



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have had a multicultural day. Our reception class learnt about the different seasons in the UK. Year 1 learnt about Diwali and created some rangoli patterns. Year 2 learnt about different animals in Africa. Year 3 learnt their numbers in Italian. Year 4 learnt Brazilian samba. Year 5 had learnt about Chinese dragons and created their own dragons. Year 6 did some aboriginal art and learnt some traditional Australian songs.

It has been a very busy start to the term. We hope everyone has a restful half term and we look forward to seeing you back next week.



Achieve4All – After Half Term

If your child would like to join/continue this Multi-Sports club on a Wednesday after school – 3.30pm-4.30pm (starting on Wednesday 5th November), please follow the new 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

Diary Dates - New dates in bold

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 all the children have been stars! We are very proud of them all.



'Wake up Wednesday'

Each week we share the weekly 'WakeUpWednesday' National College guide. Please see below.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about POKÉMON TCG POCKET



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Pokémon TCG Pocket is a mobile version of the hugely popular Pokémon Trading Card Game, downloaded over 100 million times on Android and iOS. Players collect cards, battle others online, and open packs of cards – known as booster packs – to expand their decks. While the core game can be fun and helps develop tactical and numeracy skills, its design encourages spending and can feed addictive behaviours – making it important for adults to understand the risks.

ADDICTIVE PACK OPENING

Booster packs rely on probability to provide rare or powerful cards. The excitement of opening them – and the dopamine rush when finding a sought-after card – can become addictive. Unlike purely cosmetic loot boxes, the cards here are integral to competitive gameplay, adding extra pressure for serious gamers to collect more.

QUICK BUT ABSORBING

Card battles last around five to six minutes, making it easy to fit in “just one more game”. This quick format, combined with the drive to win, can lead to prolonged play sessions and increased screen time without noticing. With limited-time Ranked Match seasons constantly being refreshed – an opportunity to accumulate points and earn profile emblems – players may find themselves drawn into this game mechanic repeatedly.

PREMIUM PASS PRESSURE

A monthly subscription gives players access to exclusive missions, rewards, and an extra daily booster pack. Missions and rewards are replaced each month, providing an incentive to stay subscribed. While some premium rewards are exclusive, others are available through free play – making the pass more about faster progression and obtaining cosmetic items than true necessity.

ENDLESS PACK LOOPS

New themed sets of cards are released each month, ranging from around 85 to over 370 cards per expansion. This constant cycle encourages players to keep opening packs in an effort to complete collections or improve their battle decks, potentially promoting unhealthy spending habits. With the introduction of limited-time booster packs, some players may feel increased pressure to collect these cards while they're still available.

COST OF BOOSTER PACKS

Although free to play, with set rewards and two free booster packs given daily, players can exchange Poké Gold if they wish to open more, and a small amount of Poké Gold is rewarded for free as the player levels up. Poké Gold is also sold in bundles that are often just short of what players need to open extra packs, encouraging them to buy additional bundles.

COMPETITIVE ONLINE PLAY

Interactions in Pokémon TCG Pocket are relatively safe – there's no messaging between players, friend requests require player approval, no real names are used, and card trading is restricted to fair trades between friends. On the other hand, the competitive nature of online play can still cause frustration, over-investment, and isolation if children spend too much time focused on the game.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR SPENDING HABITS

Set clear boundaries around in-game purchases. Treat Poké Gold as an occasional rather than routine reward, helping children develop healthier attitudes towards digital spend.

SET REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

Talk about the unpredictable nature of booster packs and prepare children for disappointment when duplicates appear or rare cards don't surface. Understanding probability can help minimise disappointment – use the game's built-in offering rates guides to find out more about it.

PLAY TOGETHER

Card battles can help children learn tactics, problem-solving, and rule-following, as well as numeracy skills. Playing alongside them is a great way to share in their enjoyment, while also modelling balanced play and keeping an eye on how much they're investing in the game.

TEACH FAIRNESS

Losing a battle can be discouraging, especially when money has been spent on collecting the cards to build a deck. Support children in recognising the importance of fairness, learning from both wins and losses, and making considered choices when trading cards.

Meet Our Expert

Dan Lipscombe is a videogame journalist and children's book author with over 15 years of experience. Specialising in technology and gaming, he has written extensively on how digital platforms affect young people and has been playing games for more than three decades.



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Executive Head Teacher

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!

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

KINGSBRIDGE GYM CLUB

HOLIDAY CLUB

£25 **ALL DAY 9AM - 3:30PM**

- MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER
- TUESDAY 28TH OCTOBER
- WEDNESDAY 29TH OCTOBER
- THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER

BOOK HERE
<https://portal.xclasspro.com/kingsbridgegymclub/booking>

The poster has a dark purple background with orange and white text. It features icons of pumpkins, a house, and people doing exercises. A QR code is in the bottom left corner.

OCTOBER ROADSHOWS

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

£24 FOR THE DAY!

BOOK NOW!

The poster has a dark green background with white and orange text. It features a cartoon leprechaun character and a photo of children playing soccer. A QR code and a 'BOOK NOW!' button are at the bottom.

HIGH 5 SPOOKTACULAR OCTOBER HALF TERM

@STOWFORD SCHOOL

MONDAY 27TH - FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2025

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

SCAN TO BOOK NOW!

MONSTER MASH MONDAY	TERRIFYING TUESDAY	WITCHCRAFT WEDNESDAY	TRICK OR TREAT THURSDAY	FANG-TASTIC FRIDAY
Haunted Hockey	Ghost Hunter Dodgeball	Creepy Cricket	Ghost Hunter Dodgeball	Ghost Hunter Dodgeball
Ghost Hunter Dodgeball	Ghooley Benchball	Haunted Hockey	Frightening Football	Ghooley Benchball
Frightening Football	Creepy Cricket	Frightening Football	Creepy Cricket	Haunted Hockey
Pumpkin Carving	Zombie Apocalypse Nerf	Zombie Zorbing	Zombie Apocalypse Nerf	Zombie Zorbing
Zombie Zorbing	A visit from 'Jonesy' The Friendly Ghost	Halloween Woodland Games & Blind Trails	Halloween Woodland Games & Blind Trails	Fancy Dress Dance Party <small>Fancy Dress optional but encouraged, prizes for best costume!</small>

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

BOOK NOW @
www.high5sportscamps.co.uk

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NINE VALLEY'S FUNKY PUMPRIN FEST

FREE ENTRY

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

HALLOWEEN PARTIES

PUMPRIN PICKING

DELICIOUS FOOD

JOIN US THIS OCTOBER FOR LOTS OF PUMPRIN PICKING FUN IN LODDISWELL

PUMPRIN GAMES

NINE VALLEY MEAT LTD
Betchen Farm Shop & Cafe

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

PVO PUMPRINS

18TH & 19TH OCT

25TH - 31ST OCT

OPEN 10AM - 4PM

PUMPRIN PARTIES

25TH 12PM - 2PM

26TH 2PM - 4PM

HALLOWEEN HUNT

25TH OCT - 2ND NOV

HALLOWEEN HUNT

25TH OCT - 2ND NOV

LIGHT PARTY

31ST OCTOBER 5-6.30PM

Sparklers!

Fun & craft

Drinks & snacks!

Families together :)

SCAN HERE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

Scan me!

Don't forget to book with the QR code

