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25th April 2025

Friday fun at the field

Dear Families and wider supporters of Team MTB,
And just like that we commence our final term of 2024/25 with the launch of our Summer Term Curriculum.

We are incredibly excited for our curriculum offer this term –Cricket, Athletics, 1:1 music lessons, Welly Walk Wednesdays, Yoga, Rounders, STEM, Football, Maypole dancing, Craft, Play Therapy and our weekly Running Club and of course Forest School.

In addition to this, our daily wrap around provision from 07:45- 5:30pm and of course Forest School. Please do sign up via Parentmail for the extracurricular provision offer. In addition to our MTB offer, I have again signed up for as many sporting opportunities as I can and as you will see from the dates listed in the Diary Dates. As always, we remain reliant on support from you as parents/carers to enable us to attend these.

It really is imperative that you support us to ensure your children are fully prepared for the upcoming assessments this term. With KS2 SATs and optional Yr. 2 SATS, Yr. 4 Multiplication Test and the Yr. 1 Phonics Test.

I am delighted to share with you that we provisionally have 15 new TEAM MTB members joining us in Reception in September. I am so looking forward to welcoming them into our school family. We will commence our transition program with them on the 7th May 2025.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to our staff team and governors for their dedication and hard work. To our amazing children for their determination to live our school values in all they do and to our incredible team of wider supporters' parent/carer/PTFA/volunteers and residents/parish councilors who make our small but mighty little school the incredible community it is. A very warm welcome to Miss Porter who has now officially joined our team and is currently team teaching with Mrs Dulgheru prior to her going on maternity leave next Friday.

Thank you for your belief and support in all that we undertake.

Diary Dates:

April

29th - Visit from 'Mischievous Mabel' and the author of her books. CD to meet with Mental Health nursing team Devon around support initiatives whole school.
30th – SEND governor in for whole school review of SEND

May

1st- Class 2 Forest school.
2nd- Girls Cricket Tournament - team to be announced
Mrs. Dulgheru's last day before she commences maternity leave.

5th – Bank Holiday
7th- Class 2 – cricket festival- Whitchurch
8th – **VE day – Street party in school – children to wear red/white and blue -patriotic clothing/ accessories**
9th – Class 2 – Encompass River's Day

Class 3 – Forest School
12- 15th May SATS Week – Yr 6

12th – Mrs Higham out at Attachment Based Tavistock Library Visit to classes PM
13th- NELI training EYFS team
15th – School census day
Class 1 Forest School
16th – PTFA Multi- Day – please donate bottles.
17th- **MTB Primary – Two Tavy Walk – PLEASE come along and support this event.**
19th – Mount Kelly Cricket event KS2
Mrs Higham out at Attachment Training
20th – DCC Finance in.
19th- 20th – Mrs Bisby Level 3 Safeguarding Training.
22nd – Class 3 Rounders Competition Tavistock College
23rd- Mrs. Higham Music Conference
Break up for half term.

June

2nd – Return for Summer Term 2
9th- 13th June Yr.4 Multiplication Test and Phonic Screening Test Yr 1
12th – Whole school photos
23rd – 27th June SATS week – Yr.2

Intent Drivers – Our Core Values

Perseverance	Aspiration	Respect	Collaboration
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Headteacher Awards

Reception: Bodhi – for your amazing maths this week building numbers to 20 – well done.

Class 1 – Ammanuel - For accelerated progress across the curriculum, we are incredibly proud of how you are demonstrating our school values of perseverance and aspiration to consistently produce work that is better than your last piece. Ammanuel your pride in your achievements and success is due to your hard work and developing confidence in yourself – well done.

Class 2: Emma – For working incredibly hard with her maths and for taking on board all the advice given well done Emma we are immensely proud of all your progress.

Class 3: William – For your engagement, motivation and aspiration to produce work of the highest quality across all areas of the curriculum

Special Headteacher award to KS2 for being the most wonderful TeamMTB ambassadors during our attendance at the Tavistock Music Festival and for displaying our school values at ALL times.

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Our Tor House System

Our Tor House System promotes a positive and inclusive culture. The system is embedded to promote our School Values and promote a caring and supportive environment; where all are valued and can demonstrate loyalty and allegiance while contributing to the success of their House.

House	Captain and Vice-Captain	Highest earners This week:	Points this week	Points total
Hound Tor House	Layla	Rec: Rosie C1- Elowen C2-Tayah C3- Iona/Alaia	72	72
Doe Tor House	William	Rec: Sophie C1- Joseph C2- Anya C3- Riley. S	56 +10 From Sophie for her diary	66
Fox Tor House	Riley P	Rec: Beth C1- Archie C2- Alban C3- Beulah	71	71
Hare Tor House	Anya	Rec: Freddie C1- Bobby C2- Charlotte/ Chloe/ Woody C3- Harry	42	42

We continue with our values education project this term. **Our house system is based on our Core Values** The values that make up our intent drivers are **Aspiration, Respect, Collaboration, Perseverance**

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The aims of the of our House system are

- * Promote positive self-esteem, self-identity, belonging, integrity and pride amongst all children
- * Peer support to help promote positive mental health.
- * Promotion of responsibility and pupil voice, teamwork, cooperation, communication and leadership skills for the prefects
- * Constant and consistent encouragement for children by their peers to achieve their best.
- * Develop a common goal so that children **feel more connected to and involved with the school community around them**. It facilitates discussions between the most infant and most senior of our school and foster friendly competitive spirit along the way.

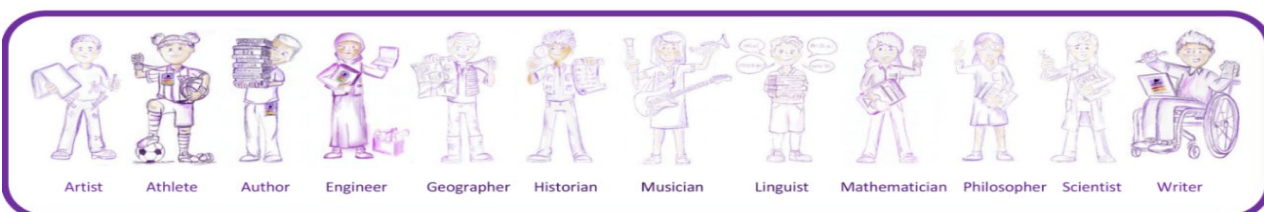
Aspiration, Respect, Collaboration, Perseverance

Our Curriculum focus this half term is on our States of Being and the skills that you need to develop to be a Historian, an Artist, a Geographer etc. Please do talk to your children about the discrete areas of the curriculum

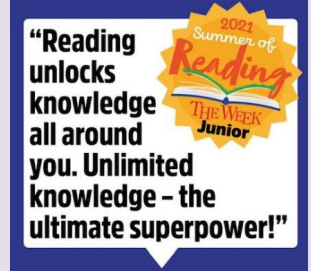
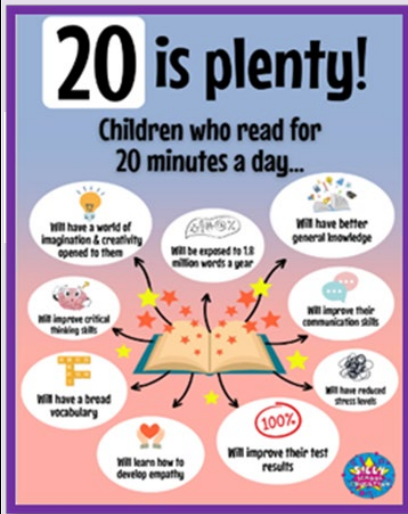


Mutual Respect

Everyone deserves to feel valued and respected at school or work. By showing respect to others, we can help make sure everyone feels fairly treated and listened to.



Thank you to all parents/carers who are supporting our drive to reading excellence in school. Our amazing SAT results proved we are a 'Reading School' Please do try to keep up the rigour and sustain the daily reading. We cannot emphasise enough how vitally important it is that the children read with you for **at least 20mins** daily!!



At Mary Tavy and Brentor we believe that all pupils should have the opportunity to be fluent, confident readers who are able to successfully comprehend and understand a wide range of texts. We want to foster a love of reading exposing children to a good knowledge of a range of authors. We want our school to be a place where children are read to, enjoy, discuss and work with high quality books. At MTB we love to celebrate all the reading opportunities that the children have at home. We ask that you hear your child read for a minimum of 20 minutes a day at home.

There is compelling data on the benefits of taking the time to do this. If you do this, they will hear 1.8 million words per year and they will have read 821 hours each year and they will likely score better than 90% of their peers. Reading helps in language development. As your child grows, daily reading will help the brain make connections between the written and spoken word, widening vocabulary in the process. Adding to that benefit, vocabulary knowledge equates to masterful spelling. In fact, reading, spelling and vocabulary are critically important to a child's lifelong achievement. Through daily reading, children are exposed to a world outside their own reality. It expands their know-how, opens their minds and creates the potential for a continuation of ideas and an endless number of possibilities. There is nothing quite like reading together as a family. Whether you are looking through picture books with your little ones or sitting in the same room with older children while, each immersed in a piece of literature

Please continue to support and drive home our Positive Behaviour Policy, three warnings on the board will lead to reflection time either in a parallel class or with myself. The children complete a reflection sheet to assist with de-escalation, regulation and engagement.

MTB's 3Rs Reflect, Reset, Ready to Learn

Curriculum Enrichment Summer Term 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Maypole Dancing Club – Mrs Higham	Craft Club – Miss Porter Saints Southwest Year 21+ £4 1:1 Music Tuition with Peripatetic Teacher		Yoga – Mrs Davies STEM – Mrs Ascot Football- Mr. Finnimore Rounders- Miss Vallance	

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We are mathematicians.

. Please do encourage your child/ren to spend time each week accessing our online platforms. It is vitally important that they have this additional time consolidating their 'quick fire' mental math's recall.

It is imperative that all children continue to learn and practice their times tables, recall is a skill that the children must continually practice. Please do support your child/ren to access the <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/> and another site Math Frame has many free math's games linked to the National Curriculum <https://mathsframe.co.uk/>

I would encourage all children from **Year 3** to access these and to test themselves on the multiplication –tables check.

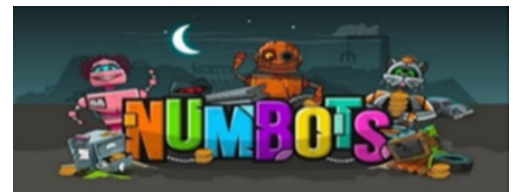
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In June the Year 4's sit the Multiplication test. This is a randomised test of 25 timestables up to 12.

Aspiration- we aspire to get a 100% pass rate. In order to achieve this, **we need you** to practice times tables daily.

Numbots:

Children in Reception and Yr.1 should be accessing this platform for at least 10min per week. Logins in your child's reading record

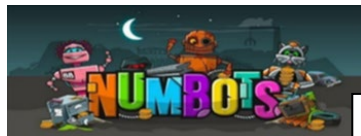


Rockstars

Children in all years from Yr. 1 should be accessing this platform weekly for at least 20min. Children in Yr. 1 have been learning their 2, 5 and 10's timetables this week and children in Yr. 2 their 5, 10, 3, and 4 timestables. It is imperative that you practice their timestables at home with them to ensure that they commit these to their long-term memory.

Leader board

Numbots highest
Reception: Freddie
Year 1: Thomas
Year 2: Andrii



Rockstars highest user
Class 1: Archie
Class 2: Reuben
Class 3: Elizabeth



We are Musicians

Dan is a multi-instrumentalist specialising in saxophones, clarinet, EWI and flute with over 11 years' experience in the music industry. He has both classical and jazz training.

As a teacher, Dan is on the faculty of colleges and schools in the Devon teaching individuals and classes. He freelances for the Tavistock Area Learning Community as a class instrument tutor. Please do check out Dan's promotional video following the link

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FEgZuX3l3aKzg0red_mLt3iDzxQhoKit/view?usp=sharing

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What an absolute privilege to be invited to participate in the Tavistock Music Festival this week.

The children thoroughly enjoyed singing a wide repertoire of musical genres from African lullabies to Gospel choir songs to Folk rock and musical theatre, including Count on me, Ehen you believe, You raise me up and ending on a wonderfully uplifting rendition of Ain't no mountain high enough!

Our young singers had the most wonderful time singing in harmony with peers from across Tavistock primary schools.

🙌 To Tracy for the musical arrangement and for both providing the musical accompaniment and conducting the singers - your energy, enthusiasm and boundless positivity was so uplifting ♥



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PIC-COLLAGE



Affordable uniforms are now the law.

No parent should be kept up at night by worries about their child's uniform



School Uniform

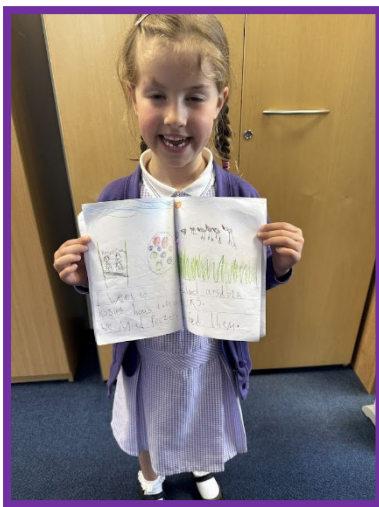
Thank you for all your help in ensuring your children are wearing the correct uniform and that they are looking super smart and ready to learn. Please follow the link below to order new uniform.

Children may only wear school summer caps to school. We have a hat for every child in school, however many prefer to buy their own. Please ensure that if you purchase your own school cap that it is clearly named so as not to get put in the box with the class caps

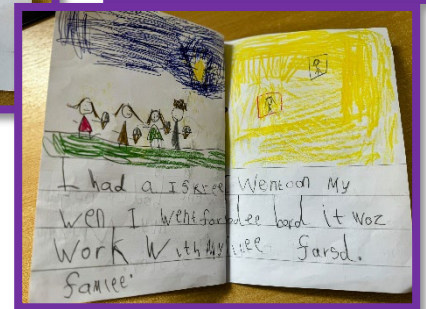
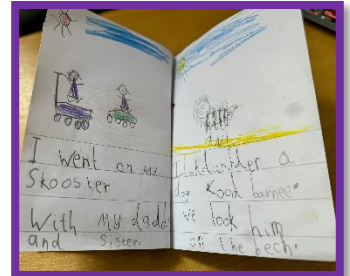
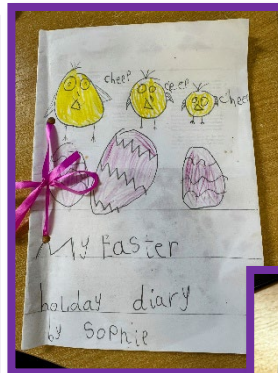
<https://uniformsales.co.uk/school/mary-tavy-and-brentor-primary-school/>

If your children have outgrown their uniform, please do contact Mrs. Bisby, who runs the school pre-loved uniform shop to purchase at a greatly discounted price. Please do email the school office if you would like to arrange to pop in and have a look or would like Mrs. Bisby to pop an item into your child's book bag for you to look at home.

Wrap Around Care. The Breakfast Club daily is available from 7:45-8:45am at a cost of £4 before 8:15am and £1:50 after 8:15am
Our After-School Provision 15:15- 17:30 is available at a cost of £9:50.
Please contact the admin team if you would like to book your child into either of these last minute as I wish for the provision to be as helpful as possible to our families. For those who know their requirements in advance please complete the parent mail form that is sent out a week in advance.



Congratulations to Sophie (R) who shared with me the most beautifully presented Easter diary this week. Sophie had carefully written and illustrated a daily diary of her adventures – what a wonderful memento to cherish. It was an absolute pleasure to share her diary.



Elowen (Yr1) this week with the support of her mum rescued a hedgehog that they found in the road. Elowen took the hedgehog to the vet where it is received the treatment it needed. Well done Elowen on such kind and thoughtful actions.



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Team MTB PTFA



Congratulations to Leo (Yr4) n winning the cake raffle today and of course to Maya (R) and her mum or the most amazing chocolate cake!!



Mary Tavy and Brentor Primary presents ...



TWO TAVY WALK!!

Saturday 17th May 2025

From 2pm Sign Up/ Start @ Mary Tavy coronation hall

£5 Per Adult
£3 Per child
Under 5s Free

All Enquiries
to Millie
07787994220

Mary Tavy Inn

Pop up @ Mary Tavy
power station

Walkers
participate at
their own risk
- walk fully
sign posted.

Family
friendly &
dogs on leads
welcome !!

Peter Tavy Inn

Pop up @ Peter Tavy
Village hall.

Regrettably
the walk is not
pushchair/
wheelchair
friendly.

Stamps to
collect for all
children on
route !!

Pop up @
Smeardon Tor

Pop up @ Path field

Finish @ Coronation hall where there
will be a BBQ, Band & Bar.

Joy Machine playing from 6pm !!!

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TAVISTOCK VE DAY CELEBRATIONS



POSTER CONTEST

Closing
Date
26th April

The 8th May is the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe during World War 2. This was a very significant day in history.

Children from school years 2-6 are invited to take part in a creative competition to design a VE Day Poster. The winner will be given the opportunity to light the town's Lamp Light of Peace alongside the official beacon at 9:30pm on Whitchurch Down. All entries will be displayed in Tavistock Museum.

Design a poster expressing what VE Day means to you today, how you think the day might have been celebrated back in 1945 or telling a story of what life may have been like for those experiencing WWII - servicemen who fought, children who were evacuated or women on the home front.

Join the Discovery Team at the Guildhall Gateway Centre on Weds April 9th from 10am-1pm for some hints and tips in a creative session.

For more information see: www.visit-tavistock.co.uk/veday-80

Free
Entry



Thursday 8th May - 12:00-20:00 - Bedford Square & Guildhall Car Park

Live Music

Military Vehicles Vintage Market

BBQ & Beer Family Fun Food & Drink

Heritage Quarter Displays Vintage Fairground & Games

Beacon & Lamp Light of Peace
9:30pm Whitchurch Down Military Parade

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All Stars Cricket is the best cricket experience for **5-8 year-olds** kids who are guaranteed to have **fun, learn new skills and make friends.**

Participants receive a back pack including a **bat, ball and t-shirt!**

SIGN UP HERE:

<https://tinyurl.com/TavistockAllStars>

Dear Primary School friends,
 Thank you so much for sharing details of our Junior Summer Cricket Programmes - we have had a fantastic response so far.
 However, with two weeks to go would you please mind sharing with your families.
 It is always a really popular and fun programme that the children really enjoy and get a lot from.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards, Steve Cox
 TCC Juniors Coordinator
 07775 561855

This is our game.

Calling all 8-11 year olds!

Whether a graduate from All Stars or new to the sport, Dynamo's Cricket is an exciting way for kids to play, learn cricket skills and make new friends.

SIGN UP HERE
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And finally.

We are busy planning our VE Day celebration in school. We will be commemorating the day with a morning of creativity followed by a street party in the afternoon.

We do love a celebration of pomp and ceremony here at Team MTB as our celebrations from previous years depict.

I know our VE day celebrations this year will be the best yet. Please do support us with providing tea party food and ensuring the children are dressed patriotically with as many accessories as you can source.



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