



UPDATE

A reminder that we have Pupil Information Evenings next week on Tuesday and Thursday. If you haven't booked a slot already, please get in contact with the office and we will do our best to squeeze you in. Please keep a look out for your child's mid-term report which will come home on Monday evening.

EYFS MINIBEAST VISIT



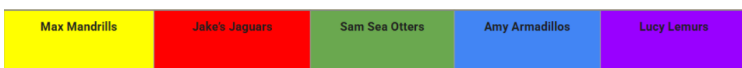
EYFS have had a great day being minibeasts, completing challenges and becoming explorers on a minibeast hunt around the school. Thank you for all the fabulous costumes!

HERO DAY WEDNESDAY 11th FEBRUARY

At Hayward's we greatly value our Hero Days which happen once a year. They are a wonderful opportunity for children to work in their Hero teams, joining children—and their own siblings— from across other year groups. They take part in a range of activities linked to a particular hero and skill, with each day having a different theme. The teachers also join their hero teams for the day.

On Wednesday 11th February, we have our next Hero Day and our theme is Online Wellbeing.

At the end of the day, your child should come home with a prompt from their day which could be a good starting point for family discussions around the theme.



PICK N'MIX SHARING

Thursday 12th February 2026 and Wednesday 1st April 2026

YEAR 2 FOOTBALL



This week a team of children from Year 2 visited Exeter City's training ground for a festival of football. Despite the bitter cold, the energy levels were high and so was the fun. We played lots of games and scored lots of goals. Leon deserves a special mention for being recognised by the coaches as a great team player. Well done all and thanks to all who helped the children attend.

SHORT STORY COMPETITION GOLD

We will be running a short story competition club after half term. KS2 children will have the opportunity to enter The Royal Mint Museum's annual competition, writing a story no more than 500 words, inspired by "Gold." We will be launching this after the holiday and will provide children with the space and resources to work on their entry during lunch times and we will submit any written entries as part of a school entry.

However, if your child would like to work at this on home please see the link for more details. Stories written at home will have to be submitted as individual entries by parents, not by us in school. [Short story competition](#)



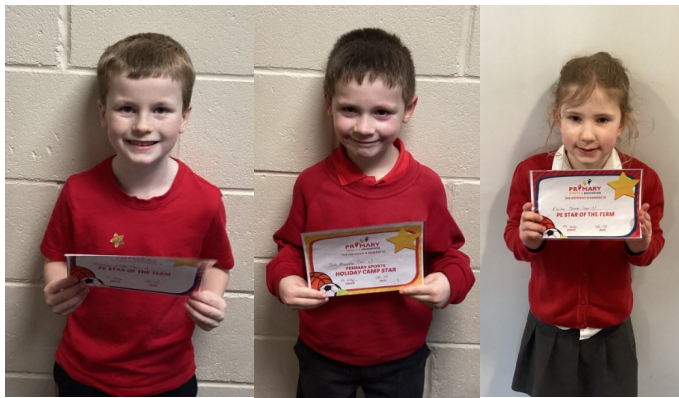
YEAR 4 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

How do Christians show their beliefs about Holy Week?

We took part in a multi-sensory 'stations of the cross' activity. We considered the different emotions linked the events of Holy Week and how Christians remember these events.



SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK



Well done to Matthew, Seth, Eloise, Mei-Lin, Sophia and Oliver who have received Mr Kelly's Primary Sports Star certificates this week for showing excellent sporting values in their lessons.



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

Next week is Children's Mental Health Awareness Week (9-15 February). We have been talking in assembly about things that we can do that are healthy for our mental health and well-being.

I will be setting the children the challenge of taking a photograph, on their own or with their family, of them doing something that is good for the mental health and well-being. I would be keen to make a display in school of this (and to share some extracts in the newsletter). I would be really grateful if you could please send your contributions to the school office before or after half-term.

Some useful resources for mental health and well-being:

Lumi Nova – supporting children with worries and fears

Children's Mental Health Week is a great opportunity to start conversations about worries and fears. Lumi Nova is an engaging intergalactic adventure game designed to help children aged 7–12 build confidence and develop lifelong skills to manage anxiety and worries. [Lumi Nova - Free for families in Devon — Lumi Nova: Tales of Courage](#)

WORLD BOOK DAY Friday 27th February!

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday the 27th February so that our Year 6s, who are on residential the following week, can join in the fun. Please note that the rest of the country will be celebrating World Book Day on the actual day of Thursday 5th March.

On Friday the 27th February, we invite all children to dress up as their favourite book character, author or wear a costume in some way related to books! There will be a costume parade celebrating the costumes!

We will be running a range of events throughout the week and day, for children to enjoy.

We are also delighted to be welcoming The Bookery in to celebrate World Book Day with us. They will bring their Top Titles for 2026 which include a fantastic selection of the best recently published books for children aged 3-12. There are graphic novels, adventure, fantasy, scary books, a football story, non-fiction, the most colourful picture books, and the return of Gordon, the meanest goose. Books are discounted for the event with two for £10 or one for £6. Please send money in an envelope with your child's name, indicating if siblings are sharing money, and send the money with the youngest child.

We hope you will support us in encouraging every child to read for pleasure.



Top Titles 2026



ART HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Emmy, who runs our Wednesday after school club, is offering children the chance to attend 'Fine Art Holiday Workshops' at the White Room in Crediton.

I have attached a flyer which gives additional information about how to book and the timings for the sessions.

Fine Art Holiday Workshops!

- 16th February
- 17th February

5-13yrs

TO BOOK GO TO:
WWW.AURORASHINEONLINE.COM
E@EMMYLOUART.COM / 07949293463

THE WHITE ROOM
The White Room Creative Space
50 Commonmarsh Lane
Crediton, Devon, EX17 1DN
07422712894
info@whiteroomdevon.co.uk

KICK START ART COMPETITION



The children were very excited to receive a visit from Linda Williamson from Kick Start Art. She introduced the competition for this term, which has really caught the children's imagination. I have included two brilliant examples from Novella and Kit to provide some ideas.

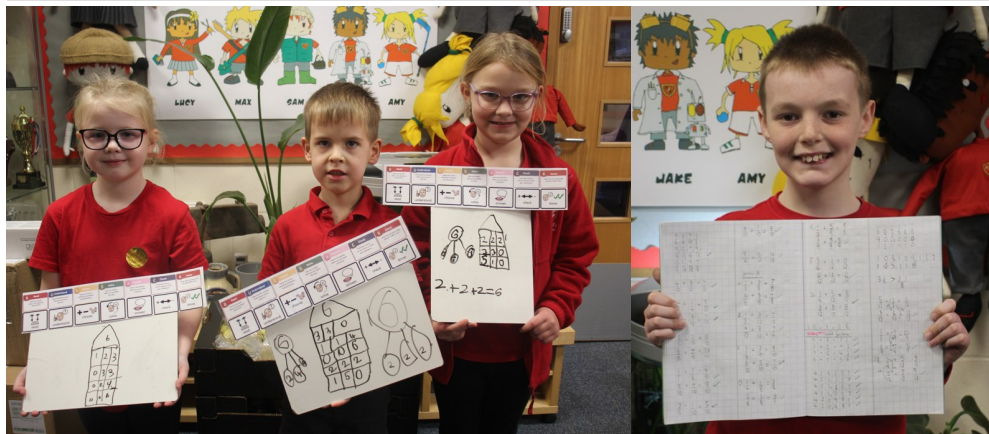
This term's challenge is Mid Devon Monsters. Children are invited to design and create their own imaginary monster, using any materials they have at home. Monsters can be funny, friendly, scary or strange - there are no rules! The focus is on creativity, imagination and enjoyment, not perfection.

To enter: Take a photo of the finished artwork and email it to kickstartart100@gmail.com, including the child's name, school and year group.

Closing date: Sunday 15th March 2026

I have attached flyer with additional details including links to a website with lots of additional ideas and information.

HEADTEACHER AWARD



Well done to Clara, James and Delilah who have been really enjoying their Reasoning Maths sessions where they have been learning to use the RUCSACK (Read, Understand, Choose, Solve Understand, Check, Know -it is right-), to Oscar for showing an excellent understanding of fractions and Reggie for completing his STAnley 3. Well done everybody!



PTA CAKE SALES



Families from across Devon are invited to a free, NHS funded Oral Health Webinar taking place on Saturday 28th February at 10:00am.

This session is suitable for families with children aged **0–12 years**, and it provides practical, evidence-based guidance on supporting good oral health at home. [Big Brush Club Webinar - Saturday 28th February at 10am - For Parents and Caregivers of young children](#)

KEY DATES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

Tues 10th February 2026	Parents' Evening
Weds 11th February 2026	Hero Day
Thurs 12th February 2026	Parents' Evening
Fri 27th February 2026	World Book Day at Hayward's
2nd-6th March 2026	Grenville House Residential —Y6
Friday 13th March 2026	School Disco
Fri 27th March 2026	Year 5 Poetry Celebration Assembly
Weds 25th to Fri 27th March	Great Potheridge Residential — Y4
Thurs 2nd April	Y3 and Y4 Greek Day—Families invited to attend
Thurs 2nd April	Last Day of the Spring Term 2026
Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May	KS2 SATS Week
Fri 22nd May 2026	Year 4 Poetry Celebration Assembly
Mon 8th to Fri 12th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening check and Year 2 Phonics retakes.
Mon 8th to Fri 12th June	Year 5 Bikeability Week
Fri 3rd July 2026	Year 1 Poetry Celebration Assembly
Fri 10th July 2026	EYFS Poetry Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 22nd July 2026	Last day of the Summer Term 2026

WET WEATHER GAMES

We would be grateful for any donations of wet weather games that we could distribute across the classes please. If you have any complete games that you would be happy to donate, please bring these to the school office. Thanks in anticipation for any offer of support.

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK

AGED BETWEEN 9-15 AND WANT TO GIVE YOUR BAKING SKILLS A GO?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

LAST CHANCE TO APPLY 15TH MARCH 2026

We have received information (see attached flyer) regarding the 12th series of **Junior Bake off**, a Channel 4 competition series celebrating Britain's young baking talent!

They are looking for young budding bakers between **9-15 years old**. **If you are interested, applications can be made online - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk** Filming would take place from July 2026, but our **applications close on Sunday 15th March 2026**.

Please do feel free to contact them on **0207 067 4833**, should you have any questions regarding the above.

PTA CAKE SALES



Could we ask that any home made cakes have an ingredient card submitted with them please. This helps us ensure we avoid any allergy related issues.

Cake Stalls (from 3:30pm)

Year 5 – 27/02/2026
 Year 4 – 24/03/2026
 Year 3 – 24/04/2026
 Year 2 – 19/05/2026
 Year 1 – 19/06/2026
 EYFS – 14/07/2026