

12th September 2025

Dear Ellacombe Families,

Thank you for being patient with us this week whilst our online app/MCAS has been playing up. This has been a national problem caused by the company most schools use to do their communications/registers etc. I'm hoping that by the time this newsletter comes out to you, everything has been resolved!

Our After School club programme starts next week—if for any reason you haven't been able to use the app to book the club your child wants to attend, please come and speak to us at drop off/pick up time and we will try to sort something out. I am SUPER keen that we get ALL children attending at least one after school club.

Thank you for all those parents who have supported us in becoming a 'water only' school and the children are now used to, and happy (or at least accepting!) that we drink water in school and not juice or fizzy drinks. Please can I ask that this 'healthiness' extends to the playtime snacks the children might bring in and that these are not crisps or other sugary/salty snacks. It really does make a big difference in terms of the children being able to concentrate in their learning. Please be assured there is always an option of school fruit available and the children know where to go to get this, if they need something to eat at playtimes.

If you have any concerns or worries, please do not hesitate to discuss them with our family support team who are available at the start and end of each day.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Regards, Ms Alison Helm: Headteacher

Dates for your
diary ...

September

w/c 15th After School Clubs start (these can be booked via MCAS)

October

Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd Parents'/Carers' Evenings (not year 3) - **NO CLUBS THIS WEEK**

Tuesday 21st & Thursday Year 3 Parents'/Carers' Evenings - **NO CLUBS THIS WEEK**

Thursday 16th Year 3 to Kent's Cavern (more details to follow)

Friday 24th Year 6 Climate Change Workshop

27th to 31st Half Term

November

4th - 6th Learn to Cycle (more details to follow)

26th—28th Year 5/6 Heatree Residential

December

Friday 19th Last day of Autumn Term


Monday 5th January All children back to school ¹



Attendance Awards

We are working really hard to make sure all our pupils are in school, every day and on time. Obviously we all get sick, every now and then, but if we are well, we need to be in school!



CLASS ATTENDANCE		HOUSE ATTENDANCE	
Little Lions	96.02%	Christie House	92.38%
Little Foxes	98.15%		
Little Tigers	98.67%	Darwin House	95.27%
Unicorns	89.09%		
Dolphins	98.97%		
Eagles	94.14%	Kingsley House	96.11%
Swans	92%		
Herdsmen	97.33%	Singer House	97.57%
Heroes	94.67%		
Hunters	92.07%		
Warriors	97.01%		
The winner is ... <i>DOLPHINS</i>		 The winner is ... SINGER HOUSE	

Breakfast Club and After school Club

There are spaces in both our Breakfast Club (8-8.30am) and our After School Club (3-6pm) for those parents/carers who need additional childcare. Please use the school app to book places, in advance, so we can continue to provide these provisions for families who need them.

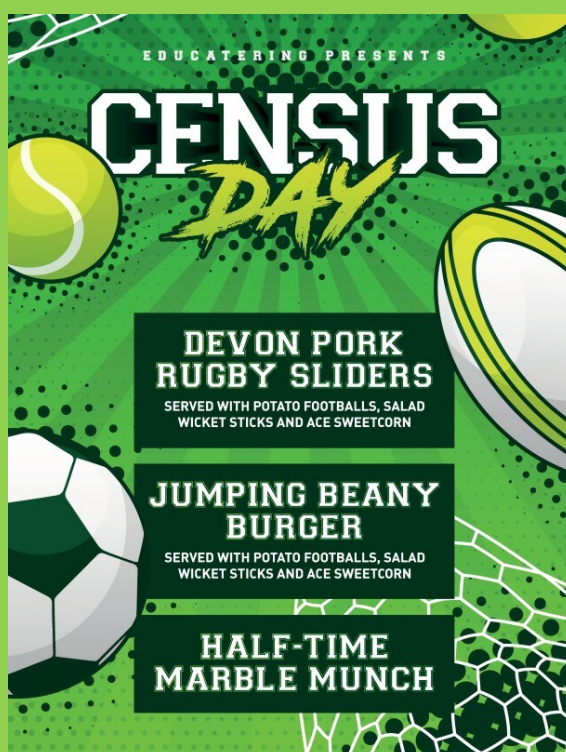


Census Day and Free School Meals

This year our Census Day is on Thursday 2nd October. It is REALLY, REALLY important that all children are in school on that day as this impacts on how much funding the school then gets, from the Government, for the rest of the year. We will be sending some more information about the fun things we will be doing on that day.

It is also important that all children who might be entitled to Free School Meals has completed the necessary Torbay form before this date. As well as your child then getting a free lunch, it also means the school gets more money (again from the Government) which can be used for extra equipment, to pay for extra trips etc

Please ask in the school office if you are yet to complete this form.



**HALF TERM FUN
FOOTBALL DAY** 

FRIDAY 31st OCTOBER
VENUE: KEVICC, TOTNES TQ9 5JX
£20 | Age 5-14 Years | 10am-3pm



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AUTUMN CLUBS










We have a few remaining spaces on our after school clubs (Martial Arts is now full).

We are now opening up Craft and Construction Club on a Thursday with Mrs Bessell to Year 2 children.

Samba Drumming is proving quite popular, so please sign any year 3 to 6 children as soon as possible.



Clubs start next week, we are looking forward to seeing the children!

STARS OF THE WEEK	
 Little Stars	Chameleons - Charlotte for her enthusiasm and interest in numbers and for settling so well into the Little Stars routine. Cubs- Elwin who had a tricky start back but has dug deep, showing lots of resilience and is now full of smiles and joy!
 Little Lions	Nancy for a brilliant start to school, showing kindness and always trying her best.
 Little Foxes	Aayan for fantastic work in Maths and showing all our school values!!
 Little Tigers	Zosia for being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing. Well done, Zosia!
 Unicorns	Luca is our star of the week this week for a fantastic start to the year. Super job Luca
 Dolphins	Hunter for an amazing start to Year 3 and focused learning!
 Eagles	Willow - For her fantastic attitude to learning this week and working so hard on her presentation in all her learning!
 Swans	Lyle for your amazing effort in RWInc this week and a great start to Year 4
 Herdsmen	Mya.R for having the confidence to make hugely valuable contributions to our lessons!
 Heroes	Savannah for your amazing settled start to Year 5, for being ready to learn and focused during lessons.
 Hunters	Kareem- for his fantastic writing this week and for being confident to share his answers.
 Warriors	Pippa - for always challenging herself in her learning and working well in PE this week!

School Office Opening Times

Please note, our school office will be closed from 11am—1.30pm; please do not call the office at this time regarding routine enquiries. Please do use the MCAS app to send any non urgent messages.

The office will continue to be open from 8am—11am and then again from 1.30pm—3.15pm.



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(FRIENDS OF ELLACOMBE)

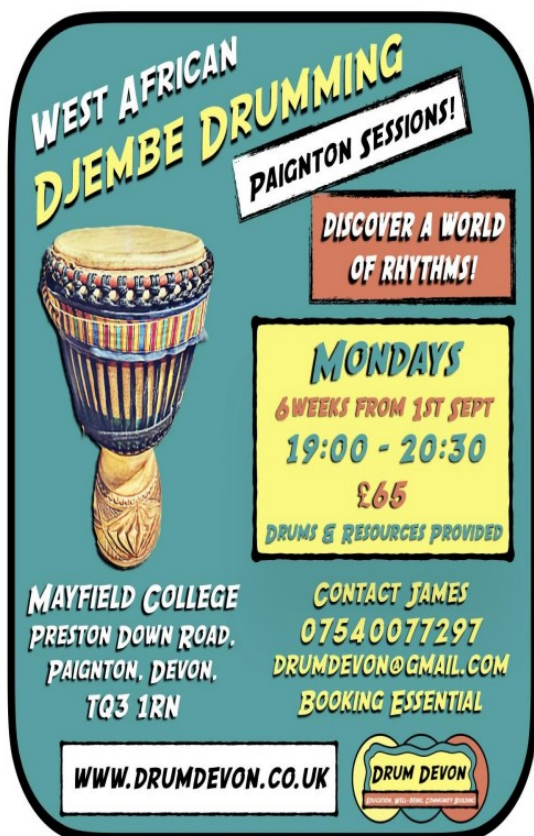
We are looking to form a PTA/Friends of Ellacombe group this term. If this is something you might be interested in being part of, please could you mention it to our Family Support Team or drop us a message. We will then look to have our first meeting very soon.

Helping your child learn at home

There are a number of different ways you can help your child learn at home. The BBC Bitesize website has lots of fun activities and is split into different year groups:

[Primary resources, homework help and online games - BBC Bitesize](#)

The children should all also have their TTRS log-ins up and running again this week and encouraging your child to go on there to practice their times tables is REALLY, REALLY helpful!

A poster for 'West African Djembe Drumming Paignton Sessions!'. It features a large image of a djembe drum. The text includes: 'WEST AFRICAN DJEMBE DRUMMING', 'PAIGNTON SESSIONS!', 'DISCOVER A WORLD OF RHYTHMS!', 'MONDAYS', '6 WEEKS FROM 1ST SEPT', '19:00 - 20:30', '£65', 'DRUMS & RESOURCES PROVIDED', 'MAYFIELD COLLEGE', 'PRESTON DOWN ROAD, PAIGNTON, DEVON, TQ3 1RN', 'CONTACT JAMES', '07540077297', 'DRUMDEVON@GMAIL.COM', 'BOOKING ESSENTIAL', 'WWW.DRUMDEVON.CO.UK', and a 'DRUM DEVON' logo at the bottom right.

ELLacombe COMMUNITY TABLETOP SALE

A graphic of a tabletop sale stall with a striped awning. The text inside the stall reads: 'COME AND BAG A BARGIN, HAVE SOME HOMEMADE CAKE, OR JUST RELAX IN THE ELLACOMBE COMMUNITY GARDEN!'.

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SEPTEMBER 20TH
11 AM - 2 PM

Torbay School Nursing Team



School Nursing Service Parent and Carer Drop in

A member of the school nurse team will be attending your child's school on:

Date: Wednesday 8th October 2025

Time: 9 - 10.30 am

We will be able to offer support and advice for:

- Bowel and bladder
- Diet and nutrition
- Sleep
- Emotional wellbeing
- Behaviour (if there is an associated health need)

**No booking needed,
just turn up!**

Contact Us

T: 0300 333 5352 (Monday – Friday 9am to 5pm)

E: tsdft.0to19torbay@nhs.net

A: 0 to 19 Torbay, St. Edmunds, Victoria Park Rd, Torquay TQ1 3QH

W: torbayfamilyhub.org.uk

Chat via the Torbay Family Hub App



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