



Friday 18th September 2026

Dear families,

Thank you to everyone who was able to come into school this week for our Meet the Teacher sessions. It was wonderful for Mrs Lowe to welcome you into the classroom and share our newly organised learning environment with you. We hope you found the session informative.

As we continue to develop our new one-class structure, I wanted to share some of the exciting developments that have already taken place to strengthen our curriculum. One of these is the introduction of the Magma Maths programme, which the children are accessing through our new touchscreen Chromebooks. These devices have been provided specifically to support learning and are already having a positive impact on children's progress and engagement in mathematics.

The programme allows pupils to access learning that is tailored to their individual needs, providing appropriate challenge and support while helping them build confidence in their mathematical understanding. It has been fantastic to see the enthusiasm with which the children have embraced this new approach.

We are looking forward to inviting parents into school soon to see the children using the programme and showcasing how technology is supporting their learning. Please keep an eye out for a date in the coming weeks.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, and I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Ruston

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 22nd September - South West STEM Royal Navy Workshop

Wednesday 23rd September- Crumble workshop

Thursday 24th September- Science day with Charleton

Wednesday 30th September- Forest School at Forest and Beach - Beesands

Tuesday 6th October- Art workshop

Wednesday 14th October - Forest School

Wednesday 14th October- Harvest Festival

Monday 19th October – Tempest School Photographs

Praise assembly: Our praise assembly will be on the first Monday of every month at 2:50, the next will be held on Monday 5th October 2026.

Hope Cove

We have had a wonderful week in Hope Cove. It was lovely to see Pete at Forest School, and the children thoroughly enjoyed spending time outdoors. We loved walking the long way home through the woods and across the fields by the stream, taking in the changing season and making the most of our beautiful surroundings.

In Geography, we explored different land use categories and learnt how land can be used for a range of purposes, including residential, commercial, agricultural, industrial and recreational activities. The children enjoyed identifying examples of each type and discussing how land is used within our local area.

In English, we continued developing our stories based on *Hortense and the Shadow*. The children have been using their imaginations to build characters, settings and plot ideas while experimenting with ambitious vocabulary and descriptive language.

In Art, we have been exploring the work of Martin Bush. The children carefully analysed a selection of his artwork, discussing the colours, patterns and techniques he uses, and sharing their own thoughts and interpretations of his work.

Our Reception children have been especially busy this week. In Phonics, they have been learning new letter sounds and beginning to recognise them in words. In Maths, they have been developing their counting skills and exploring numbers. They have also been creating fantastic masterpieces in preparation for our Harvest Festival, showing great creativity and enthusiasm.



Autumn 1 Spellings

Year 5 & 6

attached
available
competition
conscience
desperate
explanation
immediately
neighbour
programme
secretary

Year 3 & 4

1. Accident
2. Guide
3. Quarter
4. Thought
5. Sentence
6. Ordinary
7. Actual
8. Famous
9. Heard
10. Surprise

Year 2

1. Gold
2. Bath
3. Plant
4. Busy
5. Climb
6. Beautiful
7. Money
8. Should
9. Everybody
10. Floor

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Your Voice Matters!

Our School Council has been busy sharing ideas and helping to make our school an even better place for everyone.

Lego Club

We are exploring plans for a brand-new Lego Club! Councillors have been collecting ideas from pupils about activities, challenges and competitions we'd like to include.

Bug Enthusiasts

We have lots of children who are passionate about insects and wildlife. The School Council is discussing ways to support local habitats and encourage more opportunities to learn about the amazing minibeasts living around our school.

School Trip Ideas

Our councillors have been gathering suggestions for exciting educational visits and experiences. From outdoor adventures to hands-on learning opportunities, we're looking at ways to create memorable experiences for everyone.

Attendance



Our attendance target is 98%

Our school attendance is currently 92.8%