The EPICentre of Learning

Welcome Back to a New School Year. We hope all our families enjoyed a restful and safe summer break! It is wonderful to see our school filled with energy and smiles once again. A special welcome goes out to our new Reception children and their families. The children had a fantastic first week and have settled in remarkably well learning many of the school routines already. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to all the new pupils and families joining us across Years 1 through 6. We are excited to embark on this new academic year together and look forward to all the learning and milestones ahead.

Welcome also to:

- Miss Raybould, our new teacher in Year 3 and
- Miss Schrader, our new trainee teacher in Year 5

School Drop off and Pick up: The start of a new term is a good opportunity to remind families that they should not drive down to the staff car park or back gate to drop off or pick up children at any time of the day including for Early Epic and Epic Eve. Hill Crest is a private road for residents only so we appreciate your support in ensuring this is kept clear at all times.

Friday 11th Sept 2026

Future Dates

Monday 14th September – deadline to order school lunches for w/c 21st September

Tuesday 15th September – Bookings for Wraparound care will go live at 3pm.

Tuesday 22nd September – School photographs

Wednesday 30th September – ESA meeting 7pm at the Royal Oak

Tuesday 20th October – Flu vaccinations

School Uniform & PE Kit

Name Labels: Please ensure **all** uniform, PE kit, coats, and personal items are clearly labelled with your child's name. This makes it much easier to return lost property to its rightful owner!

Pre-Loved Uniform Our pre-loved uniform section is available in the main school office area. Please pop in anytime to make use of this facility. We have lots of uniform and are unable to accept any more donations for the time being.

Standard Uniform (Non-PE Days)

- **Tops:** Yellow polo shirt paired with a navy sweatshirt (plain or with the school rainbow logo).
- **Bottoms:** Grey trousers, shorts, or skirt.
- **Footwear:** Black school shoes.

PE Days (Children arrive at school wearing their PE kit)

- **Tops:** Yellow round-neck t-shirt and a school jumper.
- **Bottoms:** Black or navy shorts, leggings, or joggers.
- **Footwear:** Trainers.

Jewellery & Accessories

- **Permitted:** One pair of stud earrings and one standard, non-smart watch.
- **Not permitted:** Smartwatches and any other jewellery.

Epic Clubs for Autumn 2: On **Tuesday 15th September at 3pm** we will open bookings for Early Epic and Epic Eve sessions for the second half of the Autumn term (November - December). **Epic Eve and Early Epic clubs can be**

found on MCAS under Wraparound care. Both should be paid for a point of booking either by card or voucher. If you're paying by voucher please send across a screenshot as proof of payment so we can apply the credit as soon as possible for you.

Flu vaccinations: You should have received a letter this week outlining the process for booking your child's flu vaccination through the NHS who will be visiting school on the **20th October 2026**. Also attached was an information leaflet to help answer any questions. Please confirm or decline your consent through the following link: https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=DV113201 Please do this by 9am on the 19th October. A response is required for every child either opting in or out.

School photographs: On the Tuesday 22 September Fraser Portraits will be coming to take individual and family photographs. Please ensure that children are dressed appropriately in their school uniform. If it is your child's PE day please dress them in their school polo top alongside their PE bottoms. There will a further date for any children absent on the day (including those on the Year 4 residential) to have their photos taken. This date will be communicated nearer the time.



Back to the 90's and 00's – Our first ever 'grown up' school disco.

When: Saturday 26th September, 7.30 – 10pm

Where: Victory Hall, Exminster

Tickets are £10 via MCAS in the store/shop or £12 on the door. Tickets are available until 3pm on Friday 25th September.

Expect classic 90s and 00s hits and dance floor favourites. There will also be a bar and tuck shop favourites.

Help make this disco a hit and raise funds for the school.

National Online Safety Guides: This week our guide is on Supporting Children's Return to Routine.

Exminster's Climate Conversation: Please see the attached poster for the screening of the People's Emergency Briefing on the climate and nature crisis as part of Exminster's climate conversation.

Drop-in Family Workshop: Saturday 12 September, drop in 10.30am to 1.30pm. Thelma Hulbert Gallery, Dowell St, Honiton EX14 1LX.

Join local artist and ceramicist Sarah John for a free family workshop exploring the colours, stories and landscapes of the Blackdown Hills. Using natural pigments including locally sourced clay, we will work together to create a collaborative artwork inspired by the myths, legends and people that have shaped this special landscape over generations. Relaxed, hands-on session. Suitable for all ages and abilities. This workshop is a part of the Blackdown Hills Heritage Festival.

Free, suggested donation £2. All ages and abilities welcome.