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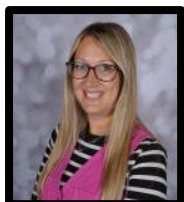


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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an incredibly hot week this week and we are really proud of how well the children have managed this. Thank you for your support as we navigated the weather warning and worked out how to keep the children safe. We have tried to balance the need for children to stay safe with the government's expectation that schools should do everything possible to stay open for the sake of vulnerable children in particular.

Please remember that we are closed tomorrow for the non-pupil day. We are looking forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 29th June.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Mrs Penhallurick

Staff professional development day, Friday, 26th June

The final staff professional development day is tomorrow, 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.

Transition Morning – Thursday 2nd July



On Thursday 2nd July, all children will take part in our whole-school transition morning. Year 6 will spend the day at Ivybridge Community College, while all other pupils will visit their new classes for the morning and return to their usual rooms after lunch.

Class structures for September:

- **Reception & Year 1** — Meadowsfoot (Miss Gilberthorpe)
- **Year 2 & Year 3** — Mothecombe (Miss Docking)
- **Year 4 & Year 5** — Riverside (Mrs Pasmore)
- **Year 6** — Oldaport (Mrs Benson)

Children will register in their usual classrooms before moving to their new teacher. Although classrooms are still being set up for September, pupils will spend the morning in their new spaces to support a smooth transition. Children with 1:1 support will transition with their current TA.

Full information can be found on MCAS, including a social story.

Thank you for your continued support.



From Mr Jolliffe

On Tuesday this week, senior leaders from the Exe Valley and Moorsway Federation met to start to think about school development plans for the coming year, making use of your feedback from the parent survey earlier in the year. We are also working on the Strategic Plan for the next five years and would very much like to hear your views on the future direction of our group of schools. In the next week I will put together a slideshow with audio commentary that will set out our thinking about this and share this on the federation website. This will give parents an opportunity to learn about the strategic plan ideas so far, before we have an online forum meeting for you to discuss your ideas with me. This will be happening in the next couple of weeks, so please do look out for the link to the slides and the meeting.

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Meadowsfoot



Meadowsfoot have spent the week keeping cool in the sunshine with plenty of water play as they explored floating and sinking through hands-on investigation. The children worked with great imagination to design a boat for Sir Francis Drake that would sail safely across the seas, testing out their ideas and making improvements along the way. To help us stay comfortable in the heat, we also created our own handmade fans and talked about the importance of self-care in hot weather drinking water, finding shade and listening to our bodies.



End of year reports

If your family circumstances have changed in the last year and you would like additional copies of your child's report, please let the school office know. We are very happy to send second copies of reports if this is helpful. Please also take this opportunity to let us know about any updates for our records so that we know who to contact in future.

Vacancies at The Erme Primary School

We currently have a vacancy at The Erme Primary School, for a teaching assistant/mealtime assistant. Closing date for applications is 15th July 2026.

Please use the link below to apply:

[Teaching Assistant Vacancy - Apply Here](#)



Mothecombe



This week, Mothecombe enjoyed their first Forest School session. The children took part in a variety of team games involving water to help keep cool in the warm weather, and some children also had the opportunity to make windmills.

In English, we have been planning and writing our own non-fiction texts about pirates. The children worked hard to include exciting adjectives, neat handwriting and labelled diagrams to engage and inform their readers.

In Maths, we have been learning about the days of the week and the months of the year. We have been exploring the sequence of days and months, thinking carefully about which come before and after each one.

To stay cool during the hot weather, the children enjoyed a carousel of activities on Friday afternoon. We completed the next stage of our sewing project in DT, designed and made our own fans, and even had the chance to paddle our feet in cold water. We also spent the

day with the lights switched off, helping to save electricity and keep our classroom cool. It has been a busy and enjoyable week of learning, creativity and outdoor fun!

Learners of the week

Meadowsfoot - Samuel for developing his attention and focus.

Mothecombe - Evelyn for her amazing effort with her writing.

Riverside - Leo for fantastic learning in science.

Oldaport - Billy for knowing his play lines and really getting into character during rehearsals.

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Riverside



It has been another very busy week in the Riverside classroom and the children have continued to shine as superstar learners.

In Design and Technology, we became biscuit tasters. The children began by deciding which criteria they wanted to test the biscuits against, with taste, visual appeal and crunchiness proving the most popular. They then sampled each biscuit and graded them carefully. Using their results, the children discussed how they would improve a biscuit recipe of their own.

In PE, we have continued exploring mirroring in dance, a skill the children will be using in our end-of-summer

production. They are becoming increasingly confident in working with a partner and creating synchronised movements.

In English, we have started a new unit based on The Beachcomber.

The children have enjoyed reading the poem and learning it by heart.

They are now beginning to plan ideas for the poems they will write themselves.



Tempest Photography

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We all had our class photos taken on Tuesday this week.

Tempest will shortly post out order forms to us which will then be sent home. All orders will need to be placed online, with Tempest. Details of how to do this will be on the order forms.

Oldaport



In Oldaport Class, the children have been researching key facts to support the speeches they will soon be writing. This research will help them craft powerful, well-informed arguments on the issues they feel strongly about.

In Music, we concluded our musical theatre unit by performing our skits to Riverside Class. Each performance was based on a journey and included both spoken lines and an original song. The

groups even wrote their own lyrics - some were so catchy that Riverside Class were still singing them afterwards.

In PE, the children have been developing their jumping skills, including the long jump, triple jump and vertical jump. They have been focusing on how important strong-arm movement is in generating height and distance.



Values of the week

Meadowsfoot - Roselyn for persevering when reading.

Mothecombe - Alice for being a compassionate friend.

Riverside - Ivy showing perseverance in all her learning.

Oldaport - Compassion is awarded to Issy for always looking out for others.

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.

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Reader of the Week Certificates:

Meadowsfoot	Riley
Mothecombe	Arlo
Riverside	Mia
Oldaport	Rayan

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
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.

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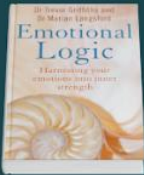


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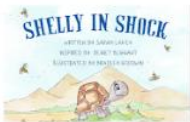
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Free School Meals

Is your child entitled to Free School Meals?

If your child does not currently receive free school meals but you think they qualify due to a change in your family circumstances, please apply online through the [Devon Citizen's Portal](https://www.devon.gov.uk/citizen-portal) as soon as possible.

This is the quickest and easiest way for your eligibility to be assessed and you will get an instant decision. Alternatively, please call our education helpline on 0345 155 1019.

Are you entitled?

Please read through the Free School Meal Information published from Devon County Council which can be found on their website:

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals>

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child might also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- Younger than the compulsory age for starting school
- In full-time education

If you meet any of the above criteria, please apply, and if successful, the school will receive Pupil Premium Funding towards your child's education.

Without eligible parents and carers applying, the school could be missing out on vital funding.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Free School Meals Team at reeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk

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1k - 2.00pm - £5

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