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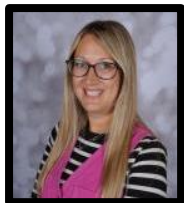


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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who came to cheer us on at Sports Day on Monday. The children showed excellent sportsmanship, celebrating each other's wins and trying their best with all of the activities and races. It was great to see so many of you supporting us and our PTFA at the summer fair afterwards, too. What a successful day!

The Year 5 and 6 children have really enjoyed their residential, undertaking a variety of activities. We will share the photos with you on our Facebook page when we return.

Looking ahead to next week:

- **Class photos** – Our class photos have been rearranged for Tuesday, 23rd June. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing full uniform, including a red jumper or cardigan for the photos. Photos will be available to order from the Tempest website; information will be shared with you after the photos have been taken.
- **Staff professional learning day** - Friday, 26th June is a staff professional development day and so we will be closed to children on that day. Teachers will be working with the English Team at Silverton School during the day.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Mrs Penhallurick



From Mr Jolliffe

This week the Year 5s and 6s have been away in Bristol and Bath on their residential visit. It has been a pleasure to have led the visits and to see the children learning so much about the history of both cities from the Roman Baths to SS Great Britain. One of the children commented that observing daily prayers at the mosque was one of the best RE lessons that they have ever had. Many thanks to over 20 staff who have joined us at various times during the week to make this visit a really valuable educational and cultural opportunity for the children across the federation.

PTFA News



Thank you to everyone who supported us at the summer fair on Monday after school, it was great to see so many people there. We are pleased to announce that we raised £230 at the event!

We are also pleased to share that progress is being made in regards to the front playground, and some new play equipment will be installed before the end of term. Please see the newsletter that Mrs Penhallurick sent via MCAS on Tuesday for all of the details. Thank you for your continued support.

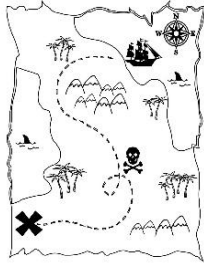
Whole School Transition Morning

On Thursday 2nd July, our Year 6 children will be attending their transition day at ICC. The rest of the school will be having their whole school transition morning. This is where all children will be in their new classes with their new teachers for the morning, getting to know their teacher and completing some transition activities. This is always an exciting time for the children and we hope that the morning will be a success!

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Meadowsfoot

This week, Meadowsfoot have thrown themselves into the world of adventure, learning all about the explorer Sir Francis Drake and designing detailed treasure maps complete with mountains, jungles and swamps. In Drawing Club, the children have been busy remembering and retelling *The Treasure of Pirate Frank*, letting their imaginations run wild. Their creativity has shone through in both their ideas and their fantastic writing.



We have been developing their mathematical thinking this week by comparing numbers using the language more than and less than. The children have enjoyed exploring different number pairs, discussing which amounts are greater or smaller, and explaining their reasoning with growing confidence. This work has helped strengthen their understanding of number value and supported their ability to compare quantities accurately.



Learners of the week

Meadowsfoot – Arlo for wonderful writing

Mothecombe - Henry for his amazing times tables.

Riverside - Zara for her excellent listening during all learning inputs.

Oldaport - Jeffery for his discussions in class.

Mothecombe



This week, Mothecombe started the week with a fantastic Sports Day! The children demonstrated wonderful resilience, determination and sportsmanship throughout the morning's activities. It was a great opportunity for everyone to have a go at a range of different events, including shot put and long jump, and they should all be very proud of their efforts.

In English, we have been focusing on joining sentences using the conjunctions **and**, **but**, **because**, **if** and **when**. The children have also shown great progress in sounding out unfamiliar words independently

when writing their own sentences, which is something they should be very proud of. In Maths, we have been learning about unit and non-unit fractions, as well as exploring equivalent fractions. The children have worked hard to deepen their understanding and have enjoyed the practical activities.

We are all looking forward to our first Forest School session on Monday. Please remember to look through the social stories that have been sent home in your child's bag, and ensure they come to school with a coat, a change of clothes and wellies. We have made a start on sewing our pouches this week in DT, the perseverance shown during threading a needle, tying a knot and sewing a running stitch was incredible.



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PHOTOGRAPHY

Tempest Photography – Tuesday 23rd June

A reminder that Tempest Photography will be in school on Tuesday morning to take class photographs. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their full school uniform, so that they are ready for their photo. Thank you for your support.

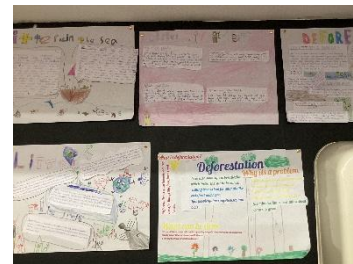
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Riverside



Riverside had an absolutely fantastic Sports Day on Monday, and the children were true superstars from start to finish. They threw themselves into the morning's team games and athletic rounds, showing brilliant teamwork, determination and skill. In the afternoon, they continued to shine in the running races and team relay. In Science this week, we have been exploring how plants use their roots and stems to transport water to their leaves and flowers. The children loved investigating this process, and there was great excitement when our celery/flower experiments produced some very colourful results. In English, the children have completed their *What a Waste* information pages. These pieces are packed with thoughtful ideas about how we can look after our environment and the children should feel very proud of the care and detail they put into their work. All

children have now received their new reading diaries for the remainder of the term. We kindly ask parents and carers to continue signing them when their child reads at home. A love of reading makes such a powerful difference to a child's learning across the whole curriculum, and your support is greatly appreciated.

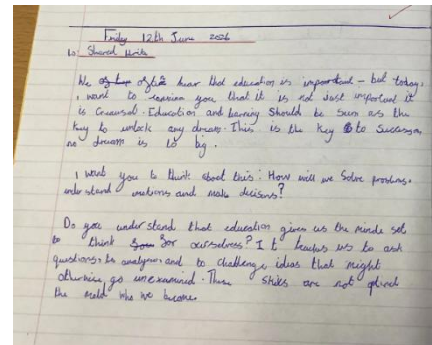


Oldaport



This week in Oldaport, the children have been exploring the differences between formal language and informal language. Building on their understanding of what makes an effective formal speech, they worked hard to transform an informal speech into a formal one, carefully choosing vocabulary, tone and sentence structure to suit the audience and purpose. In DT, the class had great fun constructing truss bridges using straws. They investigated how the shape and arrangement of the beams affects the strength of a structure and enjoyed testing the stability

of their designs. Our RE unit this term focuses on racism and faith. This week, we examined two statues from Bristol—John Wesley and Edward Colston—and discussed their historical significance. The children explored why the Colston statue was removed, thinking carefully about fairness, justice and how communities respond to the past.



Residential lost property

Any items of lost property from the Year 5 and 6 residential visits have been returned to Silverton C of E School. Please contact the school office [silvertonadmin@exvalleyfederation.org.uk] if your child has lost any of their possessions and they will be returned to you via the Heads of School. All unclaimed items will be disposed of on Friday, 26th June 2026.

Values of the week

Meadowsfoot – Adelina for being a compassionate friend

Mothecombe - Orlaith for her resilience with all her learning.

Riverside - Julia for showing perseverance in her Maths and English learning.

Oldaport - Perseverance is awarded to Anais who always gives 100%

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Reader of the Week Certificates:

Meadowsfoot	Layla
Mothecombe	Amelia
Riverside	Gracie
Oldaport	Freya

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.

Diary Dates

Date	Event	Time
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.