

Weekly Newsletter

2nd October 2023

We are committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Child Protection Officer: Amelia Harding
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What we did last Week!

Last week the children in Y5 led a super liturgy on the theme of 'Creation' for the whole school.

We were reminded of Pope Francis', special letter to everyone Laudato Si – 'Care for our Common Home' where he asks us to recognise the wonder of the magnificent world that God has created and to think about the small actions that we each can make to better look after God's world.



What we did last Week!



Continuing on the theme of stewardship and caring for our planet all the children have recently completed an English unit about environmental issues such as plastic pollution and litter.

What we did last Week!



Inspired by their book about litter in English, Year 2 carried out a litter pick in the school grounds. Look how much they found!

They wrote letters to Mrs Harding making suggestions about how together we can reduce litter in the school grounds for the benefit of the local wildlife.

Reminders...

For safeguarding reasons we have to shut the playground gate promptly at 3.25 so that the after school clubs can come out and use the playground and field. We would be grateful if all parents could leave the school site before this time.

As Mrs Gale in the office goes home at 3.30 you will be effectively locked in if you are still on the playground after this time!

I ask that you do not ask Mr Brown to let you out of the school gate should he be on the playground. He runs the after school sports clubs on his own, and you would be asking him to leave children unsupervised in order to do this.

Thank you!

Mrs Harding

This week's Gospel Value

Forgiveness

This week's mission:

Can you show forgiveness to others this week?

Can you understand that everybody gets it wrong sometimes?

Can you walk away if someone calls you a name or is grumpy towards you?

Dear God,

You invite me to follow what you say and do as Jesus did when He was on Earth – to love you and love others.

You always forgive me for the times that my actions have not shown love to others.

Help me to forgive others at the times that they are finding it hard to have loving actions towards me.

Amen

Flu Vaccinations

Please refer to the letter emailed to all parents regarding flu vaccinations taking place at school on Wednesday 18th October.

To access the online consent form please visit

<https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

Consent forms must be submitted by Midday on the 16th October. If a consent form is not submitted your child will not be vaccinated.

MMR Vaccinations

Over 102,000 children starting primary school in England are at risk of catching measles.

NHS England is urging parents to check that their children are up to date with their MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccinations in the wake of measles cases rising across the country.

Childhood vaccination rates have fallen over the past ten years and statistics show that over 102,000 children aged four and five years old starting in reception are not protected against catching measles, mumps and rubella.

Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious.

If you are unsure if you or your child are up to date, check your child's red book or GP records and make an appointment to catch up any missed doses.

Secondary Applications

The application period for children born between 1.9.12 and 31.8.13, to make a secondary school application, is 1st September 23 until 31st October 23. The Portal is now open.

Applications received after 31st October 2023 will be at a disadvantage.

<https://www.torbay.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/admissions/secondary-applications/>

If you could keep one toy which one, would you keep? Why?

Would you rather live without music or live without movies?



SPEAKING UP!

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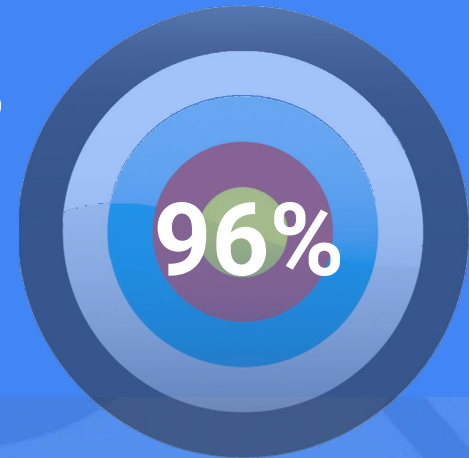




Whole school attendance this week 89%

Current overall attendance 93.9%

This week's trend ↓5.4%



House Points - Weekly



Bevan House

313

Stephenson House

209

Pankhurst House

240

Thompson House

191



Awards last week

Class R

Robert

Isla S

Elsie

Class 1

Sean

Freddie

Zayn

Class 2

Chloe

Otto

Oceana

Awards last week

Class 3

Autumn
Ashwal
Edward

Class 4

Evuprasia
Adam
Julita

Class 5

Donatella
Annabelle
Godwin

Class 6

Gracie
Peyton
Thomas

Attendance Reminders

If your child is sick please ring on the first day of absence by 9.00 a.m. and every other day thereafter. If you don't do this we will ring you as we are required to check on the welfare of our pupils. You must inform us of your child's symptoms.

Evidence of all medical appointments must be provided.



School Meals

The cost of a school meal is currently £2.65.

Please note that we are not able to order school dinners in school. They must be ordered by midnight the day before via ParentPay.

Please note that parents whose children are entitled to Free school meals or universal infant free school meals must also order their children's lunches in advance.

Nut free school!



Please be reminded that the school is a nut free zone.

Please check your child's packed lunch before sending it in. Children are not permitted to eat products containing nuts on the premises.

Nuts and peanuts can cause allergic reactions, which are sometimes severe, resulting in anaphylaxis. This can be life-threatening.

We insist on the school being a nut free zone to protect the children in our school who have this life threatening allergy.

Thank you for your understanding.

Library Opening



The library is open every day at hometime. Please feel free to pop in after school to choose books with your child.

We have books for sharing for younger children and the children's Accelerated Reader books.

Remember that research tells us that the more children read for pleasure the higher their academic attainment will be.

[More information here!](#)

Autumn - After School Clubs Yr R-6

Monday - Boys football 3,4,5,6

Tuesday- Dodgeball 4,5,6

Wednesday - Tag Rugby 4,5,6

Thursday - Girls football 3,4,5,6

Friday - Multi Skills/Sports R,1,2,3

The clubs are free and are available to book online via your ParentPay account.



The Torbay Community Helpline is a one-stop-shop for access to advice, information and referral to a whole range of support in the community and beyond.

Call or use the online form to ask for help or signposting about anything, including:

- Benefits, debt, and finance
- Housing issues
- Activities and groups in your area
- Mental and physical wellbeing
- Caring for someone
- Accessing training and skills
- Domestic abuse
- Volunteering

If you need to speak to someone face to face, you can also visit the Community Cafe and Help Hub at Temperance Street, Torquay (down the slope next to McDonalds in Union Street). They are open Tuesday to Friday, from 10am to 3pm.

Torbay Community Helpline

One call - that's all



Contact us:

Phone: 01803 446022

Online form: bit.ly/torbayhelpline

Monday-Friday: 10am-6pm

Saturday: 11:30am-12:30pm



New Children's Choirs!



Experience and learn music in a fun, welcoming environment.
Gain confidence, learn to sing in tune, read music and perform
with your friends!

Starting Sept 2023: Tuesdays 3.45pm-4.45pm, 4-7 years
Tuesdays 5-6pm, 8-12 years

Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Primary School, Queensway,
Chelston, Torquay, TQ2 6DB
£7 per session

Contact Amelia Goodall for more information
ameliasgoodall@gmail.com

Also available at Riviera Music Space:

Individual violin and piano lessons. Email for more info.

[Link to Facebook Page](#)

If your child is in receipt of free school meals and would like a free space at the children's choir please let Mrs Harding know. Free places are limited and will be awarded on first come, first served basis.

Upcoming Events

Thursday 12th October	Civic Award presentation for Year 6 parents
Tuesday 17th October	Parents evening 3.30 - 6.00 p.m.
Wednesday 18th October	Flu vaccinations
Thursday 19th October	Parents evening 3.30 - 6.00 p.m.
Friday 20th October	Celebration assembly 2.30 p.m. by invitation



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