



Cornwood Church of England Primary School
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25th September 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to see the children so focused and enthusiastic about their learning this week. Their positive attitudes and eagerness to learn have been a real pleasure to see. During one of our Collective Worships this week, we focused on allergies and the importance of AAI (adrenaline auto-injector) awareness. We talked to the children about how we can all play a part in keeping one another safe, and reassured them that all staff have received the appropriate training to respond in an emergency.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated cakes for our Macmillan fundraising. We are incredibly grateful for your generosity and support. The School Council will provide a full report on the fundraising next week.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Aldridge



Value and Learners of the Week

Hound Tor

Learner – Mina for writing beautiful sentences with confidence.
Value - Joe for his perseverance with using finger spaces.



Shilstone Tor

Learner - Edith for always being a good learning role model.
Value – Evelyn for perseverance in catching up when she has missed some learning.

Row Tor

Learner – Alice for pushing herself to achieve her best in lessons.
Value - Olivia for always showing compassion to others.

Key Dates/Reminders:

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.

Parents evenings – Week beginning 19th October – Dates and times will come out in next week's newsletter.

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.

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WB 28.09.26	Who?	What?	When?
Monday	Booked in Children	Lego Club	3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday	Whole School	Harvest Festival	9.30am in Cornwood Church
		Census day	
	Booked in Children	Premier Sport Football	3.30-4.30 pm
	Booked in Children	Cross stitch club	3.30-4.30 pm
Friday			



From Mr Jolliffe

School Reviews are an important part of the way in which senior leaders monitor the quality of education across our schools and support Heads of School in ensuring that their self-evaluation is accurate. The School Improvement Team lead the reviews, supported by English and maths lead teachers and Inclusion Leads as often as possible. Governors are invited to attend the feedback meetings and this helps them to challenge and support Heads in their development plans for their schools.

Contacting Governors

Each school in the federation has at least two link governors attached to it, so that governors maintain a close link to the daily life of the school as well as its strategic development. The link governors can be found on the federation website under 'governors' and can be contacted via your child's school office. If you wish to raise sensitive or confidential matters, please email the Clerk to Governors at clerk@exevalleyfederation.org.uk.

Speech and Language Support

Speech, language and communication skills are important for children to be able to express their needs, manage their feelings and form friendships. Children develop their speech, language and communication at different rates. However, there are typical development patterns for children as well as possible signs or symptoms that may suggest a child has a difficulty in one or more of these areas. The way that speech and language support can be accessed in Devon has changed recently. Mrs Mathers, who leads on Speech and Language as part of the Inclusion Team, has put together a set of slides to offer information about support that is available for families both in school and in the community. Some of the dates for easy access drop-ins have now passed, but there are links in the slides to further dates across the whole of Devon. The information is on the federation website under 'Information for Parents'.

Does your child worry a lot or is anxious?

The Devon Educational Psychology Service (EPS) is running group sessions which aim to reduce worrying in children and young people. The sessions can help parent carers develop skills that can be helpful in managing worries and supporting school attendance. For more details or questions, contact the educational psychology service using this email address: educate.assistanteducationalpsychologist-mailbox@devon.gov.uk or complete this form at: <https://forms.office.com/e/w13eSAg9a9> More information may be found on the federation website under 'Helping Your Child with Fears and Worries'.

Parent Meetings

Parent meetings are taking place in the next few weeks and are an opportunity for parents to talk to teachers about their children's progress so far this year. Parents are welcome to bring other adult family members or adults who play a significant part in their child's life to the meeting. If you have any concerns about the meeting taking place, please talk to your child's Head of School.



Open the Book

A special thank you to our wonderful Open the Book team for coming in this week and sharing the story of The Disciples with us. The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to the story and were captivated by the engaging way it was brought to life. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to explore the story together, think about its meaning and reflect on the important messages and values within it. We are very grateful to the Open the Book team for the time, enthusiasm and creativity they bring to our Collective Worship. We always look forward to their visits!

Hound Tor

In literacy, our EYFS children have been busy diving into fairy tales through their Talk for Writing work. They've explored characters, repeated phrases, and simple story actions, using drama, retelling and lots of oral language to help them understand how stories are built. The children have especially enjoyed stepping into the roles of familiar characters and using actions to bring each tale to life.

Meanwhile, Year 1 have spent the past three weeks focusing on transcription skills and perfecting their sentence writing. They've been practising careful letter formation, using capital letters and full stops with increasing confidence, and working hard to make their sentences clear, neat and meaningful. It's been wonderful to see their independence grow as they apply these skills in their daily writing.



Shilstone Tor

Year 2 children have been busy in Maths learning to partition numbers to 100. They have been using dienes to support their learning. Year 3 and 4 have had a busy week learning how to use resources to add and subtract 1/10/100/1000 from larger numbers in maths. In music lessons we have been using the theme of animals to choose instruments and play them in a way that reminds us of how the animals sound.

Row Tor

This week in Art, Row Tor has been exploring the use of typography in art and design. We looked at different artist examples and have begun developing fonts of our own. Our inspiration came from natural objects and others around us, such as screws and fixings. The class really enjoyed using drawing pens to work from observation, creating texture with a range of marks.



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Year 5/6 Bike ability

If your child is in Year 5 or 6, please use the QR code to sign them up for Bikeability. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to develop their cycling skills while learning more about road safety, awareness and confidence when riding on the road. It is a great week of practical learning and gives children the opportunity to build their confidence and master important cycling skills in a safe and supportive environment.

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DOES YOUR CHILD WANT TO PLAY MUSIC IN THEIR OWN BAND?

With Rocksteady, children learn to play an instrument through fun and inclusive weekly in-school rock and pop band lessons.

It's the perfect way to learn new musical skills, make friends and have a great time - all at school! There's no musical experience necessary and instruments for lessons are provided.

Rocksteady lessons are also shown to boost confidence, improve wellbeing and encourage teamwork!



Scan QR code to
find out more!

Rocksteady Music

On Monday, we had a really exciting music concert from Rocksteady! The children had a fantastic time learning about the different musical instruments they could play and finding out what it is like to be part of a band.

Lots of our children had the opportunity to get involved and experience playing together as a group. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm, confidence and enjoyment as they discovered the different instruments and the fun of making music together.

If your child would like to join a band or learn to play a musical instrument, please sign up using the QR code. It is a fantastic opportunity for children to develop their musical skills, build confidence and, most importantly, have lots of fun making music!

98%

OF PARENTS SAY
THEIR CHILD LOVES OR
ENJOYS ROCKSTEADY
BAND LESSONS

94%

OF PARENTS SAY
ROCKSTEADY
IMPROVES THEIR
CHILD'S CONFIDENCE

0330 113 0330 (Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)

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Census Day – Thursday 1st October

Our termly **Census Day** takes place on **Thursday 1st October**.

As always, our school's funding depends on maximising the percentage of pupils who have a school meal on Census Day. **Every penny really does count**, so we would be very grateful for your support.

School meals cost **£2.65**, or are free for infant pupils and children who are eligible for **income-based Free School Meals**.

Thursday's menu

Westcountry Brunch

Veggie Brunch

Jacket Potato

Wrap

Dessert: Flapjack, fresh fruit or jelly

If your circumstances have changed and you think your child may now be eligible for **Free School Meals** (including children of infant age), please apply via the Devon Citizen Portal using the link below, **a successful application will release additional funds to support your child and free places at activity clubs**.

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/en

Please don't miss out