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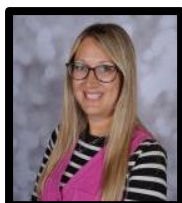


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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our KS2 children put on two fantastic performances of their production, Let the Games Begin, on Wednesday. They performed with confidence and enthusiasm, and were not deterred by the challenge of last-minute changes. Thank you to everyone who came to watch, and for bringing your children back to school for the evening performance – your support is much appreciated by staff and the children.

As we approach the last three days of term, we have lots of exciting things to look forward to. We have our whole school disco on Monday at 4:30pm, and tickets can be purchased on MCAS. We also have our Year 6 Leavers' celebrations to look forward too, as well – details about these can be found below in the newsletter.

The whole school have been busy rehearsing songs to sing to our Year 6 children at the Leavers' Service on Tuesday to bid them farewell; I know they will all be sad to see them leave.

As this will be our last newsletter, I would like to wish the Year 6 children the best of luck as they transition to secondary school. I have no doubt that you will all be amazing!

The last day of term is Wednesday 22nd July, and the children return to school on Monday 7th September. I hope you all enjoy a lovely summer holiday.

With best wishes,

Mrs Penhallurick



From Mr Jolliffe

Over the last few weeks, our Year 6s have been taking in part in a range of different events that will prepare them for the next stage of their education. As they leave their respective primary schools this week, each one of them should be able to look back on all that they have achieved with real pride. The end of Year 6 assessment tests [SATs] tell a story about the progress that children made academically, but it does not show all the ways that they have progressed as young people, all the kindness that they have shown to others or the countless other ways that they have contributed to their schools and communities. These characteristics and strengths count for so much more, and this is what will sustain them as they move to secondary school. All the staff, children and governors of the Exe Valley and Moorsway Federation join me in wishing them every success and happiness in the future.

Safeguarding concerns

If you are concerned about the safety of a child in Devon or want to speak to someone, or if you are a child worried about your own safety, you can contact Front Door (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub or MASH) by calling 0345 155 1071. If a child is in immediate danger, please call 999. Anyone who is concerned about a child's safety or well-being can contact the Front Door.

If you suspect that a vulnerable adult is being abused, or you are being abused yourself and live within Devon Local Authority boundaries, please contact Adult Social Care on 0345 1551 007 (Monday to Thursday 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, Friday 9.00am to 4.30pm and Saturday 9.00am to 5.00pm).

Outside of the hours above or on bank holidays call the Emergency Duty Service on 0345 6000 388. Alternatively, you can email: safeguardingadultseast-mailbox@devon.gov.uk (Exeter, East and Mid Devon).

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Newsletters

This will be the final newsletter of this school year as schools close for the summer holidays next Wednesday.

Term dates

The summer term ends on Wednesday, 22nd July 2026 and the autumn term will begin for pupils on Monday, 7th September 2026. Thursday, 3rd and Friday, 4th September are Staff Professional Days.

End of year reports

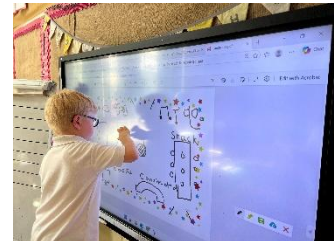
Annual reports are being sent home today, Friday, 17th July 2026. If you would like to talk to your child's teacher about their report, please arrange to do this in the final three days of the academic year. Please let your child's school office know if you would like additional copies of reports and these can be emailed out.

Meadowsfoot



Our EYFS children have had such a fantastic year. From our sunny day at Bigbury Beach to watching *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* at the theatre, they've embraced every experience with curiosity and confidence. Their progress in reading, writing and maths has been brilliant — and their enthusiasm

for drawing club has shown just how imaginative and creative they are. Standing in front of them today, kind, hardworking and full of ideas, was a reminder of how much they've grown. I'm genuinely excited to spend another year learning and exploring together. Have a brilliant summer, full of adventures big and small. I can't wait to hear all their stories in September.



Year 6 Leavers' Events

Leavers' Disco: Following the whole-school disco on Monday 20th July, our Year 6 pupils will enjoy a special leavers' celebration. The whole-school disco runs from 4:30–5:30pm at a cost of £3.50. The Year 6 Leavers' Disco will take place from 5:30–6:30pm and is free of charge.

Food and drinks will be provided for Year 6 during their disco. This will be a wonderful opportunity for them to celebrate the end of their primary years together as a cohort.

Leavers' Service: Our Year 6 Leavers' Service will be held at St John's Church at 9:30am on Tuesday 21st July. The children have been busy reflecting on their memories of primary school, as well as their talents and interests, and they are excited to share their performances with you. We hope to see many of you there.

After the service, parents are warmly invited back to school for tea and coffee with the children for a short time. We hope you will be able to join us.

Shirt Signing: Following the leavers' service, the children are always keen to have their shirt signed! If you would like your child to take part, please send them to school with some markers that they can use to sign their shirt as well as a top to be signed.

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Learners of the week

Meadowsfoot - Roo for improvement in counting and ordering numbers.

Mothecombe - Stanley for his increased independence in all his work.

Riverside - Niamh for being a super learner in science.

Oldaport - Issy for her confidence during the play.

Mothecombe



Mothecombe have had a truly wonderful and joy-filled final full week in school, packed with creativity, celebration and those special end-of-year moments that make this time so memorable. In Forest School, the children loved designing and making their own kites, experimenting with different materials and proudly testing them out in the breeze. They also took part in a range of team building challenges, showing brilliant cooperation, problem-solving and encouragement of one another. It was lovely to see how confidently they now work together.



After many weeks of waiting for the weather to be cool enough, we finally enjoyed our marble-reward lunch outside, and it felt like such a treat. The children sat together, eating their lunches, chatting about their summer plans and simply enjoying being part of our Mothecombe family. It was a perfect way to celebrate their hard work and positive behaviour.

A real highlight of the week was watching our KS2 play. The children were absolutely captivated, cheering on their older friends and showing such pride as they watched them perform on stage. It was wonderful to see how inspired they were talking afterwards about the characters, the costumes, the singing and how excited they are to be the ones performing in the

future. Moments like this remind us how strong our school community is and how much the children look up to one another.

Thank you Mothecombe for all your hard work and resilience throughout the year. You have impressed me every single day and I am very proud of all the progress you have each made. I will miss you all next year and hope you will still share your successes with me. I hope you all have a lovely summer as you truly deserve it.



Reader of the Week Certificates:

Meadowsfoot	Henry
Mothecombe	Cruz
Riverside	Julia
Oldaport	Henry L

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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Parking Reminder

As previously stated, parents are not permitted to park in the GP Surgery car park next door. This area is reserved exclusively for patients, many of whom require immediate or accessible parking due to health needs.

It has been brought to our attention that some parents have continued to use the surgery car park this week during drop-off and pick-up times. We ask that all families respect that this is not public parking and refrain from using it at any time for school purposes.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain positive relationships with our community partners and ensuring that patients can safely access the care they need.



Riverside



It has been a truly special and busy week in Riverside. On Monday, the children completed their biscuit designs and then took on the challenge of baking their own delicious creations. They carefully weighed and mixed their ingredients, shaped their dough into appealing designs and added their chosen extras for flavour. After waiting patiently for them to bake, they tasted and evaluated their final products with great enthusiasm.

On Wednesday, every pupil was a superstar in the school production of *Let the Games Begin*. Their singing, acting and confidence on stage were brilliant, and we are incredibly proud of them all.

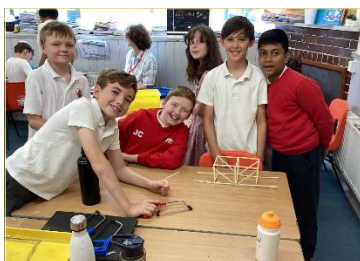


Later in the week, we finished our science learning on plant life cycles. The children were fascinated to discover how plants attract pollinators using colour, scent and nectar. They ended the unit by drawing the life cycle of a plant, showing a secure understanding of each stage.

Thanks to their fantastic hard work this term, the class has earned their final marble. We will be celebrating with a special marble party on the field on Monday afternoon. Please ensure your child has a change of clothes (that you don't mind getting wet) and a pair of trainers.



Oldaport



This week in Oldaport Class, we have been finishing off all of our curriculum areas. In DT, the children constructed wooden bridges, demonstrating accurate measuring, careful cutting, and confident joining skills. They produced some fantastic final structures.

In RE, we continued exploring key figures who have helped to reduce racism and the positive impact their actions have had on society.

In Science, we learned about Dr Daniel Hale Williams, the first surgeon to successfully perform

open-heart surgery. The children explored the different components of the heart and discussed how his achievements helped shape future medical practice.

Year 6 have also had a very busy week, with superb performances on Wednesday and continued rehearsals for their upcoming leavers' service.



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Values of the week

Meadowsfoot - Sapphire for being trusted to make the right choice.

Mothecombe - Alice for always being a compassionate friend.

Riverside - Ella-May for always being a trusted and kind friend.

Oldaport - Perseverance is awarded to George for his fantastic bridge structure.

Diary Dates

Date	Event	Time
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.

Photos from our KS2 Production

