



Raising the Roof: A Night to Remember at Young Voices!

What an incredible experience we had yesterday at the Young Voices Concert! It was truly a night to remember, filled with music, dance, and thousands of smiling faces.

We are absolutely bursting with pride at how our children performed. It is a very long and tiring day, but their energy and enthusiasm never faltered. More importantly, they were a true credit to the school.

It was wonderful to see them living out our Rainbow Values in every aspect of the trip. From supporting one another during the rehearsals to showing respect to the Young Voices team and other schools, they represented us perfectly. They definitely showed the Rainbow Value enjoyment! The memories created—singing alongside thousands of other children in a massive arena—will last a lifetime.

I would like to give a massive thank you to the staff team who made this experience possible, both the staff on the day, those supporting the rehearsals each week and the administration of the event in the office. Thank you also to families who have supported the children with rehearsing the songs, and to those who were able to come up to the concert and support.

The final thank you and well done has to go to our amazing choir—you were superstars!



Civic Award update: The Year 6 Civic children have been working hard on all areas of their Torbay and Devon Civic Awards. Holly and Issy in 6NS have both completed a walk of 30 miles in a month to raise money for a charity supporting individuals with Motor Neurone Disease.

Holly raised £240 and Issy raised £165 - a total of £405! The girls said, 'It was hard but we did it because we wanted to support a charity, MNDA'. Mrs Nowell and the Year 6 team are very proud of the girls.

Friday 16th January 2026

Future Dates

Fri 23rd Jan – Movie night FS/KS1

Mon 19th Jan – **Deadline to order** lunches for w/c 26th Jan 2025

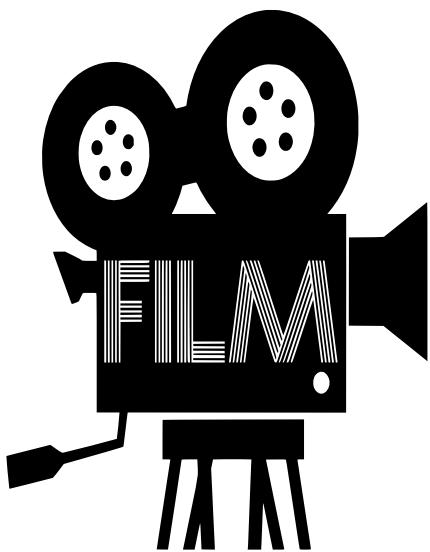
Fri 30th Jan – Movie night KS2

Thurs 5th Feb – **Family Learning Conference** – details to follow

Mon 9th Feb – **Family Learning Conference** – details to follow

Fri 13th Feb – **Krispy Kreme Doughnuts sale**

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Movie dates for the diary! Our parent association, the ESA, will be organising two movie nights. You can book a ticket via clubs on MCAS!

Reception and KS1 will be on Friday 23rd January and KS2 will be Friday 30th January, straight after school. Film choices – you can vote for the films via the following google links:

Reception and KS1 – choice between Elio and Dogman.

<https://forms.gle/fnjwbBPSraTQsG8c6>

KS2 – choice between In Your Dreams and Bad Guys 2

<https://forms.gle/AQH9QMwBN2X4z9j67>

Tickets are £3 each and will include the film and sweets. Children should bring their own water bottles for refills.

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts!

On the last day of this half term, Friday 13th February, the ESA will be selling Krispy Kreme Doughnuts for only £1! What a bargain!



They will be at the front gate after school so don't forget to pick some up on your way home! Cash and cards accepted, first come first served.

Children at clubs will be given the opportunity to pre-order a doughnut.

Mental Health Awareness: Young Minds has some really helpful support and advice in managing mental health in young children. Please see the attached flier for more information.

National Online Safety Guides: Please see attached this week's guide on Mental Health Conversation Starters.

Train to Teach in Devon: As a partner school with Exeter Consortium Schools' Alliance, we are proud to support their Primary Teacher Training programme. If you've ever thought about becoming a primary school teacher, this school-based training offers classroom placements across Devon, expert guidance and hands-on experience from day one.

Applications are now open for training starting in September 2026. Find out more here:

www.exeterconsortium.com/train-to-teach

Westbank Stay and Play sessions: Please see the following message from the community hub at Westbank.

Stay and Play sessions take place every **Thursday morning from 10:00am to 12:00pm**. We offer tea, coffee, and biscuits for a small donation, along with designated areas for toys for younger children and board games for older children and their families. Our aim is to create a **safe, welcoming, and inclusive space for all families**.

In addition, we will be running a **Watercolour Art Group** on **Thursday afternoons from 2:00pm to 4:00pm**. This group is designed for **young people aged 11 years old and over** who are home educated or on the autism spectrum, offering a calm, creative, and supportive environment.

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As a community hub, we will also be offering **Family Social Lunches 12.30pm-2.00pm**. These lunches are open to all families and aim to encourage conversation, connection, and the development of knife and fork skills in a comfortable and accepting setting. **This will be £5 per adult and £1 per child**. Please note that lunches must be **booked 24 hours in advance** by phoning our reception team.

We look forward to welcoming families into the space and building a supportive community together.



Calling all Athletes and Sports Professionals!

We are looking for members of our parent community with sporting career experience to join us as guest speakers. We want to inspire our students by hearing about your journey—specifically the challenges you've faced and the **resilience** required to reach your goals.

Real-world examples from the world of sport make a powerful impact on children. We would love you to share your story, weaving in themes such as:

- **Overcoming adversity** and staying motivated.
- **Inclusivity** and breaking down barriers in your field.
- The importance of **diversity** within a team environment.

If you have a story to inspire the next generation—or know another parent/friend or family member who does—we would be thrilled to host you, please contact the school office for more information.

Coffee on the Corner: earlier opening times are being trialled so you will be able to pop in after the school drop off for a coffee catch up. Monday to Thursday they will be open at 9.00am instead of 10.00am. See poster attached.

Family Printing Workshop at Thelma Hulbert Gallery: To celebrate the opening of our new exhibition, please join us for a printmaking activity for all ages. Please see the attached advert for this workshop taking place on Saturday 17 January, drop in between 11 – 3. Free, suggested donation £2.

Plymouth Brick Festival: Don't forget about the Lego extravaganza on 7th February at the Life Centre. Book now at www.PlymouthBrickFestival.com

Have your say: In response to ongoing financial pressures, Devon County Council has launched a consultation on potential reductions to library services across Devon. Adults and under-18s can take part, and all feedback will help shape the future of local provision. You can complete the consultation here: <https://devonlibraries.commonplace.is/> Thank you for helping us make sure families and young children have their voices heard.



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