

17th October 2025

Dear Ellacombe Families,

We're looking forward to seeing you all at our Parents'/Carer's Evening next week - if you still haven't booked your time slot, please speak with Mrs Hughes in the office so we can sort something out. We are super keen that ALL children have someone coming in to see their learning and meet their new teacher.

We also have our KS2 Harvest Festival on Thursday and we would welcome you to come and join us for this special service down at St Mags church. We are collecting donations for the work they are doing in the church and would be grateful if you were able to contribute towards this.

Our Year 3 children were wonderful representatives of the school on the first trip of the year on Thursday when they went to visit Kents Cavern as part of their History topic. Members of the public and the staff at Kents Cavern all commented favourable on their exceptional behaviour and inquisitive natures!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Regards, Ms Alison Helm: Headteacher

October

Monday 20th October	Year 5 @ TGGS watching Mary Poppins
Monday 20th October	Individual Photos
Monday 20th October	Parent/Staff Meeting (PTFA) at 9am
Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd	Parents'/Carers' Evenings (not year 3) - NO CLUBS THIS WEEK
Tuesday 21st & Thursday 23rd	Year 3 Parents'/Carers' Evenings - NO CLUBS THIS WEEK
Thursday 23rd	Harvest Festival at St Mags—Years 3 to 6—1.30 to 2.30 PARENTS WELCOME
Friday 17th & 24th	Year 6 Climate Change Workshop
27th to 31st	Half Term

Dates for your
diary ...

November

Monday 3rd	All children back in school
4th - 6th	Learn to Cycle (more details to follow)
26th—28th	Year 5/6 Heatree Residential

December

Friday 19th	Last day of Autumn Term
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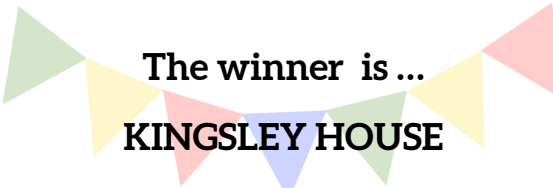
Monday 5th January	All children back to school 1
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Attendance Awards

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	88.53%	Christie House	95.18%
Little Foxes	100%		
Little Tigers	94.27%	Darwin House	91.77%
Unicorns	93%		
Dolphins	98.6%		
Eagles	95%	Kingsley House	97.77%
Swans	92.92%		
Herdsmen	88.97%	Singer House	95.21%
Heroes	97.59%		
Hunters	93.81%		
Warriors	94.59%		
The winner is ... <i>LITTLE FOXES</i>		 The winner is ... KINGSLEY HOUSE	

ART IN YEAR 3

This term, Year 3 have been learning about prehistoric art by exploring the world of cave paintings. First, pupils investigated how early humans created paint using natural materials. Then, the children created their own cave-style drawings, replicating the symbols and animals found in ancient caves. It was a creative and hands-on way to connect art with history!



DOLPHINS VISIT TO KENTS CAVERN

Our Year 3 pupils had a fantastic day exploring Kent's Cavern. The trip began with a woodland walk where children discovered Stone Age items hidden among the trees, sparking curiosity and imagination. Afterwards, they examined some artefacts and learned how archaeologists study the past. The highlight of the day was a guided tour through the caves, where pupils saw incredible rock formations and learned about how early humans lived. It was a fun and educational experience that brought our history learning to life!



STARS OF THE WEEK	
 Little Stars	Ace - for showing a huge increase in his ability to listen and follow instructions - well done ACE!!
 Little Lions	Reicela for super listening, trying her best and being kind.
 Little Foxes	Skylar-Rae for a positive attitude to learning, working hard and showing our school values!
 Little Tigers	Zakharie for his positive attitude to learning this week. Well done!
 Unicorns	Arianna - for her improved attendance and becoming more confident with her learning! Keep it up!
 Dolphins	Everyone for their excellent behaviour on our trip and modelling our school values.
 Eagles	William for being so encouraging and supportive of your friends during all our learning but particularly in PE this week!
 Swans	Aleah being such a valued member of Swans class. We will miss you!
 Herdsmen	Kelvin for his impressive contributions in our English writing lessons.
 Heroes	Kellan for his outstanding effort and enthusiasm in all lessons. He shared some impressive facts about the Vikings during a class debate. Keep it up Kellan!
 Hunters	Josie for her excellent maths work and for proving and explaining her answer. Well done!
 Warriors	Charlie for working super hard in maths and for being very helpful 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.



ST MAGS CHURCH CLOTHING SWAP

St Mags Church are having a clothing swap on Monday 20th October between 10am and 12. Clothing for babies upwards.



All are welcome



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The Ellacombe Weekly



17th October 2025

Monday,
20th October

9:00 AM

**LET'S MAKE A
DIFFERENCE
TOGETHER!**

We're launching a brand-new fundraising group to support our school community and we need your ideas, energy and enthusiasm!



Meet passionate parents & staff.



Organise events to raise money for the school.



Be part of something exciting.



Enjoy coffee, chat and community spirit!

Your voice matters. Your support makes a difference

**Let's build something amazing
for our children – starting now!**

YEAR 5 SCIENCE

This week, Year 5 had a blast—literally! As part of our unit on *Materials and Their Properties*, the children planned and carried out their own science experiments using vinegar and bicarbonate of soda to launch pop rockets. They explored how chemical reactions can create gas and pressure, and investigated how changing the amount of bicarbonate affected how high the rockets flew.

The children asked brilliant scientific questions like, “If we add more bicarb, will it go higher?” and made predictions based on their understanding. It was a fantastic hands-on way to develop their enquiry skills and deepen their knowledge of materials.



HARVEST

This Harvest we will be taking donations for St Magdalene Church, Torquay

The Living Room is run by St Mary Magdalene church and hosted at St Mags by an army of wonderful volunteers from other churches and volunteers from the community. It is funded by voluntary contributions and grants.

Great things to have are meal type items

- Tinned curry/ chilli/ pies etc
- Tinned veg - sweetcorn, carrots, beans, green beans
- Big tins of potatoes
- Biscuits
- Squash
- Long life puddings
- NO pasta or rice—THANK YOU
- Ladies Sanitary items
- Bathroom and tooth brushing items





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Join your Ethos and Advisory Committee (EAC)

Become a Parent Member for Ellacombe C of E Academy and Become a Voice for Your Community

EAC members are ambassadors for our family of schools helping to:

- Strengthen community relationships
- Share local views and feedback
- Take part in school events as a positive presence
- Empower excellence for all children

Your Commitment:

- 3 meetings per year (2 hours each)
- Learning walks (if applicable)
- Online training (flexible, at your own pace)
- Attend school events as a positive presence



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Interested?

For an informal chat or more information, please contact:
01626 248 800
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Please check the disqualification criteria for eligibility before applying.

To complete the nomination form please click on the QR code below



Completed nominations must be received by 12 noon on 18th November