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17th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers.

What a wonderful way to end our penultimate week before half term with our joyous Harvest Celebration yesterday. It was a fantastic celebration of the generosity of our little school. Thank you to all of those who donated and attended the service. I am so grateful to so many of you who joined in with our celebration by supporting your child/ren to decorate the offering boxes. It was so lovely to see so much time and effort put in and to see that you

had clearly enjoyed working with your child on the projects – thank you. The Tavistock Foodbank will be thrilled to receive all our donations. If you are able to donate additional items straight to them, please follow the link below and make a donation <https://tavistock.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>



There is a wonderful feeling of collaboration at TeamMTB currently, as we welcome students from Marjon, Plymouth and Exeter Universities. Miss Mackenzie (Marjon University) is currently completing her final practice of her degree in Reception and after half term we will be welcoming Miss Mugridge into Class 3 for her final university placement with Plymouth University in addition to this, we are so incredibly fortunate to have our wonderful Reading Volunteers, both of whom live locally, Mrs Goodman and Mrs Paget-Wood who have once again commenced their support with us again this year. Volunteering their time to support us and enriching our reading offer further. We are so grateful to them all and we look forward to supporting our students to flourish.

Next week, will see our final two Children's Progress Meetings of this academic year. I am delighted to say we have 99% parents/carers sign up for appointments. For those of you who are yet to sign up, I can't stress enough how important it is, to book an appointment with your child's class teacher. This is a time to celebrate all the progress they have made through the sharing of evidence and of course an opportunity to look in their books. There is significant research which concludes that teachers and parents working in partnership promotes the best positive outcomes for children and that in order for this to be achieved parent partnerships need to be valued and embedded into daily classroom practice and homes. Thank you for your continued support to enable our young children to thrive I could not be prouder of them all

Diary Dates:

- 20th – Pumpkin patch in the school field 3:15pm
Collection for all at the school field.
- 21st – Mental Health Team in
Parent Teacher Consultations
- 22nd- Parent Teacher Consultations
- 23rd – Forest School for Class 1
PTFA Halloween Disco
Break up for Half term

November 4th – ALL return

- Student Teacher starts in Class 3
 - Mrs Davies, Chair of the Board of Governors Mr. Mansell and Mrs Higham Clerk to the GB to attend training in Exeter.
 - 5th – Open Morning
Forest School Class 2
 - 7th – Mufti day – What I want to be when I grow up theme PTFA
 - 10th – 14th Anti- Bullying week
 - 10th – Odd sock day
 - 11th – Remembrance Service at the war memorial in Mary Tavy from 11am. Prefects to lead service.
 - 12th – Mrs. Davies out at Devon Leaders Conf.
Flu vaccinations
 - 13th – Castle Drogo XCountry competition KS2
 - 14th – Children In Need – wear something spotty
 - 21st – Funky Socks Day
 - 24th- Funky Hair Day
 - 26th – Forest School for Class 2
 - 27th – Mrs. Higham Sustainability Conference
Class 3 Theatre Trip
 - 28th- Christingle @ St Mary's Church Mary Tavy
- ### December
- 2nd- Indoor athletics KS2
 - 3rd – Forest School Class 3

Intent Drivers – Our Core Values

Perseverance

Aspiration

Respect

Collaboration

Headteacher Award's

Reception – Zachary – What a fantastic start to your school life with us Zachary, you can always be relied upon to be setting the example to your peers, displaying our school values in all that you do and for trying your very hardest with everything you undertake. This week you have astonished us with your application of your phonic to write lots and lots of words that are fully decodable – well done Zachary.

Class 1: Millie- absolutely loves to write and record her ideas and this week she has demonstrated independence and creative flair when writing her acrostic poem in English. Well, done Darcy!

Class Two: Albie – has risen to the challenge of being in Year 4 with true conviction and determination to achieve. Albie has responded to- in the moment feedback with developing maturity which has enabled him to elevate his work further. Well, done, Albie, you should be incredibly proud of yourself.

Class Three: James– your renewed application and perseverance across the curriculum has been noted by all staff and we have been so proud of how you are conducting yourself across all aspects of school life.

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Welcome to our new team member

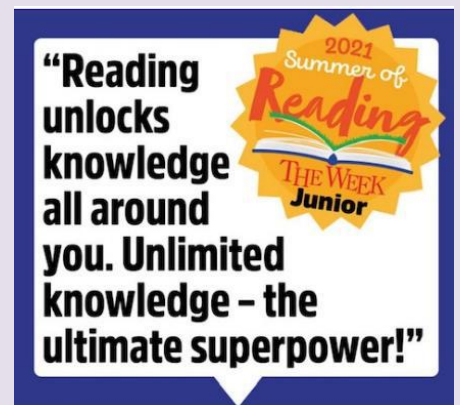
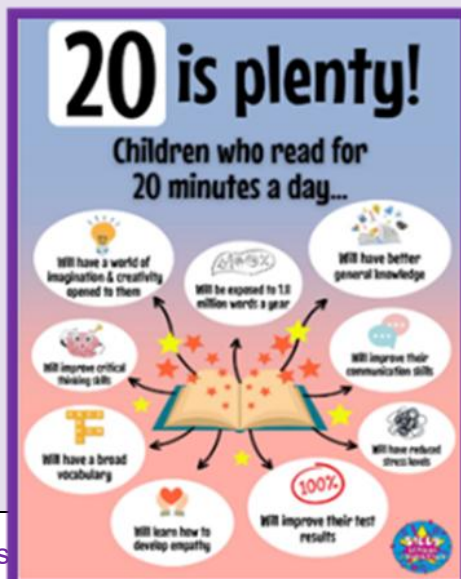
"Hello everyone! My name is Mrs. Campbell, and I'm absolutely delighted to be joining the team here at Mary Tavy and Brentor Primary School as your new Midday Mealtime Supervisor. I live local to Mary Tavy in Lydford and a proud parent of two, with a deep appreciation for the school's kind, hardworking ethos and its vibrant community spirit. Coming from a background in early years and primary settings, I'm passionate about creating safe, cheerful environments where every child feels valued. Outside of school, I love trail running, hiking across Dartmoor, and swimming in our beautiful rivers — being outdoors is where I feel most inspired and I am looking forward to being part of your offer, volunteering at Running Club and looking to volunteer in the afternoons supporting at Forest School and the development of your outdoor classroom once I have finished in the kitchen. I'm really looking forward to getting to know all the children and families, and to being part of the supportive and high-achieving team here at MTB. See you at lunchtime!
Mrs Campell x



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.



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We are mathematicians.



Mathematician

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.

We will be introducing weekly times table test from Year 2 and would encourage you to support your children with learning these at home. It is vital that they know all their timetables to 12 – quick-fire as in year 4 they will undertake a National Assessment against the clock.

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 2 to access these and to test themselves on the multiplication –tables check.

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Who will be on our leader board next week??????

Numbots highest user:

Reception: Mathew

Year 1: Freddie D

Year 2: Rex



Rockstars highest user

Class 1: William F

Class 2: Joseph

Class 3: Bill



"Pupils should be taught to recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12 x 12."

GOV.UK

Annually in June the Year 4's sit the Multiplication test. This is a randomised test of 25 times tables 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.

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

Children in all years from Yr. 1 should be accessing the TTRS platform weekly for at least 20min. Children in Yr. 1 need to know their 2's, 5's and 10's timetables and children in Yr. 2, need to know their 2's, 5's, 10's, 3's, and 4's times tables by the end of the year.

It is imperative that from Yr 1 upwards that you practice their times tables at home with them to ensure

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that they commit these to their long-term memory. **Please make this as fun as possible for maximum success.**

Curriculum Enrichment 3:15-4:30pm

Autumn 1 2025 / 26

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dodgeball	1:1 Music lessons with Dan Hilman AM Plymouth Argyle football Club Year 1 + £6.60	Dance Club £4 Drums	Craft Computer Club Yoga	<u>Cross Country Club</u> Yr 2 3,4,5,6

Parent / Carer Teacher Consultations

Please save the date for our final two dates for this term are **21st and 22nd October 2025 15:30- 17:00**

Thank you to all of you have already booked. If you are still to do so I urge you to do this at your earliest convenience.

At these meetings you will have an opportunity to look through your child/ren’s daily evidence books and of course to discuss their academic progress with their teacher.

As always please do not wait for these meetings if you have a concern or question regarding your child. As a staff team we work in collaboration with you to enable your child/ren to flourish and to surpass their potential. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you would like to arrange a meeting with your child’s class teacher at any time of the year



Wrap Around Care. Breakfast Club daily is available from 7:45-8:45am at a cost £4:00 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 onto 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.

I am delighted to share with you some more fantastic news. One of our areas of School Development this year is around **Oracy** – the children’s ability to communicate and be confident in sharing their voice. We have once again commenced the NELI intervention course with our Reception children. This is a programme that has been developed by the Nuffield Foundation. The Nuffield Early Language Intervention (NELI) is a programme for children in Reception (4-5 years) which has been found to improve children’s language and early literacy skills. The programme involves targeted small group and one-to-one support for children who would benefit from additional support with their language and early literacy skills.



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KS3 Provision



KS3 provision – in this section of our weekly newsletter we will continue to bring you updates from our Alumni as they navigate the transition to Year 7 at our various feeder schools. We will also signpost you to events that we think you may be interested in. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss thoughts that you have regarding your child's future provision, I am more than happy to talk through the various local providers. I will arrange a parent meeting for parents of children in Year 6 to meet with parents / teachers/ transition staff from local schools which are more bespoke and personal than the 'Open days' to ensure that you are armed with as much information as is possible to support your decisions.

Online applications for places to Devon secondary school are open now.
The closing date for applications is the 31st of October 2025



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For more information on our open events or to arrange a bespoke tour with a member of the Senior Leadership team, please visit [Tavistock College - Open Events](#)

September 2026 sees the launch of our Grammar Stream in Year 7 - for more information on how you can be a part of this, please visit [Tavistock College - Grammar Stream](#)

To apply for your place at Tavistock College, for everything you need please visit [Citizen Portal - Sign in](#)
If you would like any support, please contact Chantelle at c.cocker@dmatschools.org.uk who will be able to help out.

For everything else, including our Prospectus, College news and everything about how our young people learn at the College, please visit [Tavistock College - Home](#)



Together we care. Together we challenge. Together we excel.

<https://www.tavistockcollege.org/Grammar-Stream/>

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Homework- Sent out on a Thursday to be returned completed on a Tuesday.

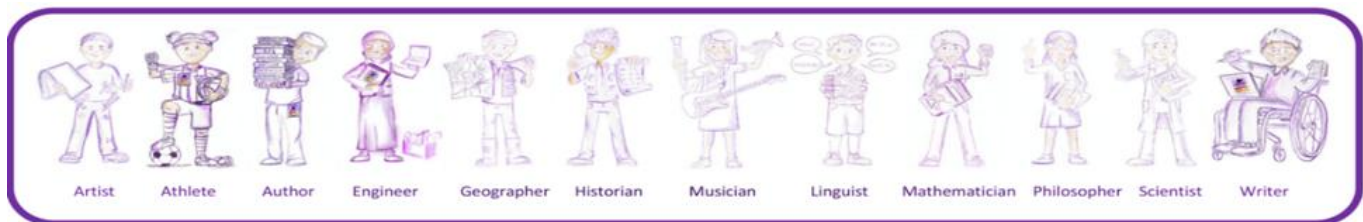
Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any concerns.

Homework plays an integral part in ensuring that we collectively support your child to achieve their very best whilst with us. It provides a window into what they are learning in school and affords you as parents/carers direction in how you can support them to achieve.

I am aware that you all have very busy lives and that for many the children have a full calendar of extra-curricular commitments e.g. swimming, rugby, cycling, football etc. but I really do encourage you to spend time with your child completing their homework activities. I know that staff have prepared activities that your child can access and for some with additional support, but it is imperative that this additional time to consolidate their learning takes place if we are to commit their learning into their long-term memory.

If you need additional

What we know about how children learn, is that when we teach children skills and knowledge in isolation, like punctuation in English, they rarely make links to other subjects. Even when they are writing about Brunel in History or how plants grow in science, they tend to forget how to apply the same English skills. This is in part because the information stored in the brain is locked up in the 'English folder', and why would they open that box when they are in History or Science? We believe States of Being move away from content in subject folders and uses clusters of knowledge that can easily be applied between subjects. By learning how to punctuate as an Author, they can use this knowledge when they are being Scientists as they start to understand that Scientists also need to write to convey what they have discovered. Please remember to ask your child As a Historian, Engineer, Mathematician what have you been discovering today????



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

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.

MONSTER MASH MONDAY	TERRIFYING TUESDAY	WITCHCRAFT WEDNESDAY	TRICK OR TREAT THURSDAY	FANG-TASTIC FRIDAY
Creepy Cricket	Ghost Hunter Dodgeball	Ghost Hunter Dodgeball	Ghost Hunter Dodgeball	Ghost Hunter Dodgeball
Ghooley Benchball	Tennis Masterclass	Halloween Longball	Tennis Masterclass	Haunted Hockey
Frightening Football	Creepy Cricket	Haunted Hockey	Creepy Cricket	Halloween Longball
Pumpkin Carving	Zombie Zorbing	Zombie Zorbing	Zombie Zorbing	Swimming
Swimming	Halloween Woodland Games, Den Building & Blind Trails	Vampires vs Werewolves Team Soft Archery Tournament	Halloween Woodland Games, Den Building & Blind Trails	Fancy Dress Dance Party <small>Fancy Dress optional but encouraged, prizes for best costume!</small>

Every Day includes Haunted Halloween Arts & Crafts and finishes with Gruesome Grabs & Awards Ceremony!

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Bob Kerrey

MTB Community News

BRENTOR VILLAGE HALL

JOIN US FOR
Morning Coffee 10:00
Lunch 12:00 - 14:00



SUNDAY 19th OCT



Hot Drink & Cake £1.50
Soup with bread £3
Apple Crumble £2

CHARITY STALLS

BRENTOR PARISH COUNCIL

FREE
FIRST AID SESSION
BRENTOR VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 25th OCTOBER
10:00 to 12:00



Emergency CPR
Use of the defibrillator
Basic First Aid

All welcome
Please contact the Parish Clerk to book a space
01822 481415 or 07846 573678
email: brentorpc@yahoo.co.uk



Dartmoor Velo Cycling Club is for children aged 8-16 years and is based in Tavistock, Devon. We run coaching sessions on Saturday mornings for beginners and improvers.

8 years+
(For younger children please make enquiries)

Girls Cycling

JUMP ON YOUR BIKE WITH FRIENDS!

SATURDAY

18th of OCTOBER 2025

Come along to a **FREE** Fun session with
DARTMOOR VELO cycling club.



Email 'Count me in' to
events@dartmoorvelo.co.uk
Meeting at Mount Kelly Prep School
(Top Carpark)

Registration 8.45 am
9am start -10.30 Finish



For more information contact us at at Dartmoor velo facebook page or on our website at www.dartmoorvelo.co.uk.

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We are athletes



Just look at those super, smiley faces of our awesome Lionesses as they took part in OCRA - Okehampton Community Recreation Association Get Girls playing Football !!

Our amazing athletes demonstrated our school values in action with their collaborative teamwork, resilience and respect for all.

Our determined athletes really did give it their all and without any subs really did have to persevere but their smiles and enjoyment say it all and have made us so incredibly proud ♥

🙌 Thank you to our MTB coaches who encouraged our lionesses from the touch line !! What a wonderful display of girl power ♥

#englandlionesses #girlsfootball #girlpower #schoolsports #teamwork



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Team MTB PTFA



MTB Cake Raffle Congratulations to Freddie S (Yr2) on winning the iconic 'Cecily The Caterpillar Cake' and to Baeyln and her mum Amy for kindly making it.



Chairs: Kayleigh Goodman and Millie Bickell

Treasurer: Gemma Insole

Secretary: Janna Sanders

Involvement, help and support in any capacity will be welcomed at any time throughout the year. We have decided that for each event planned in our calendar we will have a Working Party for parents/carers to volunteer their time to organise and run these events.

The next event is the Team MTB Pumpkin Patch. Please do come forward to offer your time and support to enable this event to be truly memorable.

Mary Tavy and Brentor
Primary School

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DISCO**

£5

THURSDAY 23 5-7PM
OCTOBER

Coronation Hall, Mary Tavy

- ENTRY INCLUDES PIZZA, DRINK & A SELECTION OF HALLOWEEN GOODIES
- KSI PARENTS MUST STAY ONSITE
- TICKETS MUST BE PRE-BOOKED ON PARENTMAIL

WEAR YOUR SCARIEST COSTUME!

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PTFA EVENTS

PLEASE BOOK VIA PARENTMAIL

NETS OF LOGS £5 EACH
COLLECTION FRIDAYS 3-4PM
FROM SCHOOL

PUMPKIN PATCH 20TH OCTOBER
3.15PM AT SCHOOL FIELD

HALLOWEEN PARTY 23RD OCTOBER
5-7PM CORONATION HALL

WILLOW WORKSHOP 18TH
NOVEMBER 7PM AT SCHOOL

WREATH WORKSHOP 28TH
NOVEMBER 7PM AT SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS FAIR 12TH
DECEMBER 3.15PM

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SCHOOL ♥ TO ORDER
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— Dr Seuss
Harrison

Forest School



Wow!! did Class 3 have a fantastic time at Forest School this week

Our young adventurers totally embraced our classroom under the sky ♡

Creating shelters, foraging and exploring whilst developing and honing their skills using various tool

At TeamMTB ♡ we are so incredibly proud to offer Forest School sessions weekly to all our children, to ensure that we deliver a curriculum that fosters a love and respect of the natural 🌍

#forestschool

#outdoorclassroom



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Mary Tavy and Brentor Community Primary School



Are you looking for a community school with a nurturing and child centred approach?

COME AND VISIT US !



Wrap around care - breakfast and afterschool club.



An aspirational curriculum & learning excellence.



Outdoor learning on the edge of Dartmoor. Forest School for ALL at our school field



A caring and inclusive school community.

Open Mornings: 5th October, 12th, 19th, 26th November

Tel: 01822 810384 | email: admin@marytavyandbrentor.devon.sch.uk



We are a school who love to read!
2024-25
100% achievement in:
Reading KS1 & KS2



Mary Tavy and Brentor Primary School Perseverance, Aspiration, Respect, Collaboration

Please join us for a tour of our wonderful little school where all our children are nurtured and their passions and interests enhanced.

We are proud of our exciting, ambitious, creative and challenging curriculum. Our extensive extra-curricular activities include: Chess, Cross country running club, Bike club, STEM club, Musical Theatre, Coding, Choir and much, much more.

We pride ourselves on academic, sporting and artistic excellence.

Discover the MTB approach at our Open Mornings :

Tel: 01822 810384 or

email: admin@marytavyandbrentor.devon.sch.uk



Admissions September 2026

Online applications open for a place in next year's Reception on the 15th November 2025 for children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022. The deadline for Reception applications is Saturday 15 January 2024

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/children-families-education/education/school-admissions/>

I will be hosting visits to our wonderful little school in the coming weeks for parents of children due to begin Reception in September 2026. If you have a child who is due to begin school in September 2026, please book onto one of the open mornings. Also, if you have any neighbours or friends who would be interested, do let them know what a wonderful school we are! We have fliers that we can share with you to give to local nurseries or drop through doors – please like and share our social media pages to spread the news far and wide.

We are athletes

Please ensure your children have their PE kit in school every day as we have decided to be a little more responsive to the weather forecast and will take the runners out mid-week if the weather forecast looks to deteriorate come Friday. It is essential to enable us to offer this level of flexibility that ALL runners have their PE kit in school every day to ensure they do not miss out on ad hoc extra running sessions.



And Finally

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HARVEST FESTIVAL 2025 🌾🍂🚗

We had a wonderful celebration today at our Harvest Festival led by Revd. Hazel.

🙏 Thank you to our wonderful school community who so generously donated food to be distributed within our local community via Tavistock Foodbank

It was a whole school celebration, with our Choir welcoming the congregation of our wider MTB family into the parish church of Mary Tavy. Our talented pupils all performed poetry, reflection and of course sung their hearts out.

💖 Thank you to our amazing staff who worked so hard rehearsing to put on such a great performance.

'We were particularly proud of our newest team members who all blew us away with how well they performed Bean Harvest 'with confidence and pizzazz- it was fantastic.

🙏 Thank you to all our parents/ carers for joining in, in preparation of our celebration by supporting the children to get creative designing their boxes - they all looked absolutely stunning.



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Congratulations to Sophia and Lily- Rae (Reception)

Sophie and Louis (Class 1)

Harriet and Lorien (Class 2)

Elizabeth and Violet (Class 3)

Who were awarded certificates and stickers by the Chair and Vice Chair for their creativity.



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