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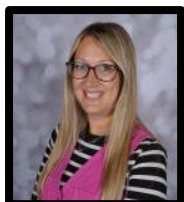


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Dear Parents and Carers,

We all had a brilliant transition morning yesterday, where the children spent time in their new classes getting to know their peers and their teacher. I have heard that lots of the Year 6s had a brilliant transition day at ICC, too.

We have a lot of unclaimed water bottles, which you will find in the front playground. Please take the time to check whether any of these belong to your child and claim them if they do. We will be disposing of any unclaimed items at the end of next week.

Looking ahead to next week, the weather is looking glorious once again! It will be essential that children come to school with sun hats, refillable water bottles and sun cream that can be reapplied throughout the day. Thank you for your support with this.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Mrs Penhallurick

Beach Trip

Next Friday, 10th July, is our trip to Bigbury Beach. We are really looking forward to the trip and it looks like we will have lovely weather for it, too. At the moment, there are still lots of children for whom we do not have consent. Please ensure to complete the permission slip and any lunch requests using this Google Form: [Bigbury Beach Parental Consent](#). A donation of £5.39 is also payable on MCAS please. Thank you for your support – we know that the children will really enjoy the day!



From Mr Jolliffe

The DfE announced earlier in the year that the PE and Sport Grant that had been in place since the 2012 London Olympics was going to be scrapped. This has funded a large proportion of our PE and sporting opportunities for pupils, including Lords Meadow for the Exe Valley Federation schools. The replacement grant, PE and School Sports Grant [PESSG], will pass on 20% of funding to schools, with the rest having to be used to fulfil specific criteria. These look like they are going to be focused on water safety skills and sporting opportunities through the National Delivery Partner, which will start work next year. The new grant has more restrictions around its use, but ultimately has the potential to improve the offer schools are able to make for PE and sporting opportunities.

End of year reports

The DfE has announced that there has been a delay in sending Year 6 SATs results to schools. This means that they cannot be included with annual reports if we send them home on Thursday, 9th July. So that all pupils receive their reports at the same time, annual reports will now be sent home on Friday, 17th July 2026. If you would like to talk to your child's teacher about their report, please arrange to do this in the final three days of the academic year.

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.

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Staffing from September

Mrs Sims will be returning from her maternity leave in September and will be covering teachers' PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) time across all classes. We are delighted to welcome her back to The Erme, and we know her return will bring valuable consistency for our pupils. A big thank you to Mrs Ellison, who has supported PPA cover for the past term and a half. We currently have a vacancy for a Teaching Assistant. If you know anyone who may be interested in applying, please direct them to the link below. Thank you.

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](#)



I am pleased to announce that our new Inclusion Lead (formally SENDCo) Mrs Laura Mathers, will be starting with us in September. Mrs Danielle Rowe, a class teacher at Cornwood, is going to support Mrs Mathers in this role as an assistant SENDCo for one afternoon each week. We are pleased to be able to provide consistency moving forward in this role, as we know that this is vital for many of our children and families. Early in the term we will be arranging 'meet the Inclusion Lead' meetings; information about these will be shared in September.

Governing Board

Many thanks to Sarah Butler, who is coming to the end of her time as a Whimble governor, and also to Kate Wotton and Sarah Blomley who are leaving the board. All of them have given a huge amount of time over the years to this role and we are very grateful to them for everything they have brought to the federation and their link schools. Governors are now able to welcome Stuart Mather to replace Kate Wotton as a parent governor.

Parent Governor

The following parent governor has been proposed by Exe Valley and Moorsway Federation parents: Stuart Mather. As there were no other nominations, Stuart Mather has been elected to the role of parent governor from 26th June 2026. The previous parent governor was Kate Wotton.

Meadowsfoot



Our week has been full of curiosity, creativity and growing confidence. The children loved exploring floating and sinking, testing out their ideas and talking about what they noticed. In Drawing Club, their sentences inspired by Wacky Races were brilliant - full of imagination, humour and real progress in their writing. They've also been sharpening their maths skills through lively games of Snakes and

Ladders, practising counting, turn-taking and number recognition with huge smiles. On Thursday we welcomed our new EYFS children for a joyful morning of singing and play, and it was wonderful to see how warmly they were greeted by our current cohort. It's been a week that shows just how much they are growing in every area of learning.



Tempest Photography

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PHOTOGRAPHY

You should now have received an order form for your child's class photo. Please follow the directions on the form to place your order. Any orders will then be sent to the school and distributed to you.

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Learners of the week

Meadowsfoot - Henry for scientific talk about floating and sinking.

Mothecombe - Cruz for his effort in writing.

Riverside - Seb for excellent contributions in all class discussion and super maths this week!

Oldaport - Roxy for her use of language in her final write.

Mothecombe



What a fantastic week we've had in Mothecombe!

On Monday, we loved Forest School, where we strengthened our teamwork and resilience through outdoor challenges and collaborative games. It was brilliant to see everyone encouraging one another and problem-solving together.

On Tuesday, we welcomed the Royal Navy STEM team. They introduced us to STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and we got hands-on with

electricity. We explored how circuits work (even turning ourselves into part of the circuit!), then built circuits to launch flying saucers. Next, we created circuits to power robot cars and had great fun steering them from the iPad, navigating tunnels, bridges and obstacles. The highlight was meeting Nelson the Robo Dog, he could sit, give paw, jump, do a handstand, and even invited our friends from Meadowsfoot to join us. We finished by writing thank-you cards to the team for an inspiring visit.

On Thursday, we thrived during our class transition day. It was lovely to see Mothecombe acting so maturely in a new corridor and enjoying a warm, welcoming morning with Mrs Docking. We're confident they will feel excited and ready for September when we return.

Values of the week

Meadowsfoot - Arlo for being a compassionate friend on transition day.

Mothecombe - James for perseverance sounding out words.

Riverside - Seth for being a good friend and having the confidence in whole class discussions.

Oldaport - Perseverance is awarded to Billy for his extended pieces of writing.

Riverside



This week, the children have been busy crafting their own versions of *The Beachcomber* poems. They thought carefully about the objects they might spot on a walk to school and used these ideas to create poems filled with expanded noun phrases. They also reflected on how each object might make them feel, which added further detail to their poems.

In Science, the children thoroughly enjoyed observing and discussing an oak tree seedling. They confidently identified the different parts of the plant and shared ideas about how the acorn might have travelled to its new spot before growing into a seedling. It was wonderful to see them linking this investigation to our earlier lessons on seed dispersal.

In Geography, we went on a virtual tour of several places across Europe. The children loved exploring new locations and identifying both the

human and physical features of each one. They were then challenged to choose a place they would like to visit and explain why. It was a joy to hear them talk about the different parts of the world they discovered and how the geographical features captured their interest.

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Oldaport



Year 5 had a fantastic week of hands-on learning and new experiences. At the tennis centre, the children practised a range of core skills — including control, coordination, and teamwork — and applied these to a variety of fun, fast-paced games. Their confidence and accuracy noticeably improved as they worked together and encouraged one another. In RE, we explored the story from Acts 10, discussing how Christians interpret Peter's vision and what it teaches about equality. The children reflected thoughtfully on the idea that God doesn't have favourites, sharing examples of how this belief can shape kindness and fairness in everyday life. In Science, we learned about Alexander Fleming and his ground breaking discovery of penicillin. After investigating how antibiotics work, the children created their own scatter graphs to record and interpret data on the effects of penicillin.

Cheriton Fitzpaine age range consultation

The Exe Valley and Moorsway Federation is consulting on a proposal to change the age range of Cheriton Fitzpaine Primary School from 2-11 to 4-11 years of age with effect from September 2026. the Exe Valley and Moorsway Federation is consulting on the provision changing to a Governor run Pre-School for 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds. Transition to a Governor run Pre-School and Nursery would be smooth and would ensure that the provision for 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds is monitored and supported by school staff. Its current location, timetable and daily systems for the children would not be affected by the change proposed.

We welcome responses on this proposal by the closing date of 22nd July 2026 by emailing clerk@exevalleyfederation.org.uk or sending a letter to Mrs H. Last, Cheriton Fitzpaine Primary School, Cheriton Fitzpaine, Devon EX17 4AN.

This consultation will run from 2nd July to 22nd July 2026. Following the end of the consultation period, the full Governing Body will meet to consider all the responses to the consultation and make a decision as to whether or not to change the age range of the school from 2 to 11 to 4 to 11 years. More information is available on the EVMF website under the Cheriton Fitzpaine tab.

Reader of the Week Certificates:

Meadowsfoot	Roo
Mothecombe	Meadow
Riverside	Euan D
Oldaport	Ashton

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.



KS2 Production

Our KS2 production, Let the Games Begin, is nearly here! Join us on Wednesday 15th July for either (or both!) of our performances: the 2:30pm matinee and the 5:30pm evening show.

Next week, you'll receive a Google Form to book your seats so we can keep track of numbers. If you wish, you can also make an optional £2 donation per seat through MCAS to help us bring the production to life.

Look out for the MCAS message coming your way soon. We can't wait to see you there!

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Diary Dates

Date	Event	Time
Friday 10 th July	Whole school beach trip – more details to follow	
Wednesday 15 th July	KS2 Production – 2:30pm and 5:30pm	
Friday 17 th July	Reports to go home to parents – New date	
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 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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4, 5, 6 AND 7 GIRLS!**

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FOR FREE AT IVYBRIDGE RFC**

WE ARE RUNNING 3 X TASTER SESSIONS ON

12TH, 19TH & 26TH AUG

18:00 PM – 19:00 PM

NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

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THE WEATHER AND BRING A DRINK**