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12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers.

Oh, my we really have had such an amazing, fun, filled week celebrating what a wonderful school family we are. We started the week with our highly anticipated Santa Run in aid of CHSW. We were so fortunate that the weather abated for just an hour to enable us to run in a small window of little precipitation yayyy. Following the run, we made our way back to the fun of the snow machine which is always met with squeals of delight and hilarity!! Following this we adorned our Christmas Jumpers in our annual celebration of the Save The Children Appeal, our Class 1 enjoyed a wonderfully Bloomin time at the theatre to see Father Christmas and of course we finished the the week yesterday with our highly anticipated PTFA Christmas Fair. It was truly such a privilege to welcome so many of our school families in to celebrate with us. Our PTFA always put in such a unbelievable amount of time and effort in preparation, from decorating the grotto long into the night on Thursday to picking up all the items needed for the stalls and of course sourcing food and drink etc – to read how appreciative you all are on the PTFA WhatsApp group last night really was so kind. I mean it has to be said nothing says TeamMTB more than a playground full of animals including a purple goat , a horse wearing a snowman, a pen full of goats, a couple of sheep and a cow called Coco roaming around hehehe

Next week, is going to be as bonkers as the last with our final Christmas Festivities to look forward to. This coming week we have our highly anticipated Christmas Productions on Tuesday and Thursday. Our PTFA will be offering Mulled Wine, cans of lager and Mince Pies for a small donation at both performances to get you in the Christmas spirit. On Wednesday we have our School Christmas Lunch. Please do remember to send your child in in their Christmas Jumpers and hair decorations – other Christmas accessories – the crazier the better. For this really does happen only once a year so let's make it as memorable as is truly possible.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to my team who were 'simply the best' I could ever wish for last week.

To Mrs Ascot, who truly was my rock, stepping in and ensuring that it was 'business as usual' whilst I was indisposed and to all the team and governors a huge thank you. I would also like to thank all our School Wider family for your kindness, your empathy and your generosity – honestly, I have been blown away with how thoughtful and comforting you have been whilst I try to navigate the unimaginable. Next week I will be away Monday through to Wednesday morning as I have my Daddy's funeral on Tuesday but hope to make it to the meal on Wednesday traffic. Regrettably I will not be able to attend the first performance of our highly anticipated Christmas Production but know that I am there in spirit and can't wait to see it on Thursday. Mrs. Davies.

### Diary Dates:

#### No clubs this week !

15<sup>th</sup> – Christmas production rehearsal.  
Am – Reception and Class 1 dropped to the Coronation Hall for a rehearsal.

PM – Whole school dress rehearsal.  
Whole school collected from the Coronation Hall – 3:15

16<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Performance 2:15pm

17<sup>th</sup> – Whole School Christmas Lunch at the Coronation Hall – Collect from school  
Please send children to school in their Christmas Jumpers

18<sup>th</sup> – Nativity Performance 2:30pm

19<sup>th</sup> – Break up for Christmas

20<sup>th</sup> – PTFA Breakfast with Santa 9- 12pm

January –

5<sup>th</sup> INSET Day

6<sup>th</sup> – Children Return Back

7<sup>th</sup> – Forest School Class 1

9<sup>th</sup> – Class 2 to Dick Whittingdon production at Theatre Royal Plymouth

12<sup>th</sup> – Class 2 swimming and those in Class 3 who are yet to meet KS2 national curriculum.  
Collection from Meadowlands at 3:10pm

## Intent Drivers – Our Core Values

Perseverance

Aspiration

Respect

Collaboration

## Headteacher Award's

**Reception: Willow** – For always being enthusiastic accessing the provision. For completing all the activities and being caring and responsible. This week in particular Willow has worked super hard with her writing demonstrating a great learning attitude to always persevere and aspire to do the very best she can -well done Willow

**Class 1: Sophie** –For always being enthusiastic about ALL aspects of school life. For being a true ambassador of TeamMTB living out our school values in all that you do and undertake and for building resilience through perseverance we are so incredibly proud of you.

**Class 2: Finnley** – For your aspiration to complete the Heat map in TTRs. Finnley is committed to learning his times tables and is currently only working on increasing his speed. Finnley currently stands at 1.05 seconds per question and is desperate to be top of the leader board in TeamMTB! This personal drive and determination to succeed really is at the heart of our values – well done – your perseverance and aspiration is most definitely an example to our whole school community.

**Class 3 – Chloe:** for your exceptional work across our curriculum but notably this week in English. For always responding to written and verbal feedback to ensure your work is better than your previous piece.

### Special Headteachers awards:

**Class 1** – I just wanted to say a huge thank you to our ambassadors who made us so totally proud at the performance yesterday they really did demonstrate our school values to the wider public. They were courteous, respectful and above all a true credit to our school family. Our ambassadors even managed to entertain the audience whilst they were waiting for the show to start with a rendition or the songs from our Christmas production with Sabastian excitedly comparing our rendition by announcing 'Take it from the top everyone ...The staff at the Theatre Royal commented on how amazing they were, how smart and proud they were to be representing the school.It really does make me so incredibly proud to see our children being the very best versions of themselves.

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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.

This week there will be a roll over due to the postponed celebration for Doe Tor on their success last half term. We are hopeful that next week we will have an opportunity to get up to the field for their well earned celebration.

House	Captain and Vice-Captain	Highest earners This week:	Points this Week	Points total
Hound Tor House	<b>Iona</b>	Rec: Sophia C1- Louis C2- Jack C3- Alaia- Mai	334	1102
Doe Tor House	<b>Elizabeth</b>	Rec: Jack C1- Bhodi C2- Joseph C3- Violet	193	882
Fox Tor House	<b>Harrison</b>	Rec: Rosie C1- Emmeline C2- Persephone/ Dexter/ Ammanuel/ Andri C3-Aston	208	850
Hare Tor House	<b>Lottie</b>	Rec: Willow C1- Otilie C2- Woody C3-Thomas	219	1041

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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## Launch of Cooperation value

Our values education project is aimed at teaching our children four values through the school year through assemblies, stories and lessons, and having a reward system to praise children who adhere to these values.

We will continue to focus on our Cooperation value again next week.

Some examples of behaviours that demonstrate this value are:

- \*Listening \* Assertiveness to speak out/ being willing to share opinions.
- \*Sharing \*Using own skills/talents/abilities for others \* Taking turns \*
- Willingness to sacrifice own views/ thoughts for others. \* Teamwork \*
- Positivity – spotting good in others \* Awareness of others and their needs
- \*Negotiation \*Empathy \* Patient, reconciliatory, solution-focused, compromising \*Helping and encouraging others.

Please could you discuss 'Cooperation' with children at home and explore ways to reinforce it.

Mary Tavy and Brentor House System 2025-26			
<b>Fox Tor</b>		<b>Hound Tor</b>	
Harrison Aston James Leo Reuben Charlotte J Tayah Persephone Harriet Henry C Ammanuel Dexter Andri Archie	Emmeline Enloe Max Darcy Beth Edward Aed Mlie Rosie Daphne Connie N	Alaia-Mai Iona Berla Emma Otto Eleanor Lorian Rafferty Florence LR Jack William H Niamh Emry	Sebastian Luisa Lottie H Elowen Freddie CC Elizabeth H Rusie Logan Mia Sophia Matthew Isabella
25		25	
<b>Hare Tor</b>		<b>Doe Tor</b>	
Lottie Thomas Harry Ruby Bill Clive Charlotte G Woody Anni Eve Bobby Lily Savannah	Rax Aaron Thomas William F Otilie Mia Freddie D Annabelle Zachary Reuben A Willow Gracie	Rupert Elizabeth Theo Violet Frederick Henry M Florence B Amya G Cameron Abbie Luna Joseph Finley Baelyn	Roseanna Freddie S Connie J Elaie Bodhi Charles Sophie Sienna-Grace Lily-Rae Jack Sybil Elaph
25		26	

**Cooperation**  
...everyone working together for the greater good of all

- I will play fairly
- I will share responsibility in a group
- I will be inclusive

Alone we can do so little;  
together we can do so much.  
-Helen Keller

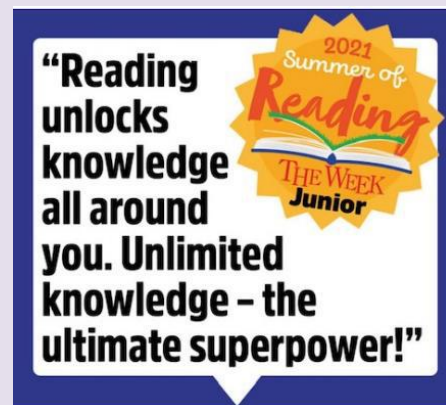
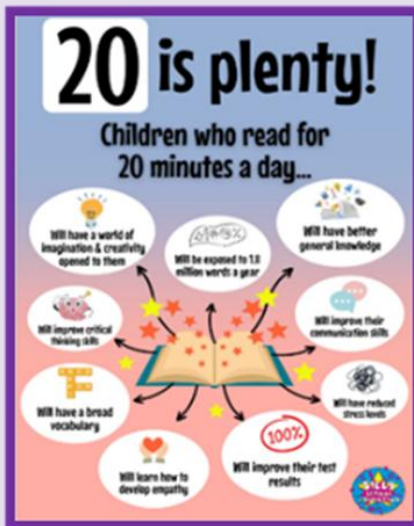
is to the mind, as exercise is to the body, know, the more you learn, the more place you upon you can use to change the world 'Nels



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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 Our courtyard makeover continues thanks to Team Moore. Daddy Moore has kindly constructed and attached a display box to the wall and mummy Moore and Elowen have this evening created a tableau of the Nativity. It is truly beautiful, and we can't wait for our wider school family to see it in the morning 💜  
 An immense thank you to Louella, Rob and Elowen for their generosity of time, skill, creativity and generosity of beautifully handcrafted porcelain nativity scene 🙏 💜

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What an absolutely magical day we have had, for our annual Sponsored Santa Run in aid of Children's Hospice Southwest ♥

Our incredible school community have raised over £450 ♥♥♥ for this wonderful charity and we could not be prouder of how well our children ran today.

Our Reception, KS1 & KS2 children completed 1 lap of our school field whilst our intrepid and highly motivated Running club (which now makes up a third of our school from Yr2 and above) spread festive wishes throughout the village completing an additional 2km Route around the village including a lap of the Coronation Field - spreading Festive Wishes to all those they met ♥♥♥

Thank you to our very own Santa (Mr. Hinton) and his trusty Elves (Mr. Finnimore and Mrs Davey) who were on hand to assist ♥

🙌 to The Elf ♥ from the CHSW outreach team, who made the day so incredibly special- the Snow machine back at school was met with squeals of delight and the children's faces say it all ♥♥



# Christmas arrangements

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MTB Presents...  
Key Stage 1's Christmas Production  
Supported by KS2  
**Born in a Barn**



Showtimes:  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2:15pm  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30pm  
Tickets: £2

To purchase tickets, please use Parent Mail.  
at Coronation Hall, Mary Tavy

Tickets are available on Parent Mail for our highly anticipated Christmas Reception and KS1 production next week. Seats will be allocated per ticket number as we have done previously. The children in Yr3, 4,5,6 are the choir. At both performances prior to the performance the PTFA will be providing Mulled Wine and Mince Pies for a voluntary contribution. On both Tuesday and Thursday collection will be from the Coronation Hall after the performance. Regrettably we have had to put the time back for the start at the Thursday performance as the hall had changed our booking without telling us to accommodate the Pensioners lunch. The performance on Thursday will now start at 2:30pm!!



Next week is our annual School Christmas Lunch a time when we all come together to celebrate the traditional feast. This year due to our increased school numbers with the help of the PTFA committee we have decided to hire the Coronation Hall to host our event.

This will afford us the opportunity to sit down altogether to celebrate. As is customary our Governors are also invited to share this very special meal with us.

Please ensure your child/ren is wearing a Christmas Jumper. We will walk back to school after the meal and so collection will be from school as normal.

# 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: Sophia**

**Year 1: Freddie. D**

**Year 2- Thomas**



**Rockstars highest user**

**Class 1: Lottie**

**Class 2: Finnley**

**Class 3: Florence**



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

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

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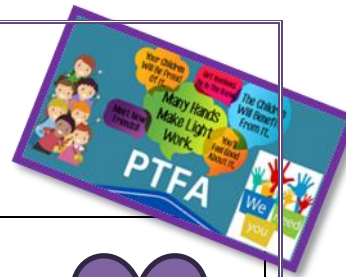
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# Team MTB PTFA



MTB Cake Raffle Congratulations to Freddie (Yr1) on winning the cake raffle. A huge thank you to Millie (Yr1) and her mum Sarah for generously donating the festive cupcakes.



**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.*

Amazingly we have sold £800 worth of logs thus far – that is £800 to spend directly on our children.

An immense thank you to Millie (William, Ruby and Evie's mum) and to Natalie (Emmy and Freddie's mum) for their generous donation of time to sell these in the local community.

The logs themselves have come from Natalie's land, and the power team have been chopping bagging and selling the logs purely in support of our children here – thank you.

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**07787994220**



Our wonderful PTFA elves have been incredibly busy this week – providing a morning of crafting for the children to enable them to make a Christmas card to bring home with them to share with their families. The children had a glittertastic time – thank you. We can't wait to share their designs with you later next week.

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Education is to the mind,  
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Change the world '*Nelson Mandela*

# PTFA - Funky Hair Day

Always a highlight and time of fun and creativity



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VISIT FATHER CHRISTMAS IN HIS GROTTO  
RECEIVE A GIFT

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20TH  
DEC.

## Breakfast with Father Christmas

**BREAKFAST, DRINKS & RAFFLE**

MARYTAVY CORONATION HALL 9AM-12PM

[Milliebickell@outlook.com](mailto:Milliebickell@outlook.com)

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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 :

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## Admissions September 2026

Online applications open for a place in next year's Reception on the 15<sup>th</sup> of 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.

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# Class 3 Theatre Trip



Wow 😍 what a truly amazing performance ❤️  
 A hugely talented cast, a production true to the text, amazing costumes, a modern, orchestral live music performance wrapped in the live actions of the characters- our Class 3 sat in awe and wonder and made us so incredibly proud. A huge thank you to our PTFA who subsidised this enrichment opportunity to make it affordable for our families. ❤️  
 #primaryschoolenrichment



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# Class 1 Theatre Trip



Wow what a truly amazing time our Class 1 children had @theatreroyalplymouth for their production of Raymond Briggs - Father Christmas. Our ambassadors were captivated by the tremendous music, incredible puppets and a slightly cranky Father Christmas who dreamt of a summer holiday 🌞

What a truly magnificent way to celebrate the festive season - we all had a Bloomin Great Time An immense thank you to our PTFA for greatly subsidizing this trip - opportunities like this make all the hard work behind the scenes at our fundraising events so appreciated.



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# Christmas Jumper day 2025



A huge thank you to all our families for your efforts with this week. We certainly saw Save The Children National Christmas Jumper Day off in true MTB style. The children looked so incredibly festive and simply loved admiring each other's jumpers.

Our Year 6 in their final MTB Xmas Jumper Day festivities totally rocked it – a particular shout out to Bertie who honestly looked truly amazing in his festive suit and tie.

Enjoy the day!  
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# And finally, a message from our PTFA .....



A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE- for your support towards today's Christmas fayre 🙌  
 Stall volunteers, Raffle donations & ticket buyers, donations of time & gifts, teaching staff, Father Christmas for finding time in his hectic schedule 🎅 & all friends of MTB for your continued support 💜  
 Our final event is the Big Breakfast with Father Christmas Saturday 20th at Mary Tavy coronation Hall 9- 12 See you there 💜



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