



Modbury Primary School Newsletter Friday 20th March 2026



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What a beautiful sunny end to the week! The children all enjoyed showing each other their red outfits, and we had some lovely discussions about what charity is and why it is important to support others and raise awareness. If you want to donate, please visit: [Red Nose Day donation link](#).

Throughout the week, the children have been working incredibly hard in all areas of their learning. We have seen some fantastic efforts, particularly in their reading and writing, where they have been developing their confidence and independence. In maths, the children have been exploring new concepts with enthusiasm and have shown great perseverance when faced with challenges.

A huge well done to our Year 1 children who wowed us with their class assembly.

Thank you for your continued support at home. It really does make a difference to the children's progress and confidence.

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

RNLI Visit

Last Friday the RNLI visited Key Stage Two to teach the children about safety on the beach. The children learnt about the meaning of the different flags and learnt the procedure to follow if they get into trouble. Now the weather is getting nicer, we hope this advice will help you enjoy lots of fun and safe days on the beach.



SEND coffee afternoon

It was lovely to have parents join us at our coffee afternoon. These sessions are open to all parents, not just those with SEND children and are a great opportunity to connect and ask questions. We are planning a behaviour and attendance coffee afternoon next half term and will be bringing you details soon!

Online Safety - Online trends encouraging violence

Violent clips, online 'wars', and shock-value challenges can spread rapidly across social media feeds – often appearing in front of young people who weren't actively looking for

them. This guide explains how algorithms, messaging groups and viral trends can expose children to real-world violence online, sometimes normalising harmful behaviour or encouraging risky offline actions.

It also highlights the emotional, social and legal risks linked to engaging with violent content.

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 ONLINE TRENDS ENCOURAGING VIOLENCE

7 out of 10 teens report seeing violent content on social media, with over half of that content featuring fights involving young people. Most don't 'seek' it but are shown it through social media feeds or messaging groups. 91% of young people involved in violence have seen violent social media content. Viral trends, challenges, or 'wars' that are spread online risk encouraging violence offline, while real-world incidents may also be recorded and promoted online.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ALGORITHMIC EXPOSURE

Social media platforms are designed to keep users engaged, meaning dramatic or extreme content can spread widely and quickly. Algorithms often recommend content that reflects users' past interactions. As a result, young people may see more violent material if they have viewed, commented on, or shared it before. Repeated exposure can make violent content appear frequently in their feeds without them fully understanding why.

WEAPONS AND CRIMINAL RISK

Teens exposed to high levels of real-world violence on social media sometimes report feeling an increased need to carry a weapon for 'self-protection'; however, carrying a weapon increases the risk of victimisation (harm and injury by others) for young people. In addition, carrying a weapon is a serious offence that can lead to police arrest and a criminal record.

SHARING VIOLENT CONTENT

Encouraging or assisting an offence is a crime in the UK, including via social media, and can lead to arrest. This means sharing, forwarding, or reposting violent content carries a risk for young people too. Showing examples of content to a trusted adult is appropriate, but young people should take care not to further spread violent material by posting it online or sharing it within large messaging groups.

FEAR, ANXIETY, AND MARGINALISATION

Research shows young people's emotional wellbeing can be negatively impacted by repeated exposure to violent online content, especially when it depicts 'real-world' violence (as opposed to fictional depictions in games or films). Posts featuring weapons, threats, attacks, and fights – or content that appears to glamorise gang activity – can increase feelings of anxiety or fear among young people. Material that encourages violence targeting people because of their identity, such as their nationality or religion, can also create disproportionate harm for children belonging to those groups.

AVOIDANCE AND ISOLATION

Real-world violence on social media can increase young people's belief that their local communities – or the 'outside world' more generally – are unsafe places. This can result in avoidant and isolating behaviours, which may negatively affect their wellbeing. As well as feeling fearful of others, teens also report feeling judged for spending time together in large groups, which may affect their social interactions and leisure time.

Advice for Parents & Educators

STAY INFORMED

Stay alert for updates from police, schools, or local authorities, and follow the advice provided. Be cautious about unofficial accounts, fake content, and misinformation, which can spread quickly online or in chat groups. Ensure you get accurate information from trusted sources and encourage young people to do the same. Remind them never to share violent content online and to speak to a trusted adult instead.

DISCUSS SOCIAL MEDIA

Encourage young people to talk about the content they see online and the effect it can have. This can be an opportunity to discuss topics such as misinformation, AI-generated material, the attention economy, and algorithms, helping them understand how and why extreme content can spread online. Explore tools available to block, report, and remove harmful content, and signpost where to get support and advice, such as reportharmfulcontent.com.

TALK CRIME AND SAFETY

In most of the UK, the age of criminal responsibility is 10 (12 in Scotland). This means there can be serious criminal consequences for carrying a weapon, taking part in violence, or filming or sharing violent content. Discuss the law with young people alongside practical safety strategies. Ask questions such as: "What could you do if you feel unsafe?" Work together on action plans and remind them they can contact a trusted adult or the police if they witness or experience violence.

ENCOURAGE POSITIVE ACTION

Focus on strengthening young people's positive experiences both online and within their local communities. Discuss strategies to reduce negative social media effects, such as time limits, unfollowing certain accounts, or taking breaks from apps. Encourage offline activities such as spending time with friends, visiting local places, and taking part in hobbies that bring them joy, purpose, and connection. Remind them they can seek support with any concerns at any time via childline.org.uk.

Meet Our Expert

Dr. Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading UK expert in media law, online safety, and young people. Her PhD investigates youth understandings of criminal and legal risks in a digital context. She works in schools to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal, and ethical considerations of rapidly advancing technologies.

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Attendance

MCAS has recently undergone an update, and we were made aware of an issue with the attendance section. We are hopeful that this has now been resolved.

We will be sending out attendance letters in the coming weeks to families where attendance is causing concern. Please remember that while we do our best to support pupils in catching up after any absence, this can have an impact on the support available to other children in school. If you are experiencing any difficulties with attendance, please do get in touch with us and we will do our best to support you.

95%	=	40 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	80 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	120 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	160 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

Diary Dates - New dates in bold

- 24th March – YR & Y6 Child Measurement Programme
- 31st March PM – Choir – Easter performance at South Hams Hospital
- 2nd April - Rocksteady concert 10am
- 2nd April - Easter Service (afternoon) TBC
- 20th April - Year 3 extended day trip
- 6th May - Year 5 sailing
- 13th May - Year 5 sailing
- 13th May - Year 6 SATS week
- 3rd June - Class photos
- 16th June - Year 4 residential
- 24th June - Year 6 residential
- 1st July - Sports Day (am)
- 2nd July - Year 6 transition day ICC
- 8th July - Reserve sports day (am)
- 9th / 10th July - Year 6 play
- 16th July - Rocksteady Summer concert 10am (Time TBC)
- 17th July - Leavers assembly 9.30 Time TBC

Class Assemblies - Thursdays

- (Starting at 2.55pm)
- 26th March - Reception

Achieve4All – Spring Term

If your child would like to join/continue this Multi-Sports club on a Wednesday after school **AFTER February half term** – 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



Stars of the Week



This week's focus - Classroom resilience

Reception – Evie
Year 1 – Leo
Year 2 – Bernie
Year 3 – Grace
Year 4 – Ollie
Year 5 – Gwen
Year 6 - Arlo

TTRS

Correct answers

Year 2 - Barney, Erin, Isaac
Year 3 - Izzi, Ellen, Arthur
Year 5 - Freya, Iris, Dom
Year 6 - Jago

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Word Count - Last 7 days

Year 2 - Emily, Louis, Jacob
Year 3 - Delilah, Herbie, Arthur
Year 4 - Evie
Year 5 - Felix, Rose, Lilah
Year 6 - Jack, Arlo, Sam

Highest word count 2025-26

Otis 1,368,750 words!

Louise Nicholls
Head of School

Mrs T Coulthard
Executive Head Teacher

PTFA News

Here are the remaining dates for the **Cake Stand** this term:

27 March | Yr 6

Notes from the PTFA meeting in January:

- *AGM - Friday 1 May, 9am - School Hall
- *May Fair - Pirates & Lost Boys from Peter Pan - Carnival entry
- *Colour Run - Fundraising event - Thursday 21 May
- *Summer Fair - Fundraising event - Wednesday 15 July
- *Outdoor classroom - Fundraising required

Community News

THE MODBURY MAY FAIR

AHOY, ME HEARTIES! SET SAIL FOR A DAY OF FUN AND FOLLY!

ON MONDAY 4TH MAY, FROM 10AM 'TIL 2PM, DROP ANCHOR AND JOIN US AT LOWER POUNDWELL FOR A SWASHBUCKLIN' CELEBRATION FIT FOR PIRATES, PRINCES, AND LANDLUBBERS ALIKE!

⚓ WHAT TREASURES AWAIT YE? ⚓

- 👑 THE ROYALTY CROWNING - WATCH AS NEW RULERS BE CROWNED BEFORE THE CREW!**
- 🦆 THE GREAT DUCK RACE - CHEER YER LUCKY DUCK TO VICTORY ON THE HIGH SEAS!**
- 🥞 CREPES - SWEET DELIGHTS TO KEEP YER ENERGY SHIPSHAPE.**
- 🍕 WORLD PIZZA - HOT, HEARTY SLICES WORTHY OF A CAPTAIN.**
- 🌭 COAST 2 COAST - HOG ROAST, HOT DOGS & VEGAN BURGERS FOR EVERY SAILOR ABOARD.**
- ☕ SOUTH COAST COFFEE - A MUG O' FINEST BREW TO WARM YER BONES.**
- 🍦 PETE'S ICE CREAM VAN - FROZEN TREASURE FOR SCALLYWAGS YOUNG AND OLD.**
- 💧 LIZZIE FLUID FACES - TRANSFORM INTO A FEARSOME PIRATE OR MYSTICAL MERMAID!**
- 🌟 HOLLY FRANCIS HAIR - GLITTER BRAIDS TO MAKE YE SPARKLE LIKE BURIED GOLD.**
- 🥕 CRUNCHY CARROT - LEAP, BOUNCE, AND DANCE LIKE TRUE SCALLYWAGS AS THE TUNES PLAY AND THE DECK COMES ALIVE!**
- 🎶 MAY POLE DANCING - TRADITIONAL FUN WITH MERRY PIRATES**
- 🎮 FAIR GAMES - TEST YER SKILL AND WIN BRAGGIN' RIGHTS ACROSS THE SEVEN SEAS.**

👤 BRING THE WHOLE CREW, DON YER FINEST PIRATE GARB, AND PREPARE FOR A DAY OF LAUGHTER, LOOT, AND LEGENDARY FUN.

ALL HANDS ON DECK - WE'LL SEE YE THERE! 🏴‍☠️

SPECIAL OFFER EASTER ROADSHOWS

SPACES WILL FILL UP FAST, SO BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

Are you looking for the perfect way to keep your children active, inspired, and engaged during the school holidays?

Argyle Community Trust run dedicated soccer roadshows across Plymouth, Devon, and Cornwall, offering a fun, inclusive and safe environment for young people of all abilities!

Book your child on to our Home Park or Manadon roadshows in Plymouth for just £15 for the day.

Book by Friday, 13 March and receive a further 20% off using code EARLYBIRD20!

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EARLYBIRD20!

JUST £15 PER DAY!

Home Park
Friday, 10 April | Monday, 13 April | Friday, 17 April

Have a tour of the Theatre of Greens, have lunch at the stadium & play on the state-of-the-art pitches at Harpers Football Centre.

Manadon Sports and Community Hub
Tuesday, 7 April | Wednesday, 8 April | Thursday, 9 April | Tuesday, 14 April | Wednesday, 15 April | Thursday, 16 April

Play on the state-of-the-art 3G pitches

Other Roadshow Dates

<p><i>Tuesday, 7 April</i> Wembury Primary School - Gymnastics</p> <p><i>Wednesday, 8 April</i> Wembury Primary School - Gymnastics Ivybridge Community College</p> <p><i>Thursday, 9 April</i> Ivybridge Community College</p>	<p><i>Tuesday, 14 April</i> Wembury Primary School - Gymnastics</p> <p><i>Wednesday, 15 April</i> Wembury Primary School - Gymnastics Ivybridge Community College</p> <p><i>Thursday, 16 April</i> Ivybridge Community College</p>
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BOOK NOW!

EASTER

MODBURY MISSION
COMMUNITY

HOLY WEEK

GOOD FRIDAY 3RD APRIL
MODBURY, FAMILY WALK WITH KIDS' ACTIVITIES- 10.30AM
(MEET AT ST GEORGE'S)

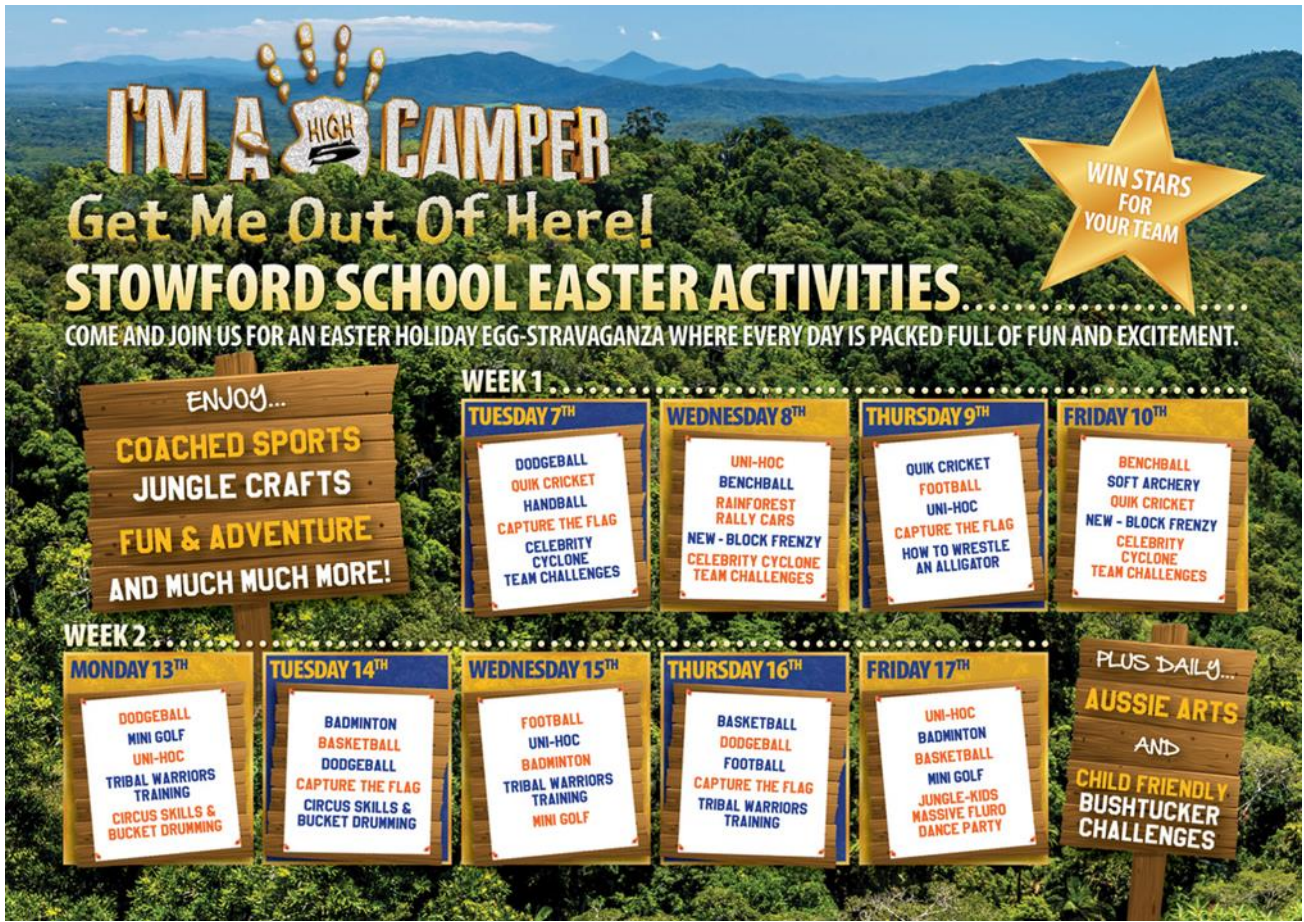
EASTER SUNDAY, 5TH APRIL
ALL SERVICES WILL INCLUDE SOMETHING FOR CHILDREN

KINGSTON- 9.30AM
MODBURY- 9.30AM
RINGMORE- 9.30AM
BIGBURY- 11AM
AVETON GIFFORD-11AM

St George's Church – Easter fun!

Rev Oli Long would like to invite children and families along to St George's church for some Easter fun on Good Friday 3rd April. They have organised some interactive activities from 1030am, including an Easter Egg hunt and refreshments!

There's more on Easter Sunday in church at 9.30am, with a service that's suitable for families.



Booking is now open for High 5's Easter Holiday Camps - spring into action to get the best Early Bird booking rates!

Easter 2026 sees the return of "I'm a High 5 Camper, Get Me Out of Here!" and this year the jungle just got wilder with even bigger challenges and bolder adventures.

- **Easter Holiday Camps: 7th – 17th April 2026**
- **Bookings for Easter 2026 are officially OPEN!**
- **Get the best prices with our early bird rate – available until 9 March only!**

Places are limited so don't miss the chance for your child to join the tribe for a holiday filled with unforgettable memories and fun!

Book Now! <https://campscui.active.com/orgs/High5SportsCamps?season=3784235>

Alongside the tribe battles, star-collecting missions and bush-tucker style challenges your campers already love, we've added some absolute rippers for 2026. We're unleashing Foam Pits and Foam Cannons, firing up a Neon Nightclub for UV Jungle Dance Parties, and rolling out our Celebrity Cyclone Total Wipeout Course where only the bravest campers will conquer the storm.

Campers will battle it out in tribes, earn Golden Stars, collect Dingo Dollars and win Jungle Prizes, all while building confidence, resilience and proper mate-ship. Every challenge is designed to stretch them just enough to grow – without ever feeling out of their depth. And because every little explorer is different, each site will feature our brand-new Zen Zone. A calm, supervised space where campers can pause, reset and recharge if the jungle buzz gets a bit full-on.

Our standard days run from 8.30am until 4.30pm, Monday to Friday but if you need your jungle adventurers to stay with us for a longer day then please choose the Extended Day option when booking, which allows you to drop off at 8am and collect them again at 6pm.

Many thanks
The High 5 office




HOLIDAY CAMPS



WHAT TO EXPECT

- Glow Sports
- Arts & Crafts
- Bubble Football
- Inflatable Games
- Bouncy Castles
- Swimming
- Sports & Team Games

GOOD TO KNOW

- 📅 Tuesday 7th - Friday 10th April
- ✔ Ages 3 - 12 (camp dependant)
- 💷 Price - £35 per Day
- 🕒 8:15am - 5:15pm

Locations

- Totnes Leisure Centre
- Quayside Leisure Centre
- Brixham CoFE Primary School



Accept tax free / childcare vouchers

More information **07721638935** Visit our website **sportystars.co.uk**

To book, please following this link:

<https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/sportystars-torbay-and-south-hams-kingsbridge-multi-activity-camp-totnes-fc830760-cd48-47a1-9df2-6a3cf1f86b42>




SOUTH DEVON TENNIS CENTRE

HOLIDAY CAMPS

ALL DAY £29

ACTIVITIES

- PICKLEBALL, TENNIS
- KWIK CRICKET
- ROUNDERS, DODGEBALL
- ARTS & CRAFTS
- FOOTBALL & LOTS MORE
- ALL DAY 8:30 - 6PM

EASTER, MAY & SUMMER

5 - 12 YEARS

2HR TENNIS & PICKLEBALL CAMPS £18

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HOLIDAY CAMPS

FOOD OPTIONS

You are welcome to bring your own packed lunch, or choose from our meal deal option on the day for £6.75

COLD OPTION

Sandwich choice: Ham, Cheese, Cheese & Tomato

HOT OPTION

Homemade Tomato Pasta
Homemade Pasta Bolognese

Burger & Chips
Chicken Goujons & Chips
Sausage & Chips
(choice of beans or peas)

DESSERT

Jelly pot or Ice cream

SNACK

Apple or Banana

JUICE

Apple, Orange or Bottle of water



SOUTH DEVON TENNIS CENTRE



PLYMOUTH BRITAIN'S OCEAN CITY RUNNING FESTIVAL

Sunday 17 May 2026

Run in the NHS Blue Wave



Raise funds for your hospital!
and get a discount of £10
on your entry to the race!



Half Marathon
£10 discount
PLUS Free T-shirt
for fundraisers!



10k Run
£10 discount
PLUS Free T-shirt
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Find out more here:



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