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Dear Parents & Carers

07/02/2025

Spring Term 1

We hope you have had a good week!

Please see important dates and information below for the coming weeks.



Important dates:

- Starting from 6th January (every Monday this half term) - Swimming (Year 3 & Year 5 only)
- 3rd - 7th February - Childrens Mental Health Week
- 12th February - Parent Forum @2.30pm (in the Summer House)
- 13th February - Book & Cake Sale (afterschool in the hall)
- 17th - 21st February - Half term
- 24th February - First day of Spring term 2
- 3rd April - Reception year and year 6 National Child Measurement Programme Visit
- 3rd - 4th April - Y5 Residential to London
- 7th - 18th April - Easter half term
- 22nd April - First day of Summer term 1
- 22nd - 25th April - Y6 residential to St Georges House
- 1st- 2nd May - Y4 residential to Rock and Rapid
- 9th May - Tempest Photography Class Photos (*Rescheduled from 22nd Jan*)

Don't forget to access your childs home learning via the school website, or click [here!](#)

2025/2026 Term dates have been added to our school website [here.](#)

Spring term Curriculum Maps

The spring term curriculum maps for this spring term are now available to view via the school website or click [here](#) to access them (scroll to the bottom of the page).

Reminder: School gate times

A reminder to parents that the school gates open at 8.35am in the mornings and your children should be in their classrooms by 8.45am, when the gates close. The gates will re-open for pick up at 3.15pm.

Please could we also remind you that dogs are not permitted on school grounds.

Reminder: Parking on the Zig Zags



We request that you **do not park** on the yellow Zig Zags at the top of School Lane. They are there to keep everyone safe. Parking here could endanger children, other pedestrians and road users and cause a visual obstruction. **We ask that you park safely elsewhere when dropping off or picking up.**

Afterschool Clubs

If your child attends an afterschool club, but decides they no longer want to go, please can you let us know, so we can offer a place to a child on the waiting list.

Year 6 - 2025 Leavers Hoodies

Thank you for filling out the online interest form and paying your £5 deposit for the year 6 leavers hoodies. The hoodies are now on order. **Please pay your remaining £13 via Eduspot/SchoolMoney by Friday 21st February.**

3rd - 4th April - Y5 Residential to London

If your child is attending the residential to London, we will be holding a parent meeting on **Tuesday 4th March at 2.45pm** in the school hall. Here you will find out more information about the activities involved, along with a kit list of what your child requires for the residential. It will also be a chance to ask any questions you may have.

22nd - 25th April - Y6 residential to St Georges House

If your child is attending residential at St Georges House, we will be holding a parent meeting on **Tuesday 25th February at 2.45pm** in the school hall. Here you will find out more information about the activities involved, along with a kit list of what your child requires for the residential. It will also be a chance to ask any questions you may have.

1st- 2nd May - Y4 residential to Rock and Rapid

Year 4 students have the opportunity to attend the Rock and Rapid one night residential in May, an email including a letter with more details has been sent to the parents of year 4 students. We will confirm a date and time for a parents meeting at a later date. The meeting will outline the details of the trip and will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions about the residential.

Reminder: Please respect our staff

All of our staff are committed to supporting your children. It's unfortunate that we feel we have to remind families to please treat our staff with the kindness and respect, whether this is face-to-face or via telephone or email. We are happy to have conversations with parents and we understand some things can be difficult or emotional, but please remember to be polite and considerate, we will always do our utmost to help and offer support where we can.

Thrive and Pastoral Support - Open Morning Weds 5th Feb

Thank you to those parents who took the time to visit the Thrive Open Morning on Wednesday. The pastoral team worked hard to ensure that there was lots of resources to look at, ideas to take home and even teas and coffees to share. Watch out for more support and information events for parents coming soon.

Book & Cake Sale - Thursday 13th February

On Thursday 13th February the school council will be holding a Book & Cake Sale in our school hall after school. If you have any good quality children's books that your child/children have grown out of, or have finished with, then please could you send them into school **before Thursday 13th February**. Please make a donation of £2 via Eduspot/SchoolMoney, if you would like your child to take part in the event. Donations of cakes brought in on the day would be greatly appreciated - thank you.

Menu/Meal changes

On occasion it may be required that we change a meal option for a day, we will try to make you aware of this where we can. However, please understand there may be times where these meal changes are unavoidable or last minute, but please be assured that your child will still receive a hot meal.

Childrens Mental Health Week - 3rd - 7th February

What a great time the children have had this week exploring how we change and grow for Children's Mental Health Week. Many of the staff have enjoyed hearing the children talk so confidently about their own mental health and how they are developing skills to support their mental health, even from a young age.

I like talking to the teachers about how I need to stay healthy and I can talk about my feelings. I learnt what the words fear and disgust mean.

I know what joy means now. I understand the emotions better now.

Children can have help if they need it with their feelings. They can ask a grown up for help.

We have to recognise how we feel and not keep it inside. It is better to talk.

Outstanding Fees

We ask that you please pay any outstanding fees for this term. Please check your Eduspot/SchoolMoney accounts and settle any payments before return to school on Monday 24th February, after the half term. If you are facing any financial difficulties, please let us know at your earliest convenience.

PRELOVED BABY & CHILDREN'S SALE



**SUNDAY 2ND
MARCH
2PM - 3.30PM**



ROUNDSWELL COMMUNITY CENTRE

**PRELOVED
ITEMS FROM
BIRTH TO
TEENAGERS**



**TOYS
CLOTHES
BOOKS
& MORE**

SAVE MONEY ON HIGH QUALITY, PRELOVED ITEMS

BAG YOURSELF A BARGAIN

BOOK A STALL & MAKE SOME MONEY

£10 FOR SELLERS & £1 ON DOOR FOR ADULTS, CHILDREN FREE

FREE ENTRY AFTER 3PM

INTERESTED IN BOOKING A TABLE? CONTACT LOUISE LINCOLN

07871 951439 OR LOUMOIR@HOTMAIL.COM OR

SEARCH FACEBOOK FOR 'NORTH DEVON PRELOVED BABY & CHILDREN'S SALES'

SWIM STAGES 1 - 10

SWIMMING LESSONS IN NORTH DEVON



- TEACHING IN NORTH DEVON SINCE 2008
- BEGINNER LESSONS AT PATHFIELDS SCHOOL, BARNSTAPLE
- STAGE 2 (5M SWIMMERS) TO STAGE 10 LESSONS AT WEST BUCKLAND
- TEACHING CHILDREN ALL 4 STROKES WITH AN EMPHASIS ON BREASTSTROKE - THE LIFESAVING STROKE
- ACCESS TO A PARENT PORTAL TO TRACK YOUR CHILDS DEVELOPMENTS
- SMALL CLASSES OF 6 WITH TEACHERS IN THE POOL UNTIL THE END OF STAGE 3



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Have a great weekend!