



Dear Parents and Carers,



As the weather has taken a decidedly autumnal turn, please ensure children come to school with a waterproof coat and trousers if you have any available. If you would like to send in wellies, to help the children keep their feet dry, that would be wonderful. We do try to get the children outside as much as possible at lunchtimes and playtimes and our younger children do love to splash in puddles!

Apple Harvesting

This morning, Year 6 went to the Millennium Meadow to help the Modbury Community Orchard Group with their Annual Apple Harvesting. Once they returned to school, they then spent their English lesson coming up with compound sentences. It always lovely for our children to take part in community events like these.

*"We went apple picking and we got lots of juicy apples.
We picked red, ripened apples yet we didn't get to squeeze them.
We went apple picking and we all worked together as a victorious team."*



Headlice

We have been made aware that head lice have made an unwanted appearance in school. Please check your children regularly.

Please make sure that all children with long hair have it tied up. We will request that children tie up their hair in school. If they do not arrive with it tied up, we are happy to provide hairbands.

Please use the following link to get more information should you need it.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Clubs

A space has become available in the Y3/4 Tag Rugby Club on a Monday after school. If your child would like to have a chance of this space, please send an email as soon as possible.

There are also still plenty of spaces in:

Lunchtime Y1 & 2 Story & Illustration club
Y1 & 2 Sign Language after school club on Mondays
Y5 & 6 Tag Rugby after school club on Mondays.

Externally run clubs

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 you 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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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 - New dates in bold

School tours for new families 1.30am 6th October

World Mental Health Day 10th October - Wear yellow

Rotary Swimarathon at Quayside - 10th October, 2pm - invitation only

Harvest Festival - 16th October, 9.30am at the church followed by a coffee morning

Year 6 parents SATS meeting 3.45pm in Year 6

Multicultural week 20th October - Activities in school

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

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 9th and 10th Dec 2pm (Hall)

Year 3 and 4 play - 2pm and 6pm 17th Dec (Hall)

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day - 18th December

Carol service - 19th December 1.30pm at the church

Stars of the Week



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



Reception - Archie

Year 1 - Arthur W

Year 2 - Emily

Year 3 - Ralph

Year 4 - Evie

Year 5 - Juliet

Year 6 - Beth

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 26



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

Our guide looks at the risks surrounding EA Sports FC 26 and our top tips to minimise them. This marks the third year since EA left the FIFA licence, and the game is mostly unchanged from last year. While Kick-Off mode is great for playing with friends and Career Mode allows players to fulfill long-term ambitions as a manager or player, Ultimate Team remains the main draw for many players – and it can get out of hand in terms of how much money players can invest.

SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins – something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

LIMIT SPENDING

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening flashy packs with slick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth adding a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

MONITOR VOICE CHAT

As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites – doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

Meet Our Expert

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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/ea-sports-fc-26>



Modbury Primary School

Is your child starting school in September 2026?

We would love to show you our school and what we have to offer!

School tours Wednesday 1st October 9.30 am

Monday 6th October 1.30pm

Please contact the school office on 01548 830312 or email modbury@southhamsfederation.org.uk
If you are unable to attend the above dates, please get in contact and we will arrange an alternative.

PTFA News

The fabulous Friday Cake Stand Each Friday we have a table in the lower playground to sell wonderful baked creations and contributions. The money raised goes towards loads of amazing experiences and equipment for your children.

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

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*

MODBURY COMMUNITY APPLE DAY

SATURDAY OCTOBER 4th

From 10:00am

Modbury Therapy Centre Yard
(next to the Curator Café)



Entrance to yard

- ❖ A traditional Modbury community event
- ❖ Join in the fun of pressing and bottling
- ❖ Take away fresh apple juice - for a donation
- ❖ Or donate your own apples for pressing

A family event open to all

Organised by Modbury Community Orchard Group





Shekinah Prayer Letter October 2025

Loving God,

**As we gather in this season of Harvest,
we thank You for the abundance of the earth,
for the food we enjoy, the warmth of shelter,
and the care of community.**

**Yet we know that for many, these blessings are out of reach.
We remember those experiencing homelessness,
whose days are shaped by hunger, hardship, and uncertainty.**

**We give thanks for the work of Shekinah,
for the meals that nourish body and soul,
for the clothes that bring comfort and dignity,
and for the safe spaces offered each day.**

**Thank You for the showers that restore,
the nurses and GPs who bring healing,
and the support that helps people find a place to call home.**

**In this season of giving thanks,
may we be moved to share what we have,
to be generous with our time, our resources, and our compassion.**

**Let the spirit of Harvest stir in us a deeper awareness
of the needs around us,
and a stronger commitment to justice and kindness.**

**Bless those who serve, those who give, and those who receive.
And may Your love be known in every meal shared,
every door opened, and every life restored.**

Amen.

www.shekinah.co.uk



OCTOBER ROADSHOWS

27-31 OCTOBER | 9.30AM-3.30PM
BOYS & GIRLS ALL ABILITIES AGED 5-15



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**AUNE VALLEY'S
FUNKY PUMPKIN FEST**

**18TH & 19TH
25TH - 31ST
OCTOBER**

FREE ENTRY

HALLOWEEN PARTIES

25TH 12PM - 2PM
26TH 2PM - 4PM

**JOIN US THIS OCTOBER FOR LOTS
OF PUMPKIN PICKING FUN
IN LODDISWELL**

DELICIOUS FOOD


PUMPKIN PICKING


PUMPKIN GAMES


AUNE VALLEY MEAT LTD
 Butcher, Farm Shop & Cafe

**JOIN US THIS OCTOBER HALF
TERM FOR LOTS OF SPOOKY
FUN AT OUR LODDISWELL
FARM SHOP & CAFE!**

HALLOWEN HUNT
**25TH OCT -
2ND NOV**

**HEAD TO
@AUNEVALLEYMEAT
FOR UPDATES**

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AND MUCH MORE...

2025 AWARDS
 ★ BEST CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY PROVIDER IN THE SOUTH WEST
 ★ BEST SUMMER CAMP IN SOUTH WEST

SCAN TO BOOK NOW...

MONSTER MASH MONDAY
 Haunted Hockey
 Ghost Hunter Dodgeball
 Frightening Football
 Pumpkin Carving
 Zombie Zorbing
 Halloween Woodland Games & Blind Trails

TERRIFYING TUESDAY
 Ghost Hunter Dodgeball
 Ghooley Benchball
 Creepy Cricket
 Zombie Apocalypse Nerf
 A visit from 'Jonesy' The Friendly Ghost

WITCHCRAFT WEDNESDAY
 Creepy Cricket
 Haunted Hockey
 Frightening Football
 Zombie Zorbing
 Halloween Woodland Games & Blind Trails

TRICK OR TREAT THURSDAY
 Ghost Hunter Dodgeball
 Frightening Football
 Creepy Cricket
 Zombie Apocalypse Nerf
 Halloween Woodland Games & Blind Trails

FANG-TASTIC FRIDAY
 Ghost Hunter Dodgeball
 Ghooley Benchball
 Haunted Hockey
 Zombie Zorbing
 Fancy Dress Dance Party
 Fancy Dress optional but encouraged, prizes for best costume!

Every Day includes Haunted Halloween Arts & Crafts and finishes with Gruesome Grabs & Awards Ceremony!

Ofsted **BOOK NOW @** www.high5sportscamps.co.uk FIND US ON...

<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/High5SportsCamps?season=3697541>



Plymouth Santa Fun Run

Rotary
Saltram



Registered Charity No. 1061844



Sunday 7th December 2025 - 11am Start



Adults £15.00
Children £5.00
See website for details
FREE Santa Suit and Medal!

Approx 5k run
2.5k for children
through The Barbican,
The Hoe and
The Waterfront

SUPPORTING



Enter at plymouthsantafunrun.co.uk

GYMCLUSIVE



The Loft

Unit 7

Station Yard

Ind. Estate

Kingsbridge

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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**