilliant week. In maths, the children have been learning how to use a rekenrek to represent numbers, exploring how the beads help us see number patterns quickly. This new equipment will continue to support us as we move forward on our maths journey. We have also launched Pirate School and begun our adventures on the seven seas. This week the children have been discovering some of the history of pirates and have started designing their very own treasure maps, complete with secret paths and hidden clues.



Learners of the week

Meadowsfoot - Riley for using a rekenrek confidently.

Mothecombe - Behrooz for his independence in tasks.

Riverside - Aurora for her superb attitude and effort in every lesson.

Oldport - Zoe for her insightful opinions.

Ivybridge River and Moorland Festival – Saturday 6th June

Thank you to those of you that signed up to join us at the festival tomorrow. If you are taking part in the parade, please meet us at the Methodist Church at 10:30am. If you are singing only, please meet us in Victoria Park just before 12:30pm.

Year 1 and 2 have also been involved in creating a sound canopy which will be displayed in Longtimber Woods during the event tomorrow, at canopy 21 by the picnic benches.

We are really looking forward to the event, and hope to see lots of you there.



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Mothecombe



This week in Maths, we began our new fractions unit. The children have enjoyed a hands-on and practical introduction, exploring parts and wholes around the school environment. We have also been recognising halves in shapes by folding and shading, helping to build a strong visual understanding of this important concept.

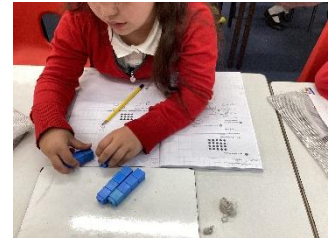
In English, we started our new unit based on *The Book of Cars and Trucks*. We have been identifying a range of features found in non-fiction texts and discussing our likes and dislikes about different books and information texts.

The children have shared some thoughtful ideas and are already showing great enthusiasm for the topic. In DT, we have begun learning how to sew as we create mini pouches to bring home. The children's resilience and determination while learning to tie a knot has been fantastic to see. If possible, I would really appreciate your support at home by helping your child practise threading a needle. A little extra practice will make a big difference as we continue developing these skills. On Friday, we were lucky enough to visit Lorna, the artist who worked with us on our sound project. It was a delight to see the project come to life and to witness the children's reactions as they heard themselves as part of the installation. If you have the opportunity, please visit the trailer at the end of Victoria Park on Friday or Saturday to experience it for yourself. For an even more immersive experience, take a walk through Long Timber Woods and enjoy the soundscape along the way.

Riverside



It was lovely welcoming the children back into school on Monday and hearing all about their wonderful half-term break. In Mathematics this week, the children have shown great perseverance while learning how to find fractions of amounts. They enjoyed using practical resources and drawing their own models to help them work out each problem. We also enjoyed our final Forest School session of the year. The children had great fun learning how to build and light fires safely, as well as cooking popcorn and marshmallows over the flames. They rose brilliantly to the challenge of making a fire in the rain, working together to collect wood and encouraging one another as they tried to get their sparks to catch. Their teamwork and determination were wonderful to see.



Oldaport



It has been a busy and exciting start to our new English unit, *Talking History: 150 Years of Speakers and Speeches*. By the end of the unit, the children will be writing their own speech about an important issue. Talking at home about what they feel passionate about will really support them as we move into our ideas-generation lesson. We have listened to a range of powerful speeches, which the children have found both engaging and inspiring. In Maths, we have begun our new unit on

algebra. The children have already shown a strong understanding of the key concepts and are approaching the challenges with confidence. Play rehearsals are now underway, and the children have begun getting into character. In RE, we have been learning about Muslims and exploring why the journey to Mecca is such an important part of their faith.



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Super Council



really means to have a pet as part of school life.

Super Council had a brilliant opportunity on Wednesday to meet with members of Cheriton Fitzpaine School Council to share our experiences of having a school pet. The children spoke confidently about the pros and cons of looking after an animal in school, discussing everything from the joy and companionship it brings to the important level of care and responsibility involved. It was a thoughtful, mature conversation that helped both councils reflect on what it

Values of the week

Meadowsfoot - Freya for being a compassionate friend.

Mothecombe - Henry for his perseverance on tasks.

Riverside – Tyler for showing fantastic perseverance in all his learning.

Oldaport - Perseverance - Martha for using her existing knowledge to support her.

Sports Day and Summer Fair – Monday 15th June

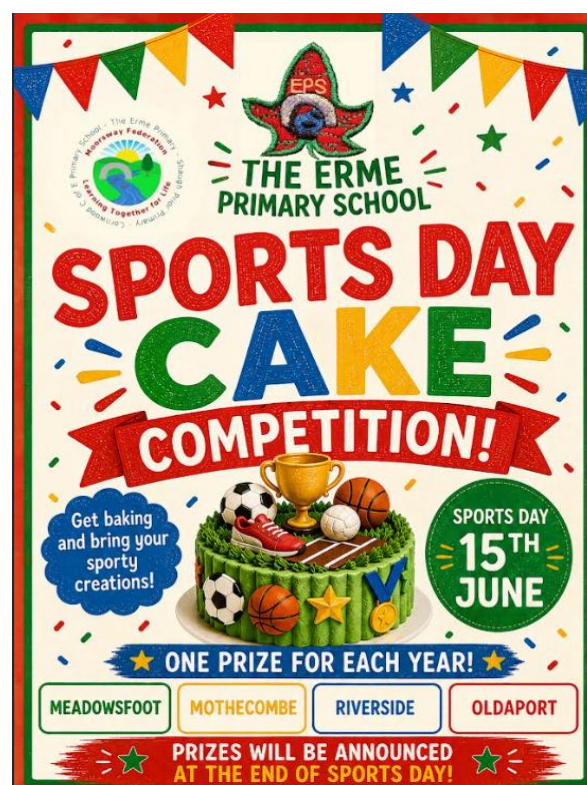
On Monday 15th June, we are holding our annual Sports Day in Victoria Park. The children will be taking part in sporting activities all day long. We would like to invite parents to join us for the races at **2pm**. Please bring along a picnic blanket or a chair if you have one!

After the event, we will be holding a small summer fair. This will involve games, a tombola, and the sale of cake and refreshments. We hope that you will be able to stay after sports day for this event.

In the run up to the summer fair, we will be holding a mufti day in exchange for tombola prizes, on Thursday 11th June. Thank you for your support with this.

We also invite you to enter our cake competition! The winner will be announced along with the medals at the end of Sports Day.

Thank you for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.



Reader of the Week Certificates:

Meadowsfoot	Henry P
Mothecombe	Amelia
Riverside	George
Oldaport	Henry Bar

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.



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Diary Dates

Date	Event	Time
Saturday 6 th June	Ivybridge Community Festival Parade	
Wednesday 10 th June	Tempest Class Photos to be taken – during school day	
Wednesday 10 th June	KS1 - Let's Play Outside Workshop – details to follow	1-3:30pm
Monday 15 th June	Sports Day – see poster above – parents invited from 2pm	
Weds 17 th – 19 th June	Year 5 and Year 6 residential	
Friday 26th June	Non pupil day	
Thursday 2 nd July	Whole school transition morning	
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]

Please see our website for more term dates.

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Rivers & Moorland FESTIVAL

FRIDAY 5TH - SATURDAY 6TH JUNE



VICTORIA PARK | BREWERY | WATERMARK | LONGTIMBER | GLANVILLES MILL
IVYBRIDGE BOOKSHOP | METHODIST CHURCH | LIBRARY | 'THE EYE'



BE IN THE CARNIVAL PARADE!

- LEARN TO DRUM
- AUDIO TRAILS
- DANCE!
- LISTEN TO FOLK TALES
- BAT WALK
- LOCAL HISTORY
- EXPLORE THE MOORS
- CREATE ART
- LISTEN TO EXPERTS
- SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS
- BIKE RIDES
- SCAVENGER HUNTS
- MAKE A RIVER
- DOG SHOW
- FOOD MARKET
- LIVE MUSIC

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