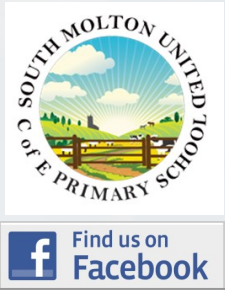


# SMUPS News

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Friday 4th October 2024

## Hello from the Head

It has been a very productive and busy week in school with lots of varied and interesting learning taking place across the school. It has been lovely to spend time in different classes this week, spending time with the children and watching them learn. Year Three were showing off some great place value skills in their maths lesson and practicing their times tables on TTRS. Year four were working hard on their musical skills on the glockenspiels, developing their use of different notes. It was great to spend the day in reception on Tuesday—they are really getting stuck into their phonics learning as they begin their reading journey, we looked at using sorting rules in maths and there was some great imaginative play in continuous provision. Years 5 and 6 were setting a great example of superb behaviour for learning in their maths and guided reading sessions, building on one another's ideas and working hard.

On Wednesday we had our first football fixture of the season, away at Umberleigh. Our Year four team played really well and showed great teamwork in an exciting 0-0 draw. It was really good to see the confidence that they played with and their determination. Well done to Freddy, Archie, Lilly, Caitlin, Alfie L, Max, Charlie N and Ethan.

We have our dates for open days for parents/carers of children due to start school in September 2025. If you have a child who is due to start then, please do come along to one of the sessions. There is an updated list of dates later in the newsletter. There is also some information on the proposed merger of Ventrus and Tarka MATs later on in the newsletter.

Have a wonderful weekend.

## Collective Worship

On Wednesday this week the church team told the story of Abraham. We also looked at the story of the ten lepers as part of our theme of Thankfulness.

## 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.
  - Long hair to be 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: Lilly-May & Jakob

OAK: Talyia & Aishpreet

ASH: Jaxon & Rosa

PINE: Zander & Ralph

BEECH: Olivia & Elsa

HOLLY: Amelie & Jacob

WILLOW: Jake & Bright

ELM: Archie & Aimee

Well done to Wyatt, Ivy, Delilah, Poppy, Jaxon and Henry for winning the Numbots certificates for this week.

Well done to Florence, Mia, Steve, Alfie L, Emily, Mila, Isaac, Ralph, Ella and Eliza F for winning the TTRS certificates for this week.

Well done to Oliver L, Eliza F, Dylan L and Isabelle Seatherton for achieving 100,000 words this week and Eliza H for achieving 250,000 words.

## 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 week are

Year One Oak: 95.5%

Year Two Ash: 99.1%

Year Three Pine: 96%

Year Four: Beech: 93.6%      Holly 90.6%

Year Five Willow 94%

Year Six Elm: 94.6%

## **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**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Tempest School Photography**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October – South Molton Carnival**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – PTFA Discos: KS1 3-4pm, KS2 4:15-5:30pm**

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

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Last Day of Half Term and PTFA Tuck Shop**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November: Half Term Holiday**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – First Day of Autumn Half Term 2**

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

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Choir Singing at Christian Aid Coffee Morning**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November - New Reception Parents (September 2025 starters) Open Day: 4-5pm**

**Week Beginning 11<sup>th</sup> November: Parent Consultations – Dates to be confirmed**

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

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November: PTFA Bingo at the Coaching Inn: Evening**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December: PTFA Wreath Making (7-9pm)**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December: PTFA Wreath Making (7-9pm)**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December: PTFA Christmas Fayre (3pm-5pm)**

**Monday 16th December: Christmas Carol Service in church (Choir) 5pm-5:30pm**

**Wednesday 18th December: School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day**

**Thursday 19th December: Whole School Christmas Carol Service in church (9:30am)**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December: Last Day of Autumn Term**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025: First Day of Spring Term**

## **Merger of Ventrus and Tarka Learning Partnership**

We are pleased to inform you that the application to the DfE for Ventrus and Tarka Learning Partnership to merge and form a new Trust is on the agenda to be heard by the South West Regions Group Advisory Board on Monday 21st October. As part of that process the DfE give an opportunity to submit comments about their published agenda and have asked us to share the following information with you. You may submit comments after their agenda has been published on 7th October.

If you have any comments about this agenda, please email [RG.SW@education.gov.uk](mailto:RG.SW@education.gov.uk)

Comments must be submitted by email by 14th October, 5-working days before the meeting. Any comments submitted after this deadline may not be considered in advance of the meeting.

In your email please include

- the school/academy name and trust names, and the local authority of the school/academy;
- your relationship to the school/academy
- your comments on the proposal
- any alternative proposal(s) you have and
- any other comments on the school's/academy's future

Please note that we will not respond to emails. Any representations received via email may be required to be released if a Freedom of Information Request (FOI) is received by the DfE.

We look forward to advising you of the outcome of the Advisory Boards decision at which point we will be contacting all stakeholders with further details about the merger and providing you with a further opportunity to represent your views to the Board of Trustees.

Kind regards

Gary Chown

Chief Executive Officer