



Clare Davies (Head teacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Friday 3rd July 2026

Dear Families and wider supporters of Team MTB,

Wow!! I honestly can't believe how quickly this term is racing by as we hurtle towards the end of this academic year at a ridiculous pace. It really has been a truly bonkersly wonderful fortnight from KS1 SATs to Quad kids' heats, Theatre trip, sports day, a faith visit, class swaps and of course not forgetting the heat wave. There are times like this where I simply sit in a darkened room and rock hehehe to recover from all that insanity that we try to cram in. Please be rest assured that this is all because as a team here at MTB we only want to give our ambassadors every opportunity that is available and to them in our locality. As always none of this is possible without the team I have around me. The staff team here are dedicated above and beyond their job descriptions to offer our children the very best coaching, support and enjoyment. I was so pleased this week to hear from parents/carers how appreciative you are of all that we offer it really does make it all feel worth it.

Our little school community really has felt a little discombobulated this week as the vast majority of our Year 6's attended the Tavistock College transition days. The way the Year 6's who were left behind took on more of the roles and responsibilities normally attributed to student teachers, is testament to their maturity and readiness to move on. They really should be commended for seeking out opportunities to support the teaching and learning of the rest of the school.

On Wednesday we held our class swap afternoon, where the children spent time with their teachers and in their classes for the next academic year. As I moved between the classes, I was incredibly proud to see how smooth the transitions were, how the learning behaviours that I expect were able to translate seamlessly to their new environments/ new peers and how incredibly calm and purposeful the whole school was.

A sincere thankyou to our PTFA committee who volunteered their time to raise funds be it at sports day, and of course preparations for our school summer fair. I say this time and time again, but it really is true this is a TeamMTB effort which has our children and our commitment to them at the heart of all that we do and achieve. Thank you everyone from the bottom of my heart for all your unconditional support – it is means everything – Clare Davie

Intent Drivers – Our Core Values

Perseverance

Aspiration

Respect

Collaboration

Headteacher Awards

Reception: Willow – For your developing perseverance and aspiration with your writing. Willow has really been working hard to improve her handwriting focusing on her pace and accuracy and it really been worth it.

Class 1: ALL of Year 2– For your amazing SATs – you have all applied yourself and tried your very hardest during each of the SATs – We could not be prouder of you.

Class 2: Nora – For your accelerated progress across all aspects of school life since joining TeamMTB. Nora this newfound confidence that you can do it has interspersed all areas and your renewed enthusiasm for learning has been a true pleasure to witness. Well done, Nora I can't wait to see what next year will bring.

Class 3: Chloe – For your perseverance and developing self confidence in your written work and throughout all aspects of school life. You have demonstrated a clear shift in self- belief and that confidence has shone through – well done Chloe you should be incredibly proud of your achievements.

Special Head teacher awards: to our Tavistock college work experience students to **Ariah** and to **Riley** for being so incredibly helpful across all aspects of school life. We hope that you have had a wonderful experience with us and that you will take away from this opportunity a sense of teamwork and a commitment to support children to do all that is possible to enable them to surpass their potential. Thank you for all your care and support of TeamMTB

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Diary Dates:

Parent/Teacher meetings 7th – 10th July

6th – Class 1 visit to Castle Drogo

Class 2 Anglo Saxon workshop in school

7th– New Reception All Day

8th – Quad Kids at Tavistock Athletic Track

Class 2 Forest School

9th – Reception to the Aquarium

Funky Hair for PTFA Fair – Yr 1 – Yr 6

10th – Children Take Over the School Day

13th – Dress Rehearsal – ALL at the Coronation Hall. Please pick up from there.

14th – School Photographs – Whole School and Classes

15th – Evening performance of our end of year production

16th – KS2 SAT results published by D of E
Afternoon performance of our end of year production

17th – TeamMTB Summer Fair 3:30pm

20th – Year 6 Encompass Expedition

Leaver's Disco for Years 5 and 6

22nd – Leavers Assembly 2pm

Bubble Arch 3pm.

Last Day of this academic year.

23rd and 24th – INSET days staff in school if you need to contact us or pop in to collect miscellaneous items.

September

3rd and 4th INSET days – non-pupil days.

7th – Children start back for the new academic year.

9th – Mrs Higham CPD Drawing and

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- Elowen C2- Emmy C3- Elanor	156	880
Doe Tor House	Elizabeth	Rec: Sybil C1- Roseanna & Sophie C2- Baelyn C3- Rupert	129	743
Fox Tor House	Harrison	Rec: Rosie C1- Emmeline C2- Toby C3- James	101	567
Hare Tor House	Lottie	Rec: Gracie C1- Thomas, Maya & Freddie C2- Woody & Nora C3- Bill & Lottie	135	713

The values that make up our intent drivers are **Aspiration, Respect, Collaboration, Perseverance**

Our Tor House System promotes a positive and inclusive culture. The system is embedded to promote a caring and supportive environment; where all are valued and can demonstrate loyalty and allegiance while contributing to the success of their House.

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.

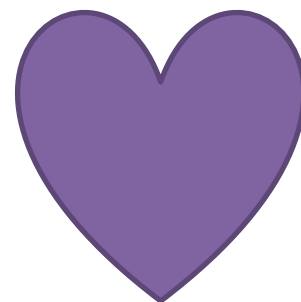
Our school ethos is value driven with good values taught integrally in all that we do. We want all our children to grow up valuing themselves, others, and the environment.

We promote and teach these values to our children with a focus on two in particular each half term to allow us to think about these in more depth.

We show respect in school by following our Positive Behaviour Management Strategy, which is underpinned by our meta-cognition principles.

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



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Curriculum Enrichment Summer Term -2 - 2026-

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Class 3 Performance Club – by invitation from staff. A weekly rehearsal for our school play.	Plymouth Argyle Sports Club – please pay externally. 1:1 Music Tuition with Peripatetic Teacher- Please pay externally	Running Club 12:15-13:15 Yr2 + Chess Club	Staff run clubs Yoga Rounders Craft Club Year 2	

Wrap Around Care. The Breakfast Club daily is available from 7:45- 8:45am at a cost of £4 before 8:15am and £1:50 after 8:15am

Our After-School Provision 15:15- 17:30 is available at a cost of £9:50.

Please contact the admin team if you would like to book your child into either of these last minute as I wish for the provision to be as helpful as possible to our families. For those who know their requirements in advance please complete the parent mail form that is sent out a week in advance.



Reports and Open evening PTC

Please save the date for our final PTC of this academic year on the **7th, 8th 9th and 10th July 2026 15:30-17:00**

Regrettably as we have received comms that the SATs results are to be delayed until the 16th July. Year 6 PTCs will now have to be rescheduled.

We are very keen to share with you all that the children have achieved and also to provide an opportunity to have a look through their Evidence books at the progress they have made this academic year.

School reports will be shared with you as part of this meeting and a hard copy will be provided for you to take away with you. Please do **save the date in your diaries.**

MTB Community News



Congratulations to Thomas (Yr.2) on his rather magnificent trophy that he won at a Cyclo-cross competition.

Congratulations to Emmy (Yr.3) and Freddie (Yr.1) on their medals for their participation and skill development at Cricket All Stars. It is so lovely to see all our achievements outside of school, please do keep reminding the children to bring them in to share with us.

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September 2026 ready



Wow !!!! on Tuesday we welcomed our new team members for September 2026 in for their first full day!!

At break time they chose to be out in the main playground with our wider school family and oh boy did our older children bestow the love and care that we have come to expect from our TeamMembers.

It was honestly such a privilege to see them supporting them, playing with them and helping them in whatever they chose to do - even if it was looking through the banister and shouting cheese 🧀🧀



Wow!! What a truly fabulous morning we had at TeamMTB on Wednesday morning We started off with a welcome assembly in the school hall where my Yr5 children had their first taste of being prefects with the opportunity to sit on the hallowed benches 🧑🧑

It really was so wonderful to see them all sitting so proudly with their legs nearly crossed and hands clasped in their laps. After a brief reinforcement of our school values the children made their way to their new classrooms for September 💖

It really did fill me with so much pride to move around the school checking in on all that was going on and to see the children so calm and engaged in all that their teachers had meticulously prepared.

🧑 A huge thank you to my staff for facilitating such a wonderful morning for the children, giving them a taster of what to expect next year.

The children were soo excited at lunchtime to tell me all that they had been up to - well done MTB on such a fabulous transition morning 💖🧑



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Our highly anticipated end of year production

Preparations for this year's end of year production are moving at pace currently as we start the preparations for our end of year production.

Please can ALL children in Reception and Classes 1 wear a Pirate outfit for the performance. Please do seek to borrow from family and friends we do not expect you to go out and purchase outfits.

Costumes:

Crew of the Crunchy Frog (year 4) - Black or blue shorts and white polo neck t-shirt. (uniform t-shirt is fine) Sailor hats will be provided.

Island natives (Year 4) - brightly coloured shorts and t-shirt/Hawaiian shirt. Please avoid heavily branded items unless they can be turned inside out.

Rats/monkeys (Year 3) - dark leggings/tracksuit and dark t-shirt or jumper. Black/grey/brown Please avoid branded items unless they can be turned inside out

Crew of the Curry Bean (Year 5, Violet, Ruby, Harrison) - Old shorts that can be made tatty at the hems. White polo neck t-shirt (uniform t-shirt is fine) Bandana will be provided.

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MTB PRESENTS...

KEY STAGE TWO'S SUMMER PRODUCTION
SUPPORTED BY KS1

PIRATES of the CURRY BEAN

Showtimes
Wednesday 15th July at 6pm
Thursday 16th July at 2pm
Tickets £2

To purchase tickets, please use ParentMail.
at Coronation Hall, Mary Tavy

Tickets for performances are now available. Tickets are priced at £2 each. A maximum of 2 tickets per child per show will be available in the first round. As always we will be offering a waiting list for those wishing to purchase more tickets.

Please do save the dates to ensure that you are able to come along and support our cast. If you are interested in offering your help in any way or have a particular interest in Musical Theatre, prop /stage design, costume and make up please do not hesitate to get into contact. We would love to involve our whole MTB community.

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Bob Kerrey

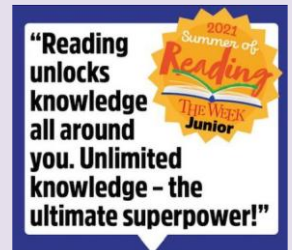
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Thank you to all parents/carers who are supporting our drive to reading excellence in school. Our amazing SAT results proved we are a 'Reading School'

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.



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



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Our amazing theologians



On Tuesday Yr 4 and Yr.5 along with some of our Yr.6 children who were not on their transitions gained a first hand understanding of faiths and cultures during a visit to synagogue and a mosque. Our theologians explored the beliefs, traditions and practices of Judaism and Islam. Our ambassadors were curious and respectful throughout the day and asked thoughtful questions gaining a deeper understanding of their in-class curriculum.

The visit formed part of our wider curriculum, helping our theologies develop knowledge, understanding and respect for different cultures and beliefs through first hand experiences.



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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: Beth

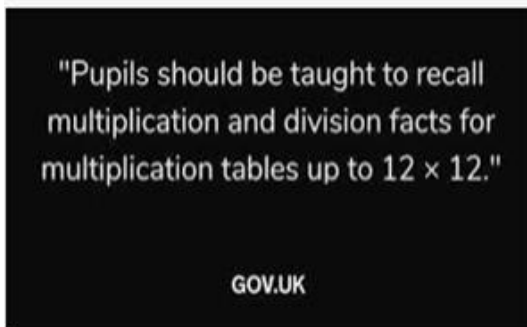


Rockstars highest user

Class 1: Darcy

Class 2: Dexter

Class 3: Reuben



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 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.

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Our wonderful trip to the theatre



🐱 This week we treated our wonderful KS2 children to a trip to the @theatreroyalplymouth to see the iconic theatre production, of the timeless Tony® award-winning book and score, Annie.

The children absolutely loved singing along with the hit songs including the unforgettable songs It's The Hard-Knock Life, Easy Street, I Don't Need Anything but You and Tomorrow, you can bet your bottom dollar that they loved it! Our favourite characters by far were the Irresistibly funny La Voix" as Miss Hannigan! And of course, Sandy' Annie's trusty companion

This was their second live theatre production of this academic year all thanks to our wonderful TeamMTB PTFA who are relentless in their efforts to raise funds to ensure that opportunities like this can be heavily subsidised to make them affordable to ALL our families.

Thank you 🙏

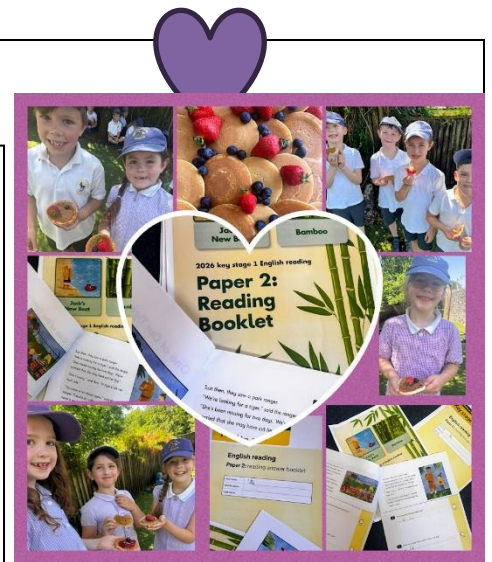


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KS1 SATs



A huge congratulations to our amazing Year 2's who have completed the KS1 SATs. To see them demonstrating our school values persevering and aspiring to achieve their very best is testament to their self-belief and inner confidence. Yaaaaay! I simply could not ask for anymore. As always, I provided a special SAT breakfast to give them the boost to really aspire to achieve their very best – it is a highlight of our assessment calendar and one I hope makes this time more memorable and enjoyable. Thank you all for all the parental involvement and commitment to supporting your children to be the very best versions of themselves. They really are a huge credit to you all and I am so incredibly proud of all that they achieve here at TeamMTB.



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Forest School

How wonderful it is that we have our very own river to cool down in during the recent heatwave. A huge thank you to Mrs. Higham our Forest School Lead who kindly facilitated two visits one for our Year 2's to celebrate the end of SATs and one for our Class 3.



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What a wonderful afternoon Reception had up in the Outdoor Classroom this afternoon. making mazes, the children balanced on the swings, drew mazes and maps and rope lifelines. What a perfect way to spend an afternoon 🙌💜



Team MTB PTFA



At MTB we love cake and this week was no exception. A huge thank you to Team Insole to Max (Yr.2) and Leo (Yr.5) and their mum Gemma for kindly donating the delicious Lemon and Ginger Loaf Cake. Congratulations to Henry (Yr.5) on winning the raffle this week. As you can see from his face he was chuffed to pieces. Well done, Henry.



Dates for your diaries:

9th July – Funky Hair Day for Fill a Mug
16th July – Donations of Cakes for the cake stall please.

Raffle Tickets have been sent home. It is expected that each family sells 1 book. As always there is a competition to see who can sell the most books.



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Our amazing athletes

Wow what a truly MTB Fabulous Sports Day 26 that was last Friday.

To say our young athletes gave it their very best is an understatement. Our school values were definitely being lived out throughout the afternoon, and I could not be any prouder of the event.

To see the collaboration of our eldest TeamMembers supporting our youngest really makes my heart sing ♥ and honestly it is what we are all about.

A huge thank you to our Prefects who conducted themselves with maturity and responsibility from the moment we left the playground to the end.

A huge thank you to my team for all their support in ensure that today was the success it was. We all pulled together in true MTB style.

A huge thank you to the PTFA for all their support sooo much of which goes unnoticed. Their commitment to ensuring that the offer to our school community is always available is indicative of their drive and commitment to the school at times forgoing being able to watch their children compete. This does not go unnoticed and I wish to acknowledge their invaluable support.

Thank you, MTB school family, for being the amazing team you are



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