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ESA Summer Fair Update: We are so pleased to be able to announce that the summer fair raised a total profit of **£3867**. This is a brilliant result and the profit goes directly back into the school. On top of this we will adding the proceeds from the Ice lolly Sale this afternoon. Last year we raised £3371.

We are really pleased with this amount and would like to thank everyone who made it possible to put on this great community event. Thank you to Mrs Whalley and Mr Moore for their continued support, the active ESA members, the brilliant stall leads, the parents and staff who helped to set up or pack away or run the stalls, the amazing performers, the governors who ran the BBQ, the Scouts for loaning us their BBQ, everyone who sent in donations or made jazzy jars and last but not least special thanks must go out to Mr Broom and his son for all their support on the day, there wasn't a single problem they couldn't solve!

We also want to say a big thank you to everyone in the community that came and supported the event, every single one of you have played a part in making this year's Summer Fair such a success and ultimately raising crucial funds that will greatly benefit the school and our children.

There is an ESA meeting next week on the 14th July at 7pm at the Royal Oak to de-brief the fair and have a bit of a social. All welcome. If you are unable to attend but would like to send feedback, thoughts or suggestions about the summer fair please email: esa@exminsterschool.co.uk

Ice Lolly Sale – Friday 10th July - ESA parents will be selling ice lollies for **50p** each after school today in the outdoor classroom. All proceeds will go towards raising funds for the school. Please note that **cash is preferred**, as card machine access will be limited and causes large queues.

New Autumn Menu: Don't forget you can order from the new menu for September via MCAS now.

Rainbow Day: Get ready for an amazing day of colour and fun, because our **Summer Whole School Rainbow Day is coming up on Monday 20th July!** In the spirit of community, all of our classes will be mixed together, bringing children from Reception all the way up to Year 6 into brilliant, collaborative teams.

We've got a fantastic line up of activities planned for everyone to enjoy together. The teams will get to show off their creative sides with hands-on arts and crafts, and dive into a fun, oracy-focused English activity to build up speaking and listening skills. We'll also get everyone moving and grooving as we learn a brand-new dance routine. When it's time to chill out, the groups will head over to 'Cloud 9' for some relaxing, peaceful mindfulness sessions.

The absolute best part of the day will bring the entire school together on the field; after practicing in their mixed groups, everyone will gather to sing a song and perform a dance. It's going to be an unforgettable day of shared joy, teamwork, and school pride!

Any donations to support our Rainbow Days are gratefully received as it helps us fund the art and crafts that the children make during the day. If you can pay a contribution towards this, **it's available in MCAS under products**.

Regular eyes tests: Our Reception children had their eye screening today and we wanted to remind parents to get their children tested regularly. Children in year two will be due a follow up eye test so if your child has not had an eye test since Reception now would be a good time to book one in over the summer.

Friday 10th July 2026

Future Dates

Friday 10th July – Ice lolly sale

Monday 13th July – deadline for school lunches w/c 20 July

Tuesday 14th July – ESA meeting at the Royal Oak

Monday 20th July – Rainbow Day

Wednesday 22nd July – Last day of Summer Term

Monday 31st August – deadline for school lunches w/c 7th September

Monday 7th September – First day of Autumn Term

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The Eco Team's 'Bee' Art Competition – Buzzing with Activity – An Art Competition Request



A massive thank you to everyone who entered our recent bee-themed art competition. Our children and staff have been absolutely delighted by the wonderful creations on display around the school, bringing a lot of joy to our daily walks down the corridors! We received an incredible variety of entries, including sculptures, models, poems, fact sheets, and paintings.

A special shout-out goes to our wonderfully sustainable community—it was fantastic to see so many beautifully re-used materials like cardboard, toilet roll holders, water bottles, containers, old wood, and tin cans turned into masterpieces.

Our Overall Winners: With so much talent on display, judging was an incredibly difficult task! A huge congratulations to our three overall winners:

- **Rupert (Reception)** – for his wonderful "bee school"
- **Evie-Rose (Year 3)** – for her stunning sculpture
- **Arabella (Year 6)** – for her fantastic bee hive

Year Group Runners-Up: We are also delighted to celebrate a fantastic selection of runner-up prize winners across the school. Well Done to:

- **Reception:** Adelie, Cora, Jago, Maizee
- **Year 1:** Freya, Alaska
- **Year 2:** Reuben, Myla, Jayden, Levi, Lochie, Sienna
- **Year 3:** Ivo
- **Year 4:** Ayla, Anna
- **Year 5:** Sienna
- **Year 6:** Lydia

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National Online Safety Guides: This week's guide is on Top Tips for Fostering a Sense of Belonging.

Civic Award: Last Thursday evening, many of our Torbay and Devon Year 6 Civic Award children received their award at ISCA Academy. 32 children in total completed their Civic Award in Year 6 this year.

The Torbay and Devon Civic Award consists of various sections:

1. Active hobby (6 months)
2. Non-active hobby (6 months)
3. Residential trip
4. Active Citizenship in the school community (4 months)
5. Active Citizenship in the local community (once)
6. Charity work

The children had to attend an interview with Rev Vannesa Pestridge and Mrs Nicola Gibson as part of their assessment day.

Over the past few months, the children have contributed so much to our school community and in their home communities. They have also tried new hobbies which they may not have tried before. We have been incredibly impressed with the children's efforts to raise money for charities important to them. They are looking forward to sharing with Year 5 about what the Civic Award involves this week and also to a celebration breakfast with Mrs Whalley next week. Well done!

Mental Health Weekly Update: Navigating the "Autumn Shift" Anxiety

As August progresses, "August Anxiety" often moves kids toward the Red Zone (overwhelm).

- The Tip: Normalize the "Wobble." Tell them it's okay to feel nervous and excited at the same time.
- Zones Connection: Discuss how emotions can be "blended." You can be in the Green Zone (happy) but have a little Yellow Zone (nervous) "flutter" in your tummy.
- Action Item: Start a "Bridge Journal." Write down one thing they are looking forward to and one thing they'll miss about summer.

Devon with Kids website: Looking for more inspiration for family fun over the summer break? Check out my bucket list of 50 things to do. How many will you tick off? [Summer in Devon: 50 ideas for your bucket list - Devon with Kids](#)

Lumi Nova Summer Resources: The Summer holidays are almost here! The upcoming break often brings a shift in routine, the start of new summer groups or clubs, and the looming prospect of starting at a new school or academic year in September. These changes, while exciting, can feel overwhelming for some young people. Lumi Nova remains available to provide continuous, supportive help throughout through the following:

- [Summer Communication](#)
- [Summer Poster](#)
- [Summer Social Media Post](#)

Families in Devon can register for a FREE game key by heading to our website - luminova.app/devon.

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New to Lumi Nova? Join one of our [live webinars](#) or watch our [introductory video](#).

St Thomas Library Summer Book Quest: Please see attached leaflet for more information.

Waterstones Epic Summer Programme: See below for details.



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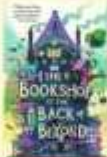
July 28th – Julie Sykes

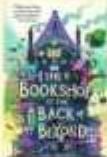

August 8th – Holly Webb


August 11th – Becca Rogers


August 14th – Philip Reeve & Sarah McIntyre


August 18th – Jess Bradley


August 22nd – Tom McLaughlin


August 25th – Amy Sparkes


**All events at 1pm and
all free to attend!**