



Modbury Primary School Newsletter Friday 15th May 2026



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Year 6 SATs Year 6 SATs done A huge well done to all of our wonderful Year 6 children for completing their SATs this week. They have shown incredible determination, resilience and maturity and we could not be prouder of each and every one of them. They celebrated on Friday with inflatables in the pool and the week ended with a lovely surprise, receiving their leavers' hoodies!

Year 5 Sailing

Year 5 had their final sailing session this week. It was a windy session with a few capsizing but all in all they had a great time. Thank you to all the parents and carers who dropped off and picked up making this possible.

Lost property!

We have a significant amount of lost property in school. Please take a moment to check through the items when dropping off or collecting your child. To help us return belongings quickly, we kindly ask that all items brought into school are clearly labelled.

Year 3

Class 3 enjoyed making newspaper models of food in Art and then covering them with Modroc to create a food sculpture.



Pre-Ordering Lunches on MCAS

Please may we remind you, where possible, to pre-book your children's lunches on MCAS as this is a great help to the teachers each morning when registering the children. Thank you!

Online grooming is a growing and deeply concerning threat, with thousands of offences recorded each year in the UK. This edition explores how offenders build trust with children through fake identities, flattery, gifts and group chats before exploiting that relationship. It also examines the rise of sextortion and how gaming platforms and social media can become gateways for harm.

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 GROOMING

Online grooming is when someone builds a relationship with a child or young person online to gain their trust for the purpose of sexual abuse, exploitation, radicalisation, or criminal activity – such as county lines or financial scams. According to the NSPCC, police in the UK recorded over 7,000 offences involving sexual communication with a child in a single year – an increase of 89% since 2017/18.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STRANGERS USING FAKE IDENTITIES

Groomers often pose as children or teenagers online to build trust. They may create convincing fake profiles, share photos stolen from real people, or mimic the interests of the child. By pretending to be someone their age, they make conversations feel safe and reliable. Over time, they may ask for personal details, photos, or suggest meeting in person, exposing children to significant emotional and physical harm.

THE RISE OF SEXTORTION

Sextortion involves pressuring children into sharing explicit content, then blackmailing them for more. Offenders may claim to have hacked a child's device, threaten to share images with friends or family, or demand money. Many victims remain silent out of fear and shame. This growing crime is particularly dangerous because children often feel trapped, believing there's no safe way to escape the situation.

EXPLOITATION THROUGH GIFTS AND FLATTERY

To gain trust quickly, groomers often send gifts, gaming credits, or money. Alongside material offerings, they use excessive compliments, affection, and attention to create emotional dependency. These tactics make children feel valued and special, lowering their defences. Once trust is secured, groomers may escalate their requests, often asking for photos or private conversations, making the child feel pressured or indebted to continue.

GAMING PLATFORMS AS GROOMING GATEWAYS

Games like Roblox, Fortnite, or Call of Duty, which include live chat features, are frequent targets for groomers. Conversations often begin casually during gameplay and can become manipulative over time. Groomers may offer in-game gifts, credits, or exclusive add-ons to build rapport. Children using headsets or private chat features are especially at risk, as conversations are harder for adults to monitor.

GROUP CHATS AS HIDDEN PATHWAYS

Unmonitored group chats on platforms like WhatsApp or Discord provide a cover for groomers. They can watch how children interact, identify those who seem vulnerable, and then move conversations into private messaging. This transition makes detection difficult for trusted adults. The seemingly harmless group setting often masks the presence of predators, giving children a false sense of security.

CRIMINAL & RADICALISATION RISKS

Grooming is not always sexual. Some offenders manipulate children into criminal activities such as drug running or online fraud. Others attempt to radicalise young people with extreme ideologies. Groomers often use fear, money, shame, or promises of belonging to control their victims. These forms of exploitation can be just as harmful as sexual grooming, and often leave lasting psychological and social consequences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

KEEP CONVERSATIONS REGULAR

Rather than having one "big talk" about online safety, weave conversations into everyday life. Ask questions about children's online friendships and interests. Share real-life examples to make discussions relatable and encourage honesty instead of secrecy. When children feel comfortable discussing their digital lives, they are far more likely to share concerns or admit when something feels wrong, reducing the chance of risky interactions going unnoticed.

CREATE A "TELL ME" CULTURE

Children often keep silent because they fear being punished or losing access to their devices. Reassure them that coming forward with concerns won't get them into trouble. Emphasise that you are there to help, not judge. Creating a safe, open environment encourages children to speak up if something feels wrong, and helps to ensure they don't suffer in silence when facing potential grooming risks.

UNDERSTAND THE PLATFORMS CHILDREN USE

Take time to learn about the apps, games, and social platforms children are on. Familiarise yourself with privacy settings, parental controls, and group chat features. Use resources like The National College guides or conduct quick searches to stay updated. By understanding how these platforms operate, you'll be better equipped to set boundaries, guide safe use, and notice any unusual or concerning online behaviour early.

STAY ALERT TO WARNING SIGNS

Be attentive to both behavioural and digital red flags. Sudden secrecy, mood swings, or new online contacts may signal a problem. Watch for unexplained gifts, new social media profiles, or changes in sleep patterns. Increased anxiety or reluctance to attend school can also be indicators. Regularly checking in and showing interest in those whom they communicate with online help prevent small issues from escalating into serious risks.

Meet Our Expert

Staffordshire Police is dedicated to keeping people safe and tackling crime across both the physical and digital world. The force continues to strengthen its digital investigation and safeguarding capabilities to protect children and vulnerable people online, working in partnership with local, regional and national organisations, schools, and the wider community.

STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE

#WakeUpWednesday

The National College



Stars of the Week

This week's focus - Classroom resilience

Reception – Polly
Year 1 – Rosie
Year 2 – Indi
Year 3 – Elliot
Year 4 – Connie M-T
Year 5 – Seren
Year 6 – All of Year 6!!

TTRS

Studio speed

Year 2 - Barney
Year 3 - River, Izzi, Ralph
Year 4 - Lawrence, Stanley, Theo
Year 5 - Jack, Harry, Otis
Year 6 - Jack, Tristan, Arlo

AR

Word Count - Last 7 days

Year 2 - Logan, Zoe, Toby BP
Year 3 - Harvey, William, Arthur
Year 4 - Connie, Nia, Max
Year 5 - Jack, Juliet, Annalise
Year 6 - Martha, Maisy

Highest word counts 2025-26

Otis 1,876,827

Jack D 1,245,789

Felix P 1,082,761

Diary Dates - New dates in bold

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 2 – bookings now available!

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



Louise Nicholls
Head of School



Mrs T Coulthard
Executive Head Teacher

PTFA News

We had a wonderful time in the **Modbury May Fair carnival parade**. Thank you to all the children and parents who joined in and came to support the event.



Tickets are selling fast for the **Colour Fun Run taking place on Thursday 21st May from 3:45pm on the school field**. This fundraising event will involve an obstacle course set up with colour stations, where participants get showered in colourful powder as they tackle the course. **We still need a few more volunteers and plenty of cakes to sell please!** Get in touch by emailing modburypfta@southhamsfederation.org.uk or speak to any of the committee members.

- **Summer events:**

- Colour Run - Fundraising event - Thursday 21st May from 3:45pm
- Summer Fair - Fundraising event - Wednesday 15th July PM

Next meeting	Summer Fair meeting 9/6/26 online at 8pm
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Thanks, PTFA x

MODBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA

Thursday 21st May 2026
From 3.45pm on the
School Field



COLOUR FUN RUN

**A fun obstacle course for all to enjoy with showers of
colourful powder.**

**All runners to wear swimming goggles, old clothes
and a white or light coloured t-shirt to show off your
colours!**

KS1 warm up from 3:45pm

KS2 warm up from 4:00pm

Now includes optional slip n slide!

Please note event is weather dependent



£5
PER CHILD

**Tickets on sale via MCAS from 9am on
Monday 11th May (select Trips)**

*Parents/carers to accompany children on the run
(adults participate for free!). Please book by Friday 18 May 2026.
Refreshments available to buy.*

Community News



Monday 25th May 6-7.30 pm

MEADOW WALK and TALK FOR FAMILIES

School House, Mothecombe, PL8 1LB

Join us for a free guided meadow walk and talk for families. Orchard Farm covers 34 acres of predominantly pastureland that is managed regeneratively to improve biodiversity across a range of habitats, while also producing wool and meat from a much-loved flock of Coloured Ryeland, Poll Dorset and Dutch Spotted Sheep.

We will be meeting at Mothecombe School House. The walk is over rough land and up and down steep hillsides so please wear suitable footwear.

Park in Mothecombe beach car park.

Children are very welcome when accompanied by an adult.

No Dogs.

Funded by Life on the Edge

Spaces limited to 25. Free tickets available via the link below;

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/modwag/2179488>



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Kids Handstands

Thursdays at 4pm

£8 for one or £11 for two with the code: Sibling.

www.wellnesswarriorsyogastudio.co.uk

2c Broad Street, Modbury, PL21 0PS

MAY 2026



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Half Term

Pulse Dance with Aly Presents

**SAT
23**

4 week K-Pop Dance Project, learning iconic choreography to MIROH by Stray Kids (9.30-10.30am). 4 weeks £40 (23 May to 13 Jun)
sumupbookings.com/pulse-dance

Djembe Drumming / Drum Devon

**SAT
23**

Learn to play a traditional West African Djembe rhythm - No experience necessary! Starting from scratch, through games and activities, create uplifting, authentic rhythms.

Hoppers (PG) - FILM

**25
TO 29**

In "Hoppers," scientists have discovered how to "hop" human consciousness into lifelike robotic animals, allowing people to communicate with animals as animals!

NT Live: The Playboy of The Western World (12+) Event Cinema

**THU
28**

Filmed live on stage at the National Theatre, Caitríona McLaughlin directs this darkly funny tale of secrets.

TOP SECRET: The Magic Of Science

**SUN
31**

Surround yourself with the mystery of magic, with wondrous and miraculous feats of science. Suitable for the whole family filled with mystery, suspense, and lots of mess!

The Flavel Arts Centre, Dartmouth, TQ6 9ND
www.theflavel.org.uk Box Office 01803 839530

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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

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SHIVER ME TIMBERS TUESDAY

Baton Down Bench Ball
—
Captian Hook Cricket
—
Wacky Pirate Challenges
—
Captain James Sparrow,
Shipwrecked
& Soaked

WALK THE PLANK WEDNESDAY

Dabloom Dodgeball
—
Capture the Pirates Flag
—
Beach Basketball
—
Wet & Wild Treasure
Island Inflatables
Challenge

CLAP OF THUNDER THURSDAY

Me-Harty Hockey
—
Wacky Pirate Challenges
—
Captian Hook Cricket
—
Wet & Wild Treasure
Island Inflatables
Challenge

FAIR WINDS FRIDAY

Me-Harty Hockey
—
Capture the Pirates Flag
—
Dabloom Dodgeball
—
Wet & Wild Treasure
Island Inflatables
Challenge

Pirate DRESS UP & TREASURE HUNT encouraged but not compulsory!



PLUS PIRATE AAARG-RTS & CRAFTS EVERY DAY!

CHILDREN MAY GET WET, PLEASE BRING SWIMMERS/CHANGE OF CLOTHES DAILY

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