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Kere Ascot & Sharon Bisby (Dep Safeguarding Leads)
Robert Oxborough, Sharon Claridge (Safeguarding Governors)

Dear Families, 26th February 2026

It has been a wonderfully busy return following the half term break. My sincere thanks to all parents/carers for their support in ensuring the children have the various items needed for each and every day. I must acknowledge the truly amazing staff team here at MTB who are simply the very best and deliver more than I could ever ask for. Our parent/teacher consultations this week were testament to our commitment to our children, to hear all the positivity radiating from you as you departed and to hear how impressed you were with the sheer quantity and quality of the work in the children's daily task workbooks. I make no apologies for striving for educational excellence for our children at Team MTB. Our children deserve the very best and I will always ensure that this is the heart of all that we do here.

This term we continue to focus on our writing and ensure that the children are KS3 ready, able to record their thoughts and ideas with stamina, accuracy, pace and fluidity. I was so impressed with all the diaries that were completed over half term and hope that you will support and scaffold your children to write at any given opportunity at home.

Monday is 'Offer Day' for our Yr. 6 children and we will share with you where our Yr.6 children are transitioning to next week. This along with the Class 3 residential, the leavers hoodies, and the various plans for the end of term celebration including our Leavers assembly with shared memories to reflect on, is all part of the preparation for the next step, writing the next chapter.

Next week, on World Book Day as is now customary, we will share with the prefects the title of our End of Year production. This is most definitely one of the highlights of the academic year. I can't wait to see all the wonderfully creative costumes. There is a tangible air of excitement in the school as the children share with each other what they are dressing up as.

Finally, our attendance figures are astonishing with 100% attendance for the past two days! Truly amazing given the time of year and the constant wet weather !!!

Diary Dates:

March

- 2nd – National Offer Day Secondary Schools
- Muddy Monday/ Swimming Class 2
- 3rd – **Hound Tor Winning house extra Forest School**
- Reception vision screening
- Exeter Cathedral Chorister outreach
- Reception PTC
- Class 2 residential meeting with Encompass
- 4th – Forest School Class 2
- Parent Teacher meetings
- 5th – **World Book Day – Children to dress up as a character from a book**
- Cross Country race at Whitchurch
- 6th - **Scholastic Book Fair in school**
- Miss Vallance out at English Curriculum Leaders conference in Exeter.
- 9-13th **Science Week**
- 10th – Mrs. Higham Early Years Music Conference
- Mrs. Bisby Mentally Healthy Schools Conference
- 11th – **Annual MTB Egg mobile race**
- Forest School Class 3
- 12th – Mrs., Davies out at Devon Head's meeting
- 13th – Whole School trip to the Zoo –
- 17th – TAG rugby competition Yr 5/6 team. Those who are selected will be informed via email.
- 18th – Forest School Class 1
- 19th – KS2 Choir to sing at Exeter Cathedral
- 23rd – Mrs Ascot attending Maths Curriculum Lead meeting.
- 24th – Mr. Finnimore to attend PE curriculum lead training.
- 25th – Forest School Class 2
- Cross Country race Yelverton – KS1 runners invited to take part in a special XCountry race.
- 29th – Tavy13 Primary School Challenge
- 31st – Full Governing Board Meeting 5pm
- April –**
- 1st – Easter Service 2pm – Reception and Year 6 parents
- 2nd – **PTFA Duck Race and Last day of term**
- 2nd – Break up for Easter.

Intent Drivers – Our Core Values

Perseverance

Aspiration

Respect

Collaboration

Headteacher Awards

Reception: Reuben: For your positivity and enthusiasm to complete the daily challenges within the continuous provision. From your arrival at breakfast to the moment, you leave your smile and positive energy is so appreciated – well done Reuben

Class 1: Thomas: for showing more determination and perseverance to complete your work within the timeframe given this week, we have noticed a very positive change in your work ethic and are eager to see how it continues. Well, done Thomas – keep it up!!!

Class 2: William- For your infectious positive attitude towards the wealth of learning opportunities in school. You have a thirst for acquiring knowledge and an intrinsic desire to make sense of what you are learning and to relate this to your wider knowledge. You really do set an example to your wider peers well done.

Class 3: Charlotte- For your amazing answers in history this week, your reflective consideration of the facts and your application of prior knowledge to back up your thoughts has been recognised for your maturity of thought. Well, done Charlotte you are an absolute role model to your peers.

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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- Rosie C2- Rafferty C3- Alaia- Mai	362	362
Doe Tor House	Elizabeth	Rec: Jack C1-Connie J C2- Anya C3- Rupert	304	304
Fox Tor House	Harrison	Rec: Daphne C1- Millie C2- Toby C3- Leo/Tayah	242	242
Hare Tor House	Lottie	Rec: Willow C1- Thomas C2- Evie C3-Ruby	330	330

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**

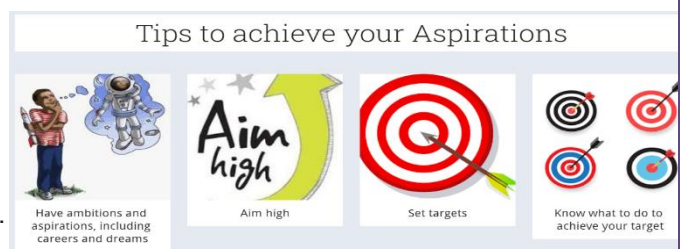
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Launch of our Aspiration value

Aspiration, Respect, Collaboration, Perseverance

Launching the next value in our values education project, **Aspiration**. 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



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.



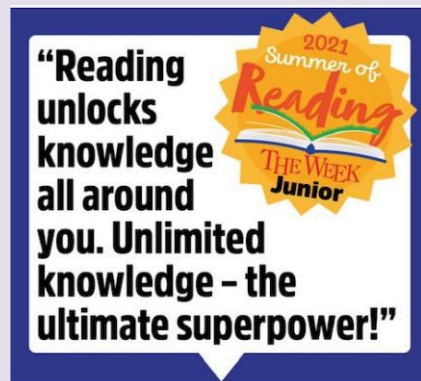
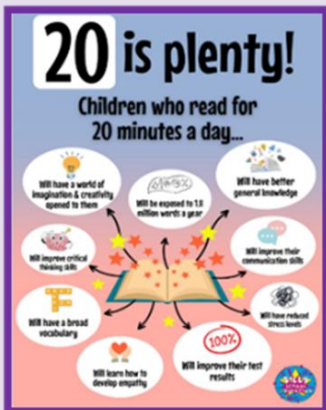
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Thank you to all parents/carers who are supporting our drive to reading excellence in school. Our amazing SAT results proved we are a 'Reading School' Please do try to keep up the rigour and sustain the daily reading. We cannot emphasise enough how 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.



🙏 come along and support our little school by purchasing books from the book fair on Friday 6th March from 3:15pm in the school playground 📖



Fri, 6 Mar at 15:15
Scholastic Book Fair
 Mary Tavy, Dartmoor · Plymouth

We can't wait for our World Book Day Catwalk next Thursday – please make sure your child has a copy of the book with them.



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:15-4:30	Tag- American Football Mr. Finnimore KS2	Plymouth Argyle Year 1 +	Chess – Mr Hinton KS2	Craft – Miss Porter Coding/ Microbits Mrs Ascot – KS2 Netball - Miss Vallance Yoga – Mrs Davies	Lunchtime 12pm XC team Yr. 3,4,5,6 Mrs Davey Mr Hinton Mr Finnimore
Lunchtime Prefect Led Clubs	Book Club	Year 4 Times table intervention		Choir whole school with Mrs Higham	Lego Club

Curriculum Enrichment Spring 25/26

Child Protection and Safeguarding

Safeguarding Leads and contact information

Members of staff who are Safeguarding Leads are as follows:

- Mrs Clare Davies
sendco@marytavyandbrentor.devon.sch.uk
- Mrs Kere Ascot : Deputy Safeguarding Lead and Online Safety Lead
kascot@marytavyandbrentor.devon.sch.uk
- Mrs Sharon Bisby : Deputy Safeguarding Lead.
admin@marytavyandbrentor.devon.sch.uk

Safeguarding Governors who are responsible for overseeing the management in school of safeguarding are

- Mrs Robert Oxborough roxborough@marytavyandbrentor.devon.sch.uk
- Mrs Sharon Claridge sclaridge@marytavyandbrentor.devon.sch.uk

If **any** parent has a safeguarding concern or query about **ANY** child within our community, please email for advice.

If you are worried that a child may be at risk = If you think it, you have a duty to report it **CALL MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub)**

You can contact them via the Devon Safeguarding Children Partnership

<https://www.devonscp.org.uk/>

<https://www.devonscp.org.uk/make-a-request-for-support/further-info/>

*"If you are worried about a child or young person in Devon and want to speak to someone, or if you are a child or young person worried about your own safety, please contact Devon Children's Front Door : on **0345 155 1071** or out of hours weekends/ bank holidays **0345 6000 388** and give as much Information as you can. Calls are confidential and you can choose to remain anonymous"*
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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

Tel: (01208) 833070 | Mon to Thu 9am-4.30pm & Fri 9am-2pm

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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.

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

Team MTB success

Congratulations to Violet (Yr6) who took part in the Southwest Trampolining Regional Challenge Cup on Sunday. She competed in the 11-12 band and was up against gymnasts from all over the Southwest. We are very proud of her grit and determination to get up there in front of a packed stadium. 😊



“UNEXPECTED KINDNESS IS THE MOST POWERFUL, LEAST COSTLY, AND MOST UNDERRATED AGENT OF HUMAN CHANGE.”

Bob Kerrey

Aston (Science peer ambassador) and I are busy planning a varied, program of science, technology, engineering, and math's activities to celebrate British Science week, **9-13th March**. The theme this year is **'Curiosity: What's your question? It is all about empowering and encouraging our children to embrace their passions, finding the answers to their most burning STEM questions.**



Our INTENT is to inspire and encourage our children to be excited and engage with science, to ASPIRE to become ambassadors for science, and ultimately to be empowered to challenge and influence British science in the future through their career choices.

We would like to invite parents/carers and those in our community who are in STEM careers to come into school to share their experience with the children to inspire them to follow STEM careers. Please contact

admin@marytavvandbrentor.devon.sch.uk if you are able to come in.



This year we will kick off Science week with hands on investigations, mid-way through the week we will hold our highly anticipate Egg Mobile Race and this year we will finish the week with a visit to Dartmoor Zoo – a fully funded trip paid for by the PTFA. The visit will afford our STEM ambassador the opportunity to ask the Zookeepers the questions they have

about the animals at the zoo.



Friday 13th March 2026
 Whole school trip to Dartmoor Zoo fully funded by the PTFA.
 The visit will be during the school day and so normal drop off and collection.
 Please ensure your child is wearing their full school uniform with trainers.
 Please do not book a school dinner for this day. All children will need a packed lunch and a water bottle.

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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: Sienna



Rockstars highest user

Class 1: Rosie

Class 2: Bobby

Class 3: Charlotte. G



"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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Artist Athlete Author Engineer Geographer Historian Musician Linguist Mathematician Philosopher Scientist Writer



Team MTB PTFA



MTB Cake Raffle Congratulations to Archie on winning the cake raffle today. A huge thank you to Toby and his mum Claire for generously donating the rather fabulous fruity luscious sponge cake – it looks absolutely divine.



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 events.



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Community News

Calling all football stars

Girls Football Training in Tavistock!

HRSA girls under 9s

Fridays: Training fun & skills

Saturdays: Match days full of teamwork and smiles

Whether you've never played before or already love kicking a ball, we'd love to meet you! Come along, make new friends, learn new skills and be part of our friendly team.

All abilities welcome!

Tavistock – Friday nights 5-6pm

Why not come give it a go, we can't wait to see you on the pitch!

Please contact myself or details below



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SPORTS ASSOCIATION

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Rangers SA Official
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Instagram:- @HorrabridgeA

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involved with our community club,
please contact:
HRSA Club Secretary: Ian Mulholland
Mob: 07764983441
Email: hrsa@hntmail.co.uk

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Training: Friday 5-6pm
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Libraries Unlimited
Tavistock Library


World Book Day

14th Feb - 6th March

Children's costume swap

Swap your costume with one on the rail
Or, choose a costume if you haven't got
one and make a donation

Let's keep costumes circulating

Libraries Unlimited is a registered charity 1170092
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Our courageous athletes



Congratulations to our amazing athletes who yesterday with a bitter head wind and dreadful persistent downpour competed in the first race of the XCountry series 2026 in The Meadows, Tavistock.

Our athlete's demonstrated our school values in action with aspiration, perseverance and collaboration. We are so incredibly proud of them - their resilience, determination and above all their collaborative and supportive MTB spirit which was commented upon by all.

👤 To our running coaches Mrs Davey, Mr. Finnimore and Mr. Hinton for their commitment and support in preparation for the event. Thank you to Mrs Miller and Mrs Davey who coached and motivated our runners to persevere in the unforgiving conditions.

👤 To all our parents/ carers who supported this event via transportation and of course in support of ALL our MTB runners.



Finally, a huge MTB thank you and complete admiration to our amazing athletes. We are sooooo proud of you ALL.

A very special mention to Evelyn who came a very close 2nd on the Yr 3 /4 race



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Class 1 had a wonderful time at Forest School this week. They collaborated with each other to make spinning tops. Year 2 whittled the wood to a fine point and Year 1 punched holes in the wooden discs for the sticks to slot into. This is true collaboration at its best and working together to achieve a common goal. At the next Forest School for Class 1 the children will take on the opposite roll and hone their whittling skills further.



MTB Swap Shop

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♥ Introducing the new MTB Pre- Loved Uniform collection.

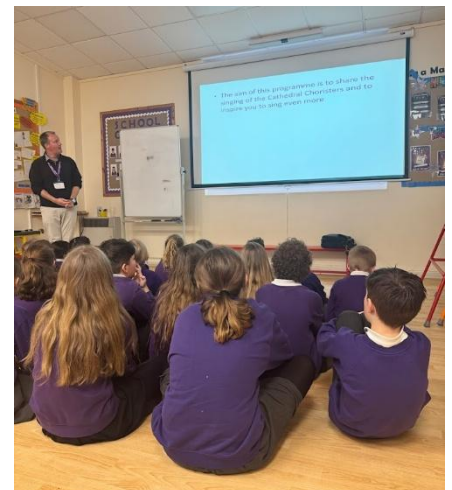
If you need uniform and would prefer to recycle ♻️ please pop into the office and have a look through the baskets.

There is no charge for this uniform it is preloved, but we do ask that where possible you swap in your old uniform to ensure stock remains plentiful.

🧠 Please also be aware that UNMARKED uniform that is left in school on a Friday will be placed in here to - to prevent un-named lost property cluttering up our classrooms and communal areas.



Our amazing choristers



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What an absolute privilege it was this afternoon to welcome into MTB Andrew Dowton from Exeter Cathedral to work with our wonderful choir. Andrew taught our choir the three songs that they will be singing during the performance in the Cathedral accompanied by the Cathedral Choristers.

Before he left Andrew was treated to a rendition of the song MTBChoir will be singing as a solo performance. Our Choristers really did make us so incredibly proud with not only in their performance but in the way they conducted themselves, their knowledge of music notation and the quick way they picked up the new songs. A huge thank you to Mrs. Higham our Music lead for all her work in preparation for this performance - what an absolute privilege it will be to perform in such a beautiful setting 🎵 ♥ 🎵

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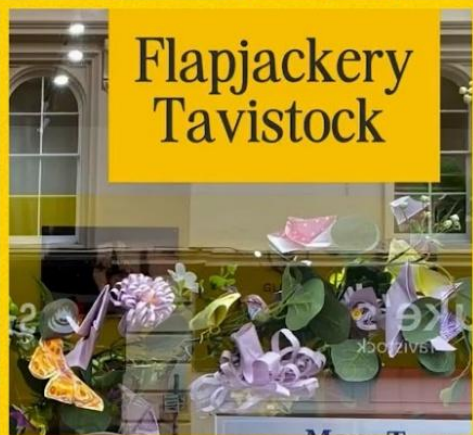
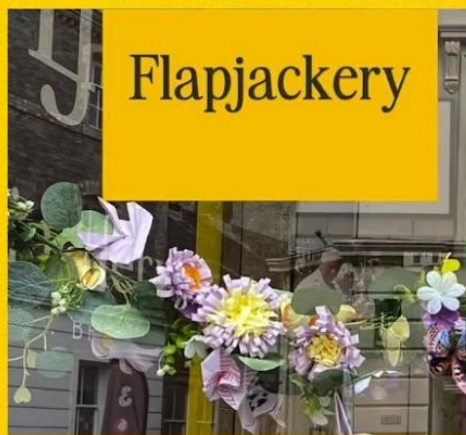


What a truly wonderful treat our ambassadors had this week to see our Spring Garden Garland proudly displayed in Flapjackery Tavistock.

♥ Our Art Club with the support of our prefects crafted an abundance of spring flowers, butterflies, and frogs through the art form of origami. ♥

Our School Council presented our Garland to representatives of Tavistock Bid before the half term break.

♥ We are always so pleased to take part in the Paint the Town initiative organised by Tavistock Bid.



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