



Modbury Primary School Newsletter Friday 12th December 2025



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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and festive week we have had this week. Our youngest children were amazing in their nativity with some sparkling angels, dancing cowgirls and cowboys and enthusiastic singing from all the cast. We ended the week with Christmas parties and lots of fun was had by all - a huge thank you to our PTFA for supporting us to provide some entertainment and prizes and a huge thank you for your donations that made providing the party food possible. Don't forget – it is also Christmas Jumper day on Thursday! – to be worn with uniform instead of school jumpers/cardigans.

Year 1 Design Technology

This week our Year 1 children have been busily taste testing and making fruit kebabs. Courgette was a surprise favourite with lots of children. Some fantastic vocabulary was used and the children all demonstrated super cutting skills. Well done Year 1.



Choir Christmas Fun Song Props request

For our Christmas fun song, we need:

- A blue and white striped long-sleeved T shirt,
- A Santa Suit (or jacket)
- A policeman's helmet
- An eye patch.

If anyone in the choir can bring these in on Monday, that would be fantastic!

Mrs Gill

Christmas Dinner Day – Thursday 18th December

If your child would like a Christmas Dinner next Thursday and you pre-order on MCAS, please ensure you select the **Christmas Dinner menu** and **NOT** the regular Thursday Roast menu - This menu will not be on offer on the day **including** jacket potatoes. As advised last week, there will be no charge for the Christmas Lunch for all pupils.



Allergen Matrix Christmas Menu 2 2025		Celery	Crustaceans	Eggs	Fish	Gluten	Lupin	Milk	Molluscs	Mustard	Nuts	Peanuts	Sesame	Sulph	Soya
Christmas Chocolate & Vanilla Flavour Ice Cream								✓							
Pigs in Blankets						✓ wheat			?					✓	✓
Pri Brussel Sprouts (Prepped)														✓	
Pri Christmas Roast Turkey & Gravy (80g each)															
Pri Christmas Shortbread Cookie						✓ wheat									?
Pri Gravy															
Pri Peas & Baton Carrots (prepped)														✓	
Pri Roast Potatoes														✓	✓
Pri Vegan Roast Vegetable Wellington						✓ wheat			?					✓	✓

Scomis Online Safety Newsletter

Please follow the link below for Scomis' Online Safety Newsletter!

<https://www.scomis.org/app/uploads/2025/12/OLS-Newsletter-parents-Dec-2025.pdf>

Achieve4All – After Half Term – NEW LINK BELOW FOR JANUARY (Spring 1)

If your child would like to join/continue this Multi-Sports club on a Wednesday after school – 3.30pm-4.30pm, please follow the new link below to book.

Modbury	Wednesday	KS1+2 Multi Sports Club	https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/achieve4all-multi-sports-club-ks12-modbury-wednesday-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 Y2 – Y6 Football After School Club – NEW LINK COMING SOON FOR NEXT TERM'S CLUB

Plymouth Argyle's Football After School Club (Years 2, 3,4,5 & 6) will be running every Friday – 3.30pm–4.30pm.

If your child would like to join/continue this club in January, please follow the link below to book.

Modbury	Friday	Football Club	NEW LINK COMING SOON
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Diary Dates - New dates in bold

Nativities and Christmas plays

17th Dec 2pm and 6 pm - Year 3 and 4 play (Hall) Please return to school at 5.30pm/

18th December - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

19th December - 1.30pm Carol service - at the church

9th January – M&M Productions – Snow White!



Stars of the Week

Reception - Elijah

Year 1 - Arthur

Year 2 – Ava

Year 3 – George

Year 4 -Connie A

Year 5 -Otis

Year 6 – Lilly



Our top readers

Each week we celebrate the children with the highest word count for the week:

This week's top readers are:

Year 2 Emily, Ava and Zoe

Year 3 Harvey, Alice and William

Year 4 Rory, Max and Becky

Year 5 Felix, Lilah and Nathan

Year 6 Charlie, Maisy and Beth

TT Rockstars

Each week we celebrate the children with the biggest improvement in accuracy

Year 2 Isaac, Toby F and Rosie

Year 3 Logan, Arsenii and Eddie

Year 4 Frank, Connie MT and Ollie

Year 5 Rose, Grace and Fred

Year 6 Beth, Maisy and Jago

'Wake up Wednesday'

This online safety guide examines the TikTok app, highlighting risks such as inappropriate content, data misuse, addictive use, and stranger contact.

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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

TIKTOK

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Online videos are often associated with apps such as YouTube, but among teens, TikTok is king. The app provides a potentially addictive, never-ending stream of short clips tailored to users' interests based on their viewing habits. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while most content is benign, Ofcom considers it the app where young people are "most likely to encounter a potential harm".

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(Certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

TikTok's Following Feed shows videos from known creators, while the default For You Feed serves endless clips based on viewing history. Most are harmless, but unsuitable content can still appear, and watching for long enough signals interest to the algorithm. Although TikTok bans illegal or inappropriate uploads, the volume of posts means some slip through, increasing the chance that children encounter age-inappropriate material before it is detected or removed.

BODY IMAGE AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Ofcom reports that most online harms for girls involve body image, while boys more often see dangerous stunts. Both types appear frequently on TikTok and spread quickly through its engagement-driven algorithm. Harmful challenges have included the "blackout" trend, where users held their breath until passing out. Families filed lawsuits after children died linked to the trend, showing how extreme or risky content can rapidly reach young people and negatively influence them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but children can still spend money. TikTok coins, costing £9.99 to £224.99, let users buy gifts for creators. TikTok Shop adds risk by allowing purchases from influencers or companies, sometimes leading to poor-quality items driven by persuasive marketing. A Canadian investigation found TikTok collected personal data from many children for targeting and advertising despite age limits, meaning young users may lose control over their personal information.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Between 1.6 and 1.9 billion people use TikTok, meaning there's a high risk of unwanted attention from strangers. Accounts created by over-18s (or young people using a fake date of birth) are set to public view by default. This means that not only is someone's profile visible to everyone else on the app, it also suggests their videos to others and allows anyone to download or comment on them.

MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION

TikTok's short videos may appear lighthearted, but they can expose young people to harmful ideas. Misinformation is common, and Ofcom reports that nearly one third of 12-15-year-olds use TikTok as a news source, increasing the chance of seeing racist, misogynistic, extremist or conspiracy material. Even brief clips can influence impressionable users and shape their worldview, making discussions about critical thinking, propaganda and online influence especially important for parents and educators.

ADDICTIVE DESIGN

TikTok's fast-paced stream of eye-catching videos can be potentially addictive for young users. In 2024, UK children spent an average of 127 minutes per day on the platform, double the time recorded in 2020. Excessive use can disrupt sleep, increase irritability, and distract from healthier activities. Constantly skipping between short clips may also affect attention span, making it harder to focus on longer tasks such as homework or reading.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account to their child's in order to manage settings remotely. Parents can then turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen time limits, make accounts private and manage whether their child can send messages – and if they can, to whom. Children cannot alter these settings without parental approval.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If a child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's good practice to discuss the potential risks. Ensure they don't share any identifying personal information or respond to dangerous trends, and that they know to talk to a trusted adult if they're worried by interactions on the app. With more teens using TikTok for news, it's important to talk about misinformation and propaganda.

BLOCK IN-APP SPENDING

Parents can restrict in-app purchases on iPhone and Android devices to prevent accidental or impulsive TikTok spending. Young people can easily spend large amounts on TikTok coins or low-quality products promoted through TikTok Shop. If a disappointing purchase occurs, turn it into a discussion about influencer marketing and how online promotions can be misleading.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child is spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as is failing to complete homework or skipping meals. Remember, the parental controls are there for a reason, and it's never too late to introduce limits.

Meet Our Expert

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Louise Nicholls
Head of School



Mrs T Coulthard
Executive Head Teacher

PTFA News

Christmas Fair – a message from the PTFA

Dear all

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped with the planning, selling and buying at the school Christmas Fair last week. The year 6s especially enjoyed running their stands and we were delighted to see plenty of reindeer food made, biscuits iced and sooo much chocolate won in the tombola. All raffle prize winners have been notified; please collect your prizes from the school office. We made a whopping **£647.90** which will help to subsidise school trips, pay for school parties and treats and put towards longer term projects like the outdoor classroom, that will help to enhance our kids experience at Modbury Primary School.

We're always on the look out for more people to get involved. If you fancy taking a greater part in these fun activities at school, please email modburyptfa@southhamsfederation.org.uk

Have a fantastic Christmas and we'll be back in the New Year!

Many thanks, PTFA team x

The fabulous Friday Cake Stand

Today was the last Friday Cake Stand - Thank you everyone for your support!

19 Dec | None - Last day of term

Community News

Swim School Offer at Ivybridge & Totnes Leisure Centres



FLASH SALE

Fusion Leisure Centres
- All Devon Sites

Join our Swim School today and
get the rest of the year for FREE*

<https://www.fusion-lifestyle.com/centres/ivybridge-leisure-centre/>

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Was your child born
between 1 September 2021
and 31 August 2022?



Apply online at:
devon.cc/admissionsonline

or scan the QR code. Applications open from
15 November 2025 to the **15 January 2026**

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admissions website you can get
more information by emailing
admissions@devon.gov.uk or
call our Education Helpline on:

0345 155 1019



You must apply through the Admissions Team, even if you've already given details to a school. Applications made directly to schools or on their lists will not be accepted.



High 5 Christmas 2025



Parents, need a little time to catch up, wrap presents, or simply prepare for the magic of Christmas?

We've got you covered!

High 5 is bringing festive fun to a venue near you on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd December!

Our open locations include **Widey, China Fleet, Mount Kelly, Stowford, and St Mary's**—all ready to give your children an unforgettable time packed with activities, laughter, and festive excitement.

While your children are busy having fun, you can enjoy **guilt-free childcare** and a little well-earned breathing space. Even better—if you're eligible for **Tax-Free Childcare**, you can use it to pay for their place!



Don't delay—book today before spaces disappear!

We can't wait to celebrate the festive season with you and your children.

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★ BEST SUMMER CAMP IN SOUTH WEST

HIGH 5 CHRISTMAS CRACKER CAMP

22ND - 23RD DECEMBER 2025 @STOWFORD SCHOOL

This **Christmas** our camps will offer action packed days filled with coached sports and an **Xtra Activities** programme guaranteed to get everyone into the festive spirit. Make sure you join us for our very special **Xmas Fancy Dress Pyjama Party**, a celebration to end another epic year of camps - not to be missed!!

MONDAY

FESTIVE FUN & TEAM CHALLENGES

Buddy the Elf's Xmas Eve Box
Tennis
Snowball Dodgeball
★ **HIGH 5: The Traitors** ★
(Ages 8+)
Football
Wet Welly Search & Rescue
(bring wet-weather gear & wellies!)

TUESDAY

*PYJAMA FANCY DRESS OPTIONAL

WINTER SPORTS & CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY

Snowboarding with Elfy J
Includes balance skills session
Ice Hockey
Crimbo Arts
Festive Nerf Wars
★ **Pyjama Dance Party** ★
with Inflatables

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venue: <https://campscui.active.com/orgs/High5SportsCamps?season=3724444>