



2nd October 2026



Dear Parents,

What a lovely week we have had! Yesterday it was our Harvest Festival. It was so lovely to see the church so full. I was so proud of all the children who performed with such confidence, enthusiasm and joy. They truly showed our school values and did themselves proud! Thank you for all of the food donations for the food bank. Don't forget that individual photos are on Monday, PTA AGM on Thursday. We would love to see some new faces. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Aldridge



Value and Learners of the Week

Hound Tor

Learner – Josie for showing me her amazing math skills.
Value - Edith for showing all of our school values consistently.



Shilstone Tor

Learner - Maeve for always giving her best
Value – Rose - For truthfulness when she doesn't understand her work

Row Tor

Learner – Tommie.L - for taking pride in his learning and showing enthusiasm to do learning tasks at home.
Value - Ellie - For showing great focus on the quality of her writing.

Key Dates/Reminders:

Monday 5th October – School individual photos
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.
Friday 16th October – Mufti day – Please bring in coloured raffle prize – See Big Breakfast for more details
Sunday 18th October – PTA Big Breakfast in the Village Hall
Thursday 22nd October – New EYFS intake September 2027 open morning – see poster

Parents evenings

Hound Tor – Monday 19th October and Wednesday 21st October – 3:40pm -5:30pm with Mrs Shearer
Shilstone Tor – Tuesday 20th October with Mrs Moss 3:40pm – 5:30pm or Wednesday 21st October and Thursday 22nd October 3:40 – 5:30 with Mrs Edgcombe– Please book an appointment with only one teacher. Before your appointment, they will liaise with the other teacher regarding your child to ensure they are fully informed and that all relevant information is covered.
Row Tor – Monday 19th October, Tuesday 20th October, Wednesday 21st October – 3:40pm – 5:20pm with Mrs Rowe

Parents evenings will be available to book at 6pm on Monday 5th October via MCAS. If you have any problems, please contact the school office.



Come to our open morning on Thursday 22nd October at 10am.
If you are unable to make this date or would prefer an individual tour please contact the school office to arrange an alternative tour.

Do you have a child starting school in September 2027?

Here at Cornwood C of E Primary school we are:

- A small, inclusive family community where every child is known and valued.
- We offer a broad and balanced curriculum that nurtures curiosity and confidence, supported by exceptional outdoor learning spaces including our forest school, swimming pool, orchard and pond.
- Children enjoy rich experiences beyond the classroom, with exciting trips and memorable residential.
- Successfully living up to its foundation as a Church School and enabling pupils and adults to flourish (SIAMs 2025)

Contact us to book your tour

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WB 5.10.26	Who?	What?	When?
Monday		Individual/ school sibling Photos	Photos with non-school age siblings can be taken before school.
	Booked in Children	Lego Club	3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday	Booked in Children	Premier Sport Football	3.30-4.30 pm
	Booked in Children	Cross stitch club PTA AGM in the Cornwood Inn	3.30-4.30 pm 7.30pm
Friday			



From Mr Jolliffe

The governing board met for the first time this year on Tuesday this week to hold their Annual General Meeting. The governor page of the EVMF website has now been updated to include a summary of each of the recent meetings, as well as pen portraits for each governor and information about which governors are connected to each school. A report on the AGM has been written later in this newsletter.

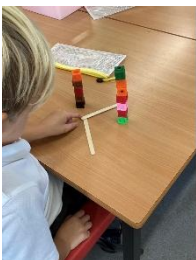
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Residential Visits for 2026-27

As a result of feedback from parents and the significant cost of the visits to families with more than one child in Key stage 2, senior leaders have proposed a new plan for visits for 2027 onwards, which will comprise:

- Year 3; day visit for all EVMF schools to Escot where they will take part in outdoor activities and the swamp walk. This will take place towards the end of the summer term, 2027.
- Year 4; sleep-over at one of the schools on Thursday 6th May, followed by travelling by train to Okehampton YHA and outdoor activities the next day [and Snooze at the Zoo in 2028].
- Year 5 and 6; this year, Moorsway schools will be visiting Heatree from Wednesday 17th – Friday 19th March 2027. Information has already been shared about this. Following this, we will align with EVMF residential activities for Year 5 and Year 6.

The overall cost of the visits should be much lower than the current offer moving forwards, and provide almost as many experiences and gives children the opportunity to grow in independence and resilience through these enrichment activities.



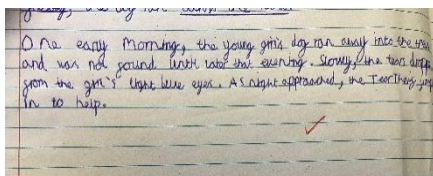
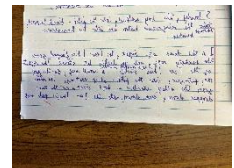
Hound Tor

In Year 1, we have finished our topic on place value to 10. The children have been developing their understanding of 1 more and 1 less, as well as comparing numbers using greater than, less than and equal to. We have used practical resources such as Numicon, cubes and number lines to help secure these concepts and build confidence.

EYFS have been developing our subitising skills to 3, learning to recognise small quantities without needing to count each object individually. The children have enjoyed using practical activities and games to practise spotting numbers quickly.

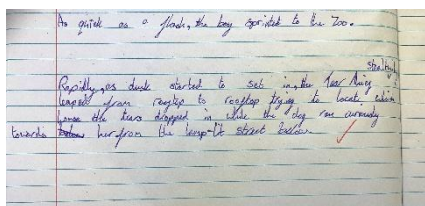
Shilstone Tor

Shilstone Tor Class have been busy this week preparing for the harvest festival and making a decision about whether they would choose to be a Spartan or Athenian during our history sessions. They had to research the pros and cons of living in each city state and then make an informed choice. The girls in particular were dismayed to discover their choices were limited to housework in Athens or potentially being part of the army in Sparta and had a much more difficult time making their choice than the boys.



Row Tor

This week Rowtor have been immersing themselves in their new English text *The Tear Thief* by Carol Ann Duffy. They have heard, story mapped and performed the story, they have discussed their likes, dislikes, puzzles and patterns. The children have also explored the author's use of prepositional phrases and adverbials. They have started to implement these into their own writing.



Macmillan coffee afternoon

What an amazing coffee afternoon last Friday. It was so great to see so many people supporting a great cause. A big thank you to the school council and Mrs Edcombe for organising the event. We raised £280. Thank you for all of the donations.



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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.

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.



**Cornwood CoE
Primary-Ivybridge**

Please do join us for **the AGM of the PTA** in the Cornwood Inn on the **8th of October at 7.30pm**. There will be an option to zoom in to the meeting.

The current committee is stepping down after 3 years, as is required by the PTA constitution. The continuing success of the PTA is relying on new members stepping forward.

The PTA raises money for improving facilities in the school such as the trim trail, a new playground surface, swimming pool upkeep and school stage.

The funds go towards enriching school experiences with payments towards coaches for museum, theatre and beach trips.

As well as fun extras like the school discos, summer pool party and the colour run.

We look forward to seeing lots of you in the pub next week.

Big Breakfast

Come and support the Big Breakfast on Sunday 18th October. All proceeds will go to the PTA. School Trim Trail will be open from 9am – 11:30am.

On Friday 16th October we are inviting the children to wear mufti in return for a coloured raffle prize.

If you are in Hound Tor please bring in something RED or PURPLE.

If you are in Shilstone Tor please bring in something GREEN or ORANGE.

If you are in Row Tor please bring in something BLUE or Yellow.

Thank you for your support.



GOVERNORS' AGM

The full governing board met on Tuesday 29th September for their Annual General Meeting. Governors and Heads from all nine federation schools were present. Alongside the approval of federation policies, the Executive Principal provided an in-depth report about the visions and values of the federation, and how those feed into the new 5-year strategic development plan, which includes overarching aims of a) Exception learning and high expectation; b) Inclusion, wellbeing and belonging; c) Distinctive rural education d) Outward facing collaboration and e) sustainability and growth. In line with the strategic development plan, each school will have their own school development plan. Governors were also provided with updates from the Staff survey, parents survey, pupils outcomes, staff development opportunities, Church school distinctiveness, school reviews, and changes to funding streams (e.g. PE and sport premium). Importantly the board were given in depth updates on safeguarding, mobile phone policies and Benedict's Law. Governors also took part in discussions with Heads of School to address any questions they had about changes in policy and to ensure that the schools are held to account in a robust manner. The AGM also provided an ideal opportunity to showcase and celebrate some of our key successes across the previous academic year, including successful SIAMS and Ofsted inspections. The governors would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all involved with those inspections. We hope that all children are settling back into school and that pupils, parents, and teachers enjoy the academic year.

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