



Clare Davies (Head teacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Friday 10th July 2026

Dear Families,

What a truly bonkers and joyful final full week of this academic year that was. Even as the term winds down, our ambassadors continue to throw themselves into school life with enthusiasm, creativity and of course live out our school values in all that they undertake! Our end-of-year production was a sellout for our two performances with over 130 tickets sold at the evening performance, which is a record at TeamMTB. It has been so incredibly special to hear how much you enjoyed the show and to hear how impressed you were with the singing of the whole school. We are truly a school that loves to sing and to hear them singing loud and proud with no inhibitions is what childhood is all about. The prefects truly shone on stage delivering their roles with presence and charisma that was once again a true highlight – I cannot express how much joy it brings to see our whole school community pulling together on such occasions.

This coming week is all about our Year 6 Prefects as we prepare to say goodbye to them for the final time. It is going to be emotional and of course celebratory. Their final celebrations include a day on the water on Monday followed by their Leavers Disco, they take on leadership roles on Tuesday at their highly anticipated Children Take Over the School Day and of course on Wednesday, shirt signing, and the emotional Leavers assembly before they parade out of school for the last time through our now customary bubble arch. There will be nostalgia, laughter, reflection, memories and tears but now is the time to close this chapter ready to start the next as they transition to Secondary school.

You are ready Year 6; It is time.

Time for one last wear of this uniform. Time for one last journey to school. Time for one morning briefing. Time for one last singing assembly. Time for one last sit on the benches. Time for one last wander through the school, time for one last play in our school field. Time for one last day, **Time for one last goodbye to TeamMTB - Time to move on. Time for the next step. Time for new adventures. Time to look forward and not back. It is time. You are ready. It is time**

Intent Drivers – Our Core Values

Perseverance

Aspiration

Respect

Collaboration

Headteacher Awards

Reception: Phonics – ALL of Reception have passed the end of year Reception Phonics Test and we could not be prouder of all that they have achieved. From the additional support and intervention that some have needed to the relentless commitment from the parents to reinforce and practice the phonemes at home the children have surpassed our expectations. Well done to the whole of Reception for this achievement.

Class 2: Elizabeth H – For you amazing maths work – well done Evie you are working so incredibly hard across all aspects of the curriculum but this week in particular your maths work has been truly exceptional.

Class 3: to the all the prefects our class of 25-26 for their end of year performance you were truly outstanding and made me so incredibly proud – what a truly amazing performance

Special Head teacher award: To ALL of our prefects on their truly amazing SATs and to Mrs. Ascot and Mr. Hinton for all their support in preparation. Once again, this year our children have demonstrated that perseverance, aspiration and a commitment to do their very best is all that is required. Each and everyone of them should be so incredibly proud of their achievements and their intrinsic desire to be the very best version of themselves.

Diary Dates:

20th – Year 6 Encompass Expedition
Leaver's Disco for Years 5 and 6 – 6pm in the Coronation Hall

21st – Children take over the school day.
Hound Tor Celebration up at the field in the afternoon.

Collection for all from the field at the end of the day.

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

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

9th – Mrs Higham CPD Drawing and Talking

14th – Mrs Davies to meet with the LA to quality assure School Development

18th – Roald Dahl Day- Please dress your child up as their favourite character. The day will be a celebration of this well-loved author.

23rd - Individual school photographs

24th – Prefect Elections – Chair and Vice Chair

28th – Student teacher in Class 3 commences their final placement.

October

1st – Flu vaccinations

2nd – Prefects Macmillan's cake sale

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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- Louis C2- Rafferty C3- Elanor	172	1235
Doe Tor House	Elizabeth	Rec: Elspeth C1- Charles C2- Cameron C3- Theo	141	1096
Fox Tor House	Harrison	Rec: Daphne C1- Beth C2- Harriet & Persephone C3- James, Reuben & Tayah	163	975
Hare Tor House	Lottie	Rec: Reuben C1- Aaron C2- Woody C3- Thomas	186	1130

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.

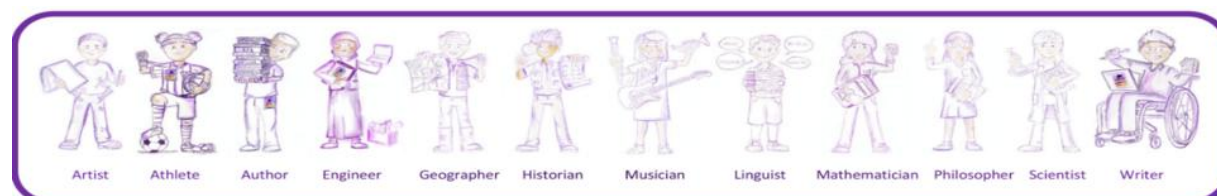
Aspiration, Respect, Collaboration, Perseverance

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

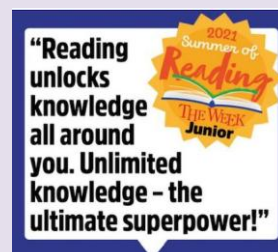
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Thank you to all parents/carers who are supporting our drive to reading excellence in school. Please do try to keep up the rigour and sustain the daily reading. We cannot emphasise enough how vitally important it is that the children read with you 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 end of year school photographs



Oh, my goodness what an utterly fabulous morning we had on Tuesday for our school photos. Stuart (Rosie Yr.1's dad) kindly volunteered his time and expertise for free, and all proceeds will go straight to our school fund.

We ask for a minimum donation for the prints.

£20 for the sample print with the white boarder.

£10 for a smaller print with no border

Mrs. Bisby has put an item in the shop on Parent Mail for you to purchase your preferred prints.

👤 Please can we have all orders in by the end of the day on Monday 💜 👤 💜





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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: Matthew and Sophia

Year 1: Millie

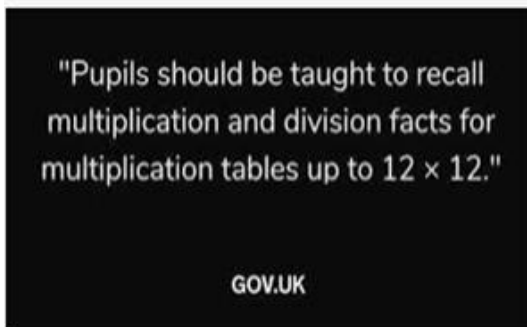


Rockstars highest user

Class 1: Elowen

Class 2: Dexter

Class 3: Reuben



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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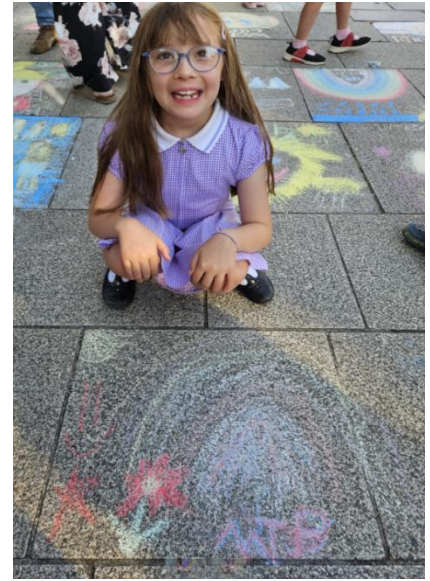
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Team MTB news



It always brings me so much joy to hear how our ambassadors are flying the MTB flag so proudly when they are out and about in the community. This week Darcy (Yr2) and Connie (Rec) proudly displayed their artistic skills at the Tavistock Lions Street Art competition. A huge thank you to mum Fran for sharing these images with us. Well done proud TeamMTB members Connie and Darcy.



Team MTB Athletic success

Huge congratulations to Frederick (Yr.5) on receiving a bronze award at the quad kids final last week. Well done Frederick this was the first time he had been selected for quad kids and he absolutely smashed it – well done Frederick we are so incredibly proud of you.



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Our end of year summer production

Our KS2 crew absolutely stole the show in their performance of the Pirates of the Curry Bean this week. We couldn't be proud of their confidence, energy and brilliant acting, singing and dancing. They most definitely delivered their lines with great confidence, humour and expression. Most importantly the whole of our MTB school family showed wonderful collaboration throughout the entire production from the staff behind the scenes to the Reception and KS1 choir. A huge thank you to Mrs. Ascot and Mrs. Higham for steering the ship so brilliantly. We that you enjoyed watching it as much as we did – it was definitely a show to sea





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Team MTB PTFA



At MTB we love cake and this week was no exception. Along with all the kind donations for our summer fair, Beth (Yr1) and her mum Bex kindly donated the most delicious selection of brownies and cookies for the cake raffle today. Congratulations to Tayah and her family on winning them today, we know that you will enjoy them immensely.

Mary Tavy and Brentor Primary School PTFA

Year in Review

Opening Balance Sept 25
£8,896.42

Current Balance July 26
£2,334.86

The PTFA has funded a varied programme of events and activities for the benefit of our children over this past academic year, including supporting the Outdoor Classroom, spending a whopping £10k! Future fundraising is critical.

Money we have raised so far

Johnny Cowling £1659.48
Halloween Pumpkins £361.06
Bonfire Night - £100
Movie Night Nov - £300
Logs Sale - £932
Everything Festive - £1514.33
Cake Raffle - £200
Valentines Disco - £300
Easter Duck Race - £357
Two Tavy Walk - £257
Movie Night May - £450
Sunflowers - £118
Sports Day - £200

**Total in
£6,549**

How it supports your children

Christmas Theatre - £1200
Outdoor Classroom - £6055.04
Zoo Trip - £1394
Field Garden - £500
Summer Theatre - £1075
Leavers Hoodies £350.59
Door Locks - £65.59
Ice Lollies - £17

**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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Provider

Mary Tavy and Brentor Primary School



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



Our Objectives

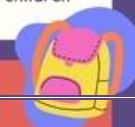
Our purpose is to support and enrich the education of every child at our school.

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



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MTB Summer Fair

🏡 2026 Summer Fayre 🏡

♥ A huge MTB Thank you to our PTFA committee who have delivered another hugely successful summer fayre!

These events take an unbelievable amount of time, commitment & energy to organise.

An immense MTB Thank You to ♥ Our PTFA committee -to Kayleigh, Millie, Gemma, Janna, Mel. Nat and Vicky and their wider families to Mark, Rob and Jonny for all their commitment and dedication both behind the scenes in the weeks leading up to it, planning, production of the raffle tickets, summer fair posters, storage of donated items, canvassing of local businesses for raffle prizes, putting up gazebos, collecting raffle prizes, meat, gas, BBQs, tables, chairs and then again giving up their evening to take down everyone's the gazebos clear up rubbish, deliver prizes, return tables & chairs 🙏 it most definitely wouldn't happen without you - thank you for volunteering your time, energy. and enthusiasm, 🙏

Your hard work, dedication, and your efforts behind the scenes and on the day make such a difference to benefit our children, thank you.

Also, it must be acknowledged that two of the committee members children were off school really poorly yesterday, however Kayleigh and Gemma were committed to delivering the Fayre despite this - they most definitely went above and beyond for our school community.

It is really down to this very small group of incredible individuals that the success of the fayre and the monies raised for our children must be attributed ♥ 🙏

♥ Thank you 🙏 To our wider school family your help—whether it was through volunteering your time, donating items, running a stall, and or simply attending and bringing your energy—made the event a truly special afternoon for everyone involved.

Our MTB community are so grateful for your continued support and community spirit of everyone. The success of the fayre wouldn't have been possible without the collective efforts of our school community and we're incredibly lucky to be part of such a dedicated and generous school family ♥

Thank you all once again for helping to make the fayre so memorable! ♥



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