



Dear Parents and Carers,

Big Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who attended the Big Breakfast. It was a lovely morning with lots of yummy breakfasts and happy smiling families enjoying themselves. We managed to raise a wonderful £500 towards an outdoor classroom. A massive thank you to our wonderful helpers who were in early to set up and cook the breakfasts.



Clubs

Information regarding school clubs will be coming home next week - hopefully via MCAS! We will be in contact as soon as possible regarding this. Thank you for bearing with us while we navigate the new systems.

School Dinners

If you have not been able to activate your MCAS account to order school dinners, please get in contact.

Parking outside School

Please can we kindly remind parents not to park on yellow lines outside the pupil entrance to school. This is for the safety of our pupils and also access to the school in an emergency. Many thanks for your co-operation with this matter.

Ivybridge Community College Music Centre Primary Roadshow

Key Stage 2 were very lucky to have Ivybridge Community College Music Department lead an assembly for us earlier this week. The children were introduced to the string family, woodwind family and the brass. They listened to a violin, cello, clarinet, flute, saxophone, cornet, euphonium and trombone (which they loved!). ICC offers music lessons and many opportunities for group music for a very small fee for children from year 4 - 6 on Mondays and Wednesdays. Your child should have brought home a leaflet explaining what they offer - the leaflet is also attached here.

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=f01b881780&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1842902347032535183&th=19934deba69ba08f&view=att&disp=inline&realattid=19934de02cd760816c22&zw>

Music Mondays

Choir started once again today. This is a free lunchtime club for children in KS2. It was delightful to see some new faces joining us this term. I'd like to encourage all singers to come and join us 12.30pm in Year 3 classroom.

Quite a few children have taken home letters as they are interested in joining beginner clubs for Ocarina and Ukulele. Please talk to your child and complete the slip by next Monday so I can send out details for payment of fees. These group lessons are good value at just £2.50 a session. Starting up there is a little bit to organise in terms of purchasing or sourcing instruments, but I hope to have these clubs underway by the end of September.

Music clubs for experienced ocarina and ukulele players have commenced this week. Children have been given a letter with details of payment for this term. Please make prompt payment as I will not be chasing up fees this term. The deadline is Friday 19th September after which, if payment is not made, I will assume your child no longer wishes to continue with lessons.

A plea for resources

All children who have music lessons or who join choir ideally need a folder to keep their music in. From experience an A4 ring binder with plastic wallets works best. I am on the look out for a handful of ring binders to offer out. If you have a couple lurking in cupboards, please could you send them in on Monday 15th and ask children to give them to me in Y3 at lunchtime. It's good opportunity to recycle items and children can decorate them and make them their own. Plastic wallets for ring binders are also ideal if you have any stashed away unused!

Finally, if you find you have any ocarinas that are no longer being played (maybe older sibling or child given up or friend's child no longer needing it) please would you consider donating it to the 'spares' I keep in school. Again, send in on a Monday so I can collect them.

Many Thanks Sarah Gill
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Summer Book Quest at Ivybridge Library

Just a reminder from Ivybridge Library that there is still time to complete the Summer Book Quest!

Children have until **Saturday 13 September** to complete it. Those who have signed up to the Quest simply need to have logged some reading, visited the library and completed Quest activities such as drawing a picture of a sea creature, writing a short story, or taking part in a water activity. When children complete the Quest, they will receive a certificate, a ninja starfish keychain and vouchers for a free swim at Ivybridge Leisure Centre and a free trip to the Watermark cinema.

The Library would love to see as many children complete the Quest as possible and receive recognition for all the reading and activities they have done in the holidays! They will also be awarding a cup to the local school with the highest percentage of finishers.

School Meals and Universal Infant Free School Meals

Please ensure school meals are paid in advance via Bromcom. Meals can be ordered a week in advance for your child via the app. The price of a school meal from the 1st September 2025 is now:

- £2.60 per day
- £13.00 per week

If you experience any difficulties ordering or booking meals please contact the School Office. If you feel that your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, due to your financial circumstances, please contact Devon County Council either by phone on 0345 155 1019 or by visiting their website portal at: https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE

If your child has moved up from Year 2 to Year 3, please note you will no longer qualify for Universal Infant free School Meals and will now need to pay for your child's meals, unless your child is entitled to Free School Meals as detailed above.

Our kitchen garden!

We are planning a weeding party! We will let you know the date as soon as possible.



Louise Nicholls
Head of School



Mrs T Coulthard
Executive Head Teacher

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CONSPIRACY THEORIES

Conspiracy theories are false or misleading beliefs that explain events as secret plots, often involving powerful groups. While once fringe, they are now more accessible through digital media, online influencers and because of algorithmic recommendations. The DfE guidance document, 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' (KCSIE) explicitly recognises conspiracy theories as potential content risks. This guide will help parents and educators understand the risks, spot the signs, and build children's resilience to conspiracy theories.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

UNDERMINING TRUST

Conspiracy theories can lead children and young people to distrust democratic institutions and British Values, teachers, and even their own families and loved ones. This erosion of trust makes young people more vulnerable to extremist narratives by isolating them from reliable sources of information.

ONLINE ALGORITHM TRAPS

Social media platforms can often recommend sensationalist content. Once a child engages with one conspiracy-themed video or post, algorithms push more of the same, thereby creating an echo chamber that can intensify their beliefs.

MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT

Exposure to frightening conspiracy content, such as global plots, viruses, or government control, can fuel feelings of anxiety, paranoia, or hopelessness. For some young people, it can trigger prolonged distress or obsessive thinking.

GATEWAY TO EXTREMISM

Conspiracy theories can often overlap with extremist ideologies. Narratives that blame specific groups, such as politicians, scientists, or particular ethnic groups, can groom children in ways that foster hate, bigotry, and radicalisation.

CONFLICT WITH PEERS

Belief in conspiracy theories can lead to isolation or conflict at school. Children may struggle with peer relationships if they express these beliefs or become distrustful of others who disagree; sometimes, confrontation can even result in a strengthening of the belief in the conspiracy theory.

ERODED CRITICAL THINKING

Young people influenced by conspiracies may reject evidence-based learning. This risks undermining their academic progress and weakening their ability to think critically, assess risks, or engage in healthy debate.

Advice for Parents & Educators

I WANT TO BELIEVE

CREATE SAFE CONVERSATIONS

Don't mock or dismiss any questions that children and young people ask about conspiracy theories. Instead, create open, judgement-free spaces to talk. This strengthens trust and makes it more likely they will confide in you.

PROMOTE CRITICAL THINKING

Teach young people how to assess information critically. Encourage them to ask appropriate questions, such as: Who is telling me this? What evidence is there? What do other trusted sources say? Use real examples from current media to explain your answers and reasoning.

MONITOR DIGITAL BEHAVIOUR

Be aware of the content children are accessing, especially on platforms such as TikTok, YouTube, or Reddit. Use parental controls, but more importantly, maintain ongoing dialogue about online experiences and influencers.

REINFORCE RELIABLE SOURCES

Point children toward trustworthy and reliable sources of news and information in a variety of formats tailored to the young person's age. Build habits of verifying facts using reliable sources, and teach them how to spot misleading content.

Meet Our Expert

Brendan O'Keefe is a headteacher and digital education consultant with over a decade of experience in education. As Director of Digital Strategy across multiple schools and an advisor to The National College, he specialises in digital safety, PREVENT, and pastoral care.



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PTFA News



MODBURY SCHOOL PTFA MEETING

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH
9AM-9.45AM
MODBURY SCHOOL HALL**

Please come along to our first meeting of the new academic year. We want to hear your ideas for fundraising events and build our team of volunteers. (Buggies welcome & refreshments provided.)



The fabulous Friday Cake Stand is back this term! Each Friday we have a table in the lower playground to sell wonderful baked creations and contributions. The money raised goes towards loads of cool stuff the PTFA support. Come along to our first meeting on **Friday 26 September** to find out more!

Here are the dates for each year group. Thank you everyone for your support!

12 Sept | PTFA

19 Sept | Yr 6

26 Sept | Yr 5

3 Oct | Yr 4

10 Oct | Yr 3

17 Oct | Yr 2

24 Oct | Yr 1

31 Oct | *None Half Term*

7 Nov | Reception

14 Nov | Yr 6

21 Nov | Yr 5

28 Nov | Yr 4

5 Dec | Yr 3

12 Dec | Yr 2

19 Dec | *None - Last day of term*

Community News & Externally Provided Clubs Information

Achieve4All

Achieve4All's Multi-Sports club will be running every Wednesday after school – 3.30pm-4.30pm from next week.

If your child would like to join this until October Half term, please follow the link below to book.

Modbury	Wednesday	KS1+2 Multi Sports Club	https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/achieve4all-sports-club-ks12-modbury-ivybridge-fe504e4d-f52f-4a64-8f05-aec7424ffbe7
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If you have any queries or questions you can contact them on: info@achieve4all.co.uk

Plymouth Argyle's KS2 Football After School Club

Plymouth Argyle's KS2 Football After School Club will be running every Friday this year – 3.30pm–4.30pm.

If your child would like to join, please follow the link below to book.

Modbury	Friday	KS2 Football Club	https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/argyle/pl-modbury-after-school-club-friday-term-1.html
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Sow your own **Pocket Meadow** this Autumn for you and the insects to enjoy next summer!

WE NEED YOU to launch a town-wide meadow project and get the whole town buzzing with pollinators. Free seed packets and full instructions will be provided for sowing and care of 1m x 1m square wildflower meadows in your gardens. Don't have the space? Don't worry there are other options!

Date: **Monday, September 15th**

Time: **7:00pm**

Place: **QE 11 Pavilion at MARS**

Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

**Talk and inspiration provided by
Life on the Edge**

ModWAG are running this as just one of the heritage lottery-funded projects, with South Devon National Landscape/Life on the Edge.

Please join us if you can, to learn more about how every one of us can get involved, what Life in the Edge are doing, and receive your seed packets.



**Modbury Wildlife
Action Group**



Can't make it? That's a pity as there is much to hear about, but seeds can also be collected from Neale's Cavern, Brownston St from September 16th until October 6th (10am -6pm)



**South Devon
National
Landscape**



Seeds for free and prizes too at our Pocket Meadow event!
Anyone who takes a pack of free seeds to plant will be entered into a raffle for one of 10 available Wildlife Gardening books by Joel Ashton. Also, if participants enable further follow up of their pocket meadows they could win a gardening themed hamper! See poster !

FLETE 10K

Rotary
Ivybridge



ONLINE ENTRIES
NOW OPEN

AND FAMILY FUN RUN

RACE OPTIONS = 10K / 5K / 1K AROUND THE SPECTACULAR
FLETE ESTATE AND ALONG THE RIVER ERME



Sat 13 Sept 2025

Start times & prices
10k - 2.30pm - £20/£18
5k - 1.30pm - £10
1k - 2.00pm - £5

Location - Flete Estate
(Point to Point site)
Off A379 East of Plymouth
Leave A38 @Ivybridge via A3121
PL21 9NU
What3Words- wolves.alive.inch

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*Parking
*Refreshments

Raising
funds for our
nominated
charities

Flete 10k is organised by Ivybridge Rotary Club. It is overseen by UK Athletics with official starter and adjudicator present to ensure compliance.

To register visit



<https://www.entrycentral.com/festival/4498>



Kingsbridge Music Centre

'Come and Try' Session



Scan here to book



Wednesday 17th September

Kingsbridge Community College Music Dept.

Musical tuition in
Violin,
Viola,
Flute,
Clarinet

4-5pm

5-6pm

Years 4-7



Book/Enquiries

kingsbridgemusiccentre@gmail.com



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GYMCLUSIVE



The Loft

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Ind. Estate

Kingsbridge

TO7 1ES

THURSDAY'S 4:30PM - 5:30PM

DROP IN CLASS FOR 4 – 12 YRS WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

£6 + £4 PER SIBLING, WE ACCEPT CARD PAYMENTS

NO NEED TO BOOK, THIS IS A WEEKLY DROP IN CLASS

PARENTS / CARERS MUST STAY AND PLAY

**PLEASE VISIT WWW.KINGSBRIDGEGYMCLUB.CO.UK FOR MORE DETAILS ON
OUR GYMCLUSIVE CLASSES**