



Clare Davies (Head teacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead)  
Kere Ascot & Sharon Bisby (Dep Safeguarding Leads)  
Robert Oxborough, Sharon Claridge (Safeguarding Governors)

Dear Families and wider supporters of TeamMTB.  
What a wonderful couple of weeks we have had!!!

An immense thank you to our staff team for planning the most varied, program of science, technology, engineering, and math's activities to celebrate British Science week 2026, with the theme **Curiosity: What's your question?** We fully delivered on our INTENT 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. From webinars delivered by the NFU and Developing Experts to a visit from Mr. Davey to share his career in Stem, to a wide variety of experiments that ignited awe and wonder, to our whole school's enrichment at Dartmoor Zoo. Our young scientists really were immersed in the natural world and all that this can offer us. This week has been as bonkers as last with a visit from a magistrate to Class 3. Our athletes have competed in a Tag Rugby tournament and making the most of this glorious weather we have had many trips up to our school field culminating today in an alfresco lunch followed by ice lollies kindly sourced and donated by our PTFA.

At MTB our school values are embedded in our curriculum offer and we truly believe it is this ethos with Collaboration and teamwork at our heart that makes us so special. This week I have received two communications from parents that I would like to share with you. *"Wow Mrs Davies How amazing is school life at MTB. I thought today what a wonderful time our children have and how special that is – Team MTB Thank you"*

*"Good morning, Mrs Davies, I just wanted to say thank you for all you do, for providing such a wonderful environment at MTB, supporting parents and pupils alike. We feel so grateful for the privilege of being part of this amazing school community. The passion that you and all your staff have shines through in everything that happens at MTB and we are lucky to be part of it."* Next week, is looking to be as bonkers as ever –thank you ALL for your care and support.

### Diary Dates:

- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Devon attendance forum - Mrs. Davies
- Mrs Ascot attending Math's Curriculum Lead CPD
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Mr. Finnimore to attend PE curriculum lead training.
- Devon CC finance team in
- Miss Valance and Mrs Davey to attend Oracy in the EYFS CPD.
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Mrs. Davey and Miss. Vallance to visit another Outstanding School to see their EYFS provision.
- Forest School Class 2
- Cross Country race Yelverton – KS1 runners invited to take part in a special XCountry race.**
- Mrs. Ascot to Tavistock College -Transition to KS3.
- Miss. Valance to attend Nessy CPD..
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Mrs Ascot to visit another Outstanding School to look at curriculum delivery.
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Tavy13 Primary School Challenge
- 30<sup>th</sup> – Last swimming lessons of this year.
- Mrs. Ascot and Miss Valance to attend Yr.2 and Yr.6 writing moderation
- 31<sup>st</sup> – Peninsula Dental School visit to KS1
- Full Governing Board Meeting 5pm

### April –

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Easter Service 2pm – Reception and Year 6 parents
- Please collect ALL from the school field afterwards.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – PTFA Duck Race and Last day of term**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Break up for Easter.
- 20<sup>th</sup> – ALL back. Noah starting with us in Yr.3
- 21<sup>st</sup>- Class 3 to Plymouth Recycling Centre
- 22<sup>nd</sup>- Class 3 trip to Tavistock Heritage Museum.
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Mrs. Ascot to attend improving Oracy CPD
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Yr.3 /4 boys football tournament
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Devon Cricket Coaching offer in school. All classes to receive professional coaching.

### May

- 4<sup>th</sup> MAY – Bank Holiday.**
- 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> – Class 2 sleepover.**

## Intent Drivers – Our Core Values

Perseverance

Aspiration

Respect

Collaboration

## Headteacher Awards

**Reception: Willow:** For your progress in reading and writing and for having the developing confidence to take risks and have a go.

**Class 1: Aaron-** Aaron has in the past has found working independently challenging and lacked the motivation to preserver in his learning. He has historically employed work avoidance strategies to support this however there has been a significant shift in his attitude to learning and with the support of his family at home we have addressed this in school. Aaron is now demonstrating increased self-confidence and awareness of the positive contributions he makes and the accelerated progress he is making in school is demonstrating this developing confidence we are so incredibly proud of your progress Aaron well done.

**Class 2: Rafferty-** can always be relied upon to try his very best in all that he undertakes. Rafferty is a true ambassador of all things MTB and lives our school values in all that he does. Recently Rafferty has demonstrated time and again his innate drive for excellence across the curriculum. His attitude to his independent work has ensured that he has produced work of the highest standard and has been able to both share this with her peers whilst supporting them to achieve.

**Class 3: Bill-** for his significant progress with oracy, asking more questions in class, offering ideas and volunteering to take on speaking roles when presenting and for his general inner confidence that his ideas are amazing and that his voice needs to be heard. We are so proud of your progress Bill and the innate confidence that we are fostering.

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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 & Elowen C2- Emmy a& Jack C3- Alaia- Mai	575	1193
Doe Tor House	<b>Elizabeth</b>	Rec: Elspeth & Lily-Rae C1-Roseanne & Connie C2- Joseph & Anya C3- Elizabeth	595	1146
Fox Tor House	<b>Harrison</b>	Rec: Rosie C1- Beth & Max C2- Ammanuel & Archie C3- Harrison & James	491	903
Hare Tor House	<b>Lottie</b>	Rec: Gracie & Zach C1- William. F & Annabelle C2- Aruvi C3-Ruby, Harry & Thomas	534	1050

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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## Our superstar writers

Congratulations to Luna and to Lorien on receiving their pen licenses this week. We are so incredibly proud of your determination and perseverance to ensure that your handwriting is consistently joined, that ascenders and descenders are formed correctly and that you take pride in all the work you undertake.



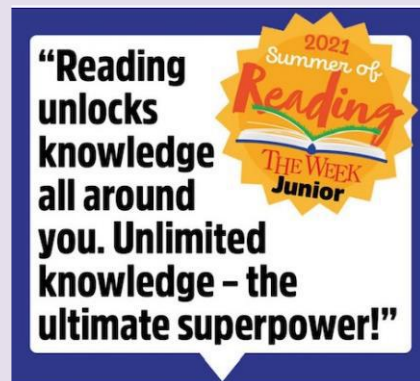
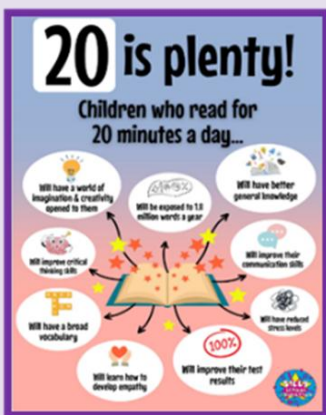
**“UNEXPECTED KINDNESS IS THE MOST POWERFUL, LEAST COSTLY, AND MOST UNDERRATED AGENT OF HUMAN CHANGE.”**

Bob Kerrey

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.



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



## 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/>

Our Swap Shop is working really well, and we are delighted to see sooo many of you using it. We have recently had a donation of shoes and trainers.



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## Enrichment Clubs Spring 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:15-4:30		Plymouth Argyle <b>Year 1 +</b>	Chess – Mr Hinton KS2	Craft – Miss Porter Yr 6 SAT prep Mrs Ascot – KS2 Yr 2 SAT prep - Miss Vallance Yoga – Mrs Davies Tag Rugby – Mr Finnimore	Lunchtime 12pm XC team <b>Yr. 3,4,5,6</b> 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

## Child Protection and Safeguarding

### Safeguarding Leads and contact information

Members of staff who are Safeguarding Leads are as follows:

- Mrs Clare Davies  
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- Mrs Kere Ascot : Deputy Safeguarding Lead and Online Safety Lead  
[kascot@marytavyandbrentor.devon.sch.uk](mailto:kascot@marytavyandbrentor.devon.sch.uk)
- Mrs Sharon Bisby : Deputy Safeguarding Lead.  
[admin@marytavyandbrentor.devon.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto:roxborough@marytavyandbrentor.devon.sch.uk)
- Mrs Sharon Claridge [sclaridge@marytavyandbrentor.devon.sch.uk](mailto: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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Wow what a busy and varied, program of science, technology, engineering, and math's activities to celebrate British Science week we had

The theme this year was '**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.

A huge TeamMTB thank you to Mr. Davey for his informative presentation about his work in STEM. Our scientist collaborated to explore the practical experiments that Mr. Davey had prepared with such enthusiasm, awe and wonder, it was truly a fascinating scientific opportunity



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# Great Egg Race Competition

Thank you for all your creativity and ingenuity in the production of this year's Egg Mobiles. It really does always blow us away as to how much time and care is put into the creations. The children absolutely love the experience and there is so much collaboration and aspiration to be had.

Most importantly it is the wider support of our families that makes these events so memorable. I really hope that you have had as much fun creating them as the children had whizzing them down the track.



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What a wonderful way to end our British Science Week with a wonderful day at @dartmoorzooologicalpark paid for in its entirety by our committed TeamMTB PTFA committee.

Our young scientists explored the park, following a trail of cryptic clues and riddles as our inquisitive young minds explored this year's theme: "Curiosity: What's your question?"

Our young scientists had researched and prepared questions to ask the Education Team.

It was such a privilege to hear the 'big questions our curious minds had when they actually had the opportunity to meet the zookeepers in person and to learn about the exciting discoveries they had made when caring for the wide variety of animals they had at the zoo.



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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: Sybil**

**Year 1: Sienna**

**Year 2: Elsie**



**Rockstars highest user**

**Class 1: Sophie**

**Class 2: Finnley**

**Class 3: Harry.J**



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

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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# Team MTB PTFA



MTB Cake Raffle Congratulations to Albie on winning the cake raffle today. A huge thank you to Violet and her mum Janna for generously donating the Red Nose Day themed 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 events.*

**OUR ANNUAL EASTER DUCK RACE** 🦆  
The children will head down at 2:45pm to Homer farm where there is a lovely little stream to race our ducks!! **All the children** will be entered into the race for their class (we will break it down into 3 races for Rec & Class 1, 2 & 3)  
  
After the class races have finished, we will have an MTB Community Duck Race, where family and friends of MTB can purchase a duck for just £1 and the winning duck will win an amazing Easter hamper.  
  
Ducks are available to purchase on Parent Mail and/or can be bought on the day 😊  
  
Parents are welcome to join us from 3pm at Homer field (opposite the church) but we do ask that you park up at the school and walk down as parking by the church is limited.  
  
After the Duck Races have finished the children will have the opportunity to float their own boats, these could be made from anything from bottles to cartons etc. and they will be able to set their boats sailing down the stream!!  
  
All the children will receive an Easter surprise before they leave for the Easter holidays 💎



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# TWO TAVY WALK

SATURDAY 23RD MAY FROM 2PM

SIGN UP/START MARYTAVY  
CORONATION HALL

ALL PROFITS TO  
MARYTAVY &  
BRENTOR PTFA  
& CORONATION  
HALL

STAMPS TO  
COLLECT FOR  
CHILDREN  
ON ROUTE

MARYTAVY INN

POP UP @ MARYTAVY  
POWER STATION

FAMILY FRIENDLY,  
REGRETTABLY NOT  
SUITABLE FOR  
PUSHCHAIRS/  
WHEELCHAIRS

PETERTAVY INN

DOGS ON  
LEADS  
WELCOME

POP UP @ PETERTAVY  
VILLAGE HALL

ALL ENQUIRIES  
TO MILLIE  
07787994220

POP UP @ SMEARDON TOR

WALK FULLY  
SIGN POSTED.  
WALKERS  
PARTICIPATE AT  
THEIR OWN  
RISK

POP UP @ PATH FIELD

MARYTAVY & BRENTOR PRIMARY  
SCHOOL

ADULT £5,  
CHILD £3  
UNDER 5 FREE

CORONATION HALL  
BBQ-BAND-BAR

Please save the date for our annual school family Two Tavy Walk.

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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 📧

**Horrabridge Rangers Sports Association**  
are looking to recruit new footballers for the following groups:  
\*\*Girls Only\*\*  
NEW Additional  
U9 GIRLS TEAM 25/26 Season  
(U9 on 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 25)  
Training: Friday 5-6pm  
Tavistock College 3G

Facebook: Horrabridge Rangers SA Official  
Twitter: @HorrabridgeSA  
Instagram: @HorrabridgeA

All Managers & Coaches will be DBS, Safeguard, FA Intro to Coaching, 1<sup>st</sup> Aid trained (where applicable)

**STAY & PLAY AT BRENTOR VILLAGE HALL**

BABIES & CHILDREN 0-5YRS  
9AM-11AM

£1 PER PERSON EVERY MONDAY

MILLIEBICKELL@OUTLOOK.COM

# Tavistock Cricket Club

Dear school friends - can you please share with parents with the attached images and below text:  
Tavistock Cricket Club 🌟 🏏 Starting on 8th May....

We're super excited that our summer cricket programs are now open for registration—fast, fun and friendly for all abilities 🤗

🏏 ECB All Stars Cricket is for children aged 5–8 – find out more here:

<https://tinyurl.com/TCCAllStars>

🏏 ECB Dynamos Cricket is for children aged 8–11 – find out more here:

<https://tinyurl.com/TCCDynamos>

Our clubhouse will be open for refreshments ☕ and Cow Corner Café will be serving quality burgers

🍔, hot dogs 🌭 and veggie options 🥗

While the children are having fun... you chill and we'll grill! 🧑‍🍳 🔥

Any questions please contact Junior Coordinator Steve Cox - [stevecoxsw19@gmail.com](mailto:stevecoxsw19@gmail.com), 07775 561855



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# Our courageous athletes



Just look at the super, smiley faces of our awesome tag rugby team who part in the OCRA rugby tournament this week!!

Our amazing athletes demonstrated our school values in action with their collaborative teamwork, resilience and respect for ALL - particularly following some arguably dubious refereeing 🙄

Our determined athletes really did give it their all and really did have to demonstrate resilience and composure particularly as some teams most definitely did not play in the spirit of the game.

Our team came 4th out of 20 teams and should be incredibly proud of themselves. They have most definitely made us so incredibly proud ❤️

🙌 Thank you to Mr. Finnimore and Mr. Hinton who coached our team and encouraged our lions 🦁 from the touch line!!



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Dr Seuss

# Forest School



Classes 1 and 3 have had a lovely time at forest school over the past two weeks.

Class 3's forest school was led by the Yr.6 forest school subject leads. The activities were whittling, raft building and all-time favourite Capture the Flag. The children worked so well together with very little adult intervention – our forest school leads Harry and Bertie took on leadership roles. It was so lovely to see independence and MTB team spirit supporting one another TeamMTB at best.

Class 1 had a fabulous time at Forest school this week. Mrs. Higham our forest school lead planned an afternoon of collaboration for our young engineers. The engineers swapped roles this week whittling and drilling holes with a palm drill. They finished their session with busy time and most definitely had a glorious time playing in the mud.

Miss Porter brought back some of our abundance of tadpoles and they are happily wiggling away in their temporary home in Class 1.

🙏 Thank you ~Millie for kindly donating the tank so that the children can watch them morph.



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# And finally.....



## Red Nose Day 2026

Thank you to all our families for their efforts for Red Nose Day. It is so incredibly appreciated, and the children have had the most wonderful day.

A huge thank you to our PTFA committee for generously donating the ice lollies for the children to enjoy up at our school field after our impromptu alfresco lunch. School days are simply the best at TeamMTB.



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