

Ellacombe School Newsletter – Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break. We're excited to welcome everyone back and look forward to a fantastic spring term ahead.

After-School Clubs

Our after-school clubs will start next week. These clubs are a wonderful opportunity for children to develop new interests and make new friends. We would love for every child to sign up for at least one club this term.

Winter Weather Reminder

As the weather is cold and wintry, please ensure your child comes to school appropriately dressed so they can enjoy outdoor play during break and lunchtime. At the same time, we ask that all children remain in full school uniform.

PE and Swimming Days

Some classes have had changes to their PE/swimming days this term. If you're unsure about your child's schedule, please speak to their class teacher at pick-up time.

Thank You to the PTFA

A huge thank you to our PTA for their incredible support at the end of last term. Their efforts helped us raise valuable funds that go towards providing extra opportunities for our children throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support. Let's make this term a great one!

Warm regards,

Ellacombe School Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JANUARY 2026

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| Monday 12th January | New After School Clubs Start |
| Thursday 15th January | Olympian Visit to School—sports workshop |

FEBRUARY 2026

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| Wednesday 4th February | Bikeability Level 1 Course |
| Friday 6th February | Years 3 and 4 to Exeter Museum |
| 16th—20th February | HALF TERM |
| Monday 23rd February | All children back in school |
| Wednesday 25th February | Year 4 Residential to Heatree |

MARCH 2026

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| Monday 23rd to Wednesday 25th | Bikeability Level 2 Course |
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APRIL 2026

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| Thursday 2nd April | Last day of Spring Term |
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Understanding your child's EHC Plan

DiAS (Devon information Advice and Support provides information, advice and support about Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND). They support parents, carers and young people with send.

They have an online course -

Understanding your child's EHC Plans -Making Sence of EHC Plans.

If you are interested please click on the link below.

[Understanding your child's EHC Plans -Making Sence of EHC Plans.](#)





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 | |
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| Little Lions | 88.44% | Christie House | 94.42% |
| Little Foxes | 96.83% | Darwin House | 95.97% |
| Little Tigers | 86.95% | Kingsley House | 87.58% |
| Unicorns | 96.17% | Singer House | 94.75% |
| Dolphins | 94.82% | | |
| Eagles | 89% | | |
| Swans | 86.67% | | |
| Herdsmen | 97.33% | | |
| Heroes | 93.49% | | |
| Hunters | 94% | | |
| Warriors | 96.15% | | |
| The winner is ... HERDSMEN | | The winner is ... DARWIN HOUSE | |

Attendance Breakfast Winners

Well done to **Herdsmen** and **Little Foxes** who won our Attendance Breakfast prize for the Autumn Term. This is because those classes, collectively, had the highest % attendance last term.

This term is obviously a new term so it is a chance for a different class to win. And it's really easy ... the children just need to be in school, every day, on time!



STARS OF THE WEEK



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| | Little Stars | Cubs - Sami – For making the smoothest transition to clubs ever... Plus, that bright, welcoming smile lights up the whole nursery. Chameleons- Lana – For being the ultimate coat superhero! Helping friends fasten and unfasten their coats AND finding their pegs like a pro! |
| | Little Lions | Jessie for her amazing efforts with her learning and choices in school this week. Keep it up! |
| | Little Foxes | Blakely, for brilliant effort and perseverance for the start of term! |
| | Little Tigers | Livvy for being an amazing friend and helping everyone around her! |
| | Unicorns | Milani - for settling back into Ellacombe life beautifully and showcasing our school values. |
| | Dolphins | Amari for always trying her hardest and working hard! |
| | Eagles | Liana for her determination with her maths learning this week! |
| | Swans | Aybel for your amazing effort in all areas of your learning and for always showing our school values. |
| | Herdsmen | Mya M for coming back from the holidays with such a strong determination to succeed and letting nothing stop her! |
| | Heroes | Abbey for her incredible effort and for showing all our school values. keep it up! |
| | Hunters | Andreas for the effort he has put into guided reading lessons this week and for sharing his ideas with the rest of the class. |
| | Warriors | Oliver - for his brilliant writing ideas and being a great role model in class. |

OLYMPIC ATHLETE VISIT

We're excited to share that an Olympic athlete will be visiting our school on **15th January**. During the morning, they will be leading the children through an engaging fitness circuit, followed by a special whole school assembly where they will talk about their sporting journey and the importance of perseverance and healthy living.

Your child has been given a sponsorship form to help support the event. If you are able to, we would be grateful for a small contribution—£2 is ideal—but any amount is appreciated. All funds raised will go towards supporting underfunded athletes and future sports activities within schools. We would appreciate it if contributions could be in school by the Wednesday 14th January.

Thank you for your continued support. We're looking forward to an inspiring day for the children.



With the option to become
a Breath Ambassador!

Improve your
health & wellbeing

Yoga4MentalHealth (Free 6-Week Course)

Who is it for:

- Anyone experiencing stress, anxiety or mild to moderate depression
- At risk of Type 2 diabetes or cardiovascular disease
- Suffering from social isolation

Dates:

- January: 16th, 23rd & 30th
- February: 6th, 13th & 20th

Time: 10 am - 11.30 am

Location: Torbay Foyer, Torquay TQ1 4DZ



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www.steponecharity.co.uk/paignton-yoga-wellbeing-group

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