



Modbury Primary School Newsletter

Friday 27th March 2026



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What a lovely week the children have had. Our youngest children have had their Ugly Bug Ball while lots of our Year 3,4,5 and 6 children went to a windy Malborough for a super federation cross country competition. We've had a real mix of weather this week—sometimes all four seasons in one day! Please make sure the children come prepared for everything. Thank you as always for your support

Cross Country Club

It has been a fantastic season for our Cross-Country Club, with the children showing incredible commitment and determination since we started back in October. Through all kinds of weather, they have turned up each Thursday ready to train, improve and support one another and it has been brilliant to see their confidence and resilience grow over time.

All of that hard work came together at this week's inter federation cross country race where the children represented the school superbly. There were some fantastic individual performances across all year groups, with many pupils achieving excellent results and pushing themselves to new levels.

We are especially proud that, as a team, we finished joint first overall with Stokenham - A brilliant achievement and a real reflection of the collective effort, teamwork and spirit shown by everyone involved.

Well done to all the runners for their enthusiasm and perseverance, and thank you to families for your continued support throughout the season.



Welcome to the March 2026 Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for Parents and Carers

Remember — Talk to your child about Online Safety!

Scomis would like to sign-post you to websites offering advice and guidance to parents and carers on key online safety issues.

Visit the following websites to find out more:

Parentzone – [Guides for parents](#) learn out to be a positive digital parent, watch a range of videos on social media including:

[Chat GPT and Artificial Intelligence](#) [Virtual Reality](#),

CommonSense Media – [Age based media reviews](#) for families, including Games, Apps, Films and TV, books.

ThinkUKnow - [Advice on keeping your under 5 safe](#)
Learn about [Jessie & Friends](#)—advice for 4-7 year olds.
Watch the advice [films for 8-10 year olds](#)
Review lots of [advice for 11-18 year olds](#)

Get Safe Online advice on how to [protect yourself](#), your family. Find out how to protect yourself and your devices against remote access attacks.

National Cyber Security Centre advice for individuals to respond to an online scam or cyber attack including: [Phishing](#) [online shopping fraud](#) [hacked accounts](#) and more!

UK Safer Internet Centre

[Tips for parents and carers with children of all ages](#)
Watch short videos to aid starting discussions with [neurodiverse children](#) about their online experiences.

Access [SEND](#) resources

Try the [Quiz for 7-11 year olds](#)

Try the [Quiz for 11-14 year olds](#)

[Tips for 14-18 year olds](#) how to stay up to date with common and emerging scams

Check [Top Tips for Parents and Carers](#)



Many devices now connect to the Internet!

- Doorbells, CCTV, Toys, robots, drones and much more
- Software developers or even hackers may be connected to your device without your knowledge
- Baby monitors, children's tablets, drone toys, can be hacked and used by people outside of your home.

Find out how to keep you and your family safe and visit the [NSPCC's website](#)

Online Safety resources for children with SEND

[NSPCC](#) partnering with [Ambitious about Autism](#), have created online safety tips, advice and activities for parents and carers of children with SEND, including children with dyslexia, autism and speech and language difficulties.

Access resources listed below:

[Sharing personal details](#)

[Friendships online](#)

[One-page profile](#)

[Cyberbullying for children with SEND](#)

[Talking to people online for children with SEND](#)



Reminder—Be a good digital parent!

- Keep your passwords safe and **do not** share them
- Schedule notifications to turn off for certain times of the day—have some **quiet time!**
- Think about what **you** are sharing online. Are you sharing too much? Remember those holiday snaps you post **indicate you are not at home!**
- Reassure your child that they can talk to you or another trusted adult to ask for help

Need help?

Visit the following website for more guidance:

[Vodafone's Digital Parenting](#) Helping your family live a happy and safe digital life. Includes:

[Parental controls tips and toolkit](#)—watch short videos with your child(ren)

[Screen time and phones](#)

Find out how to use 'Screen Time' on iPads and iPhones.

Find out how to setup 'Digital Wellbeing' on Android mobile phones.

Learn how 'to take back control' and stop 'doom-scrolling'

Support for the under 25's

Looking for help and support?

Try 'The Mix'. Explore the wide range of topics [here](#)



HELP IN THE HOLIDAYS!

Don't forget! advice is just a phone call away from the [NSPCC](#) helpline **0808 800 5000**

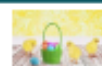
[Childline](#) **0800 1111** Free advice for children

Websites to check:

[Childnet's Parent and Carer's Toolkit](#)

[ThinkUKnow's advice for Parents and Carer's](#)

Have a happy safe holiday!



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Top Tips for Parents & Educators: Guiding Young Voices

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.

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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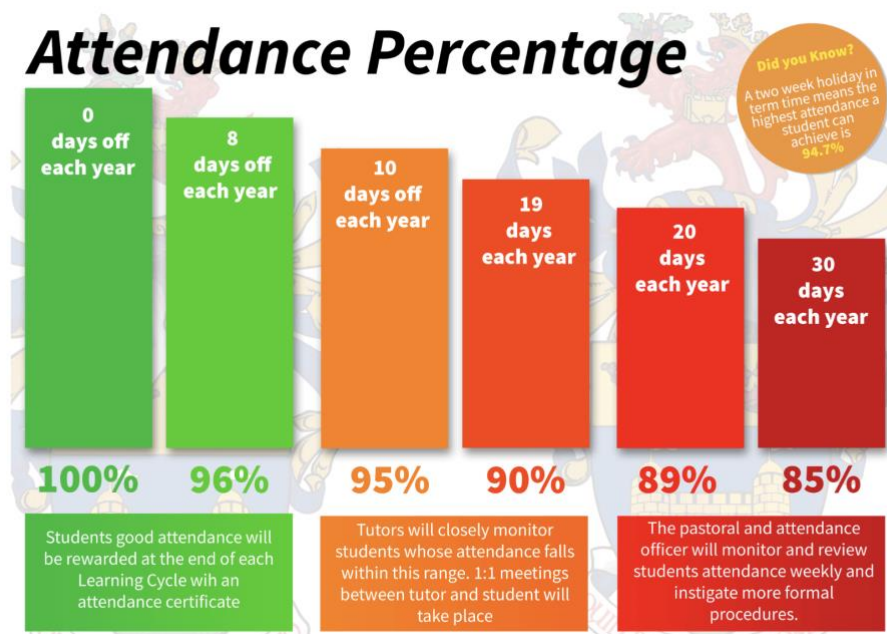
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#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Attendance

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.



Diary Dates - New dates in bold

- 31st March PM – Choir – Easter performance at South Hams Hospital
- 2nd April - Rocksteady concert 10am
- 2nd April - Easter Service 2pm-3pm
- 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

Achieve4All – Summer Term

If your child would like to join/continue this after school Multi-Sports club on a Wednesday **after Easter until May 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 – Magnus
Year 1 – Rosie
Year 2 – Emily
Year 3 – Madeleine
Year 4 – Jasper
Year 5 – Otis
Year 6 - Maisy

TTRS

Correct answers

Year 2 - Barney, Bear, Toby
Year 3 - River, Ralph, Elliot
Year 4 - Stanley, Rory, Oli
Year 5 - Jack, Freya, Felix
Year 6 - Tristan, Jack, Jago

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Word Count - Last 7 days

Year 2 - Jacob, Noah, Logan
Year 3 - George, Delilah, William
Year 4 - Jasper, Evie, Ollie
Year 5 - Iris, Jack, Lilah
Year 6 - Jago, Arlo, Seb

Highest word count 2025-26

Otis 1,368,750

Louise Nicholls
Head of School

Mrs T Coulthard
Executive Head Teacher

PTFA News

Thank you to everyone who came to the **School Disco!** We hope you enjoyed the chance to dance and hula hoop to the music. Our thanks to DJ Crunchy for his never-ending enthusiasm. We are looking at an option for a silent disco in the autumn term to help children with sensory needs. Watch this space!

We have plenty to get excited about in the summer term, including our **May Fair Duck race, Pirate-themed carnival parade, Colour Run and Summer Fair.** Poster included from the May Fair committee who are on the lookout for helpers to run the **May Fair games** on Monday 4 May. Just 30 minutes of your time can make a huge difference - thank you.

It's the last **Cake Stand** today, run by Year Reception. Thanks so much for all the baked and bought goodies over the past two terms. We'll move to ice lollies for the summer term and welcome any donations.

Notes from the PTFA meeting in March:

*AGM - Friday 1 May, 9am - School Hall

*May Fair - Pirates & Lost Boys from Peter Pan - Carnival entry - Saturday 9th May 4pm - meet in school front drop off at 3.30pm

Children to come dressed up as:

- Pirates
- Lost Boys
- Peter Pan
- Wendy
- Captain Hook

*Colour Run - Fundraising event - Thursday 21 May

*Summer Fair - Fundraising event - Wednesday 15 July

*Outdoor classroom - Fundraising required





PLAYERS WANTED
UNDER 10'S & 11'S
(SCHOOL YEARS 5&6)

-  **U10'S – ALL POSITIONS**
U11'S – MIDFIELDERS AND STRIKERS
-  **OPEN TRAINING SESSIONS:**
WEDNESDAYS, 5.45PM
-  **MIXED TEAMS – BOYS AND GIRLS**
WELCOME
-  **NO PRESSURE – JUST COME ALONG**
AND HAVE A GO!

EMAIL FOR MORE INFO: MODBURYROVERSFC@GMAIL.COM
MODBURY RECREATION GROUND, MODBURY, PL21 OFS

Come along to our FREE open training sessions at Modbury Recreation Ground: Wednesday's 15th, 22nd & 29th April at 5:45pm.

Whether your child is experienced or just starting out, everyone is welcome!

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OF A NEW
FRIENDSHIP
MADE

FRIENDSHIP
BRACELET TO
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(with lunch)

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Days: Monday 6th April -

Friday 10th April

Timings: 9am-3pm

Age: 6-11 years

Activities Include:



**Easter
Eggs**



**Outside
Activities**



**Spring
Activities**



Engineering



Experiments

To book your place visit our website. For any questions, please email us.

Web: www.plymouthsciencecic.co.uk

Email - plymouthscienceteam@gmail.com

Tel: 07933 055 506 (only during camp dates)

* Eligibility for free places is for children who receive Free School Meals. This **DOES NOT** include children in Foundation/Key Stage 1 who receive Universal Free School Meals. If you are unsure of your status, enquire with your school office. Eligibility will be checked by Plymouth City Council, and full payment will need to be made for sessions if your child is ineligible for Free School Meals.

KINGSBRIDGE GYM CLUB

Easter
HOLIDAY CLUB

**TUESDAY 7TH APRIL
WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL
THURSDAY 9TH APRIL
MONDAY 13TH APRIL
TUESDAY 14TH APRIL
WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL
THURSDAY 16TH APRIL**

info@kingsbridgegymclub.co.uk

<https://portal.iclasspro.com/kingsbridgegymclub>

AGES 5+

9AM - 3:30PM



£25





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!



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