



Clare Davies (Head teacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Friday 10th July 2026

Dear Families and wider supporters of Team MTB,

Well that truly was the week that was!!

From Historians with a visit to Castle Drogo for Class 1 and an Anglo-Saxon immersion day in school for class 2, to our youngest children exploring the Aquarium as Ocean scientists it has been another bonkers week. In addition to this, this week, we continued with our focus on sport with our amazing athletes in KS2 taking part in the Quad Kids competition. We also welcomed our new Reception children for September for their final transition day. To see them proudly leaving with their school hat and book bag was an incredible privilege, I am in no doubt that they will walk through the gate in September with confidence and pride.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to every member of our school community – our pupils, staff, parents/carers for your phenomenal efforts over this past week –as we finish the Penultimate full- week of this academic year. I am so appreciative of your flexibility particularly in terms of the various pick-up points some of which really are shared with you at the very last minute. I have also to say, it really is with such pride that I receive your feedback as you departed after collecting the reports. To hear how grateful you are for all the support that your child/ren receive and to hear how proud you are of their progress, really is truly so appreciated – I truly believe in every one of our children here, that under my care, dedication and direction they really will surpass their potential.

Everything that we have achieved this last week would not have been possible without the continued support and exceptional hard work of our staff, I am so fortunate to have such a wonderful team around me, who embrace all the mad ideas I have, with humour and a slight rolling of the eyes hehehe but always ensure that my ideas are a reality and that most importantly our children have the most wonderful experiences. It is the combination of all these contributions which makes our Mary Tavy and Brentor community family strong. Next week, as you will see from the diary is going to be all about our **Prefects**- from their highly anticipated performances, to the delayed SAT results it is going to be another roller coaster of a week, punctuated by whole school and class photos and of course a true highlight of our school year the extravaganza that it is our Summer Fayre. I honestly can't believe we only have 8 school days to go of this academic year!!



Diary Dates:

13th – Dress Rehearsal MP– 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 – 6pm in the Coronation Hall

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 Talking

13th – Roald Dahl Day.

Intent Drivers – Our Core Values

Perseverance

Aspiration

Respect

Collaboration

Headteacher Awards

Reception: Jack – For your super effort with everything both in the provision and in the wider school environment. Jack, you are most definitely ready for Yr1, and I cannot wait to see you transition to the structure and expectations there. This week in particular you have demonstrated your amazing math's knowledge and your ability to apply this in the provision. Well done Jack we are sooo proud of you.

Class 1: William. F – For always displaying our school values and being the very best version of yourself. This week the staff team have noted a shift in your self-confidence and that with this a desire to help others to achieve. We are so incredibly proud of your perseverance particularly earlier in the year, but it seems as though your SATs were the catalyst to your accelerated self-confidence and knowledge that you can do it !! well done William

Class 2: Joseph – For always being a role model to his peers, producing work that is better than his previous piece in all subjects. This week in your overview of the year your work shone out as perfectly drafted, engaging to the audience and with a noticeable flair. Well done Joseph on being the very best version of yourself!

Class 3: Alaia- Mai – For your perseverance and aspiration in your science work this week. Your teachers commented on how you exceptionally approached the task with confidence and determination to succeed.

Special Head teacher award: To our Quad Kids athletes for demonstrating our values in the most challenging of conditions at Tavistock Track.

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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- Elizabeth C2- Niamh C3- Elanor	183	1063
Doe Tor House	Elizabeth	Rec: Sybil C1- Roseanna & Sophie C2- Anya C3- Rupert	141	884
Fox Tor House	Harrison	Rec: Daphne C1- Axel & Millie C2- Archie C3- James	104	671
Hare Tor House	Lottie	Rec: Gracie C1- Maya C2- Nora C3- Thomas, Bill & Lottie	163	900

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

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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.

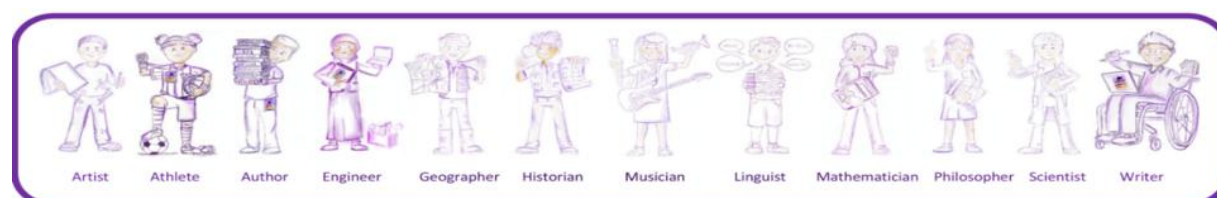
Aspiration, Respect, Collaboration, Perseverance

Our Curriculum focus this half term is on our States of Being and the skills that you need to develop to be a Historian, an Artist, a Geographer etc. Please do talk to your children about the discrete areas of the curriculum

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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Our amazing historians in Class 2

What a wonderful day our historians in Class 1 had at Castle Drogo on Monday. Our historians spent the most wonderful day exploring the castle and its grounds to enrich their tasks work on castles. During the day they had the opportunity to compare the castle with castles from medieval times that they had been studying in class. Castle Drogo completed in 1930, it is famously known as the last castle ever built in England.



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Our highly anticipated end of year production

Ofsted
Outstanding
Provider

Mary Tavy & Bredeford Primary School
Learn. Succeed. Grow.

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.

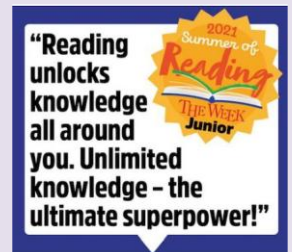
Please do save the dates to ensure that you are able to come along and support our cast. If you are interested in offering your help in any way or have a particular interest in Musical Theatre, prop /stage design, costume and make up please do not hesitate to get into contact. We would love to involve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

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Thank you to all parents/carers who are supporting our drive to reading excellence in 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



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

Bob Kerrey

Our amazing athletes



Huge congratulations to our TeamMTB athletes who were selected to represent us at the OCRA quad kids' competition today.

In this sweltering heat our young athletes persevered- demonstrating our school values under the most challenging circumstances.

A huge MTB thank you to Mr. Finnimore and Mr. Hinton for accompanying our athletes and coaching them to be aspirational- it most definitely paid off

A huge MTB thank you to all our supporters who were able to attend and cheer them on - a true TeamMTB performance by ALL - thank you ❤️ ❤️



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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: Elizabeth

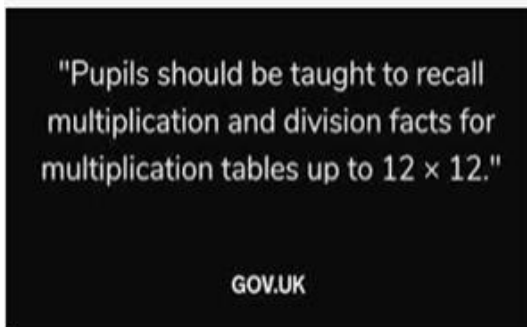


Rockstars highest user

Class 1: Elowen

Class 2: Dexter

Class 3: Bill



Annually in June the Year 4 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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HIGH

Mount Kelly's summer line-up

23-24 July

Wet & Wild Bubble Fest

27-31 July

Big Adventure Week

3-7 August

Dino Fest

10-14 August

Illuminated Soundscape

17-21 August

Carnival Week

24-28 August

Kaleidoscope of colour

**Book your best
summer ever at
Mount Kelly today**

SPORT

FRIENDS

FUN

ACTIVE

high5sportscamps.co.uk/summer

Ofsted
Registered

**8am -
6pm**

**Award
winning**

TICKETS



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Our wonderful historians in Class 2



On Monday Class 2 Historians had an amazing Anglo-Saxon enrichment day learning about how the Anglo-Saxons invaded and settled in Britain. They created their own Anglo-Saxon styled brooches and Dragon styled flags. Then learning different skills and games that they would've used in their free time and in battle.



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Forest School



What a wonderful afternoon Reception had up in the Outdoor Classroom this afternoon.
counting in 2's 🧑🏻💚



Class 2 had the most wonderful afternoon in our river today. Simply the very best place to be to cool off.
How fortunate are we to have such an amazing resource in our school field.





Team MTB PTFA



At MTB we love cake and this week was no exception. A huge thank you to Elizabeth (Yr 6) and her mum Janet for kindly donating the most spectacular surprise smartie cake to commemorate their last Cake Raffle donation at TeamMTB. Elizabeth and Janet have kindly donated cakes since she was in Reception. What a truly momentous occasion it is for them today. Congratulations to Willow (Rec.) on winning the raffle this week.



Dates for your diaries:

16th July – Donations of Cakes for the cake stall please.



Raffle Tickets –

Please note it is a request that you sell the book that has been attribute to your child – one book per child.

We encourage ALL our families to return raffle tickets. We have spare books in the office for anyone who require anymore. In the unlikely event that you are unable to sell the book allocated to your child please return as it maximises what's available.

Funky Hair Day

Thank you all so, so much for your support and preparation for Funky Hair Day today Didn't the children look AMAZING!!!

We fully appreciate the additional time, effort and creativity that goes into getting the children ready for this in the morning – but oh boy do the children absolutely love it and love to show to their peers what they have done to their hair.

Next week we simply ask for donations of cakes from Thursday onwards. Please drop these to the office



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Year in Review

Current Balance July 26
€2,334.86

Money we have raised so far

**Total in
£6,549**



How it supports your children

Total out
£10,651

Fundraising Focus!

The Summer Fair is our biggest fundraiser! Every penny raised helps fund trips and extra experiences for our children. We can't do it without you - please come along, volunteer and support if you can!

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YOUR PTFA NEWS

Upcoming Events

School Play Refreshments |
July 15th & 16th
Summer Fair | July 17th
Leavers Disco Years 5 & 6 |
July 20th

Key Spend 2025-26

School Trips £3669
Outdoor Classroom £6055

Summer Fair Raffle!

Please help us and your
children by purchasing
raffle tickets and selling
them to friends/family!



Our Objectives

Our purpose is to support and
enrich the education of every
child at our school.



The PTFA brings together
parents, carers, staff and the
wider school community to support
our children's education. We raise
funds to provide resources,
equipment and opportunities that
enhance school life.



We can't do it without your
support. Every volunteer, donation
and event attended helps make a
real difference for our children
and our school.

Reminder!

Easy Fundraising Income -
Download the App and every online
purchase you make goes to
Mary Tavy & Brentor School!





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Mary Tavy and Brentor Term dates



2026-27 Academic Year

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Autumn 1	Monday 7th September - Thursday 22nd October
Non-pupil/INSET	3 rd and 4 th September
School holiday	Break up 23 rd October - return 3 rd November
Non-pupil	22 nd October and 2 nd November
Autumn 2	Tuesday 3rd November - Friday 18th December
School holiday	Break up 18 th December - return 5 th January

SPRING TERM 2027

Spring 1	Tuesday 5th January - Friday 12th February
Non-pupil day/INSET	4 th January
School holiday	Break up 12 th February and return 22 nd February
Spring 2	Monday 22nd February – Thursday 25th March
School holiday	Break up 26 th March and return on the 12 th of April.

SUMMER TERM 2027

Summer 1	Monday 12th April - Friday 28th May
Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd May
School holiday	Break up 28 th May and return 7 th June
Summer 2	Monday 7th June – Friday 23rd July
Non-pupil day/INSET	26 July and 27 th July

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