



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we held a meet and greet for our new Reception parents. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers joining us and getting to know each other. On Friday 26th September the PTFA are holding their first meeting of the year in the school hall at 9am. Please come along to meet them and see if you would like to join or offer any support. We are currently hoping to fundraise for an outdoor shelter and develop our library space. We are currently confirming diary dates for various events. Please have a look at the diary dates at the end of the newsletter.

In Year 3, we have been learning about the work of Edgar Degas and have been using charcoal and different techniques to make layered handprint pictures.



Clubs (starting on Monday!)

Thanks to all those who have signed their children up to our clubs – there are still some spaces available. Reminder – the deadline for booking spaces is 10am on Monday.

MCAS

If you have not been able to activate your MCAS account to order school dinners or book your child onto a book, 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.

Music Mondays

Thank you to all those who are prepared for their music lessons this term. The deadline for payment of fees for those in the experienced clubs is today (Friday 19th September).

Please may I remind all musicians that they need a folder to keep their music in so it is kept flat and easy to access during lessons. Any old recycled folder or A4 wallet will do! It can always be decorated and personalised!

Next Monday I will be away. Choir will be on as usual with Mrs Woods but there will be no ocarina or ukulele clubs.

For all those who have signed up to start playing an instrument, your first session will be on Monday 29th September. Ukulele club is now full but there are spaces for new ocarina players.

Finally, any disused ocarinas would be a welcome addition to my emergency supply!

Thanks Mrs Gill
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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.



Louise Nicholls
Head of School



Mrs T Coulthard
Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

Tempest Individual and Family Photos - 29th September 9am onwards
Rotary Swimarathon at Quayside - 10th October, 2pm - invitation only
Harvest Festival - 16th October, 9.30am at church followed by a coffee morning
Year 3,4,5,6 Tag Rugby - 22nd October, 3.30pm at school
PTFA Christmas Fayre - Friday 5th December - School Hall
Nativities and Christmas plays - TBC next week
Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day - 18th December
Carol service - 19th December 1.30pm at church



Stars of the Week

This week's focus has been listening and responding. Well done everyone. You have all shown super listening skills this week. However, some children have gone over and above so our congratulations go to...



Reception - Cooper

Year 1 - Arthur and Jasmine

Year 2 - Maddox

Year 3 - River

Year 4 - Theo

Year 5 - Lorcan

Year 6 - Ella

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about WHATSAPP



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

WhatsApp is a free messaging service owned by Meta which allows users to send text and voice messages, make video calls, share multimedia – such as images, videos, documents and polls – and have group chats. WhatsApp messages are encrypted, meaning only the sender and the recipient can view what is sent. While this privacy may sound attractive on paper, this app comes with several associated risks that must be considered – especially for younger users.

GROUP CHATS

Group chats let friends talk together but can pose problems for young users. They might feel excluded – like discovering events they weren't invited to. Hurtful comments can also escalate quickly, as more people join in, amplifying the impact through a wider audience.

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it attractive to scammers. Tactics include impersonating a child in an 'emergency' to request money, or triggering a login code, then pretending to be WhatsApp and asking for it – giving them access to private messages and personal data.

CHANNELS

'Channels' let users follow topics anonymously, interacting only through polls or emoji reactions. However, fake channels can mimic real ones, spreading misinformation, hate speech, or phishing for personal data. WhatsApp may also collect and share channel-following info with third parties, raising privacy issues.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Disappearing messages help share sensitive info, but young people may wrongly assume they're fully private. Senders can opt for their message to vanish after 24 hours, 7 days, or 90 days – or for media, after one view. However, recipients can still save them by bookmarking or taking screenshots, reducing their privacy.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's simplicity makes sharing news quick – accurate or not. To help curb misinformation, messages forwarded over five times now show a 'Forwarded many times' label with a double arrow. This alerts users that the message isn't original and may be unreliable.

CHAT LOCK

The new 'Chat lock' feature lets users store specific messages in a separate passcode- or biometrically-protected folder. While useful for privacy, it could be misused by younger users to hide conversations or content they know parents and educators might find inappropriate, including age-restricted material.

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature helps friends meet up or parents check a child's route home. However, anyone in a child's group chats can track their location, potentially revealing their home address or regular travel patterns to strangers.

AI INTEGRATION

Meta AI on WhatsApp poses risks to children, including exposure to misinformation, inappropriate content, and data privacy issues. AI responses may be inaccurate, and kids might share personal information unknowingly. It can also hinder critical thinking by offering ready-made answers.

Advice for Parents & Educators

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage children to treat unexpected messages with caution. Get them to consider, for example, whether it sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

THINK BEFORE SHARING

Help children understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content sent to one user to then be shared more widely, and even publicly on social media. Encourage them to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change a child's WhatsApp settings to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval. To do this, go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups'. You can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...'. Additionally, if the child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Have a conversation with youngsters about how they're using WhatsApp, emphasising that it's for their own safety. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of messages that are in there, who they're with and why they have been hidden. Also, if a young user has sent any 'view once' content, discuss their reasons for using this feature.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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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 (Years 3,4,5&6) 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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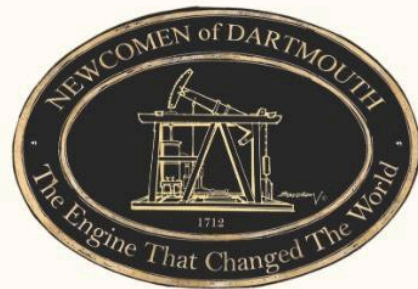
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Sow your own **Pocket Meadow** this Autumn for you and the insects to enjoy next summer!

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 !

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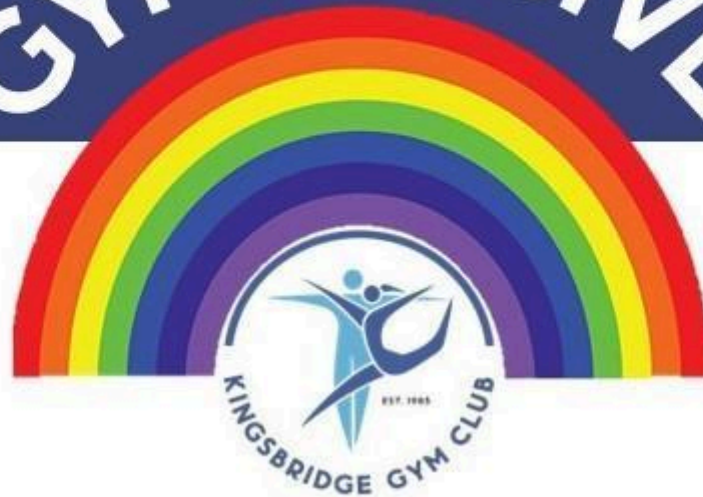


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