



Modbury Primary School Newsletter

Friday 22nd May 2026



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Our River Erme Art Competition

Many thanks to all the children who submitted amazing entries for this art competition. We can now reveal the chosen pieces for the categories....

The KS1 category – Ada

KS2 (Y3&4) – Jasper

KS2 (5&6) – Lilah and Rose

Congratulations to you all – An exhibition of entries will be in Ivybridge Library from tomorrow (please be aware there may not be space for all entries to be displayed). They will then be judged and the overall winner will be announced at the Rivers & Moorland Festival on Saturday 6th June in Victoria Park, Ivybridge.

Good luck to you all!

Year 3

Year 3 enjoyed doing an investigation into friction on different surfaces today - Good team work!



They have also enjoyed painting their food Modroc sculptures in Art today. Some great detail and texture were added.



Year 6 Reminder

Year 6 will be starting Forest School every Monday morning after half term. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing sun cream, suitable clothes and brings their uniform with them to change into for the afternoons.

SEND Coffee Afternoon - All Parents welcome!

The next coffee afternoon will be a whole federation event based at Loddiswell Primary school on Tuesday 23rd June 2-3pm. We are excited to have Linda Willmott, who previously worked for the Devon Social, Emotional, Mental Health team, joining us to share information on: supporting children with worries, anxiety, emotional regulation and emotional based school avoidance. This will be a really informative session with opportunities to ask questions. We hope to see lots of you there.

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.

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 relatable. 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.

WakeUpWednesday

The National College

The Big Future Survey



The Children's Commissioner has written to all schools asking for support in helping our children to take part in her new survey, The Big Future.

She wants to hear from children aged 0–18 from every background, in every part of the country, and your support will help make that possible. She is asking children about the things they enjoy, the challenges they face, the changes they want to see in their communities, and what they think a good childhood should look like today.

We would appreciate it if you could take the time to help your child complete the survey – link below...

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

Schools with particularly high participation rates will receive formal recognition for helping amplify children's voices, along with a summary of their pupils' responses, and an invite to my final Festival of Childhood.



Stars of the Week



This week's focus - Classroom resilience

Reception – Archie
Year 1 – Noah W
Year 2 – Isaac
Year 3 – George
Year 4 – Max
Year 5 – Lorcan
Year 6 – Beth

TTRS **Studio speed**

Year 2 -
Year 3 -
Year 4 -
Year 5 -
Year 6 -

AR
Word Count - Last 7 days

Year 2 -
Year 3 -
Year 4 -
Year 5 -
Year 6 -

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

- Summer Fair - Fundraising event - Wednesday 15th July PM

Next meeting	Summer Fair meeting 9/6/26 online at 8pm
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Community News

Oral Health Improvement - Supporting Children

We are the Oral Health Improvement Team – based in the Community Dental Service in Heavitree Hospital. We are hosting **free** virtual Oral Health Improvement training sessions this year aimed at parents, teachers, carers, foster carers and anyone who lives with, works with or enables **children of all ages**.

Here are the details of the next online training session:

When:

- Tuesday **2nd June 2026** at **6:30pm - 8:00pm**

What: Oral Health Improvement Training – Supporting Children

Where: Microsoft Teams

How to book a place: *Please fill out our online booking form via the QR Code.*



The poster is for 'Oral Health Improvement' training. It features a teal background with a large white tooth illustration at the bottom right. At the top left, a yellow circle contains the word 'FREE'. The main title 'ORAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT' is in large, bold, black letters. Below it, a subtitle reads 'Providing training to care givers responsible for the oral health of children of all ages.' Logos for 'NHS Royal Devon University Healthcare' and 'Devon County Council' are in the top right. A section titled 'ONLINE TRAINING' points to a QR code with the text 'SCAN ME'. A speech bubble contains the text 'Supporting Children with their Oral Health' and 'Aimed at parents, teachers, carers and anyone who supports children of all ages'. At the bottom left, a hand icon points to a yellow button that says 'CLICK HERE TO BOOK'. Contact information is at the bottom: 'Contact Us', '01392 405705', 'rduh.oralhealtheducation@nhs.net', and 'www.royaldevon.nhs.uk/dental'.

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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.

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

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Half Term

Pulse Dance with Aly Presents

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

**SAT
23**

Djembe Drumming / Drum Devon

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

**SAT
23**

Hoppers (PG) - FILM

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

**25
TO 29**

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

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

**THU
28**

TOP SECRET: The Magic Of Science

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!

**SUN
31**

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www.theflavel.org.uk Box Office 01803 839530




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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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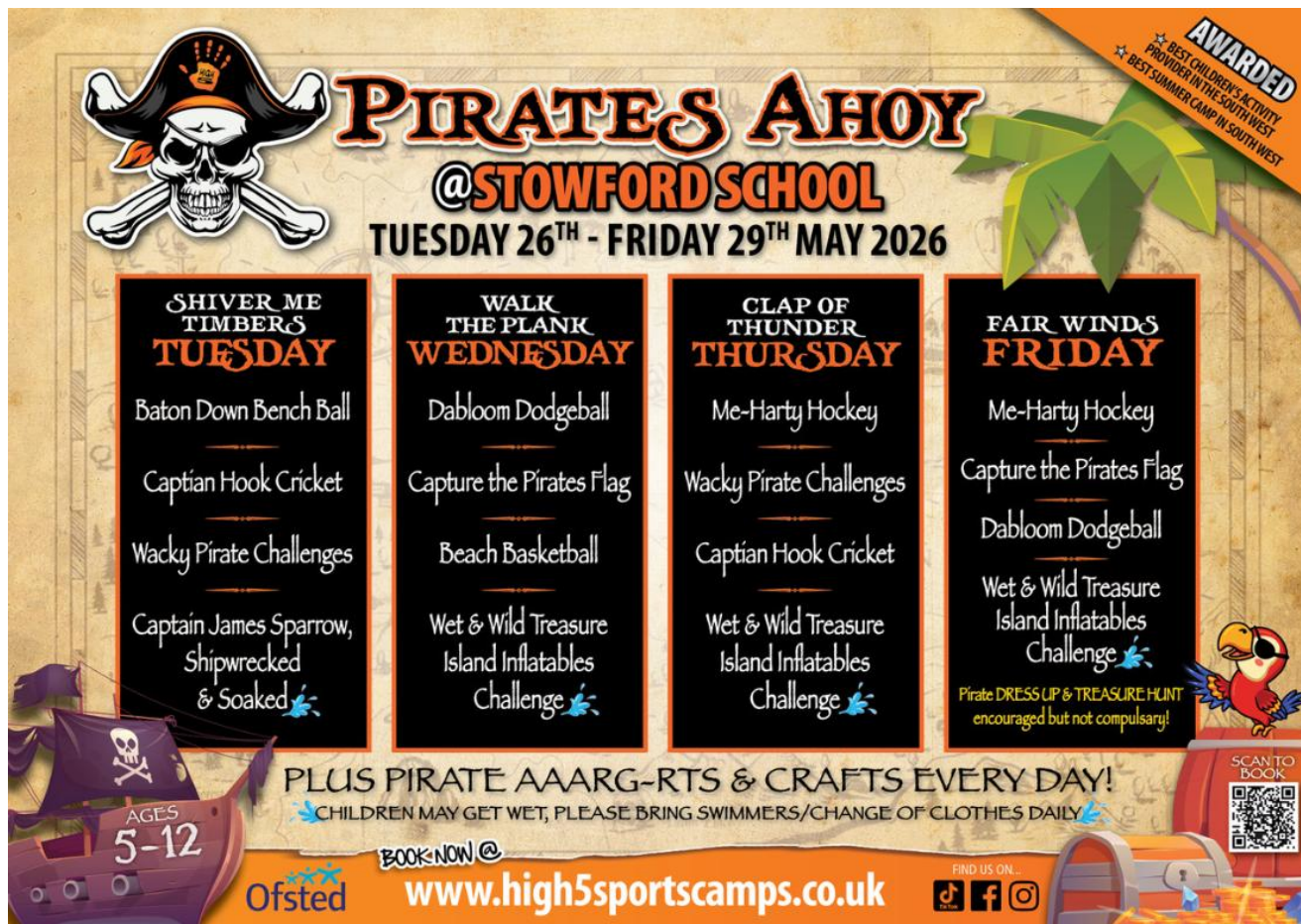


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Captian Hook Cricket	Capture the Pirates Flag	Wacky Pirate Challenges	Capture the Pirates Flag
Wacky Pirate Challenges	Beach Basketball	Captian Hook Cricket	Dabloom Dodgeball
Captain James Sparrow, Shipwrecked & Soaked	Wet & Wild Treasure Island Inflatables Challenge	Wet & Wild Treasure Island Inflatables Challenge	Wet & Wild Treasure Island Inflatables Challenge

Pirate DRESS UP & TREASURE HUNT encouraged but not compulsory!

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

AGES 5-12

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