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Mr. Oxborough, Mrs Claridge (Safeguarding Governors)

Friday 1st May 2026

Dear Families and wider supporters of Team MTB, How lovely has it been this week to enjoy another glorious week of sunshine. We have most definitely made the very most of this period of settled weather by embracing our wider enrichment opportunities. From the Yr3/4 football tournament on Monday, Reception Welly Walk to our stream and a splash in the Spring Sunshine, to cricket enrichment for all classes from Rec to Yr 6, Forest School for Class 2, Running Club and today Cyr 5 have had the first rounders session at Tavistock College and our industrious PTFA have supported the children to all plant a sunflower. I am fully aware of the dogmatic determination I have that every child will leave my care with the foundations they need to flourish in KS3 academically, but I am relentless about the need to compliment this with enrichment opportunities that ensure that we nurture the whole child'.

Next week Class 2 alongside myself, Mr Finnimore, Mrs Gregory and Miss Porter will undertake our highly anticipated Class 2 sleepover. There is most definitely an air of tangible excitement with a sprinkle of nervousness all of course is to be expected but with true grit and MTB determination and resilience I can't wait to share with you all that we get up to.

At MTB, we are always seeking to balance the academic with curriculum enrichment, and this is as important if not more important in our outlook and ethos. I can't wait to share with you all that the amazing opportunities they embrace over the coming week. I wish you all the most wonderful bank holiday weekend.

Diary Dates: 4th – Bank Holiday.

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

5th – Mrs. Higham and Miss Valance to share Class 1.

6th – Class 3 Forest School

8th – Mrs. Higham cover Class 2

11th- 14th SATS Week Year 6.

SATs breakfast daily please drop at 8:15am

11th -14th – Year 5 to be dropped at the outdoor classroom

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 – 22nd Walk to School Week.

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 Outdoor Learning Conference

21st – PTFA Movie Night

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

10-12th – Yr1 Phonic Screening Assessment

11th - Yr. 4 Multiplication Test

12th – Reception and Class 1 to the Theatre Royal

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

22nd – 26th – KS1 SATs.

25th – Methodist Assembly

KS2 to the Theatre Royal to see Annie.

29th – 1st – Yr6 Transition Days Tavistock College

29th – Mr. Finnimore PE leadership CDP

30th – Yr5 Faith Visit to Plymouth

New Reception Children All Day

Intent Drivers – Our Core Values

Perseverance

Aspiration

Respect

Collaboration

Headteacher Awards

Reception: Reuben: your super number knowledge of addition to 10. You are a super mathematician, Reuben, and we can't wait to see you apply this knowledge building numbers to 20.

Class 1: Max: For accelerated progress across the curriculum, we are incredibly proud of how you are demonstrating our school values of perseverance and aspiration to consistently produce work that is better than your last piece. Max your pride in your achievements and success is due to your hard work and developing confidence in yourself – well done.

Class 2: Cameron: for your perseverance, resilience and aspiration across all aspects of school life and for living out our school values in all that you do.

Class 3: Chloe: For being the embodiment of your school values. For always being relied upon to be doing the right thing at the right time and for ensuring that her work is always better than her previous attempt. Well done.

Special headteacher's award to: William Yr 3 who is now a Free Reader having completed all the fluency books. We are so incredibly proud of your progress and can't wait to see in which direction your reading for pleasure will take you as you find genres that appeal to you and give you immense pleasure.

Yr3 /4 Football team for being the most wonderful TeamMTB ambassadors during our attendance at the tournament and for displaying our school values at ALL times.

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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.

House	Captain and Vice-Captain	Highest earners This week:	Points this Week	Points total
Hound Tor House	Iona	Rec: Mia C1- Lottie C2- Jack C3- Bertie	324	477
Doe Tor House	Elizabeth	Rec: Sybil C1- Roseanna C2- Finnley C3- Frederick	354	546
Fox Tor House	Harrison	Rec: Daphne C1- Emmeline C2- Harriet C3- Aston	338	547
Hare Tor House	Lottie	Rec: Gracie & Reuben C1- William & Maya C2- Lily C3-Chloe	294	482

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The aims of the of our House system are

- * Promote positive self-esteem, self-identity, belonging, integrity and pride amongst all children
- * Peer support to help promote positive mental health.
- * Promotion of responsibility and pupil voice, teamwork, cooperation, communication and leadership skills for the prefects
- * Constant and consistent encouragement for children by their peers to achieve their best.
- * Develop a common goal so that children **feel more connected to and involved with the school community around them**. It facilitates discussions between the most infant and most senior of our school and foster friendly competitive spirit along the way.

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**

Launch of Cooperation value

Our value of next week is going to support us as we navigate the a change to school life and the routine. With Class 2 away on their highly anticipated Sleep Over for two nights a change in staffing back in school and Year 2 attending a cricket tournament is going to require a collaborative and collegiate attitude by all.

Co-operation is a key driver of our success here at MTB and we are immensely proud of the way our children negotiate disagreements and show acceptance to achieve a common goal

Some examples of behaviours that have demonstrated this value recently 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.

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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.

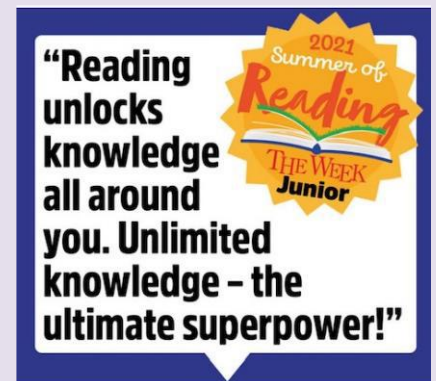
MTB's 3Rs Reflect, Reset, Ready to Learn

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.



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

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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/> 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. Children may only wear school summer caps to school. We have a hat for every child in school, however many prefer to buy their own. **Please ensure that if you purchase your own school cap that it is clearly named so as not to get put in the box with the class caps.**

If your children have outgrown their uniform, please do contact Mrs. Bisby, who runs the school pre-loved uniform shop to purchase at a greatly discounted price. Please do email the school office if you would like to arrange to pop in and have a look or would like Mrs. Bisby to pop an item into your child's book bag for you to look at home.

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



Affordable uniforms are now the law.

No parent should be worried about their child's uniform.



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

Bob Kerrey

MTB Athletes



Well done running club today - a wonderful way to spend a lunchtime- the sheer determination and perseverance to push through in rather blustery and overcast conditions is impressive. We sometimes come to expect nothing less of TeamMTB's ethos and attitudes, but it really should be celebrated



Child Protection and Safeguarding

Safeguarding Leads and contact information

Members of staff who are Safeguarding Leads are as follows:

- Mrs Clare Davies cdavies@marytavyandbrentor.devons.ch.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" Devon Safeguarding Children Partnership



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: Sophia

Year 1: Sienna



Rockstars highest user

Class 1: Elowen

Class 2: Finnley

Class 3: Alaia- Mai



"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.



Artist

Athlete

Author

Engineer

Geographer

Historian

Musician

Linguist

Mathematician

Philosopher

Scientist

Writer



Team MTB PTFA



MTB Cake Raffle.
Congratulations to Thomas (Yr6) on winning the cake raffle today. A huge thank you to Toby (Yr.3) and his mum Claire for generously donating the rather fabulous cupcakes– they were extremely popular.



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

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MTB PTFA Sunflower Competition

All Children will plant their own sunflower seed in school, seeds to be purchased £1 each
The person with the tallest sunflower... WINS
a SUMMER HAMPER, presented at our summer fayre in July.

Nurture & Grow your
Sunflower.

Send a photo of the plant in
full flower & its Measurements
to Millie 07787994220..

Results will be collected.

TALLEST PLANT WINS

"SUMMER OF FUN HAMPER"
seeds can be purchased for all
the family.

HAPPY GROWING



A huge thank you to our PTFA for kindly volunteering their time to plant the sunflowers with ALL the children today. If you would like to take part in the competition, please ensure that you have purchased the sunflower on ParentMail. We can't wait to see your updates as the sunflowers grow.

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Please find below details of a free event which may be of interest to your school community. Please can you share this as your policies allow.

Operation Dartmoor Rainforest

To Book your place

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GGLE>

Your challenge. To find out what is so special about Dartmoor's rainforests. Join our team of experts at Yarner Wood on a fun woodland adventure with three micro missions to learn more.

- Operation Bird Brain- find out more about the woodland birds and the long-distance journeys many have taken. Listen to their songs and build your own bird's nest
- Codename Minibeast- look at the world of Yarner wood in miniature. Find some of the minibeasts and tiny life using sweep nets and bug pots, microscopes and magnifiers
- Mission Wild Art-use the inspiration of the rainforest and its incredible wildlife; the sounds, the leaves, lichens and mosses to create your own artistic masterpiece

We'll provide everything you need to complete your challenge led by our expert guides with id sheets and field equipment including sweep nets and binoculars Everyone who completes all three missions will be awarded an Operation Rainforest Certificate. Let the challenge begin.

We are running this as a morning or an afternoon session 9.30-12.30 or 1.30-4.30

Organised in partnership by Natural England and Dartmoor National Park Authority
Sorry no dogs on this event please.

Claire Partridge

Visitor Centre & Outreach Officer

Dartmoor National Park Authority Direct Line: 01626 831040 Mobile: 07762 000893



FREE Family Event 5-11 years

Operation: Dartmoor Rainforest

Saturday 16th May
9.30-12.30pm or 1.30pm-4.30pm
at East Dartmoor NNR- Middle Car Park
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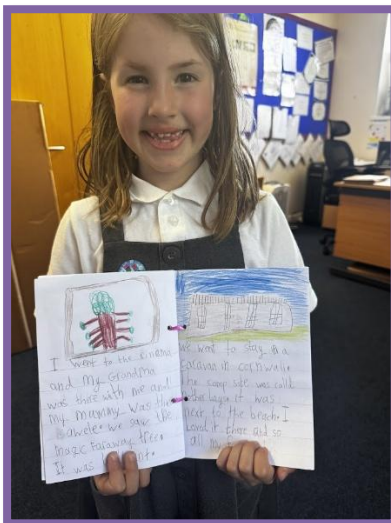
Your Top Secret Mission-
To find out what is so special about Dartmoor's rainforests on a fun woodland adventure with three micro missions.

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Mission Wild Art

Find out more and book your place with the QR code

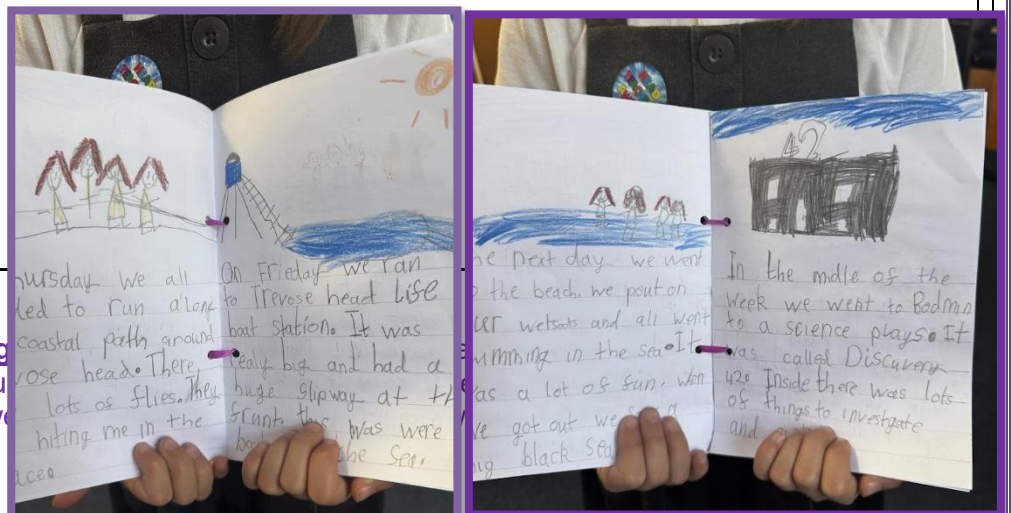
NATURAL ENGLAND DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK

MTB community news



Congratulations to Sophie (Yr1) who shared with me the most beautifully presented Easter diary this week.

Sophie had carefully written and illustrated a daily diary of her adventures – what a wonderful memento to cherish. It was an absolute pleasure to share her diary.



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MTB Athletes



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 What a fabulous day of cricket we have had on Wednesday
 Our amazing athletes took advantage of the offer of a 1 Day Engagement Day aimed at developing their physical cricket skills and life skills (I.e. resilience/communication/teamwork).
 The 1 Day Engagement Day linked directly with our local clubs Tavistock Cricket Club and Whitchurch Cricket Club who currently offer All Stars/Dynamos/Junior Cricket.
 Our enthusiastic athletes demonstrated their hand eye coordination, collaboration and perseverance as they took part in the @chancetoshine opportunity.
 #devoncc #primarycricket @devoncricket


It all starts with... 

All Stars Cricket is the best cricket experience for **5-8 year-olds**

All kids are guaranteed to develop **new skills** while **having fun** and **making friends**

Participants receive a **personalised backpack of goodies** including a bat, ball and t-shirt!



Sign up today at allstarscricket.co.uk 



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This is our game.

Calling all 8-11 year olds!

Whether a graduate from All Stars or new to the sport, Dynamo's Cricket is an exciting way for kids to **play, learn** cricket skills and make **new friends**.

Participants receive a personalised New Balance shirt with their name and chosen number.

Sign up today



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Decision making, Empathy Confidence,
Resilience Teamwork, Creativity

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Class 2 had a lovely afternoon at Forest School this week. They created wooden yoyos from wood that they carved using different woodwork tools to assemble them.

They also produced wooden catapults to launch a range of foraged items. They were given a very short set of instructions and a challenge. Our budding engineers collaborated together and created working catapults. As a final activity they had the opportunity to create some artwork for the display boards in our new Outdoor Classroom. The children used the wide variety of dandelions as inspiration for their expressive pieces. We can't wait to get them backed and displayed to bring pleasure to those working in the classroom.

Reception had a lovely Welly Walk this week down to our stream and had the most wonderful time searching for and investigating all the insects that have our stream as their habitat.



MTB Yr 3 / 4 athletes

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🤝 A huge TeamMTB congratulations to Yr3 / 4 football today on their success. Our young athletes competed in a competition that was fraught with administrative errors and required them to play teams in the wrong age group. ! Our courageous athletes dug deep to secure victories that were frankly astonishing given the competition. Our team demonstrated our school values in action delivering collaborating, persevering and above all aspiration to succeed and their smiles really do sum up their true grit and determination 🤝💪

A huge thank you to Mr. Finnimore for his excellent coaching in the most difficult of circumstances and to the parents/ carers who assisted with transportation and additional camaraderie / encouragement your support was invaluable 🙏💜💜



And finally

Enjoy
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Warm up, steal from the nest game, throwing and catching practice. They finished the session with mini game of throw and catch rounders. As we have come to expect our ambassadors were nothing short of exceptional demonstrating ALL our school values and receiving the utmost praise from the student coaches and the staff overseeing the session. A huge thank you to Gemma (Leo's mum) for helping with transportation to and from the session.

The next session is the 15/ 5 before they play in a tournament against other primary schools. ❤️



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