

Thank You for a Great Start to the Term!

Dear families,

We'd like to thank all parents and carers for supporting such high levels of attendance and punctuality during the first week back. It's really important that all children are in school and ready to learn on time each day.

Our **after-school clubs** have started this week, offering lots of exciting opportunities for children to learn new skills and make new friends. There are still a few spaces available in some clubs—please contact the school office if you'd like your child to attend.

A quick reminder: Children should not bring toys or teddies into school. If there is a specific reason for a small transitional object, please speak with your child's class teacher so arrangements can be made to keep it safe during the school day.

Thank you for your continued support!

Regards,

Ms Alison Helm:

Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JANUARY 2026

Wednesday 21st January Bike repair day

FEBRUARY 2026

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

Monday 23rd to Wednesday 25th Bikeability Level 2 Course

APRIL 2026

Thursday 2nd April Last day of Spring Term



BIKE REPAIRS & BIKEABILITY

We are pleased to inform you that next Wednesday 21 January, Cycle Torbay will be in school to carry out free repairs on pupil's bikes.

This is in readiness for our Bikeability courses that will start on 4 February.

Booking information for the courses has been sent to parents/carers of pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6, but the repair service is open for pupils in all years.

If your child wishes to take part in the courses, their bikes need to be roadworthy, with two working brakes and the tyres pumped up hard. There isn't time to do repairs on the training days, so please check your child's bike now, and if it needs attention, make sure that you take advantage of this service

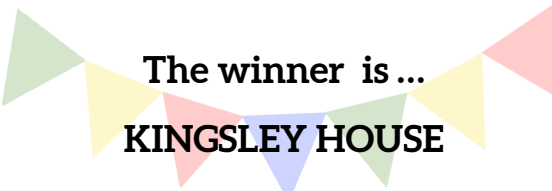
Bikes will need to be brought into school next Wednesday morning.








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	89.9%	Christie House	93.18%
Little Foxes	92.86%		
Little Tigers	90.81%	Darwin House	92.69%
Unicorns	90.98%		
Dolphins	94.82%		
Eagles	84.21%	Kingsley House	94.52%
Swans	90.42%		
Herdsmen	94.33%	Singer House	92.07%
Heroes	93.56%		
Hunters	97.2%		
Warriors	95.38%		
The winner is ... <i>HUNTERS</i>		 The winner is ... KINGSLEY HOUSE	

STARS OF THE WEEK	
 Little Stars	Chameleons - Willow has wowed us all with her amazing yoga poses —We're so proud of her confident, calm, and joyful energy!
 Little Lions	Cubs Hunter He's been working super hard on his quality sitting and confidently joining in during Talk Boost sessions. We're so proud of his amazing effort and positive attitude!
 Little Foxes	Avani for super sitting on the carpet, being kind and making good choices.
 Little Tigers	Ensa for showing outstanding stewardship and actively participating in lessons
 Unicorns	Juwel for her great participation in Religion and Worldview this week. Keep it up!
 Dolphins	Darci W for always checking in with other people and noticing others and always showing perseverance with your learning
 Eagles	Enosh for always showing our school values and being a role model to others!
 Swans	Joshua for always challenge himself in his learning!
 Herdsmen	Alexander for your amazing work in computing and for helping others.
 Heroes	Emilia for modelling a great attitude to learning and persevering though some extra tricky challenges.
 Hunters	Millie always offering to help others and for your impressive effort during the Athletic Circuit!
 Warriors	Maya- for being a kind, supportive friend and for her beautiful art work
	Bonnie for being focussed, hand working and a helpful class member



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