



The EPI Centre of Learning

Half Term: Another busy half term has passed full of lots of activities including our Year 6 residential. We hope you enjoy the summer weather over half term and look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 1st June.

Year 6 Residential: An EPIC Adventure! Our school Facebook feed has been buzzing with muddy boots, big smiles and incredible milestones as our Year 6 pupils recently embarked on their highly anticipated residential trip.

From the moment the coach pulled away, the children embraced our school's EPIC values (*Enjoyment, Potential, Inclusion, and Community*).

Conquering Challenges and Overcoming Fears: If you followed our daily updates online, you will have seen our pupils scaling new heights—quite literally! Whether facing the high ropes, conquering the climbing wall, or flying through the air on the big swing, the resilience has been great to see from so many. Many children pushed themselves far out of their comfort zones, demonstrating incredible grit and proving that they can overcome any obstacle with the right mindset.

Teamwork and Adventure Training: Back on the ground (and sometimes in the water!) teamwork was the theme of the week. From problem-solving orienteering courses to working together in raft building and outdoor bushcraft challenges, the children communicated brilliantly. It was wonderful to see different friendships flourish as they cheered each other on through every muddy trails.

Building Independence and Community: Beyond the adrenaline-pumping activities, some of the most valuable moments happened during down-time. The children showed fantastic independence by managing their own dormitories, looking after their kit, and sharing responsibilities during mealtimes.

A Huge Thank You! An adventure like this cannot happen without an immense amount of organisation and support. A massive thank you goes out to all the staff members who gave up their time away from their own families to support, encourage, and look after the children 24/7 and the office staff for all their work behind the scenes. Thank you also to our parents and carers for preparing the children for this big step.

Be sure to scroll back through our school Facebook page via the website to look at the fantastic photo galleries and video clips capturing all of the action!

National Online Safety Guides: This week's guide is on What You Need to Know about Adult Animated Content.

Year group maths fluency workshops: A member of each year group team will lead a session in the hall, explaining more about maths in your child's year group and how to support with maths at home. The children will then join the session in the hall, working alongside you to complete some games and activities.

Friday 22nd May 2026

Future Dates

Monday 25th May - deadline for ordering school lunches w/c 1st June.

Monday 25th – Friday 29th May – Half Term

Monday 1st June – First day of term

Thursday 4th June – Maths Fluency workshop Year 4

Wed 10th June – Rec and KS1 sports morning – School Field 9.30am

Friday 19th June – Career Fair 2.00pm – 3.15pm

Thursday 25th June – KS2 sports morning – St Martin's Field at Westbank 9.30am

Friday 3rd July – School Summer Fair 4.30pm – 7.00pm

Year Group	Maths Fluency Workshop Date (9:00 – 9:45 in the hall)
Y4	Thursday 4 th June
Y5	Wednesday 17 th June

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Your Summer Fair Still Needs You! Friday 3 July 2026:

As many of our parents will know, the summer fair is our biggest fundraising event of the year so it's vital for it to be a success for the benefit of all the children.

We are still looking for year group leads for **years 2 and 3**. If you would like to volunteer for this role, please fill out the Google Form for the ESA.

<https://forms.gle/4ZxfygXZKUVWDcyF9>

Why not volunteer with a friend and share the role! If you think you'd like to help but wouldn't be able to commit to a year group stall lead we would still love to hear from you so please pop your details on the form. Likewise, if you think you have a service or product we might benefit from please complete the third section of the form.

Fundraising Walk: Martha, Joey and Lily Rose in year 6 are doing a sponsored walk to raise money for new sports equipment in school, as part of their civic award. Please click on the link below to support them in their efforts.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/anna-higgins-3?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=WA

Whizz Bang Wow Holiday Club: Booking Now Open:

After the great success of last year's holiday club, Exminster Parish Church will be running again this August, 24th, 25th, 26th, 9:30-12:30pm, open for preschool (3+) and primary children. Lots of games, adventures, music, stories, songs and of course fun! Places are limited with priority given to families in Exminster or who are part of the school. Each day is £5 per child and there is financial assistance for anyone for who this would be difficult. Free additional breakfast club from 9am also available. To book go to [Explorers Holiday Club](#)

If you have an older child who would like some work experience as a volunteer we have a few Young Adult Leader roles also, please contact families@exminster.church

Hillcrest private access: There are still a number of parents driving down Hillcrest to drop off and pick up children to breakfast and after school club. This is a private road and is causing disruption to local residents who are getting blocked in. Please walk children down to the back entrance rather than driving down. Thank you for your co-operation.

Mental health and wellbeing update: Week 5: Resilience & The Growth Mindset

A growth mindset is the belief that abilities are muscles that grow with effort. This mindset helps children stay resilient even when a challenge pushes them into the Yellow Zone.

- The Power of "Yet": When a child says "I can't do this," add "yet" to shift from a permanent fail to a learning phase.
- Praise the Process: Avoid "You're so smart". Instead, say, "I noticed how hard you practised".
- Normalise "Glorious Mistakes": Share your own "mistake of the day" to show that mistakes are just data for the brain to grow.

Parents Childcare Survey: Every year Devon County Council send out a Parent's Childcare Survey to parents living in Devon to find out information about their use of childcare. Have you completed the Devon Parents Childcare Survey? <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ParentsSurveySummer2026/>

It's important as your answers help to ensure that there is enough childcare in Devon!

The closing date is Sunday 14 June

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Let's Talk Project: aims to empower parents and carers by raising awareness of community safety risks and challenges faced by young people. It is a free resource which has already reached nearly 10,000 people.

A new Let's Talk Website – www.letstalksaferfamilies.org has been launched alongside several upcoming events for varying age groups.

You can sign up to these webinars via the links below:

[Let's Talk Primary - Let's Talk Safer Families](#)

Tuesday, 2 June 2026 19:00

Tuesday, 9 June 2026 19:00

Tuesday, 16 June 2026 19:00

[Let's Talk Pre-Teens - Let's Talk Safer Families](#)

Tuesday, 23 June 2026 19:00

Tuesday, 30 June 2026 19:00

Tuesday, 7 July 2026 19:00

Oral Health Improvement: The Oral Health Improvement Team – based in the Community Dental Service in Heavitree Hospital - are hosting **free** virtual Oral Health Improvement training sessions this year aimed at parents, teachers, carers, foster carers and anyone who lives with, works with or enables **children of all ages**.

Here are the details of the next online training session: *Please fill out our online [booking form](#)*

When: Tuesday **2nd June 2026** at **6:30pm - 8:00pm**

What: **Oral Health Improvement Training** – Supporting Children

Where: **Microsoft Teams**

Learning Outcomes:

- Recognise how good oral health contributes to overall health and wellbeing
- Explain the consequences of poor oral health
- Identify the causes, symptoms and ways to prevent tooth decay and gum disease
- Understand the techniques needed to help children maintain good oral hygiene
- Locate the local pathways for accessing dental care

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Career Fair



We will be holding our biennial careers fair on

Friday 19th June - 2.00-3.15pm

in our school hall.

We are still looking for representatives from the:

1. Fire Service
2. Army and RAF
3. Building trades people
4. Legal practitioners

If you are interested in sharing your expertise and knowledge in your field of work please email

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