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Mr. Oxborough, Mrs Claridge (SG)

Friday 15th May 2026



Dear Families and wider supporters of Team MTB, This past week has been dominated by the statutory assessments in Year 6. A huge well done to our Yr.6 cohort who have worked extremely hard over this academic year, and their dedication has certainly paid off. We are so proud of each and every one of them. Thank you to Mrs. Ascot, Mr. Hinton and Miss Guest who kindly volunteered her time who have both worked so incredibly hard to ensure the children were fully prepared and ready. The children thoroughly enjoyed their special SAT Booster Breakfast each morning, it really is one of the greatest pleasures hearing them all chatting over their breakfast without a care in the world.

This week we have welcomed our new Reception children 2026 into school for the first of their transition sessions it really is a poignant moment watching our Reception children care and support them and introduce them to our MTB ways. It is always a time of mixed emotions with our prefects preparing to leave and the next cohort ready to commence their learning journey with us but it is the circle of life and above all I hope that our school values and ethos of love and care ensure that every child feels a sense of belonging and has the self-belief that their best simply enough.

The term continues at pace, and it is hard to believe that we are approaching half term already. As always, there are a multitude of wonderful opportunities and curriculum enrichment. Please do take time to transfer the dates from the diary into your personal calendars. I do my very best to keep you updated but it is important that you are aware of upcoming events to ensure that your child/ren are prepared.

On Monday we have our whole school trip to Rosemoor, on Thursday a Movie Night organised by the PTFA in aid of the garden around our outdoor classroom and on Friday a MUFTI Day in aid of cakes for the Two Tavy Walk. I know how much hard work the committee and their families have put into the preparation for the Two Tavy Walk and your support and involvement would be so very much appreciated. Thank you for all your care and support – our school family is very unique and above all I believe that it is that community approach that makes all the difference.

Diary Dates:

- 18th – Whole School Trip to RHS Rosemoor. School uniform, waterproof jacket, lunch, and water bottle in a rucksack and comfortable shoes
- 19th /20th – Miss. Jackman, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Gregory to attend Paediatric First Aid training.
- New Reception Children transition afternoon.
- 20th – Mrs. Ascot SEND meeting at Tavistock College
- Class 2 Forest School
- 21st – Methodist Assembly
- PTFA Movie Night
- 22nd – Yr 5 Rounders Tournament Tavistock College
- Break UP for Half Term**
- 23rd – PTFA Two Tavy Walk
- June 1st All Back**
- 2nd- New Reception Children transition afternoon.
- 3rd – Dartmoor Cup Girl's cricket tournament
- 4th – Mocksted with Mr. Simber
- 5th- Forest School Class 3
- 8-12th Class 3 residential**
- 10th – Class 1 Forest School
- 10-12th – Yr1 Phonic Screening Assessment**
- 11th - Yr. 4 Multiplication Test**
- 12th – Reception and Class 1 to the Theatre Royal
- 15th – Dartmoor Cup Cricket Finals
- 16th – New Reception transition afternoon.
- 18th – School Photos – Class and whole school
- 19th – Sports Day and Colour Run – ALL are welcome**
- 22nd – 26th – KS1 SATs.**
- 25th – Methodist Assembly
- KS2 to the Theatre Royal to see Annie.
- 26th – Yr 5 /6 Cricket Tournament Mount Kelly
- 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: Daphne: For challenging and persevering whilst displaying aspiration and accuracy to re-create a 2D shape picture from a visual prompt of a castle. Daphne, you have really amazed your teachers with the way that you applied yourself to the task and remained focused until you had worked through all the elements well done Daphne.

Class 1: Axel: For your perseverance and aspiration in completion of all your daily task work. Your smile and your happy disposition bring such joy to all Axel you should be very proud.

Class 2: Nora: Nora you have found the transition to MTB rather a step up as the demands of our curriculum and our attention to detail have been quite a change to you, but we honestly couldn't be more impressed with the way that you have approached the challenges we have posed. Your accelerated progress with your transcription skills and your stamina for writing has truly been astonishing and it is such a pleasure to see how proud you are of your work.

Class 3: The whole of Class 3 – ALL our year 6's for making us so incredibly proud and doing their absolute best during the SAT tests this week and to our Yr.5's for their maturity, flexibility and support of their peers. I am so incredibly proud of you and the way that you have conducted yourselves thank you.

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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: Sophia C1- Lottie C2- Rafferty C3- Alaia- Mai	227	854
Doe Tor House	Elizabeth	Rec: Lily Rae and Sybil C1- Connie C2- Albie C3- Violet and Elizabeth	310	998
Fox Tor House	Harrison	Rec: Daphne C1- Emmeline C2- Toby C3- Aston	224	908
Hare Tor House	Lottie	Rec: Gracie C1- Aaron C2- Lily C3- Harry	267	897

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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.

Our house system is based on our Core Values The values that make up our intent drivers are **Aspiration, Respect, Collaboration, Perseverance**

Our second week of our Aspiration value 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

Tips to achieve your Aspirations

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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.

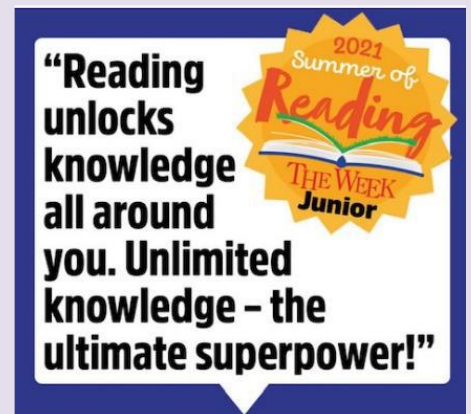
MTB's 3Rs Reflect, Reset, Ready to Learn

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.



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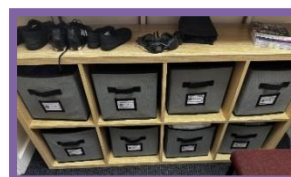
School Uniform

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 well, and we are delighted to see sooo many of you are using it.



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

Bob Kerrey



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

MTB community news

♥ What a truly wonderful afternoon we had in Reception on Tuesday as we welcomed in our new team members for September 26. Our Reception children inducted the new children into our MTB ways by displaying our school values in all that they did. Parents you should be so incredibly proud of how welcoming and supportive they were. Our Reception children were the kindest, nurturing and helpful ambassadors of all things TeamMTB

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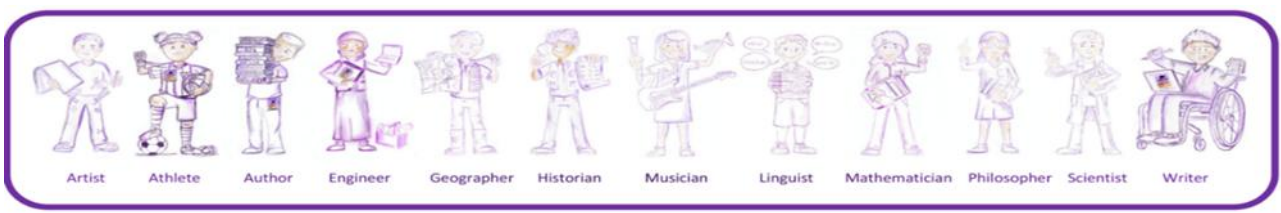
TEAM MTB

Making Aspirations Possible

NEW TEAM MEMBER

We can't wait for you to join us!

Mary Tavy and Brentor Primary School
Perseverance, Aspiration, Respect, Collaboration



We are mathematicians.



Mathematician

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. It is vitally important that they have this additional time consolidating their 'quick fire' mental math's recall.

Our leader board this week

Numbots highest user:

Reception: Sophia

Year 1: Rosie



Rockstars highest user

Class 1: Elowen

Class 2: Ammanuel

Class 3: Elanor



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

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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.

Forest School

Class 1 had a great time at forest school on Wednesday 🌿 ❤️

They had a go at labelling the different parts of a bee 🐝 ❤️

Then they drew their own insect onto a stone 🖍️ 🪨 ❤️

Finally, they went in an exploration to see if they could find any bugs 🦋 🐛 🐌 ❤️



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Team MTB PTFA



MTB Cake Raffle.
Congratulations to Anya (Yr.4) on winning the cake raffle today. A huge thank you to Mia (Rec) and her mum for generously donating the Chocolate Flapjacks– they smell absolutely delicious and I am sure Anya and her family will have the absolute pleasure in devouring them,



Good afternoon, please support our Two Tavy Walk with friends & across your socials etc... All profits from this event will benefit all MTB children. Supporting the outdoor classroom at our school field alongside refurbishments to the Coronation Hall in MT. It's set to be a fabulous Afternoon 🍌🍌🍌🎵🎵
A great opportunity to enjoy the beautiful Devon countryside 💜
Please come along 👤

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

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Movie Night



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THURSDAY
21st May

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3:15-4:30PM

KS2
3:15-5:15PM

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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

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Operation Bird Brain
Codename Minibeast
Mission Wild Art

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- Beach Basketball
- Nerf Wars
- Capture the Pirates Flag
- Treasure Island Inflatables Challenge

WALK THE PLANK WEDNESDAY

- Captain Hooks Cricket
- Dabloom Dodgeball
- Zorb Battles
- Captain James Sparrow, Shipwrecked & Soaked
- Treasure Island Inflatables Challenge

CLAP OF THUNDER THURSDAY

- Pirates Longball
- Desert Island Sports Day
- Nerf Wars
- Capture the Pirates Flag
- Treasure Island Inflatables Challenge

FAIR WINDS FRIDAY

- Me-Harty Hockey
- Dabloom Dodgeball
- Zorb Battles
- Treasure Island Inflatables Challenge
- Pirate DRESS UP & TREASURE HUNT encouraged but not compulsory!

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Our amazing Athletes.

Our amazing athletes in Year. 5 had a wonderful Day today at Tavistock College in their final training Session before the Rounders Tournament next week. Our ambassadors again demonstrated respect and collaboration as they practised and honed their skills. The sports leaders from Tavistock College were so impressed that they asked if they could stay on a little later than planned to have a match against a team from another school to give them match experience. We are so looking forward to seeing them in action next week in the tournament against local primary schools from around the area.



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And finally



♥ Our Motto for this week -
 ♥ Don't get stressed, just do your best,
 ♥ Remember you've been blessed, with skills that SATs don't test ♥
 🙌 Congratulations to our amazing Prefects on completion of SATs 2026 🙌 Yayyyyyyyy they have totally **100** smashed it and celebrated at our Forest School for a well-deserved treat.
 🙌 We are exceptionally proud of the children for the amazing effort they have put in and the progress they have made.
 Although we hope that the children's application and work-ethic lead to merited results, these tests most definitely do not define who they are, and we are continually in admiration of the skillful, resilient and talented individuals that they are!
 We also want to extend our gratitude to their families for your unwavering support in helping them fulfil their potential and become wonderful ambassadors they are ♥
 ♥ And so the countdown commences- Today we presented our amazing prefects with their Leaver's Hoodies ♥ A rite of passage for our leavers to commemorate the end of SATs and the countdown to when they leave us. Mixed emotions for sure by all of us but oh boy are they proud to wear them and how ready they are to start the next chapter.
 Congratulations Yr6 - we absolutely adore you and are soooo incredibly proud of you all 🙌🙌🙌🙌



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