



Clare Davies (Head teacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Friday 23rd July 2026

Dear Families,

♥ What a few weeks what a half term what a year, what an OUTSTANDING TEAM MTB is ♥ 🌟 We ended this most memorable academic year -with our leaver's celebration assembly. It was the most perfect celebration of all that we have achieved this year bringing our MTB community together ♥ 🌟 We gathered to celebrate a year filled with achievements, hard work, and unforgettable moments. From all our enrichment; Wind farm visit, Junior Life Skills, five theatre productions at the Theatre Royal Plymouth, Dartmoor Zoo, Tavistock museum, Class 2 residential, RHS Rosemoor, a faith visit to Plymouth, Castle Drogo, Anglo- Saxon workshop, 360 immersive experience, two trips to the Aquarium and the Year 6 Encompass gorge scrambling adventure. To our outstanding sporting achievements in which our young athletes excelled, from football, cricket, XCountry series, rounders, swimming, tag rugby, athletics to our weekly running club our athletes have displayed that living out our school values of collaboration, respect and aspiration to do their very best really does deliver results each and every time they compete. It always makes me so incredibly proud to hear feedback from other coaches, teachers and supporters of other teams as to how impressed they are with the attitude and teamwork of our athletes when they represent us and most importantly how proud they are- TeamMTB at its very best.

♥ I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to every member of our school community - our pupils, staff, PTFA, parents, volunteers and governors, for their phenomenal resilience and tireless efforts over the past academic year. Everything, that we have achieved this year would not have been possible without the continued support and exceptionally hard work of all our incredible staff at TeamMTB ♥

♥ Parents/ carers thank you for your faith in us and for being understanding, supportive and kind whilst we plan and deliver time and again, co- curricular enrichment that requires additional funding- your generosity has enabled us to make all that we plan a reality.

♥ To our amazing children they have been incredibly resilient and embody our school values in all that they do ♥ ♥

♥ to all our volunteers who generously give up their time to support us to Julia Paget- Wood and Sue Goodman - thank you for your unwavering commitment to our school family weekly ♥

♥ Thank you to our incredible parent volunteers for their insatiable enthusiasm and support of our sporting endeavours – from taxiing children to events, to running alongside and cheering them over the line our MTB school family really does shine bright at interschool competitions.

♥ Thank you to our Governing Board who have been compassionate, but challenging when required, giving of their time and expertise, whilst also being incredibly caring and supportive to me, thank you.

♥ A heartfelt thank you to our PTFA committee who really do go above and beyond to deliver the most wonderful fund-raising opportunities which bring the wider community that we live in together from the Comedy Night to the Two Tavy Walk these events anchor us in our wider community whilst raising funds for our school. Thank you for all your time and commitment much of which is at the expense of your own families and for that we are so appreciative.

It is the combination of all this over the last year which has made the MTB community and family even stronger than it was before. As a community we have grown together and flourished and really shown what we are capable of, and our growth will only develop as we move forwards. ♥ I would like to take this opportunity to thank you ALL for your unwavering support. It has been challenging, but also incredibly rewarding ♥ Here's to many more accomplishments and milestones ahead as we look forward to a new academic year! I wish you ALL the most wonderful, summer break making memories with your friends and family. Please do not forget to read 📖 ♥ every day just 20min 🕒 and of course write diary entries together to keep as keep sakes for when they are older - scrap books / journals they are the most perfect keep sakes, as is now tradition for every diary that comes into school in September the children will be rewarded with 20 house points. ✏ For those of you returning in September I can't wait to welcome you back, and to our beloved Yr6 and those families who are leaving us please, keep in touch and remember that you will always be part of our MTB Family and we would welcome you back anytime with open arms in a heartbeat. 🌟 Clare Davies and ♥ ♥ TeamMTB ♥



Diary Dates: **September 3rd /4th INSET**

7th – Children start back

9th – Mrs Higham CPD Drawing and Talking PC Peart in to deliver session with Class 3 on Criminal Responsibility

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 SEND governors to Quality Assure SEND offer.

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

October

1st – Flu vaccinations

2nd – Prefects Macmillan's cake sale

7th – Full Governing Board meeting

16th – 2pm Harvest Festival in St. Mary's Church Reception and Yr6. Parents invited

22nd -Break up for half term

November 3rd – All back

5th – Class 3 to see Mrs. Doubtfire.

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

Bob Kerrey

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.

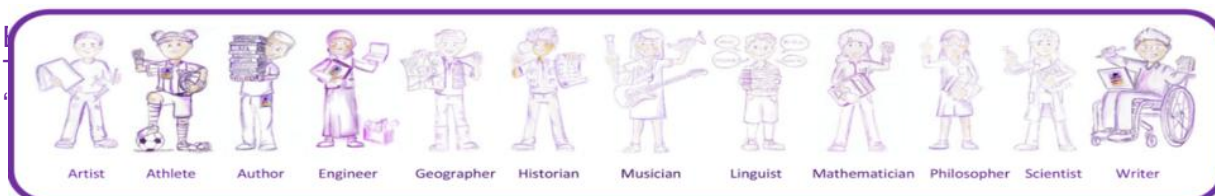
Congratulations Hound Tor



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.

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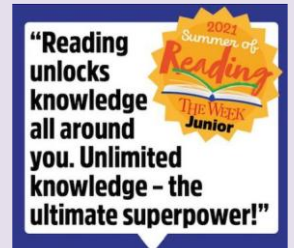
- Promote positive self-esteem, self-identity, belonging, integrity and pride amongst all children
- Peer support to help promote positive mental health.
- Promotion of responsibility and pupil voice, teamwork, cooperation, communication and leadership skills for the prefects
- Constant and consistent 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.



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.



PLEASE visit Tavistock Library over the summer break and join in with The Summer Book Quest. The librarians will be able to signpost you and your child to books appropriate to your child's interest and level. I am delighted to share that they also have our Little Wandle Phonic Books available to borrow also. It is imperative that your child reads daily with you over the summer break.



Devon and Torbay have their very own reading challenge this summer!

The Mission to Wayfarer Island

Saturday 11th July

Visit your local library,
it is fun and free!

Enjoy quest activities

Read what you love!

You can count how long you read for or how many books you read – you choose!



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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



School lunch update

Due to an increase in oncosts from the DMAT where we Source our school lunches. Please be aware for those of you who pay for your school lunches – for children In year 3 and above not in receipt of FSM the daily Cost of ordering a school lunch will be £2.90 from September.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for Universal Infant School Meals and there is no cost to Parents if you order a lunch for your child in these Years.

Please see the updated FSM information from Devon County Council. It is imperative that you recheck your eligibility as the criteria is expanding.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/support-schools-settings/administration-and-finance/administration/free-school-meals/>

You can apply via Devon County Council website.
Or by calling 0345 155 1019

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CTODSD 2026

What an amazing day we had at our highly anticipated 'Children Take Over the School Day'

The meticulous planning of all the prefects ensured that the day ran without a hitch. It was jam packed with engaging activities that our Teacher Prefects delivered with real confidence and charisma. Planning English, Maths, PE, Art and Science activities to all classes. Our Head of school for the day was Mr. Head, ably supported by the Deputy Headteacher, Mr. Cossens, who led a Celebration Assembly to close the day's activities. This was most definitely 'Teamwork in Action' and gave our departing Prefects the opportunity for invaluable work experience.

During the lesson planning stages all the prefects commented on how complex it was and said that they were in awe of the work that goes into being a teacher. Well, they most definitely delivered, and it was incredible to see how confident 'our teachers of the future' were in front of the children.

Our whole MTB community shared how much they had enjoyed the day and shared how they wish we could have CTOTSD every week 💜 💜



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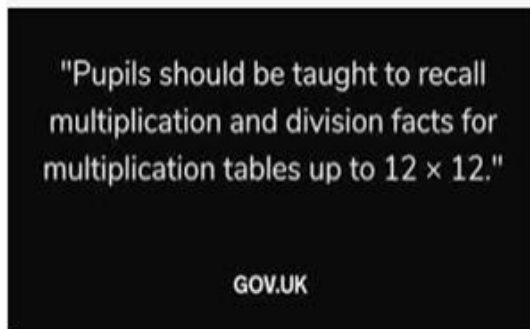
We are mathematicians.



It is imperative that all children continue to learn and practice their times tables over the summer; 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.

Mathematician



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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Our end of year summer production

A huge MTB thank you to Stuart (Rosie (Yr.1) 's dad) for very kindly and generously donating his time and expertise to capture our KS2 performance so professionally and amazingly. The photos are truly unbelievable and really do serve as a lasting memory of what was simply the most wonderful swash buckling adventure.

A huge MTB thank you to Jimmy (Max Yr.1 and Leo Yr.5's dad) for kindly and generously donating his time and expertise to video the performance so professionally and amazingly. Please use the link below if you haven't already to watch it and to download if for your personal enjoyment.

<https://app.mediasilo.com/review/6a5df9561bf70970fc3e401c>



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Team MTB PTFA



Sunflower competition



A huge MTB congratulations to Elowen for winning the PTFA sunflower competition. Elowen's sunflower seed reached the dizzy heights of 2 metres. Well done Elowen we hope that you enjoyed all the fabulous treat in your hamper.



A little memory -hop to when the PTFA planted the sunflowers with the children back in May 2026

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Team MTB Summer Fair

☀️ A HUGE Thank you from the PTFA! ☀️

Whether you came along to enjoy the day, donated prizes and items such as mugs, chocolates, wine or teddies, volunteered your time to run a stall, or stayed behind to help tidy up afterwards, every single contribution made a difference, and we are so grateful.

On behalf of everyone in the PTFA, we would like to say a heartfelt thank you to our incredible school community for making this year's Summer Fayre such a fantastic success!

A special thank you goes to:

- ☀️ Our lovely teachers who gave up their time to help run stalls.
- ☀️ Parents, carers, partners and family members who volunteered throughout the event.
- ☀️ Our wonderful Year 6 pupils, who stepped up to help with such enthusiasm, maturity and responsibility. You were a real credit to yourselves and the school.
- ☀️ Our fantastic local businesses and companies who so generously donated raffle prizes. Your kindness and support helped make our raffle a huge success, and we are incredibly grateful for your generosity and for supporting our school community.
- ☀️ And of course, our dedicated PTFA team, whose months of planning, organising and hard work made the day possible. Your commitment behind the scenes is truly appreciated.

We would also like to give a very special thank you to Janna, who is stepping down from the PTFA as her children move on to college. Over the years, Janna has devoted countless hours to supporting our school community, and her enthusiasm, kindness and commitment have made a lasting impact. We wish her and her family every happiness for the future, and she leaves with our heartfelt thanks.

🇬🇧 Thanks to the incredible generosity and support of our whole school community, we are delighted to announce that this year's Summer Fayre raised an amazing £1,800.10!

This fantastic total will go directly towards enriching the children's experiences from September, helping to fund and subsidise school trips, activities, resources and enrichment opportunities that benefit every child. Events like this simply wouldn't be possible without the support of our amazing families, staff, volunteers, local businesses and our wider school community. Every donation, every hour volunteered, every raffle prize donated, every raffle ticket bought and every visit to a stall helped us reach this wonderful total.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for supporting the PTFA and, most importantly, our children. We hope you all had as much fun as we did, and we can't wait to see you at our future events! PTFA over and out, we hope you all have a great summer ❤️



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Comedy Night for our wider community A year in the life of our PTFA

Pumpkin Patch and Halloween Disco



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Funky Hair Day December



Wreath Making community event



Our fabulous Christmas Fair



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School Christmas Lunch



Valentines Disco



Funky Hair Day Summer term



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Easter Duck Race



Sunflower Planting Two Tavy Walk



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And finally

♥ The last few weeks has all been about our Year 6 leavers as we prepared to say goodbye. Our end of year production, Children Take Over the School Day, Gorge Scrambling adventure day, our Leavers assembly, Shirt signing, our bubble guard of honour and the most amazing Leaver's disco to close the chapter on their time at TeamMTB today.

♥ We wish you success and happiness as you embrace the next phase of your lives - the skills and experiences you have gained at MTB will have prepared for whatever lies ahead - and as I said to you through highly charged emotions - live out our school values in all that you do and above all else be inclusive and kind to everyone ♥

♥ We are not going anywhere- if ever you need us - if our cars are on in the road we are in and we would love to see you - email, call, drop in you will always be in our MTB family ♥♥♥♥

♥♥♥ TeamMTB ♥♥♥



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