

SMUPS News

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Friday 27th September 2024

Hello from the Head

A huge thank you to everyone who donated so generously to our Harvest Festival Collection yesterday. We had a lovely service in the church, led by Michael and the children took up their harvest gifts to the altar. It was amazing to see the generosity and this will make a huge difference to the South Molton Foodbank. A big thank you to all the parents/Carers who helped with walking to and from church as well.

The children are really getting into the swing of the term as we complete the third full week and it is great to see them getting stuck into their new topics and learning. Year 5 have been looking at friction and air resistance in their science work, whilst year six have been starting to learn about the Trojan Horse in history. Year 2 have been enjoying their swimming sessions and already they are showing increasing confidence in the water.

This week saw the completion of Bikeability. We had three groups of children in years five and six complete their level 2 Bikeability and a larger group of year three and four children complete their level 1 Bikeability. A huge thank you to Jason and Simon for facilitating this and well done to all the children who took part.

There is a list of dates later in the newsletter. These will be added to as the term goes on.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Collective Worship

This week we have been looking at our theme of Thankfulness. We have also been focusing on how we build a great school community.

Things to Remember

- Please do not park on the school site at normal pick up and drop off times. The safety of the children and pedestrians is paramount. Please park carefully and considerately on the roads near to the school and use the pedestrian path.
 - Please ensure that break time snacks and lunchboxes are healthy and nutritious.
 - School starts at 8:30am for Reception and KS1. Please ensure children are at school, ready to be let in for a prompt start at 8:30am. KS2 start at 8:45am.
 - Please support your child with their home learning.
- Please ensure long hair is tied back and nail varnish removed

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CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Each week, we celebrate brilliant learning in our celebration assembly.

We give out certificates for Resilience, Resourcefulness, Relationships, Risk and Reflectiveness as these are our

Building Learning Powers.

ACORNS: Lani & Wyatt

OAK: Poppy & Lacie-Mai

ASH: James & Lottie

PINE: Amelia & Florence

BEECH: Aralie & Maleleine

HOLLY: Oscar & Aria

WILLOW: Oliver & Josie

ELM: Gabriel & Ben

Well done to Wyatt, Serena, Hypatia, Poppy, Jaxon and Henry for

ATTENDANCE

0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

The attendance percentages for each class this

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Year One Oak: 98.4%

Year Two Ash: 100%

Year Three Pine: 96%

Year Four: Beech: 93.3% Holly 91.8%

Year Five Willow 96.4%

Year Six Elm: 93.9%

Dates for this half term

Please note that there will be more dates added over the coming weeks.

Tuesdays – Ash (Year 2) and Willow (Year 5) Swimming

Friday 27th September – PTFA Tuck Shop after school

Monday 7th October – Tempest School Photography

Saturday 12th October – South Molton Carnival

Friday 18th October – PTFA Discos: KS1 3-4pm, KS2 4:15-5:30pm

Thursday 24th October – [New Reception Parents \(September 2025 starters\) Open Day](#): 5-6pm

Friday 25th October – Last Day of Half Term and PTFA Tuck Shop

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November: Half Term Holiday

Monday 4th November – First Day of Autumn Half Term 2

Wednesday 6th November - New Reception Parents (September 2025 starters) Open Day: 9:30-10:30am

Thursday 7th November – Choir Singing at Christian Aid Coffee Morning

Friday 8th November - New Reception Parents (September 2025 starters) Open Day: 4-5pm

Week Beginning 11th November: Parent Consultations – Dates to be confirmed

Monday 18th November - New Reception Parents (September 2025 starters) Open Day: 1:30-2:30pm

Friday 22nd November: PTFA Bingo at the Coaching Inn: Evening

Wednesday 4th December: PTFA Wreath Making (7-9pm)