



Harvest Festival

Advance notice / reminder: Monday 16th October is our Harvest Festival in school when we will be joined by the Reverend Nathan and the Cuthbert Mayne Jump Team. Any donations will be gratefully received which will be passed on to Riviera Life Church which operates a well-established foodbank in Torbay as part of the Riviera Food Alliance.

NHS

9 out of 10

unvaccinated children can catch measles if someone in their class has it

Check your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations

The graphic features an illustration of a boy and a girl standing together. The boy is on the left, wearing a blue suit and tie, and the girl is on the right, wearing a white shirt and blue skirt. They are both holding books. The background is a teal color with white text.

We started our week with some lovely reading workshop assemblies with local author, Clare Helen Welsh ([Clare Helen Welsh](#)). Thank you to Clare for her inspiration to impart her love of reading. At the same time, local artist, Neil Wilkinson Cave, has returned to school and started painting the outdoor area of our library. This time the children can see him in action and have been full of questions and guesses about what it will look like when finished. Thanks again to our PTA, without which this just would not be happening.

Measles, Mumps and Rubella

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 this week 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. For more information on the NHS vaccination schedule, please visit the [NHS website](#).



PTA Annual General Meeting

It would be fantastic if you could spare some time to join the PTA for their AGM on Monday 6th November immediately after school in Year 5 Rowan Class, opposite the sloped gate. If you have a little one, we are running a creche in Year 5 Birch Class to help you out.

Vacancy for a Trustee

We currently have a vacancy for a new trustee. If you, or somebody you know, might be interested in helping with the governance of the school, please do let me know. It's a great opportunity as a parent (or grandparent) to help shape the direction of the school, take a look behind the scenes, get into classes and to see your child in action. We have a great group of trustees who would welcome you in. You don't need a back ground in education; in fact, it is useful to have a range of skills and backgrounds. If you are interested, we can start with an informal chat for you to find out more, and just take it from there.



Help with Rising Costs – Reminders

- ✚ Household Support Fund – if you are on a welfare benefit / tax credit or have a disposable income of less than £50 per week:
[Household Support Fund - Torbay Council](https://www.torbay.gov.uk/council)
- ✚ Do you need help with child care? If so, try this website:
<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>
- ✚ Help for households – very useful government website:
<https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>
- ✚ This community kitchen has some very affordable meal options and is well worth a look:
<https://www.turningheads.org.uk/community-kitchen/>
- ✚ The PTA has lots of quality school uniform for a small donation – see their FB page
- ✚ Martin Lewis:
<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/>
- ✚ Free uniform and help with rising costs:
<https://www.punkagainstopoverty.org/>
- ✚ Try here for cheaper broadband:
<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/phones-telecoms-and-internet/advice-for-consumers/costs-and-billing/social-tariffs>

Enjoy the un-seasonally warm weekend

Tim Hughes
Headteacher



Stars of the Week

Beech	Rose is our Star for trying so hard with all of her learning this week. You have tried so hard with your numbers and your phonics and I have really noticed this. Well done- keep it up
Pine	Lenny is our star this week for his kindness. He is such a kind boy and would do anything for his friends. He always looks out for others if they are hurt and tries to help them.
Oak	Sienna is our star for showing responsibility and respect in the lessons and when completing her work. She has put super effort into her learning this week. Well done Sienna, you are a star!
Apple	Bethany has really impressed several adults this week with her aspirational writing. In the writing club after school and in class, Bethany has linked her learning from other subjects to add extra detail to her narratives. Well done, super effort Bethany!
Holly	Henry is the star of the week in Holly class. He is an absolute role model to the class with his listening skills, always responding quickly, looking at the person speaking, giving full attention. He is also kind and helpful to his classmates. Bravo, Henry - we're so lucky to have you in Holly!
Willow	Elazora is the star of the week in Willow class. She has been working so hard in her maths and writing lessons and showing real aspiration. We loved reading her story about two sun hats at the beach. Well done Elazora.
Cherry	Roman for showing exemplary behaviour and attitude since the start of year 4. Keep it up, we're so proud of you!
Hazel	Evie is our star of the week in Hazel class for your brilliant effort in writing. You have written a fantastic story about a stray cat. You have also done lots of extra home learning in Geography this week. Well done!
Birch	Bethany is our star this week in Birch class. Bethany has settled into Year 5 seamlessly and is a fantastic role model to the rest of the class. Bethany is a great all-rounder and can be relied upon at any moment. We are so pleased she is part of our class and can't wait to see what she will achieve in Year 5. Well done, Bethany. We are so proud of you.
Rowan	Lyncoln has impressed many adults this week with his responsible and aspirational attitude to his learning. He has worked so hard in all areas of his learning. Well done and keep up the good work Lyncoln!
Maple	Anton is Maple's Star of the Week for the fantastic effort he has put into his writing. He has thought very carefully about what he has learned in science and applied it really well in his report. Well done Anton!
Hawthorn	Our Star of the Week in Hawthorn is Lökklyn. He has worked really hard on writing his report about African elephants and included lots of his science learning to explain their adaptations and the threat to their survival. Well done Lökklyn!



DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 12th September	Year 1,3,4 & 5 Parent Curriculum Meeting after school in your child's classroom
Wednesday 13th September	Roald Dahl Day -Dress as your favourite character Special PTA Library Opening Event
Thursday 14th September	Year 2 & 6 Parent Curriculum Meeting after school in your child's classroom
Thursday 21st September	Torbay SEND Roadshow Van 3-4pm in the car park
Friday 29th September	Year 6 Dartmoor Trip
Tuesday 10th October	World Mental Health Day - Wear Yellow
23rd-27th October	October Half Term
31st October	Flu Vaccinations (more information to come)
2nd November	PTA Halloween Disco
13th November	Parents evening week
20th November	Individual Photos
1st December	KS1 Christmas Nativity