



Cornwood Church of England Primary School
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18th September 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting week here at Cornwood! During Collective Worship, we have been thinking about how we can create our own pathway in life and the different people who can support us along the way. We have talked about how our friends, teachers, families and wider community can all help us as we grow, learn and take the next steps on our journey. I have also been popping into lessons throughout the week, and it has been fantastic to see the children so focused, enthusiastic and engaged in their learning.

A quick note about dates: unfortunately, we have had to make a couple of changes to our upcoming dates. I am really sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but unfortunately these changes are out of my control. Please do take a look at the updated dates below.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It really is appreciated, and I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Miss Aldridge



Value and Learners of the Week



Hound Tor

Learner – Dotty for trying her hardest in all her lessons.

Value - Bear for his perseverance when trying to write his name.

Shilstone Tor

Learner - Thea for trying really hard in all of her Maths lessons.

Value – Archer for showing compassion during break and lunch times.

Row Tor

Learner – Tommie.O for pushing himself to think of quality in depth answers.

Value -Akira perseverance across all her learning by challenging herself and showing great determination.

Key Dates/Reminders:

Thursday 24th September – Flu immunisations – please make sure that you have filled out the online form.

Friday 25th September – 2:45pm – 3:30pm – Macmillan Coffee afternoon – All welcome to join us in the hall.

Monday 5th October – School individual photos

Thursday 1st October – 9:30am – Harvest Festival – Please come and join us in the Church where we will be celebrating Harvest.

Thursday 8th October – 7:30pm – PTA AGM – Please note the change of date. It will still be held at The Cornwood Inn. All welcome to attend.

Thursday 15th October – 9am – EYFS and Year 1 – Come and watch our phonics lessons to learn a bit more about Little Wandle.

After-School Club

If your child is on the registered for After-School Club with Melanie, they will be taken over to Pre-School at the end of the school day, and you will need to collect them from there. This arrangement is to make sure everyone knows where the children are and that we can keep them safe and accounted for. If there are any changes to your child's arrangements, please do let Melanie know in advance. Thank you for your support with this. It will help to ensure that everyone knows where the children should be and avoid any unnecessary worry.

'A family where we flourish and learn to be the best version of ourselves'

WB 21.09.26	Who?	What?	When?
Monday	Booked in Children	Lego Club	3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday	Children with consent	Flu immunisation	Am (consent closes at 9am on 23 rd)
	Booked in Children	Premier Sport Football yr. 2-6	3.30-4.30 pm
	Booked in Children	Cross Stitch club- KS2 only	3.30-4.30 pm
Friday	Whole School	Macmillan coffee afternoon	2:45- 3:30pm



From Mr Jolliffe

In this week's newsletters there is important information about two changes to the government's statutory expectations for schools. The first relates to the use of mobile phones by pupils in schools: Keeping Children Safe in Education expects that pupils will not have access to mobile phones during the school day. The second changes relate to the way schools manage allergies and anaphylaxis

under Benedict's Law. More information about both changes can be found below.

MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL

Pupils are not permitted to use mobile phones in school and a new Mobile Phone Use Policy is due to be approved by governors on 29th September. The draft policy may be found on the EVMF website under 'key information' and 'policies' or by following this link: [Exe Valley Federation - Policies](#)
Pupils should continue to hand in phones to the school office if they need to use them on the way home to keep in touch with their parents. The policy also strengthens the rules we have had about mobile phones on residential visits. If there are particular circumstances that you would like to discuss, please contact your child's Head of School.

ALLERGY AND ANAPHYLAXIS – BENEDICT'S LAW

New legislation on managing allergies and anaphylaxis is due to be passed in December 2026 and ahead of this, the government has published statutory guidance for schools to prepare for the new rules. Pupils who have allergies and have had anaphylaxis already have healthcare plans in place to cover the risks of harm to them, but the new guidance strengthens the training expectations and requires each school to have spare auto-injectors in case another child has an anaphylactic reaction. More information about this and the background to Benedict's Law can be found on the website under 'information for parents' or by following this link: [Exe Valley Federation - Allergy and Anaphylaxis Information](#). A copy of the information on Benedict's Law is also attached to this week's newsletters.

SHOULD I KEEP MY CHILD OFF SCHOOL?

A poster with guidance on when to keep children off school due to illness is attached to this newsletter. There is a QR code for more information about each one.

Forms

Please make sure that you have filled in and sent back the annual consent forms. This is to ensure that we have relevant up to date information about yourself and your child.

Bike ability online consent form is only for Year 5 and 6. Please use the QR code to sign up.



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Hound Tor

This week, the children began their new art topic exploring spiral movements. We started with a lively outdoor session using chalk and whole-body actions to create large spirals. The Year 1 children enjoyed experimenting with big sweeping motions, while our EYFS pupils joined in to build their gross and fine motor skills. It was wonderful to see everyone working together, confidently making marks and discovering how spirals can be created through movement. We look forward to developing this theme further through drawing, painting and pattern work over the coming weeks.



Shilstone Tor

In Science this week the children completed an investigation to compare the sugar content of breakfast cereals. They were very surprised to discover which cereals had the highest amount of sugar. Our predictions were blown out of the water! They could all identify which cereals would be a good choice to include as part of a healthy balanced diet.

Row Tor

This week, we have started our place value units. We have explored thousands in Year 4 and all the way up to 10 millions in Year 5&6. We have put our place value counters to good use and considered what representations best help us to complete calculations.



Join Our Governing Team – Make a Difference in Education!

We are seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic individual to join our School Governing Board. As a governor, you'll play a crucial role in shaping the strategic direction of our school, ensuring the best possible outcomes for the children.

What's Involved?



Attend three Hub Board meetings per year (one per term) and an AGM in September



Read and engage with the Head's report, generating insightful questions



Participate in an annual school review and termly learning walk

Commitment:

- Meeting dates are scheduled in advance, ensuring sessions are efficiently run from 6–8pm
 - New governors complete Devon County Council (DCC) training online
 - You'll be assigned a mentor to support and guide you through the process

This is a rewarding opportunity to contribute to your local school, bringing your expertise and passion to a dynamic team. If you're interested, please send a brief Pen Portrait outlining why you'd like to get involved to Heidi Last, Clerk to

Governors, at hlast@exevalleyfederation.org.uk.

We look forward to welcoming you to our team!