



9th October 2026



Dear Parents,

It has been a lovely week in school, with lots of exciting things going on including a recycling workshop for the Eco council! Thank you to everyone who attended the PTA AGM on Thursday evening. Your support and involvement are very much appreciated. A huge thank you to Tom, Millie and Amy for all their hard work and dedication over the last three years. You have done an amazing job, and we are very grateful for everything you have contributed to the PTA. Congratulations to Lauren, Lauren, Penny, Charlotte and Fiona, who are taking on the new roles. We wish you all the very best and look forward to working with you!

As always thank you for all of your ongoing support. Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Aldridge

Value and Learners of the Week

Hound Tor

Learner – Rosie for writing a lovely page for our 'Dear Zoo' class book, using her best handwriting and punctuation.
Value - Izzy for her compassion and being a kind friend.



Shilstone Tor

Learner – Alfie G - for fantastic writing in English today.
Value – Lottie - for being truthful about her learning.



Row Tor

Learner – Tommie.O - challenging himself and focusing on his presentation.
Value - Iliana - consistently demonstrating our school values.

Key Dates/Reminders:

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

Week beginning 19th October – Parents evenings – see MCAS

Thursday 22nd October – New EYFS intake September 2027 open morning – see poster

Christmas Productions

You will be very pleased to hear that both KS1 and KS2 will be performing a play this year! I have spoken to lots of parents, and the consensus was that it would be preferable to hold the performances on different days. Please make a note of the following dates in your diary:

- **KS2 Christmas Play – Wednesday 16th December** - Performances at **2pm and 5pm** in the school hall.
- **KS1 Nativity – Friday 18th December** - Performance at **9:30am** in the church.

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 Edcombe– 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



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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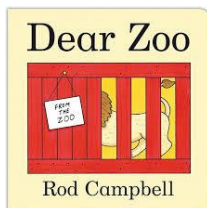
WB 12.10.26	Who?	What?	When?
Monday	Booked in Children	Lego Club	3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday	Parents of EYFS and Yr. 1	Phonics and Little Wandle session	9am
	Booked in Children	Premier Sport Football	3.30-4.30 pm
	Booked in Children	Cross stitch club	3.30-4.30 pm
Friday	Whole school	Mufti day	Please see note below



From Mr Jolliffe

At the beginning of each month senior leaders meet for their attendance clinic. During this meeting, we examine the attendance figures for each school and discuss any pupils who are causing concern because of low attendance. This month's meeting was very encouraging, with all schools showing attendance above 94% so far this year. Many thanks to everyone who has supported these positive figures this year by not taking holidays in term time and making sure that every day counts to enable every child to be in school when they are able to do so.

Hound Tor



This half term, both EYFS and Year 1 have been enjoying the story Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell. Our EYFS children have taken part in lots of Talk for Writing activities, helping them to learn the story through actions, repetition and storytelling. They have created story maps to retell the story and have worked together to invent a brand-new page for the book, thinking carefully about which animal the zoo might send next and why it would or would not be suitable as a pet.

The Year 1 children have been developing their reading, writing and creative skills through the story. They have each created their own page for a special class book, using adjectives and sentences to explain the animals that were sent from the zoo.

Shilstone Tor

This week in art, we explored some fun drawing techniques to help us draw found objects from nature. The children experimented with continuous line drawing, keeping their pens on the paper without lifting them, and 'feely' drawing, where they felt an unseen object hidden behind their backs and drew what they could feel. The children had great fun experimenting with these techniques and produced some fantastic drawings in their sketchbooks! In maths we used our knowledge of measures to convert between metres and centimetres.



Row Tor

This week Rowtor has been recapping their numbers in French. We have done a range of activities including matching games and learning a numbers song to help us! We have also been focussing on fundamental movements in PA and trying different strategies and methods to figure out what movements are most effective to support our tactics within a range of sports.



Eco Council

On Tuesday, the Eco Council sorted out our school's rubbish, with Izzy from the South Hams district council. We found many interesting things like a dirty soup pot and uncooked food. We found paper towels in the recycling as well. So we now need to remember to sort the rubbish and recycle.

Written by Paddy, Tommie L and Akira

Ethos Council

Last Thursday, the Ethos council led the Harvest festival at the church. We would like to thank all of the people that came and entered our celebration. Thank you for all of your food donations and help towards making this happen.

Written by Celeste, Olivia and Micah



DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL INSPECTION

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) are carrying out an inspection of services and support for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Devon.

As part of the inspection, inspectors want to hear directly from children and young people with SEND, parents and carers, and practitioners. They use this feedback to help them understand people's experiences of SEND services and support across the local area. Complete the survey here: <https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/p/AreaSend/10420455>

The surveys will remain open until 9am on Tuesday 13th October. Your responses will be treated confidentially by the inspection team. Please take the opportunity to share your experiences and views with inspectors.

You can find out more about the Area SEND inspection process on Devon's SEND Local Offer website. The page includes links to information from Ofsted and the CQC for parents, carers, children and young people. Ofsted and CQC Local Area SEND Partnership Inspections Thank you for your support. We greatly appreciate your help in ensuring that children, young people, families and practitioners across Devon have the opportunity to share their experiences with inspectors.

Teaching Assistant Vacancies

We are seeking 3 dedicated Teaching Assistants to join our team at The Erme and Cornwood Primary School. We have two fixed term vacancies at The Erme and one at Cornwood. For more details and the application form please visit the link below.

[https://www.devonjobs.gov.uk/job/Teaching%20Assistants%20x%203%20-%20Cornwood%20Primary%20and%20The%20Erme%20Primary%20\(The%20Exe%20Valley%20and%20Moorsway%20Federation\)/](https://www.devonjobs.gov.uk/job/Teaching%20Assistants%20x%203%20-%20Cornwood%20Primary%20and%20The%20Erme%20Primary%20(The%20Exe%20Valley%20and%20Moorsway%20Federation)/)

Please apply by midday on the closing date. 16th October 2026

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.



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

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.



Parents of Year 6

Have you applied for your child's school place yet? The deadline to make your application to the Local Authority is the 31st October 2026. You can apply online by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline. If you do not wish to or can't apply online, you can also complete a hard copy application form which can be obtained by calling 0345 155 1019. Please be advised that if you don't apply or apply after the closing date of the 31st October 2026, your application will be considered after all timely applications, and this may mean that you miss out on a place at your preferred or local school. If you need help or assistance with the application process, please speak to the school office or contact the admissions team on 0345 155 1019 or email admissions@devon.gov.uk