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14th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers.

What truly bonkers week we have had in school to say we have packed so much in is an understatement. From Celebrating Anti-Bullying week with Odd Socks day on Monday, Remembrance Service at the War Memorial on Tuesday, to a teaching and learning review, an open morning and flu vaccinations on Wednesday to a celebration of World Kindness Day and our first Cross County competition on Thursday to Children In Need and Forest School for Class 3 today it really has been an exceptional week!!! Thank you to all those who contributed to our collection for CIN today I am delighted to share with you that we raised £135. As part of our commitment to fostering kindness, tolerance and respect towards one another next week I will be appointing our Anti-Bullying Ambassador 25/26 and they in turn, will be recruiting their new team of Peer Mediators next week to support our drive towards empowering our children, towards self-advocacy.

This week we welcomed Mr. Simber (HMI) for his termly Teaching and Learning Review, prior to his official report Mr Simber emailed me to say 'It is always such a positive experience for me when I visit TeamMTB. The pupil's engagement with their learning is a real strength and testament to the commitment of your staff.' As always, our children are our greatest ambassadors and relish the opportunity to share their love of learning with our visitors be it School Advisors to prospective families both attending our Open Mornings and diarised personal visits. The calm purposeful nature of our learning environment is always the first observation. I have once again this year signed us up to take part in the SW Hospice Santa Run fundraiser. Our event will take place on the 8th of December 2025. I will share a Go Fund me page as we did last year to sponsor our runners. The Charity will once again be joining us along with a very special guest and of course the 'snow machine'.

This coming week we will be participating in the NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* online programme. This consists of an online assembly and supporting classroom-based activities. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a safeguarding programme available to all primary schools in the UK. It aims to help our children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline. By the end of the programme, I am convinced our children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe. If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme you can find information on the NSPCC website, or I would be happy to discuss any questions that you may have. Thank you for all your commitment and support it really is so gratefully received.

Diary Dates:

- 18th – Willow workshop 7pm
- 19th – Open Morning
Forest School Class 1
- 21st – Pyjama Day -Fill a mug.
- 24th- Funky Hair Day- Chocolate donation
- 26th – Mrs Bisby attendance CPD
Forest School for Class 2
- 27th – Mrs. Higham Sustainability Conference
Class 3 Theatre Trip
- 28th- Christingle @ St Mary's Church Mary Tavy-
Reception and Yr.6 parents
Wreath Making 7pm

December

- 1st -PM Mrs Davies and Mrs Ascot attending Education
Off Site training
- 2nd- Indoor athletics KS2
- 3rd – Forest School Class 3
- 5th – Dickensian Evening
- 8th – Santa Run in aid of Children's Hospice SW
- 10th – Whole School Nativity
- 11th – Xmas Jumper Day
- 12th – Class 1 Theatre Trip - AM
Christmas Fair – 3:15pm
- 16th – Nativity Performance 2:15pm
- 17th – Christmas Lunch
- 18th – Nativity Performance 2:15pm
- 19th – Break up for Christmas
- 20th – PTFA Breakfast with Santa 9- 12pm
- January – 4th INSET Day
- 5th – Children Return Back

Intent Drivers – Our Core Values

Perseverance

Aspiration

Respect

Collaboration

Headteacher Award's

Reception: Isabella- For an amazing week engaging in all that our Continuous Provision has on offer.

Class One: Sebastian- For a fabulous week truly demonstrating your potential and always ensuring you are persevering and aspiring to produce work of this highest standard. Well done, Sebastian, for your commitment to your learning it is commendable.

Class Two: Joseph– For always demonstrating our school values in all that you do and undertake. This week you have really demonstrated your aspiration to challenge yourself to undertake Year 4 at every opportunity completing your Year 3 work with pace and accuracy and then aspiring to complete the Year 4 tasks in both English and Maths. Well done Joseph on your drive and determination to succeed, it really is impressive.

Class Thomas– has returned to school after half term with renewed vigor and motivation. Thomas is persevering with all tasks that he undertakes, demonstrating his potential and aspiring to produce the most. Thomas has also been observed to collaborate well with his peers and sharing his understanding and supporting his peers to complete tasks. Well done, Thomas

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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	Iona	Rec: Isabella C1- Louis & Freddie.C C2- Florence C3- Emma	158	158
Doe Tor House	Elizabeth	Rec: Elspeth C1- Roseanna C2- Joseph C3- Florence	181	181
Fox Tor House	Harrison	Rec: Rosie C1- Edward C2- Ammanuel C3-Tayah	145	145
Hare Tor House	Lottie	Rec: Gracie C1- Maya C2- Bobby C3-Ruby	218	218

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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We will continue to explore **Aspiration next week**. We define Aspiration as being full of hope for something better and working hard to make it happen. To go out into the world and make the best of the gifts they have been given and to use them for good. Some examples of behaviours that demonstrate this value are:

- Having ambitions including careers and dreams
- Aiming high!
- Setting targets
- Knowing what to do to achieve a target.
- Not giving up, showing persistence and resilience
- Looking positively for solutions
- Being hopeful that difficult situations can be made better.
- Being aspirational for others

Fox Tor		Hound Tor	
Harrison	Emmaline	Alexa-Mia	Subalban
Alex	Enloe	Isabel	Louis
James	Max	Bertie	Lottie H
Leo	Dany	Emma	Elaine
Ruben	Beth	Oliver	Freddie CC
Charlotte J	Edward	Oliver	Elizabeth H
Tayah	Andi	Oliver	Road
Persephone	Milla	Rafferty	Logan
Harriet	Frances LR	Frances LR	Jack
Henry C	Rosie	William H	Mia
Acknowled	Daphne	William H	Sophia
Oxley	Constance H	Emily	Matthew
Archie			Isabella
	25		25

Hare Tor		Doe Tor	
Lottie	Alex	Rigout	Francesca
Thomas	Thomas	Elizabeth	Freddie S
Harry	William F	Theo	Conor J
Ruby	Cliffie	Frederick	Oliver
Blair	Mary	Henry M	Edith
Chloe	Freddie D	Charles	Charles
Charlotte G	Alexandria	Francesca B	Sophie
			Siemra-Grace
Woods	Zachary	Alex G	
Archie	Robert A	Isabelle	
Eve	Luna	Lily-Rae	
Bobby	Oliver	Jack	
Lily	Grace	Joseph	
Seavannah		Emily	
	25		28

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

As a parent/carer, your hopes and aspirations for your children include them: being healthy and happy. having skills and confidence to explore and venture out into the world to play and learn. ... to develop a degree of strength and resilience as well as problem solving skills for those times when life presents a challenge.

Next week the Head teacher awards will be given to those children who have been aspirational.

Tips to achieve your Aspirations



Have ambitions and aspirations, including careers and dreams



Aim high



Set targets



Know what to do to achieve your target

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CELEBRATE STORIES. LOVE READING.

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.

Enjoy, Learn, Succeed
 Intent Drivers - Our Core Values
 Perseverance | Aspiration | Respect | Collaboration

We are proud to implement the Little Wandle Synthetic Phonic Scheme

Collaborate
BIG CAT
 Phonics

Letters and Sounds
 Phonics

20 is plenty!

Children who read for 20 minutes a day...

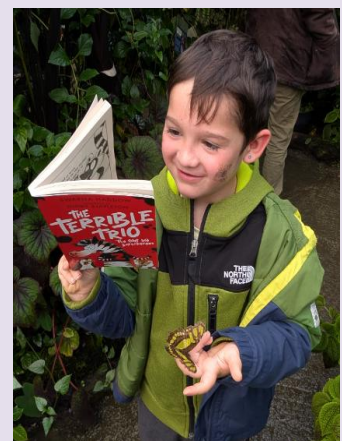
- Will have a world of imagination & creativity opened to them
- Will be exposed to 1.8 million words a year
- Will have better general knowledge
- Will improve their communication skills
- Will have a broad vocabulary
- Will have reduced stress levels
- Will learn how to develop empathy
- Will improve their test results

2021 Summer of Reading
 THE WEEK Junior

“Reading unlocks knowledge all around you. Unlimited knowledge - the ultimate superpower!”



What a truly awesome Extreme Reading entry from Jack who is looking extremely chilled in this photo.



Ammanuel and Reuben’s entries for the Extreme Reading competition are quite incredible – the boys enjoyed a trip to a Butterfly Farm in Wales during the half term and took their books with them.



Remembrance Day

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At the eleventh hour, on the eleventh day in the eleventh month we did remember them. At our service of Remembrance, we remembered those who courageously gave their lives through service and sacrifice as we observed our 2-minute silence. "They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."

Our pupils paid their respects today at the War Memorial in Mary Tavy each laying down carefully and thoughtfully decorated crosses.

Thank you to our fabulous prefects who read poems of remembrance they had beautifully written.

Finally, we laid MTB Primary memorial willow wreaths one per class. The wreaths were hand made using willow during our Forest school sessions. ❤️

For our tomorrow, they gave their today - we will remember them ❤️

#remembrance #poppyappeal #poppies #royalbritishlegion #ArmisticeDay #PrimarySchool #smallschoolbigimpact #smallschool #lestweforget2025

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Afternoon Mrs Davies

I was driving through Mary Tavy this morning and I wanted to say how heart-warming it was to see the children gathered in respect around the war memorial. I think it is so important that we teach our children not to forget.

A big thank you to all the staff and children at Mary Tavy and Brentor School.

Kind regards Connie Bolton

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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: Reuben

Year 1: Freddie. D

Year 2: Louis



Rockstars highest user

Class 1: Louis

Class 2: Woody

Class 3: Charlotte. J



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

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

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Curriculum Enrichment 3:15-4:30pm

Autumn 2 2025 / 26

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

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.

We are Musicians.

Dan delivers 1:1 music lessons on a Tuesday morning weekly.

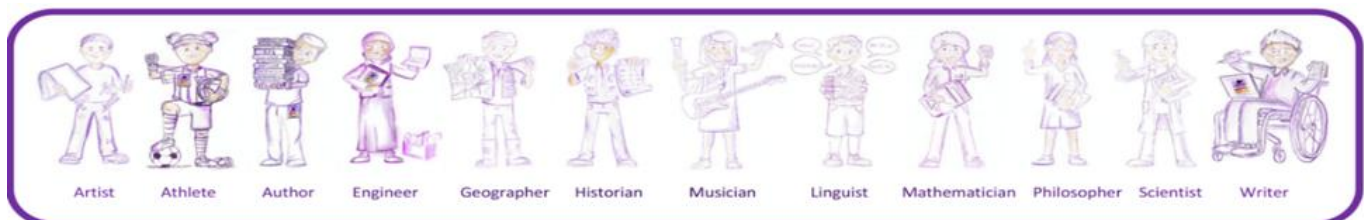
We love our mornings when Dan is in to deliver the 1:1 music lessons as part of our Music Wider Opportunities Offer. Our Musician in Residence Dan Hillman is currently providing Flute, Piano, Guitar and Clarinet. Lessons. Dan is a multi-instrumentalist specialising in saxophones, clarinet, EWI and flute 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 Devon teaching individuals and classes. He freelances for the Tavistock Area Learning Community as a class instrument tutor.



Musician

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.





♥ On Monday, we celebrated Odd Socks Day by coming to school in their brightest, boldest odd socks, showcasing how wonderfully unique each of us is!

♥ Alongside the fun, our pupils also had the chance to share their voices, providing valuable feedback to help shape our school's anti-bullying policy.

At #TeamMTB we are proud to support Anti-Bullying Week, and one of the ways we celebrate this is by taking part in Odd Socks Day! we joined in by wearing our brightest, most creative odd socks to show our support for the Anti-Bullying campaign and to celebrate individuality.

♥ At TeamMTB, we recognise that each and every one of our pupils is different and unique, and we always aim to promote the acceptance of difference.

♥ As always our little school is full to the brim with kindness, courage and on Monday an additional splash of colour and individuality.

♥ Wearing our odd socks reminds us that it's okay to stand out, to be different, and to celebrate what makes each of us unique.

#oddssocksday #antibullyingweek #beyourself #limitlesspossibilities



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MTB Cake Raffle Congratulations to Sybil (Rec) on winning the most fabulous Spotty Cake and to Beth (Yr1) , and her mum Bex and for kindly making it – it was truly so fabulously spotty!!!



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 & BRENTOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christmas Fair

Raffle with amazing prizes Food & Drink

WINTER WONDERLAND GROTTO WITH FATHER CHRISTMAS

Fun & Games including a kids craft station Visit our Christmas Farm Market Stalls & Wrapping

MEET SANTA IN HIS GROTTO & RECEIVE A GIFT. £4 PER CHILD. VIA PARENTMAIL OR CALL 07787 994220

12th DECEMBER
3:15 PM - 5:30 PM

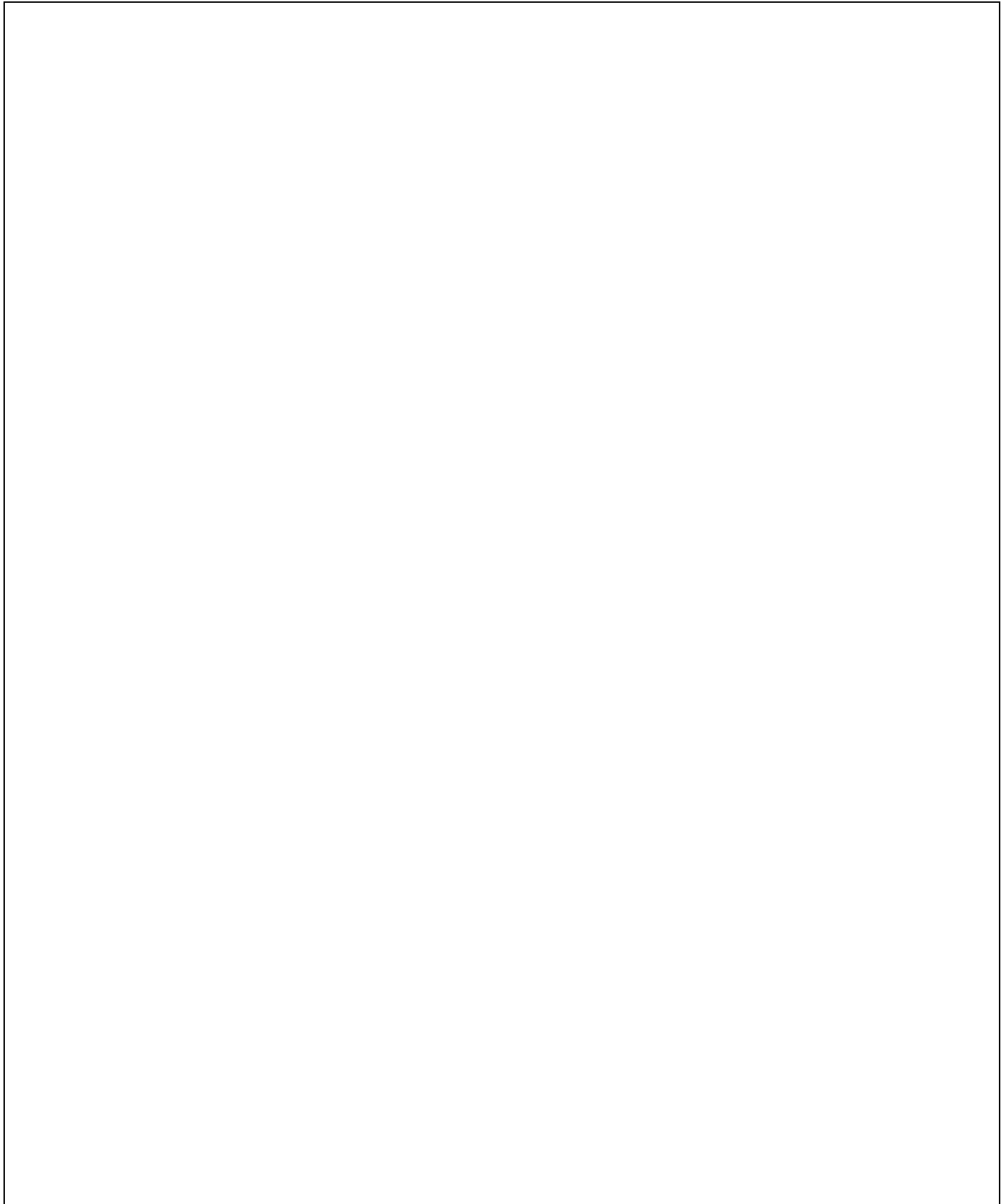
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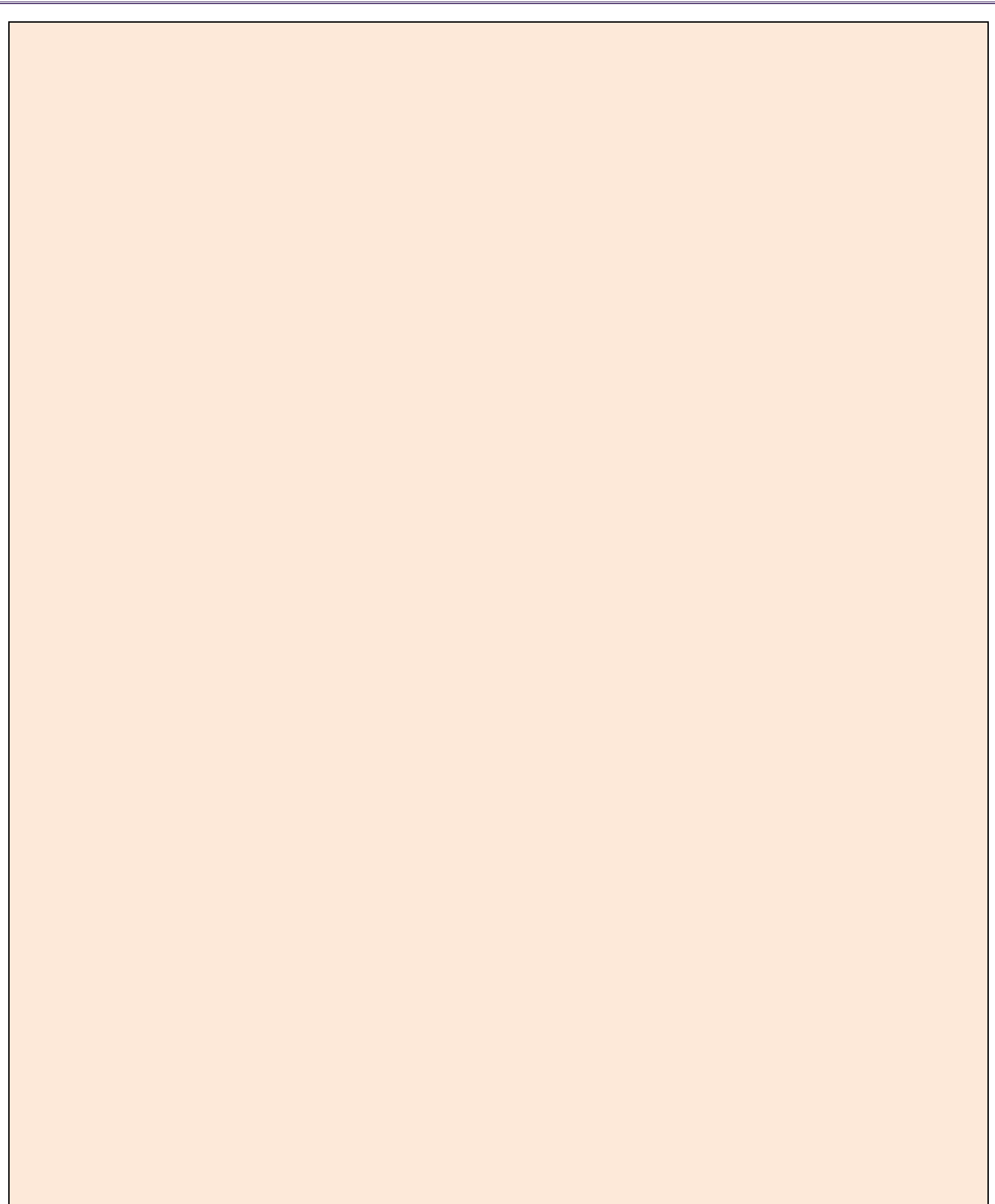


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**VISIT FATHER CHRISTMAS IN HIS GROTTTO
RECEIVE A GIFT**



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Mary Tavy and Brentor
Community Primary School



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

Admissions September 2026

Online applications open for a place in next year's Reception on the 15th 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.

HIGH 5 CHRISTMAS CRACKER CAMP

22ND - 23RD DECEMBER 2025
@ MOUNT KELLY PREP SCHOOL

This December come and join us for an action packed couple of days of sports, activity, art and fun. In celebration of **Christmas** we have a **cracker** of a theme!

Arts & Crafts Weekly Theme; **Grimbo Crafts**

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Congratulations to our amazing athletes who competed in the first competitive Cross Country event of the season.

This is by far the most grueling of courses - with steep elevations and far more ascents than descents!! 200 competitors took part which made navigating the course a challenge.

This year for the first time we selected athletes in Yr3&4 along with the Yrs 5&6's who traditionally enter this competition and oh boy did they all do so well ♥

🏆 Congratulations to all our amazing athletes who demonstrated courage, determination, perseverance and TEAM work - Well done

♥ Team MTB ♥

Thank you to our Running Club Coaches Mrs Davey and Mr. Hinton whose commitment and passion drives our ambition to be a School of children who love ♥ to run.

♥ We are incredibly fortunate to have a committed team of supporters who champion our small school. As you are aware our running club has grown significantly in number with over 20runners taking part weekly!!

Next up is the series of XCountry events which commence in the Spring Term.



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And finally, Children in Need 2025. Thank you for your donations we raised £135



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