



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

Dear Families and wider supporters of TeamMTB.

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Wow!! What an absolutely perfect way to end this Spring term 2026 with our now annual Duck Race

It has been a week of curriculum enrichment; the final swimming lesson of this academic year, our Easter service and of course a collaborative Forest School with our youngest team members being supported by our eldest.

A big thank you to all of you for your commitment in supporting and scaffolding your children's learning at home. We continue to promote a real love of literature. Please do visit the library over the holidays to encourage reading for pleasure. It is vitally important that over the holiday that you ensure the children have an opportunity to write – diaries are always a wonderful way to record what you have been up to. I always enjoy sharing with your child/ren their diaries on a return from our longer holidays. I also urge you to make use of any time you have to challenge your children to a quick-fire times table challenge! It is so lovely to see so many of you are working in partnership with us to help improve your children's education.

I am always so incredibly grateful to receive correspondence from you regarding your child/ren's progress. Today I received the following – *Just a quick message to say what a wonderful time XXXXX have had. XXXXX are so happy and full of positive feedback after school. We have loved all the extra enrichment and feel this makes a huge difference to how the children see school. It is most definitely a school family. School life at TeamMTB is simply the best experience we could hope for, sprinkled with lovely experiences and trips, it is just fabulous for children and parents alike. Please could you thank all your staff on our behalf for all their efforts in supporting our children, we will miss TeamMTB immensely.*

Thank you **everyone** for all your support - I wish you ALL the most wonderful Easter holiday; spending time with family and friends and I look forward to seeing you all when I welcome you back on Monday 20th April for our final term of this academic year.

Diary Dates:

20th April– **ALL back.** Noah starting with us in Yr.3

21st- Class 3 to Plymouth Recycling Centre

22nd- Class 3 trip to Tavistock Heritage Museum.

Mrs. Davey leading RSHE CPD

24th – Mrs. Ascot to attend improving Oracy CPD

27th – Yr.3 /4 football tournament

29th – Devon Cricket Coaching offer in school. All classes to receive professional coaching.

30th – DCC Finance Team

May1st – Rounders coaching at Tavistock College Yr5l Assistance with transport would be greatly appreciated.

4th – Bank Holiday.

5th-7th – Class 2 sleepover Mrs. Davies, Mr. Finnimore, Miss. Porter and Mrs Gregory to attend.

11th- 15th SATS Week Year 6.

SATs breakfast daily at 8:15am

14th- PM Extra Forest School Session for Yr.6 only

15th – Rounders Coaching Yr.5 Tavistock College

Mrs. Higham to attend Devon Music Conference

18th – Whole School Trip to RHS Rosemoor

19th /20th – Miss. Jackman, Mrs. Miller and Mrs.

Gregory to attend Paediatric First Aid training.

20th – Mrs. Higham to attend Outdoor Learning Conference CPD

21st- Dartmoor Cup 1st round match at Whitchurch

22nd – Yr 5 Rounders Tournament Tavistock College

Break UP for Half Term

23rd – PTFA Two Tavy Walk

June 1st All Back

3rd – Dartmoor Cup Girls cricket tournament

4th – Mocksted with Mr. Simber

8-12th Class 3 residential

11th - Yr. 4 Multiplication Test

12th – Reception and Class 1 to the Theatre Royal

Plymouth to see 'A Tiger Who Came to Tea'

19th – Sports Day and Colour Run – ALL are welcome

Intent Drivers – Our Core Values

Perseverance

Aspiration

Respect

Collaboration

Headteacher Awards

Reception: Rosie- for your eagerness to write and your perseverance when completing your independent writing. In addition to this, this week you have blown us away with your segmenting and blending in your phonics to read with growing independence.

Class 1: William- For demonstrating engagement in all aspects of our curriculum and for supporting and collaborating with his peers. Well, done William your desire to be the very best version of yourself is fantastic and your perseverance is contagious.

Class 2: Savannah- For your amazing written work this week. Savannah has demonstrated her desire to be a writer and to write for pleasure, challenging herself to write up all her wonderful ideas, demonstrating her increased stamina.

Class 3: Otto since joining us Otto has constantly risen to the challenge of MTB and this week; we have seen his artistic flair in his spoken word transcribed to the page – the resulting work is truly exceptional! Otto we are so incredibly proud of your progress

Special Headteacher award to Sebastian and Florence: For being the most wonderful TeamMTB ambassadors and for displaying our school values at ALL times, we wish you the fondest best wishes as you leave us as you commence your next chapter in Mexico and hope that you will remember fondly your time with us here at TeamMTB

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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: Mathew C1- Rosie C2- Rafferty C3- Bertie	211	1724
Doe Tor House	Elizabeth	Rec: Elspeth C1- Sophie C2- Anya C3- Violet	209	1578
Fox Tor House	Harrison	Rec: Connie C1- Beth C2- Andrii C3- Tayah	164	1233
Hare Tor House	Lottie	Rec: Gracie C1- Annabelle C2- Evie C3-Ruby	225	1574

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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Congratulations Hound Tor

on being the winning House this half
term.



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Primary School Challenge



Congratulations to our young athletes who on Sunday completed their final mile of their half marathon at Tavistock Athletic club in front of proud parents/carers.

It is so lovely to hear from eager supporters that our TeamMTB ambassadors were proudly cheering each other over the line.



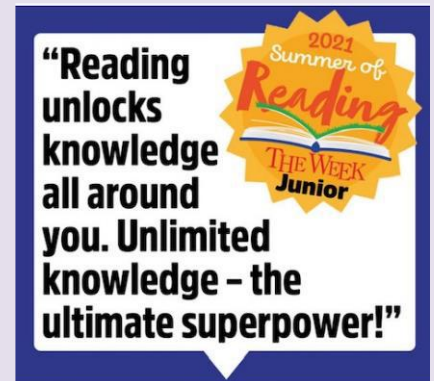
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Thank you to all parents/carers who are supporting our drive to reading excellence in school. Our amazing SAT results proved we are a 'Reading School' Please do try to keep up the rigour and sustain the daily reading. We cannot emphasise enough how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



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 coats.



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

Bob Kerrey

Oral health check



The children in class 1 received a visit from the Peninsula Dental School to teach them all about how to keep their teeth clean and healthy! 🦷 🪥 💜

They gave out a story and a tooth brushing pack to each child. 🦷 🪥 💜

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"



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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Our leader board this week

Numbots highest user:

Reception: Matthew

Year 1: Otilie

Year 2: Rex



Rockstars highest user

Class 1: Freddie. C

Class 2: Luna

Class 3: Harry



"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. Please do have a look at the poster on the next page that explains all that the families need to know about the statutory multiplication test.

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.



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Team MTB PTFA



MTB Cake Raffle Congratulations to on winning the Easter Hamper raffle today. A huge thank you to Henry (Yr4) and his mum Vicky for generously donating the rather magnificent Easter themed hamper.



OUR ANNUAL EASTER DUCK RACE 🦆



A huge MTB thank you to our PTFA committee for staging the most wonderful end to the spring term. Once again, the sun shone high in the sky over our event and oh boy did we all have the most wonderful time.

From Rob, Riley and Jimmy in the water to Millie, Mel, Gemma and Natalie at the finishing line it was a truly wonderful example of our 'collaboration' value.

A huge thank you to all of you who kindly donated cakes for the cake sale and to Vicky, Amy and Anoja for running the stall.

A particular thank you to Anoja for generously donating all the prizes this was incredibly kind of you.

Thank you for the impromptu and unexpected Easter Egg hunt which brought soo much delight to ALL and really did end the proceedings with a chocolatey treat for all.

Thank you to all of you who kindly purchased ducks in aid of our PTFA it really is a wonderful fundraiser and enables our committee to provide ever. More wonderful enrichment opportunities for our children.



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A huge thank you to our PTFA committee, for their support in the co-ordination of our inaugural School Council run Tuck Shop. It remains one of the priorities of our School Council, that periodically, at least half termly that they will run a Tuck Shop after school selling treats and stationery. There was a request for decaf hot drinks too 🍵

🙏 Thank you to all those who supported the event it is so very much appreciated 💖💖



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 group:
• Girls Only
• NEW Additional
U9 GIRLS TEAM 25/26 Season
(U9 on 1st Sept 25)
Training: Friday 5-6pm
Tavistock College 3G

Facebook: Horrabridge Rangers SA Official
Twitter: @horrabridgesa
Instagram: @horrabridgesa

All Managers & Coaches will be DBS, Safeguard, FA Intro to Coaching, 1st Aid trained (minimum)



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, 07775 561855



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EASTER Half Term Activities

Meadowlands Leisure Pool








Activities

- Lane swimming
- Family swimming
- Aqua Areobics
- Fun & floats
- Group exercise classes
- Wet & Wild sessions

Wet & Wild

Dive into our premium Wet & Wild sessions featuring the slide and lazy river – with **Swim School students getting 50% off the fun!**

Junior Gym

Our Gym Rebels sessions give young people the chance to train in a safe, supervised environment with support from our expert gym team. It's the perfect way to build strength, boost confidence, and build healthy habits after school – all while having fun with friends. Plus, membership also includes unlimited general swimming across our other Devon sites, giving even more ways to stay active, practise new skills, and make a splash outside of gym time.

Swim School Crash Course

This Easter half term, give your child the chance to boost their swimming skills with our crash courses, designed to support progression, build confidence, and keep them active during the holidays.

- For stages 1-5
- 09:00-10:30
- Monday 6th – Friday 10th April
- £30.00

To secure your space, please contact reception

£26 per month

Discover our app

Bookings
Timetables
Info
& much more!



Plymouth Science Easter Camp



Scan here to book your place

FREE for children who are eligible for Free School Meals*
or
£25 per day (bring your own lunch)
£28 per day (with lunch)

Venue: St Budeaux CE Primary Academy, Priestley Avenue, PL5 2DW
Days: Monday 6th April – Friday 10th April
Timings: 9am-3pm
Age: 6-11 years

Activities Include:







Easter Eggs **Outside Activities** **Spring Activities**

Engineering **Experiments**

To book your place visit our website. For any questions, please email us.
Web: www.plymouthsciencecic.co.uk Email: plymouthscienceteam@gmail.com
Tel: 07933 055 506 (only during camp dates)

* Eligibility for free places is for children who receive Free School Meals. This **DOES NOT** include children in Foundation/Key Stage 1 who receive Universal Free School Meals. If you are unsure of your status, enquire with your school office. Eligibility will be checked by Plymouth City Council, and full payment will need to be made for sessions if your child is ineligible for Free School Meals.

I'M A HIGH CAMPER

Get Me Out Of Here!

MOUNT KELLY EASTER ACTIVITIES

COME AND JOIN US FOR AN EASTER HOLIDAY EGG-STRAVAGANZA WHERE EVERY DAY IS PACKED FULL OF FUN AND EXCITEMENT.

WIN STARS FOR YOUR TEAM

ENJOY...
COACHED SPORTS
JUNGLE CRAFTS
FUN & ADVENTURE
AND MUCH MUCH MORE!

WEEK 1

TUESDAY 7TH PLAYGROUND ICEBREAKER GAMES TENNIS MASTERCLASS HOCKEY JUNGLE ZORBBS & SURF SIMULATOR CHALLENGES WACKY RACES & FANTASY FOOTBALL INFLATABLES	WEDNESDAY 8TH DODGEBALL KWIK CRICKET SEARCH & RESCUE JUNGLE ZORBBS & SURF SIMULATOR CHALLENGES WACKY RACES & FANTASY FOOTBALL INFLATABLES	THURSDAY 9TH HOCKEY WET ROUNDERS DODGEBALL JUNGLE ZORBBS & SURF SIMULATOR CHALLENGES WACKY RACES & FANTASY FOOTBALL INFLATABLES	FRIDAY 10TH JUNGLE LONGBALL BASKETBALL SEARCH & RESCUE FUN SWIMMING WACKY RACES & FANTASY FOOTBALL INFLATABLES
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WEEK 2

MONDAY 13TH DODGEBALL RAINFOREST RACKET SPORTS BENCHBALL CELEB CYCLONE CHALLENGES FUN SWIMMING	TUESDAY 14TH BASKETBALL HOCKEY HANDBALL CELEB CYCLONE CHALLENGES RAINFOREST RALLY CARS	WEDNESDAY 15TH FOOTBALL RAINFOREST RACKET SPORTS BENCHBALL CELEB CYCLONE CHALLENGES WET: RAINFOREST RELAYS	THURSDAY 16TH BASKETBALL DODGEBALL HOCKEY CELEB CYCLONE CHALLENGES WET: JUNGLE OLYMPICS	FRIDAY 17TH HANDBALL FOOTBALL DODGEBALL FUN SWIMMING JUNGLE-KIDS MASSIVE FLURO DANCE PARTY
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PLUS DAILY...
AUSSIE ARTS
AND
CHILD FRIENDLY BUSHTUCKER CHALLENGES

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MTB athletes



It was such a privilege to watch our Class 2 in the pool this week having the most wonderful time at the fun swim ♥

Our young athletes made me so incredibly proud with their behaviour and impeccable manners - the coaches wished me to pass on their thanks 🙏

A huge thank you to the families who have been able to come along and support weekly.

🙏 Please do ensure that you take your children to swimming lessons. It is a national curriculum requirement that children can swim 25m in a range of strokes by the time they leave primary school.



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Forest School



Our Forest School sessions have been full of excitement and teamwork this term! Year 5 and 6 pupils partnered with Reception children this week for a special outdoor learning experience. Together, they took part in a scavenger hunt, exploring the natural environment and discovering a variety of interesting items.

The collaboration didn't stop there—pairs also worked creatively to design and build bridges using found natural materials. It was wonderful to see the older pupils supporting and guiding the younger children, developing leadership skills while encouraging curiosity and confidence.

A fantastic time was had by all, with plenty of learning, laughter, and teamwork along the way!



Thank you

A huge MTB thank you to Elowen (Yr2) and her mum Louella for kindly decorating the curiosity box in the playground with an Easter theme.

It has been a source of awe and wonder for the children and their wider families to enjoy.


Thank you for your generosity of time and of course sourcing all the wonderful items.




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And finally





What a beautiful Easter  service we had today at the Methodist church in Mary Tavy.


There was standing room only as our prefects commenced our celebration.

 our readers performed their readings with poise and confidence.

 Each class performed their song individual song beautifully, accompanied by the cutest of actions.

 Our wonderful choir sang Be Your Own Superhero. to conclude the proceedings.

 Thank you to Rev. Paul Smith for his address and leading us in prayer.

It was a truly beautiful service 



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