

Dear Ellacombe Families,

Thank you for all the positive comments and feedback as regards our 3 new mosaics; the outcomes of our Celebrating Ellacombe's History project. It's lovely to think that everyone has had their opportunity to 'leave their tile' on a piece of artwork which can be enjoyed for generations to come.

We have our sports days next week (fingers crossed for good weather!) up on the Warberry field; for the first time ever we are including our Nursery and Reception classes in this on the Monday afternoon. We would love it if you were able to come along and cheer on all the children - and perhaps even join in with a parents'/carers' race!

We are starting to think about the end of the year and the transition to the new school year. This will include the children meeting their new teachers and their new classes. As always, we will be having a re-shuffle of our classes to balance out the numbers and needs in each class. This also gives the children opportunities to widen their social circles by working alongside other children. As is always the case at the end of an academic year, some members of school staff will be moving on to new adventures and this will be shared with the children, as/when appropriate.

Regards, Ms Alison Helm: Headteacher

June	
Monday 30th June	EYFS Sports Afternoon at Warberry—Reception and Nursery
July	
Tuesday 1st July	KS2 (Yrs 4 to 6) 9.30am and KS1 (Yrs 1-3) 1 pm Sports Day at Warberry
Wednesday 2nd July	New Reception Children—Teddy Bears' Picnic
Wednesday 9th July	Ellacombe Through the Decades at the Lyceum Theatre
Thursday 10th July	Meet your new teacher morning and pupil reports out
Monday 14th July	Celebration of Learning for EYFS to Year 2 - 2pm to 2.45pm
Tuesday 15th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at 9.15am
Tuesday 15th July	Celebration of Learning for years
Wednesday 23rd July	EYFS Beach trip
Friday 25th July	Last day of term
Wednesday 3rd September	All children back to school

Dates for your
diary ...




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!

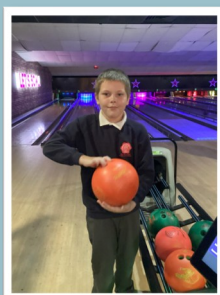
Well done to **Eagles, Swans and Little Lions** classes for excellent attendance this week.



CLASS ATTENDANCE		HOUSE ATTENDANCE	
Little Bears	92.63%	Christie House	95.88%
Little Lions	98.24%		
Little Foxes	90.95%		
Little Tigers	91.82%	Darwin House	95.79%
Unicorns	94.48%		
Dolphins	96.82%		
Little Horses	96.8%	Kingsley House	95.14%
Eagles	99.33%		
Swans	99%		
Herdsmen	96.8%	Singer House	96.58%
Heroes	92.5%		
Hunters	97.08%		
Warriors	96.19%		
The winner is ... <i>EAGLES</i>		 The winner is ... SINGER HOUSE	

Year 6 Bowling Trip

On Wednesday, Year 6 went bowling to celebrate all of their hard work over the year. Great fun was had by all and it was lovely to see them showing our school values in the community!





WE ARE HIRING!

Mealtime Assistant – Ellacombe C of E Academy

7.5 hours per week, 38 weeks per year
£12.26 per hour

Closing Date – Monday 30th June 2025 (9am)
www.lapsw.co.uk/vacancies or email ellacombe@lapsw.org



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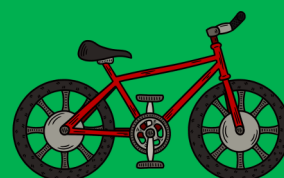
(FRIENDS OF ELLACOMBE)

We are looking to form a PTA/ Friends of Ellacombe group in the new school year. 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 in

Torbay Council's Summer Holiday Learn to Ride

Torbay Council's Summer Holiday Learn to Ride sessions, at Torbay Velopark, are now open for booking. The training is for children who will be in School Years 3-6 in September 2025 and can't ride a bike without stabilisers. These 2-hour sessions for Torbay residents are subsidised and are £10 plus booking fee. Bikes and helmets are provided. Click on the link to book.















[Learn to Ride Booking Link](#)





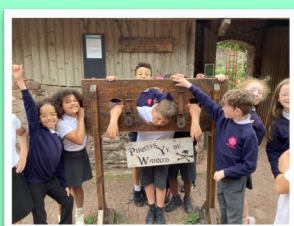
STARS OF THE WEEK



	Little Stars	
	Little Bears	Blakely for great progress in writing and always bringing his energy and enthusiasm to school!
	Little Lions	Isaac T for his positive attitude to learning.
	Little Foxes	Adriel for his increased focus on his learning this week! Super work
	Little Tigers	Harper for her amazing work this week, she has pushed herself in all areas of learning.
	Unicorns	Jovin for working really hard with his reading and maths
	Dolphins	Oscar M for his perseverance with our martial arts PE!
	Little Horses	Aleah for her great attitude to learning this week. Well done!
	Eagles	Tadiwanashe for putting 100% into his first piece of independent writing at Ellacombe
	Swans	Samuel for his contributions to class discussions.
	Herdsmen	Johan for showing resilience in his learning this week.
	Heroes	Mason - for his effort towards his learning this week
	Hunters	Jude for always showing our school values and for his excellent maths learning this week
	Warriors	Alden for his amazing writing and great team work!

Year 4 Geography Trip

Year 4 had an incredible time on their Geography field trip to Cockington this week! It was a brilliant opportunity for them to combine their historic, artistic, and geographic learning in a wonderful setting. It was also great to see the children so engaged in the demonstrations from local trades including Rex Latham at the blacksmith, Our Glass showing glass blowing, and Nicola Axe carving stone sculptures. A highlight for us was seeing the children take the lead of wildlife spotting as identified various birds (including a heron!), reptiles, animal tracks and fish.



From Parent to Published Author: Celebrating Mr. Martin's *Loki's Blessing*



Back in early March, as part of our World Book Day celebrations, we were delighted to welcome one of our parents, Mr. Martin, who came in to share his newly published book, *Loki's Blessing*, with the House Teams.

Mr. Martin's book is now available for purchase on Amazon, and we're thrilled to offer it to our school community at a special discounted price of **£8**.

If you'd like to order a copy, simply log into your **MCAS app**, where it will be available to purchase in the 'Products' section from Monday.



**More support coming soon
for children's speech,
language and
communication needs**

TORBAY COUNCIL

NHS



Our school has volunteered to be part of a trial which will focus on supporting children with speech, language and communication needs. Over the course of the next six months, we will be working with our partners and other primary schools to improve the help available. You can find out more about this pilot here: <https://torbayfamilyhub.org.uk/topic/torbay-locality-model/>


Website link - [Torbay Locality Model Pilot | Family Hub](https://torbayfamilyhub.org.uk/topic/torbay-locality-model/)



FREE SNORKELLING COURSE

We have a limited number of FREE* spaces on our introduction to snorkelling course. Children must be able to swim confidently for 50m and be in receipt of free school meals to be eligible. Contact us today to book your place. Spaces are limited. 01803 323400 swimtorquay@outlook.com

11th – 15th August 9:50am



PRESTON BRIDGE SCHOOL

BRIDGING POSSIBILITIES

What to do if school is not working?

Monday 14th July
4:00pm - 6:00pm

Preston Bridge School, Harbourside Campus
Conway Road, Paignton

A session for families with EHCP's on appeals, rights, and self-advocacy.

Guest Speaker:
IPSEA
Independent Provider of Special Education Advice

Limited spaces available, two adults per family.
To book please email referrals@prestonbridgeschool.co.uk

Preston Bridge exists to transform the educational landscape and provide a unique and individual offer.



SPACES Available

PRESTON BRIDGE SCHOOL
referrals@prestonbridgeschool.co.uk

Starting this September, eligible working families with children under 3 will see their funded childcare increase from 15 to 30 hours per week.

Families can apply for 30 hours of childcare from the term after their child turns 9 months old, continuing until they start school. Under this funding, children can begin attending our nursery from the day they turn two.

This expansion is designed to support your child's early education and help you better balance work and family life. It's the final phase of the childcare expansion, which could save families up to £7,500 per year.

Apply for your childcare code by 31 August to start using the support from September

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