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I wanted to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year. I hope that you all managed a restful Christmas break with your family. We are back in the swing of things already and it has been lovely seeing the children back in school enjoying their learning over the last four days.

HOME-LEARNING WORKING TOGETHER

Working together is the best way that we can help ensure that your child makes the best possible progress in their time at primary school. I am writing to ask for your support in helping to ensure that children are completing their home-learning expectations. We have kept these as limited as possible and have selected activities which will have the maximum impact. We understand it is not always possible but we would like this to be the aim please. It will make such a massive difference.

- Year 1 and Year 2 Reading the RWI book (3 x per week) or 10 minutes AR reading (3 x per week)
10 minutes Numberbots (4 x per week)
Learning the key spellings for the term.
- Year 3 to Year 4 20 minutes reading (4 x per week)
3 x 10 minutes or 4/5 x 5 minutes TTRS
Learning the key spellings for the term
- Year 5 30 minutes reading (4 x per week)
3 x 10 minutes or 4/5 x 5 minutes TTRS
Learning the key spellings for the term
- Year 6 30 minutes reading (4 x per week)
KS2 SATS buster
Learning the key spellings for the term

KEY STAGE ONE FAMOUS PEOPLE LAUNCH

This week, the Key Stage One children have launched their new Challenge Curriculum History topic by dressing up as famous people. What a wide range of people we had! Thank you everyone for your amazing efforts. Over the course of the term, the children will be learning about some key famous faces in History, and how they have helped to change the world.



MOUSHOLE CAT



In Year 4, the children explored the story of the Mousehole Cat and made lanterns to guide Tom & Mowzer home.

LUCY AWARD



Well done to Benji, Rufus, Seth and Roxy who have all received Lucy Award's this week. Benji and Rufus have worked hard to help clear their road of ice and snow over the last few days, Seth got his own litter picker for Christmas and went litter picking at a local beach on Boxing Day and Roxy visited Charmouth Beach on New Year's Day. She found over 20 nurdles during her visit, building on the 1600 that Year 3 and Year 4 collected during their visit last year.

SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK



Well done to Hallie-Rae, Catherine, Maisie, Emily, Spencer and Ben who have received Mr Kelly's Primary Sports Star certificates this week for showing excellent sporting values in their lessons. Well done everybody!

FLU DROP IN CLINIC

A colorful poster for a Flu Drop In Clinic. It features the NHS logo and 'Cornwall & Devon School Age Immunisation Service Provided by Kernow Health CIC'. The central text reads 'Flu Vaccination' and 'School Age Reception - Year 11'. Below this, it says 'Drop In Clinic' and provides the date 'Saturday 17th Jan 2026' and time '10:30 - 13:30'. The location is 'The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Wonford Road, Exeter, EX2 4UD'. Contact information includes the phone number '01392 342678' and email 'kernowhealthcic.schoolimmsdevon@nhs.net'.

PICK N'MIX SHARING

Thursday 12th February 2026
Wednesday 1st April 2026

CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER

The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, has produced a report called '[What I wish my parents and carers knew ...](#)'. This guide was written with the direct involvement of children in England. It is a reflection of their views. Her office visited schools to speak to teenagers, and spoke to her Youth Ambassadors and Youth Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Panel to get their expertise on what works and what doesn't work between parents or carers and children in the 21st Century. The report focuses in particular on a child's online world with teenagers reflected on how they would have liked to be supported by parents when going online.



Parenting today can feel overwhelming — especially when childhood looks so different from what we grew up with. There's no manual, and it can be hard to keep up with the fast-changing digital world your child moves through every day. This guide aims to make those conversations easier and help you support your child with confidence.

WORLD WAR TWO DAY

An exciting event for children in Year 5 and Year 6 who studied World War Two last term or for the children in Year 3 and Year 4 who will be studying it in two years time.

The event will be held at Tiverton Museum of Mid Devon Life on Saturday 31st January 2026. More details can be found on their website at [Tiverton Museum of Mid Devon Life](#) | Proud to be family friendly

A flyer for 'World War Two Day' on Saturday 31st January 2026. It lists activities: 'Military vehicles', 'Rationing', 'Code breaking', 'Object handling', and '... and more!'. It includes photos of children in historical costumes. Pricing is 'Adults: £9.50, child: £3' and 'Museum members: £4.75, child: £2'. The Tiverton Museum of Mid Devon Life logo and contact info are at the bottom.

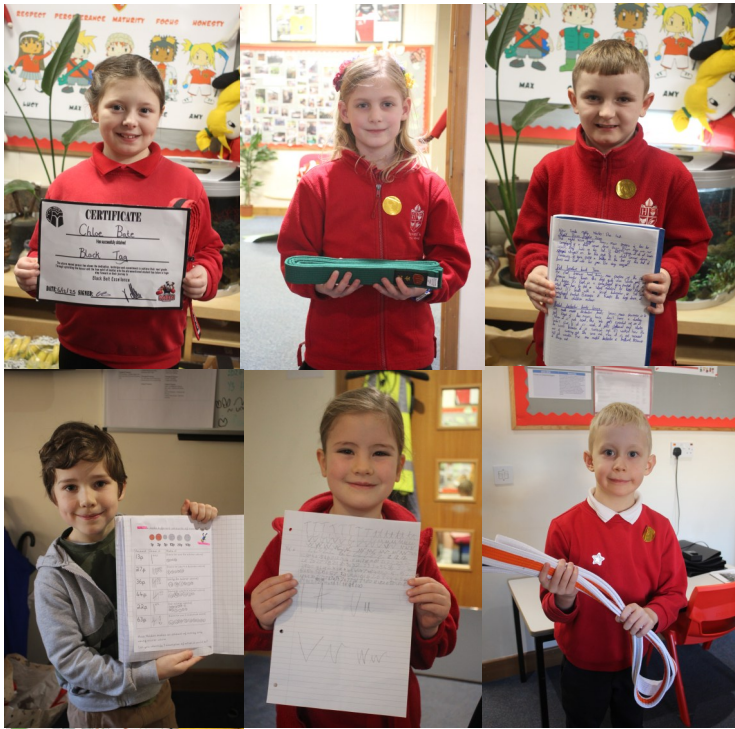
BRICK FESTIVAL

Please see the attached flyer containing details about an exciting 'Brick Festival' that is taking place in Plymouth on the 7th February in the Life Centre.

Book now at www.PlymouthBrickFestival.com

A vibrant flyer for 'Brick Festival' with the text 'TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!'. It features images of children playing with LEGO bricks and a LEGO Technic robot. A large 'TICKET' graphic is prominent. The event is at 'PLYMOUTH BRICK FESTIVAL' on '07/02' at the 'LIFE CENTRE'.

HEADTEACHER AWARD



Well done to Chloe who received her black tag belt in her martial arts lessons and to Hannah who has achieved her green belt, to Otto who has been working really hard at his writing and has made some excellent progress, to Leo who demonstrated some amazing investigative skills in his maths lessons this week, to Rosa who has been working incredibly hard at her handwriting both inside and outside of school, to Jaxson for passing his latest grading in his martial arts lessons and to Noah for passing his STANley 3 swimming award. Well done everybody!

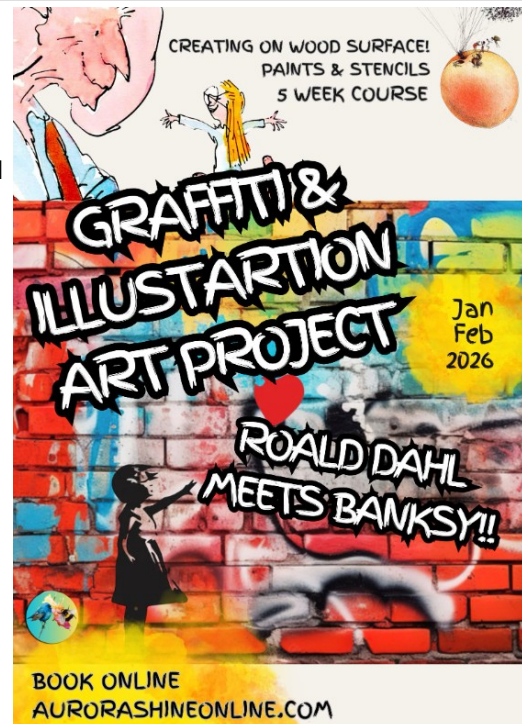
PANTO

Thanks to our brilliant PTA we will be visited by M and M productions who will perform Snow White for the children. I am sure that we will have a brilliant time. What an exciting event, so early in the term. Please ensure children are in promptly on Wednesday as the first showing is at 9am.



THIS TERM'S ART CLUB (WEDNESDAY)

Emmy-Lou will be running her next art course at Hayward's this term. Inspired by artists; Banksy and Roald Dahl, the children will create a stunning masterpiece of a Banksy wall with graffiti style template designs whilst incorporating illustrational images of Roald Dahl characters! If you are interested in signing your child up for the course, please click on the following link—
[ART PROJECT BOOKING](https://www.aurorashineonline.com)



THIS TERM'S DRAMA CLUB (FRIDAY)

Mr Pope will be back running his after school Drama Club once again, on Fridays from 3.35 until 4.30 in the hall, beginning on Friday 16th and running for 5 weeks in the first half of term. Payment is £4 per session (£20 for the first half of term). It is open to all children from year 2 up and comes with a guarantee of bucket loads of fun.

PRIMARY SPORTS CLUBS THIS TERM

Clubs run by Mr Kelly from Primary Sports. Please click on the link for booking details. Please remember that clubs run from the second week of half term (w/b 12th January) until the last week of half-term.
Monday - [Y1/2 Fitness](#)
Tuesday - [Y5/6 Gymnastics](#)
Thursday - [Y1/2 Dance](#)
Friday - [Y3/4 Fitness](#)

Mr Baker will also be running a YEAR 4-6 TAG RUGBY CLUB - After School on a Wednesday (Starting 14/01/26 and ending on 11/02/26). Letters can be obtained from Mr Baker or the office.

KEY DATES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

Wednesday 14th January 2026	M&M Productions perform Snow White
Wednesday 28th January 2026	Year 5 and Year 6 Reading Café
Friday 6th February 2026	Year 2 Poetry Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 11th February 2026	Hero Day
Friday 27th February 2026	World Book Day at Hayward's
2nd-6th March 2026	Grenville House Residential —Y6
Friday 27th March 2026	Year 5 Poetry Celebration Assembly
Weds 25th to Fri 27th March 2026	Great Potheridge Residential — Y4
Thursday 2nd April	Y3 and Y4 Greek Day—Families invited to attend
Friday 22nd May 2026	Year 4 Poetry Celebration Assembly
Monday 8th June to Friday 12th June 2026	Year 1 Phonics Screening check and Year 2 Phonics Screening retakes.
Friday 3rd July 2026	Year 1 Poetry Celebration Assembly
Friday 10th July 2026	EYFS Poetry Celebration Assembly