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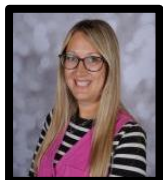


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Dear Parents and Carers,

Meadowsfoot and Mothecombe Class thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the theatre this morning to watch *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*. It was a wonderful experience that the children have been talking about all day.

In assembly this week, we have been learning about World Ocean's Day and exploring Healthy Eating Week. The children discussed the importance of protecting our oceans, as well as how a balanced diet helps us stay healthy, with treats enjoyed in moderation.

We are all looking forward to our Sports Day and Summer Fair on Monday and hope to see many of you there to support us at 2pm in Victoria Park.

Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils are also making their final preparations for their residential visit to Bristol and Bath on Wednesday, and excitement is certainly building.

With best wishes,

Mrs Penhallurick



From Mr Jolliffe

Next week our Year 5s and 6s are visiting Bristol and Bath on their residential visit. During the three days they will visit the Jamai Masjid mosque, Bristol Aerospace, the Roman Baths, No 1 The Royal Crescent and SS Great Britain and will watch a live performance of 'Matilda' at the Hippodrome. They will be staying at the YHA in Bath.

This is a great opportunity to experience the city of Bristol that is very multi-cultural and also the World Heritage sites in Bath. I will be leading the first and second visits next week and Mr Akhurst, Executive Head of the West EVF schools, will be looking after all of the federation schools whilst I am away.

Parent Governor

For the new school year, we are looking for a new parent governor on the EVMF governing board. 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. If you would like to stand for election please complete and sign the nomination form attached to last week's 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.

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 Silverton School during the day.

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Meadowsfoot



Meadowsfoot have thrown themselves into pirate training this week, designing their very own obstacle courses to test their agility, balance and bravery. The children planned their routes with great imagination before heading outside to build and try them out. Afterwards, they chatted with their friends about how to improve their course, sharing ideas, listening carefully and making thoughtful changes, just the kind of teamwork a pirate crew needs.

We had a wonderful time watching the live performance of *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* this week. The children were completely captivated as the familiar story leapt off the page and onto the stage, and they especially loved seeing their favourite moments brought to life with real actors, music and plenty of tiger mischief.



Learners of the week

Meadowsfoot - Henry P for super writing.

Mothecombe - Aaryash for his great ideas in writing.

Riverside – Mia for her super attitude to her maths and English learning this week.

Oldaport - Robin for challenging himself in maths.

Mothecombe



Mothecombe have had a wonderful week of learning and experiences. Those who completed their Phonics Screening Checks showed such resilience and confidence, applying their knowledge brilliantly and making me incredibly proud. In English, we explored conjunctions to help us join sentences as we prepare to write our own non-fiction texts. In Maths we

investigated quarters of shapes, quantities, and numbers. We have focused on different ways of finding a quarter and using manipulatives to support their learning. DT was a real highlight, with every child successfully threading a needle, tying a knot, and completing a running stitch. Their listening, focus, and perseverance were amazing. We also enjoyed an exciting music workshop where the children explored rhythm and performance outside. We collected a range of interesting items from our field and then used these to compose our own song, using adjectives to make it more interesting. To finish the week, we had a fantastic trip to see *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*; the children were captivated by the show and represented the school beautifully throughout the day.

Riverside



This week, the children in Riverside, have been exploring how we can look after our planet by following the **3 Rs: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle**. In English, they have begun writing their own versions of *What a Waste*, encouraging us all to think about a specific environmental issue — such as deforestation, litter or air pollution — and teaching us what we can do to protect our planet. In PSHE, they have continued this theme by learning how saving electricity and water can help reduce our carbon footprint. The children have shown real passion for this topic and a genuine desire to make a difference. In PE, the class has been exploring isolated movements in dance. After watching a demonstration video, they were challenged to create their own short dance sequence using isolated actions. They all rose to the challenge brilliantly and produced some very impressive routines. A huge well done to all our Year 4 pupils who completed their multiplication checks — you were absolutely fantastic.



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Oldaport



In Oldaport Class this week, the children have been exploring sustainability in agriculture, discussing both the positive and negative effects of mega-farming and how it impacts our environment. In French, the children have begun their new unit, focusing on telling the time and practising key vocabulary through speaking activities. In PSHE, we have continued our work on understanding risk, moving on to explore what gambling is, the effects it can have, and the kind, supportive advice we could offer

to someone who may be struggling with it.

Values of the week

Meadowsfoot - Sasha for persevering when writing sentences.

Mothecombe - James for his resilience with his phonics.

Riverside - Euan his perseverance in completing all learning tasks.

Oldaport – Florence is celebrated for her perseverance and determination to keep going.

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 multi 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	William
Mothecombe	Alice
Riverside	Tyler
Oldaport	Josh

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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Rivers and Moorland Art Competition



Well done to Ezra Knightley and Jaxson Lloyd-Butler who were winners of the Rivers and Moorland Art Competition. They received their certificates on stage on Saturday, at the closing of the festival. Thank you to everyone who took part and attended.

Some of the artworks have been displayed at The Watermark – see picture (left).

Diary Dates

Date	Event	Time
Monday 15 th June	Sports Day – see poster – parents invited from 2pm	
Weds 17 th – 19 th June	Year 5 and Year 6 residential	
Tuesday 23 rd June	New class photos date	am
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	
Thursday 9 th July	Reports to go home to parents	
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.