



Modbury Primary School Newsletter Friday 7th November 2025



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Dear Parents and Carers,



We hope you all had a wonderful break and it has been a pleasure to welcome back the children. We will soon be in the run up to Christmas so please keep an eye out for important dates.

Next week is antibullying week. Anti-Bullying Week 2025 will take place from Monday 10th - Friday 14th November, with the theme: Power for Good. The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th, with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. If you would like to support further, the link for the parent/carer support pack is: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2025/parents-and-carers>

RAMM Trip

Today our Year 4,5 and 6 children went on a trip to the RAMM museum in Exeter. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures.

Modbury Musicians in November (From Mrs Gill)

To help to keep continuity for the music clubs in my absence, I have given each child an activity pack to practice at home. I'm encouraging each child to play for 15 mins 3x a week. Each time they practice they can colour in an animal on their chart.

A note for the ukulele players:

Firstly, Mrs Woods will be in school on Monday lunchtime and can help with tuning ukuleles if they are placed on top of the computer banks.

Secondly for beginners, I have provided diagrams of the chords C and F. If your child is struggling to remember the chords, you could try and puzzle out the diagrams or look for a YouTube video. In addition, you could put little stickers or coloured dots to help them. I have ordered stickers for my return.

Experienced players could also help beginners.

Happy playing!

Mrs Gill

Choir

There will be no Choir on Monday 24th November.

2027 Proposed School Admissions Policy

The 2027 Admissions Policy is currently in draft form, and a public consultation is being led by the Local Authority. The consultation period will run until 16 January 2026, after which the policy will be formally determined by the Board of Governors and the final version published by 15 March 2026.

Further information can be found by the following link to the DCC website: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/children-families-education/education/school-admissions/arrangements-and-policies/school-admission-policy/>

Scholastic Book Fair

Next week we will be holding a Book fair in school. Each class will be given the opportunity to view the books on offer and will be able to create a wish list. We will then invite parents in one afternoon after school to come and have a look and purchase any books – it's a great time to think about Christmas presents too!

As soon as a day is confirmed for this event, we will let you know.

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

Come to our **BOOK FAIR**

to spot the books you'll LOVE to read!

Every book you buy earns **FREE BOOKS** for our school!

Come and find me!

My brand new book!

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NORA NIGHT SKY

BLUEY

TOM GATES: PESKY PETS PARTIES

FOOTBALL 2026

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JONTY GENTOO

PLOP CLASS

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- Pre-paid gift vouchers are available in £5, £10, £15, £20 and £25. Go to www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gifts-vouchers to buy vouchers for your child before the Fair.
- If you can't attend the Fair in person, your child can order books via a Wish List - please ask your school for details.

HELP EARN FREE BOOKS

Scholastic is one of the largest providers of free books to schools via our Reward scheme which helps to ensure that as many children as possible have access to books that support reading for pleasure. Every time you buy from the Book Fair, you help to make a difference by supporting literacy in your child's setting. Last year, with your help, we gave over £5.3M worth of free books to schools nationwide, which stocked school libraries and classrooms.

DATE: TBC TIME: 3.30pm

LOCATION: School Hall

*Free books are subject to terms and conditions. Please contact your Book Fair Organiser or Scholastic Book Fairs for details. All books subject to availability. Book range may vary. *Warning: Not suitable for children under 3. Small parts.

Achieve4All – After Half Term – NEW LINK!

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 – [NEW LINK!](#)

Plymouth Argyle's KS2 (Years 3,4,5&6) Football After School Club will be running every Friday – 3.30pm–4.30pm.

If you child would like to join/continue this club until Christmas, please follow the link below to book.

Modbury	Friday	KS2 Football Club	https://www.abler.io/shop/pact/2313123?region=Plymouth&program=Q2x1YINlcnZpY2U6NDg0Nzg=
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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 stars are.....

Reception - Roman
Year 1 - Margo
Year 2 - Louis
Year 3 - Poppy
Year 4 - Coco
Year 5 - Lilah
Year 6 - Lewis

'Wake up Wednesday'

Bullying continues to affect far too many children, both in and out of school – but adults can play a crucial role in helping young people speak up and support one another. This week's guide is packed with practical strategies to foster confidence, kindness, and connection in the face of unkind behaviour.

From encouraging inclusivity to spotting signs of distress, the guide highlights how small, everyday actions by young people and the adults around them can make a big difference. With tips on nurturing empathy, teaching allyship and validating children's experiences, it's a timely reminder that empowering young voices is key to positive change.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

GUIDING YOUNG VOICES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Bullying impacts the lives of many young people. In the UK, one in five pupils aged 10 to 15 report being bullied. The effects can be long lasting, affecting mental health, school attendance and self-esteem, and can impact long-term development into adult life. Adults play a key role in building young people's confidence to speak out, support one another, and stand up to unkind behaviour. This guide offers ways to help youngsters make a positive difference.

- 1 CELEBRATE DIFFERENCES**

Help young people value diversity by showing that what makes us different is also what makes us strong. Encourage them to learn about different cultures, identities, and abilities through books, films, and conversations. By appreciating uniqueness in themselves and others, children can grow into open-minded individuals who build inclusive and welcoming environments.
- 2 MODEL RESPECT**

Children watch and learn from how adults behave. Use respectful language, show patience in disagreements, and treat others with fairness – especially in front of children. By modelling inclusive behaviour and challenging unkindness, adults set a lasting example that respect should be part of every interaction, whether online, at school, or at home. Be the change you want to make.
- 3 SPOT THE SIGNS**

Adults and young people should learn how to recognise signs that someone may be experiencing bullying. This might include withdrawal from friends, hobbies or interests, changes in mood, reluctance to go to school, or unusual injuries. Helping young people recognise these clues ensures that support can be offered sooner and problems do not go unnoticed.
- 4 VALIDATE FEELINGS**

When a child shares something that worries them, it's important to listen carefully and validate how they feel. Respond with empathy – not judgement – and let them know it's okay to feel upset or confused. Offering reassurance and understanding helps young people feel safe about opening up, and builds the trust needed to talk again in future.
- 5 TEACH ALLYSHIP**

Show children how to stand up for others in safe, respectful ways. Allyship might look like sitting next to someone who's been excluded, reporting hurtful behaviour, or speaking up when they witness bullying. By practising these responses together, you're helping children develop the courage to be kind and to take action when it really counts.
- 6 PROMOTE REPORTING**

Ensure young people know how to report bullying and feel confident that they'll be taken seriously. Talk to them about who they can speak to and what to expect when they do, such as reporting school incidents to teachers, and out-of-school bullying to parents or teachers. Reassure them that reporting is a brave and helpful choice – not tattling – and that it plays a vital role in keeping everyone safe.
- 7 ENCOURAGE KINDNESS**

Everyday acts of kindness can make a big difference in creating safer, happier spaces. Encourage children to look out for one another by being helpful, saying kind words, or including someone who feels left out. These small actions set a strong example that kindness matters, and that it can be a powerful response to bullying.
- 8 USE YOUR VOICE**

Encourage young people to speak up for themselves and others. Whether through storytelling, school campaigns, or peer-led projects, children can learn that their voice has power. Support them to express themselves confidently and safely, helping them understand that sharing experiences can challenge injustice and inspire real change in their communities.
- 9 BUILD COMMUNITY AND BELONGING**

Children thrive when they feel supported. Help them build strong friendships, join clubs or teams, and connect with trusted adults who care. These networks offer comfort, encouragement, and protection – particularly during challenging times. Remind children that they don't have to face difficulties alone and that support is always within reach.
- 10 SUSTAIN THE CONVERSATION**

Bullying awareness shouldn't be limited to one week each year. Create regular opportunities to talk about kindness, respect, and inclusion. Use books, news stories, and personal experiences as conversation starters. Embed anti-bullying initiatives into the school, and make tackling bullying a shared, ongoing commitment.

Meet Our Expert
Robert Allsop is an experienced pastoral and safeguarding practitioner, specialising in tutorials, behaviour interventions, and attendance management. A recipient of the Diana Award for Anti-Bullying, he has helped raise standards and improve Ofsted outcomes in some of the country's most challenging schools and colleges.

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Louise Nicholls
Head of School

Mrs T Coulthard
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!

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

Citizen's Advice Newsletter

Please follow the link below to the Citizen's Advice Newsletter which includes information about their RESET energy project, the impact Citizens Advice is having on issues in the South Hams and their campaign work in advance of the Autumn Budget.

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