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Date: 3rd October 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Rich T Artist

The children were excited and thrilled as they watched Rich working throughout the day. The children had the opportunity to see him at work and he explained the process that he was using. We were all amazed at the amount of layers required to produce such a vibrant and polished piece of art. They marvelled at the perspective of the work and were so pleased that he had used their ideas to inspire the 150 years mural.



Years Five and Six, Visit from Author, Lisa Williamson

The children were visited by author, Lisa Williamson, as part of the Appledore book Festival. They enjoyed listening to her read and share her career journey from an actress (John Lewis advert) and reasons for becoming an author.



Years Three and Four, Visit from Author, Claire Barker

The children were excited to hear about Claire Barker's upcoming book and were fascinated to see her water colour illustrations. She spent time with the class encouraging them to take artistic inspiration from the world around them.



Friday 10th October, Years Five and Six, 'Stories in the Dust', The Plough Arts Centre, Great Torrington

The children will depart during the school day and return in time for lunch.

Whole School, SOE3a Parental Consent Forms

Forms have been updated to include permission to use pictures on Instagram. Once completed please return these forms to the school office.

Year Six, Secondary School Admissions Deadline 31st October

Please apply online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline or by contacting My Devon, the customer service centre on 0345 155 1019 to request an application form. The application form should be returned either to the school office to forward on, or it can be posted directly to the Admissions Team before the 31st October 2025.

Music Tuition

Ali (Mrs Crossman) will be in school this Friday to offer some more free taster sessions! Please contact her if your child is curious and would like to try the piano. All ages welcome.

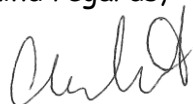
Attendance

Research shows that children with excellent attendance make better progress at all stages of their education than those with poor attendance. 90% attendance may sound good, but it is worth remembering that a child with 90% for the whole year will actually have missed nearly 4 weeks of school.

Children who are tired, have snuffles or wake up with a headache, can attend school. It is important that they do, so that they don't fall behind in learning. Rest assured, we will look after them and will contact you if they are really unwell.

Please support us in improving attendance - every day counts in your child's education.

Kind regards,



Claire Grant

Executive Headteacher

Diary Dates

Tuesday 7 th October	Years Five and Six, 'Stories in the Dust' Workshop with the Plough Arts Centre, in school
Friday 10 th October	Years Five and Six, 'Stories in the Dust', The Plough Arts Centre, Great Torrington
Friday 10 th October	World Mental Health Day
Friday 24 th October	Non-pupil day

Why is school attendance so important?

Attending school **regularly** helps to build **confidence** and develop vital **life skills**



School



is the **key** to **future success!**

Missing **2 days** of school each month = Missing nearly **3 weeks** during a school year



15 minutes late every day =



two weeks of learning lost each school year

Data shows pupils with more than **95% attendance** Achieve better GCSE results! **at least one grade higher!**



Even **90% attendance** is still 19 days of education lost in a school year



ATTEND! AIM HIGH! ACHIEVE!



1st
LESSON
FREE!

Piano Lessons

Learn to play the piano with a kind, experienced primary school teacher. Lessons are fun & engaging. Children may follow their own musical interests alongside the ABRSM syllabus & exams.

£15 per 30-minute lesson: payable half termly.

alicrossmanpiano@gmail.com

07762 056 514

Ali Crossman BA (Hons), PGCE. (Enhanced DBS)



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*Call us 24/7 on 0300 555 2222 or start a Live Chat with us by clicking on the chat icon in the bottom right hand corner of the screen. This service is available 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday. If you are deaf or hard of hearing we can provide a BSL interpreter and we have a number of BSL resources on our **YouTube channel**.*

FREE ONLINE TRAINING
ORAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT

SUPPORTING CHILDREN
(1.5 hour session)
Wednesday 8th October 2025
at 6:30pm - 8:00pm

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<https://forms.office.com/e/SNCW7Szqqi>

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