



Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have enjoyed attending the clubs in school and we had excellent feedback from the Dodgeball event which we hope will happen again at school! Lots of exciting activities still to come this term.

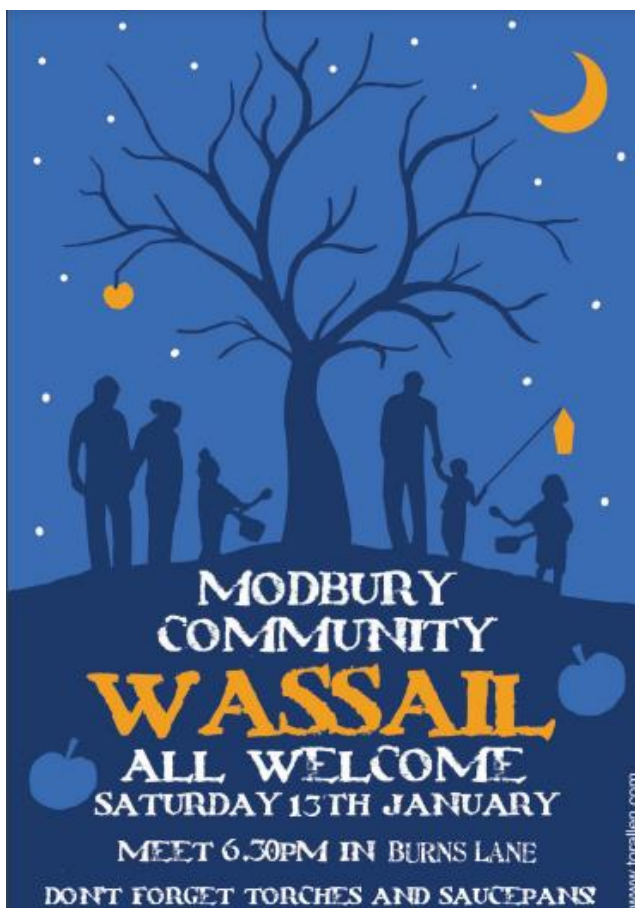
On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February between 10am - 12pm, we are asking for some Parent volunteers to get the garden cleared for the Spring. If you are a Parent and can spare some time on this date, please let the School Office know. We really appreciate your help!

Over the Christmas holidays some lovely new playground markings appeared in the top playground. The children have had a wonderful time following the trails and even Year 6 have been found out there practising their maths on the number square!



### Crowning of the Wassail Queen

Unfortunately, our Wassail Queen was unable to be crowned today but we had a wonderful stand in who did an amazing job. It was lovely for all the children to learn about this local tradition. Please see the below poster for this event on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January.



**1st September 2019 and  
31st August 2020?**

## **How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon**

You can apply online at  
**[www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline)**  
from 15th November 2023 to the 15th January 2024

If you cannot access the school  
admissions website you can get  
more information by calling our  
Education Helpline on

**0345 155 1019**  
or email: [admissions@devon.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@devon.gov.uk)



Even if you have already given  
details to a primary school, you  
must apply for a place through the  
Admissions Team. This is the only  
way to apply; other forms or lists  
held by schools will not count.

**Devon**  
County Council

### **Children in Need 2023**

We have now had the final amount raised which was an amazing £153.50 which our School has donated to the Children in Need charity. Thank you to everyone who kindly donated towards this.

### **Year 6 Visit to The Box, Plymouth**

On Friday 5th January, Year 6 attend The Box and the Naval memorial in Plymouth.

At The Box, the children looked at some archives from World War 1 and 2. It was very exciting to see a map of the bombs that landed in Plymouth.

Following this, we had a lovely walk to the Hoe where we had our lunch and visited the Naval memorial.

The children drew a sketch of the memorial and wrote three names from the boards of people who were remembered. The children were very well behaved and learnt some very interesting things!







### The Dogs Trust

We were delighted to have the Dogs Trust attend School and speak to all the children regarding how to be safe around dogs. The trust delivers educational programmes to children across the UK. The programmes focus primarily on two key themes: Responsible Dog ownership and safe behaviour around dogs. For further information please visit their website at <https://www.learnwithdogstrust.org.uk>

### Year 5

Year 5's current class text, 'Flotsam', features a Brownie camera. The children had no knowledge about how photos were taken in the past so we have been enjoying finding out about some analogue cameras brought in by Verity and Mr Sands. Hopefully we will have a chance to try to take some photos using the Brownie camera (if Mr Sands can work out how to use it!).



### Sporty Stars Dodgeball event on Wednesday

We received some excellent feedback from Parents regarding this event. Sporty Stars expressed how very well-mannered and well-behaved the children were, a real credit to the school! We hope to have them back in the future to deliver another event like this.

### **Modbury Road Closure**

As you are probably aware the main road in Modbury will be closed due to roadworks starting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January. We have been in contact with South West Water since before the holidays and they have just confirmed that they will be installing a temporary set of pelican lights to provide a safe crossing from the housing estate. We are aware that this means lots of traffic will be parking in the new housing estate. Please park carefully and be mindful of the residents. If you are approaching from Back Street, please either cross over into the new estate at the top of Back Street and use the safe designated walking route around to the temporary crossing. Alternatively, we will be opening the new main entrance from 8.55 for **5 minutes only**.

### **School Clubs starting this month - these are available on ParentPay**

<b>Name of Club</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Year Group</b>
Story Club - Mrs Ratcliffe	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 3:30 - 4:15pm	Key Stage 1
Drama Club - Miss Nicholls	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December lunchtime	Years 1, 2 & 3
Y6 SATS Booster Club - Miss Pears	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 3:30 - 4:15pm	Year 6
Gardening Club - Mrs Bruce	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> the January lunchtime	Key Stage 2
Cross Country Club - Miss Randall	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January lunchtime	Key Stage 2
Times Table Rock Stars - Miss George	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January lunchtime	Years 4 & 5

### **Upcoming events**

For further events please see our [School Calendar](#) which has details of events through to the end of the year including sports day etc.

### **Twitter**

Please be aware that the South Hams Federation now has a Twitter account. All schools within the Federation will be adding information on there over the coming months so please follow us if you have a Twitter account. Thank you.

### **Governor vacancies**

Governors are key to running schools that have good outcomes for **all** pupils. They help us set strategic direction, hold our leadership to account and check our schools are doing well.

If you can attend **six** meetings a **year** and spend some time getting to know our schools then we would love to hear from you.

You don't need to have any experience of the education system or specialist qualifications to be a governor but we are ideally looking for a person who has human resources or people management experience and would be willing to visit Malbournough with South Huish Primary School at least once or twice per term, and keep up good communication with the head of school.

We offer plentiful training and personal development opportunities.

If you are interested in becoming a governor or are a parent or carer who would like to know what governors do and why they are so important to our schools please contact [clerk@southhamsfederation.org.uk](mailto:clerk@southhamsfederation.org.uk)



## **TT Rockstars**

Year 2 Theo, Jasper, Connie A  
Year 3 Jack, Freya, Fred  
Year 4 Jack, Tristan, Freya  
Year 5 Aaron, Minnie, Maisy  
Year 6 Oli J, Alex, Tommy



## **Numbots**

Our most improved scores go to...

### **Accuracy**

Year 1 Grace, Freddie, Joshua  
Year 2 Buster, Evie, Nia  
Year 3 Seren, Maxwell, Mia

### **Number bonds to 10**

Year 1 William, Izzi  
Year 2 Jasper, Evie

## Reading Stars

This week's top readers so far...

Year 2 Connie MT

Year 3 Felix, Mia, Lilah

Year 4 Freyja, Alfie, Beth

Year 5 Kat, Marley, Joni

Year 6 Hailun, Evalyn, Poppy



Celebration Assembly

Reception	Barney
Year 1	Ralph
Year 2	Coco
Year 3	Lilah
Year 4	Frank
Year 5	Evie
Year 6	Daisy-Lou

Louise Nicholls  
Head of School

Mrs T Coulthard  
Executive Head Teacher



## Externally Provided Clubs Information & Community News

### Modbury Pre School

See below poster regarding fundraiser for the preschool.



### Plymouth Argyle Club



Will continue in the new year - Please sign up directly with them through their website.

### **Kidslingo**

Tuesday 12:00 – 12:30 EYFS & KS1. Please see the link below to book:

<https://www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/spanish-classes-plymouth-2/>

### **Music Mondays**

Just a reminder that I am away this coming Monday (15th Jan). Whilst there will be no music lessons, Mrs Woods will still run choir. The following week all music clubs will be on Tuesday 23rd Jan.

I have spoken to the children this week about remembering their equipment and organising their music. There are many Mondays when children either don't have their instrument or music which disrupts lessons as we run around trying to find spares and extra copies.

**Please could I ask that every week, all children come prepared with their instrument and their music in a folder.**

#### **Music Folders:**

Children need an A4 folder of some form. Ideally an old A4 ring binder with some plastic pockets works best. See what you can find in a cupboard to reuse? Alternatively a book folder with plastic sleeves to slide music in and out. At the very least a cardboard A4 document wallet. Folding up music and stuffing it in their music case or bag, results in music getting lost or too crumpled to balance on a stand.

**Fees reminder:** This term's music fees remain at the same fantastic price of £2 per lesson, £20 per term.

**Please make payment promptly** as usual by Monday 15th January:

Sarah Gill  
24677159  
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### **TOY FIX - A REPAIR CAFE SPECIAL!**

Saturday, 13 January 2024

10:00 - 14:00

Makers Mews: The Mews, Harford Road, Ivybridge PL21 0AS  
(The white barn opposite Harford Rd car park)

Thanks to some funding from Ivybridge's County Councillor Roger Croad, we are able to add an extra event to our Repair Cafe calendar, specifically for toys!

Should the worst thing happen + toys get broken this holiday, we've got you. Calm the tears with the solution of joining us at our Toy Fixing Repair Cafe in January.

The Repair Cafe generally runs every last Saturday of the month. We get together once a month, bringing together skilled volunteers, tea, cake + you guys with your broken thingamabobs.

Our aim is to save salvageable items headed for landfill, whilst sharing + learning skills, and meeting new people in our community. As well as the Toy Fix, our regular Repair Cafe runs Saturday 27th January 10-12 at Makers Mews.

Link to website info:

<https://www.makersmews.com/listings/toy-fix>

### **Saturday morning Turn Up and Plays**

The clue is in the name; these sessions are provided to allow the children to turn up and meet new friends but also experience fun football activities and matches whilst also improving on their skills. If they are new to football or just want to play some extra football on the weekend, this is the perfect opportunity to get some more practice in, through our engaging, inclusive, and fun activities.

**ARGYLE COMMUNITY TRUST**  
**SATURDAY**  
**TURN UP & PLAY**  
**£5.50 PER SESSION**  
**EVERY SATURDAY**

**Manadon Sports Hub**  
9am - 10am

**Harpers Football Centre**   
10am - 11am

**Mini Kickers**  
(Ages 18 Months - 4 Years)

**Turn Up and Play**   
(Ages 5-13)

**lewis.jenkins@pafc.co.uk**

**VISITS FROM MINI PILGRIM PETE**

**<https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/argyle/courses.html>**



## Lottery Funded Family Days, Winter 2024

Wild Embers are supporting families with SEND children 6-11 yrs with funded weekend activities

Family Day: Join us at our beautiful site at Blackberry Barn this 2024 for one of our winter family days. The day will include bush crafts, exploring nature and outdoor cooking with lunch around the fire.

Dates: January 20<sup>th</sup>, January 21<sup>st</sup>, February 10<sup>th</sup>, February 11<sup>th</sup>

Wild Embers is a community orientated and highly impactful provider that has been running since 2017. We are members of the alternative providers network, the parent and carer forum Devon, and have established connections with a large number of Academies. We run a successful Ofsted registered forest school, community gatherings/feasts, father & child days, with a range of specialist support offerings for children and families with SEND.



Cost: Donations of £5 and upwards will be gratefully received

## ADDRESS, DIRECTIONS & BOOKING

To book a family day: email [admin@wildembers.org](mailto:admin@wildembers.org)

Cost: Donation only (minimum donation of £5 per family)

Address: Blackberry Barn, Ritson, Halwell, TQ9 7JG

Satnav Instructions:

Follow up until Totnes cross petrol station no further.

Then follow the road around to Kingsbridge (away from Totnes), you will see a sign that says Kingsbridge 6 miles, please take the left hand turn just behind the sign, follow the lane into the old farmyard, now beautiful barn conversions.

Take a slight right, drive in-between new barn conversion and an agricultural barn. The driveway leading to the parking area is directly in front of you between the house and fence. Head down the driveway where you can park on the ménage to your left.

What3words:

Wiggles.worthy.quicker

If you have trouble finding us please do contact either Mel or Richard.

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Richard 07906 529371

