



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy first full week we have had! We started the week with no phones and no internet but thankfully all communications have been restored. Thank you so much for bearing with us while we were waiting for it to be resolved!

Year 3,4,5 and 6 have taken part in Bikeability sessions (more information below) ; all children were treated to music demonstrations by the ICC team ; Year 5 and 6 have learnt how to give life saving CPR and have learnt about defibrillators; and Year 1 have had a visit from the local Historical Archives - having a chance to have hands on experience with historical artefacts. We even had an 'exploding toilet' according to the children. Just a cracked cistern that will be replaced ASAP thank you to Mr Woods! We have also had some exciting news about our School Games Mark! We are now a PLATINUM school! Thank you to Mrs Khong and all the parents that have made this possible.

We have had lots of visitors this week. All of them have commented on what a lovely atmosphere there is in the school and how all the children and staff look after each other. We are very proud of the children for making such a positive impression after only a few days back in school!

Please check out our School calendar for events/activities happening at School. Sports Day, Swim Gala, Christmas Plays - dates have been added! [School Calendar](#).

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended these sessions. It was great for the teachers to meet everyone! We will be uploading the powerpoints to the website, under each class page, for those who missed it as we know everyone is busy.

Data Collection Information

Each Child has brought home their data collection sheet. If you have not received it, please check your child's bag. Please contact the School Office if you require another one. Each year we ask for parents and carers to check that the information we hold is correct and up to date and to inform us of any changes. These need to be returned by **Friday 20th September**. **ALL data sheets need to be returned or responded to even if there are no changes**. It is vitally important that this information is up to date.

School Clothing

Please ensure all items of clothing in particular jumpers and cardigans have names written in them, we are already collecting some which have no names in. If your child is missing any, there are some in the School Office for you to check through. Please ensure that, now that Bikeability has finished, children are in school uniform with black shoes. Looking smart is part of showing respect for our school ethos and we appreciate your support in this. If you have any problems sourcing uniform items, please contact us.

PE Days

PE kits should be **left in school** for the week in case of changes to the timetable. You are welcome to take them home over the weekend.

Forest School

Forest School is now on a Wednesday morning. For this half term, please can **Reception and Year 1** come into school ready for the weather with **school clothes** ready to change into for the afternoon. It is worth packing a change of pants and socks just in case we get caught in a downpour!

Medication and notice of changes to medical conditions

If your child requires any medication in school, please ensure you have filled out a green form and the medication has come into school - named and clearly labelled.

Schools Games Platinum!

We are delighted to announce that we, Modbury Primary School, have achieved the School Games Platinum Mark Award for the 2023/24 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. A special thanks to all the parents who support this effort by bringing their children to events and to Mrs Khong for her hard work in organising the events. We look forward to applying once again in 2025!



Bikeability 2024

Thank you to all the parents for your help in getting the bikes to school! The children enjoyed their sessions and have learnt new skills for using their bikes especially on the roads. Certificates along with a leaflet and badge have been handed out today to the children provided by the Bikeability team.





Year 5 and 6 CPR

On Friday, the charity Jay's Aim visited us to give our Year 5 and 6 children training in CPR and the use of defibrillators. The children were all able to practise these skills and asked lots of useful questions. You can find out more about the charity.

<https://www.jaysaim.co.uk/>



Year 1 Devon Rural Archive Visit

Year One were visited by Nicola and Valerie from the Devon Rural Archive to kickstart their learning in history. They were able to talk to the children about what Modbury was like in the past, including how the High Street has changed over time. The children were also very lucky to see a range of artefacts that demonstrated how homes, toys and shops have changed over time. We had a great time exploring the artefacts with Nicola and Valerie, and would like to thank them for their time. Should anyone like to see some of the artefacts, please feel free to come to the Year 1 classroom to have a look.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about the archives, which are held in Shilstone, please take a look on their website: <https://devonruralarchive.com>





Modbury School Choir

We are delighted to announce that choir will begin again this year on Monday 16th September. All children in KS2 are eligible and welcome.

Choir takes place on a Monday lunchtime from 12.30-1pm. In order to attend, children must go to eat their lunch promptly at 12 o'clock. We sing a mixture of fun songs and build skills in harmony, vocal technique and performance.

Each term, we try to provide a performance opportunity to share our lovely singing with family and friends.

We look forward to seeing familiar faces along with new children who would like to try it out. Choir will be available on Parent Pay from Monday. If children would like to turn up to try a session that is fine, but we do ask that they sign up after their taster so that you know they have joined and can enjoy their performances!

Mrs Gill and Mrs Woods

Whole School assembly given by Ivybridge Community College Music Team

Some of the music teachers from Ivybridge Community College (ICC) came to join us for an assembly to introduce the children to some of the instruments from the orchestra. We learnt about the strings, the woodwind and the brass families and heard some of the instruments from these families, which was amazing.

Year 4,5 and 6 children can access music lessons and groups for many instruments very cheaply through the Music Centre at ICC. These children have brought home a booklet with details of what is available. Instruments can also be hired from the centre.

On Wednesday 25th September there is a Music Centre open day at ICC where anyone from Y4 and above can come and try out the different instruments for free and see if they would be interested in doing lessons or joining an ensemble. This is an amazing opportunity.



Parent forum

This is a chance for you to share the views of the parental community, raise concerns and work together to Modbury Primary School the best that it can be for our school community.

I am really keen to get this up and running again. We have had a few parents showing some interest. I would like to get a range of parents from different year groups so that we are getting views from everyone. We will have half termly meetings that will take an hour maximum. I can promise teas and coffees and can work the meeting times around the majority of members. Please contact the school office with the heading Parent Forum and Sally will forward your emails to me. You do not need any experience of schools other than being a parent!

Autumn Clubs available in School

The following clubs will be available on ParentPay, please consent for your child to attend them via ParentPay. These clubs will run through to December all ending on Friday 13th December. The clubs will be starting next week as indicated on ParentPay. If the club is full and your child wishes to attend, please contact the school office.

Hockey Club for KS2 children

Mindfulness colouring club for Year 1 & 2

Art Club for KS1 children
 Gardening Club for KS2 children
 Art Club for KS2 children
 Team Games Club for KS2 children

MacMillan Coffee Morning and Harvest Festival

This year, we are planning to have a MacMillan Coffee morning held at the Church after our Harvest Festival. We are asking for donations of cakes/ biscuits. Please can these be brought in the day before so that we are able to prepare them for 'sale'. The Coffee morning will be hosted by our Year 6 children. Harvest Festival is on 27th September. Starting at 9.45 am with the Coffee Morning taking place straight after. We look forward to seeing you there.



Reception	Barnaby
Year 1	Erin
Year 2	Poppy
Year 3	Frankie
Year 4	Harry
Year 5	Beth
Year 6	Ted W

Louise Nicholls
 Head of School

Mrs T Coulthard
 Executive Head Teacher

Community News & Externally Provided Clubs Information

Monday afterschool club run by Achieve4All

Achieve4All are now offering an afterschool club on a Monday from 3:30 – 4:30pm
 KS1+2 Multi Sports Club
 Please click on this link for further information, there is a charge for this club.

<https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/achieve4all-sports-club-ks12-autumn-term-1st-half-ivybridge-16a3cd1d-7a18-4378-834a-63963cf48b53>

If you have any queries or questions please contact us on: info@achieve4all.co.uk

Plymouth Argyle Community Trust – Wednesday after school club

Please click on the below link to book on this club for next term from 11/09/24 -23/10/24.

<https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/argyle/https-officialsoccerschools-co-uk-argyle-pl-modbury-after-school-club-sept1.html>