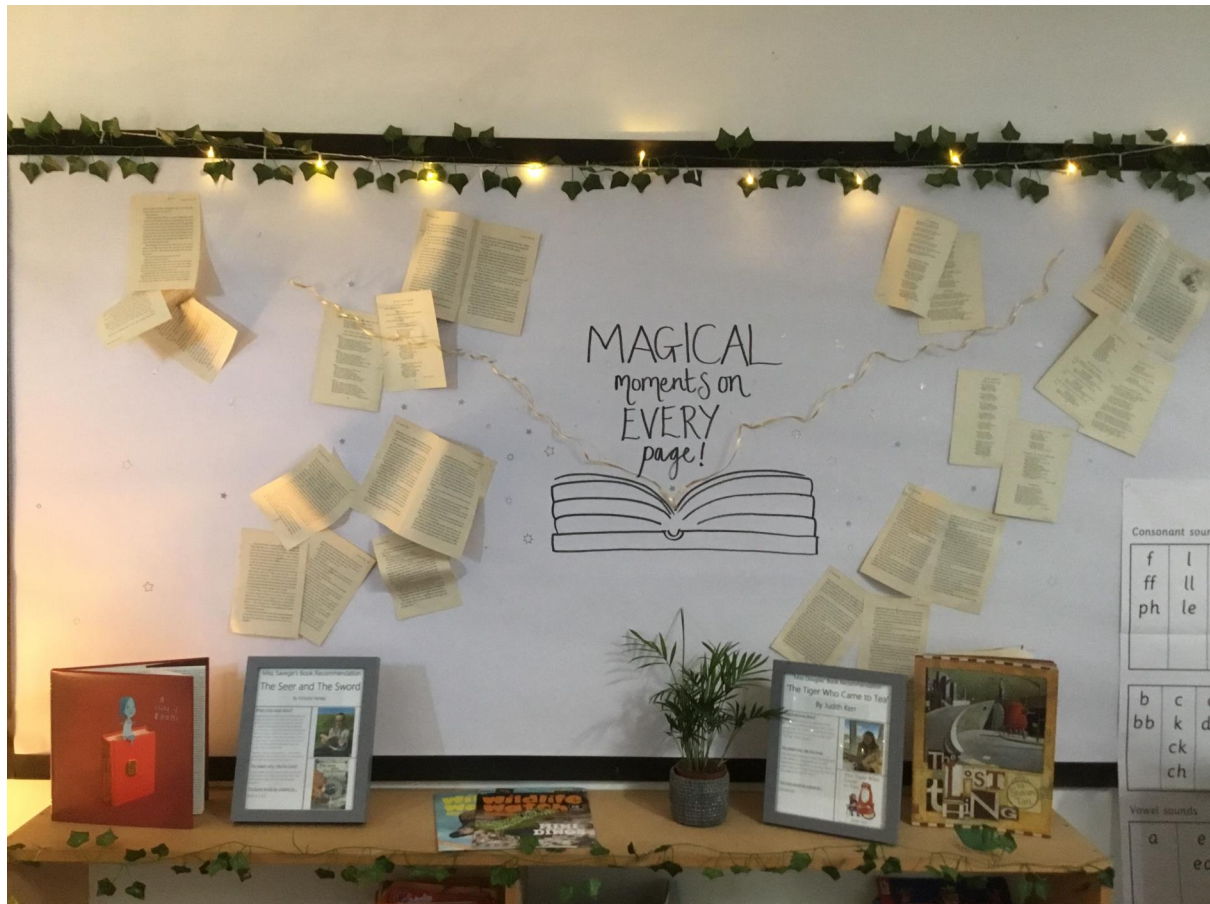




The Salcombe Scoop 13th Feb

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A Message from Miss Bond



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

It's been great to see that yellow thing in the sky for a few brief moments towards the end of the week which our Wildlife Champions made the most of as they made us a new bug hotel and some bird feeders. Prawns have also enjoyed the brief moments of sunshine taking part in the RSPCA's Schools Birdwatch activity this week too. Let's hope that it's a signal the seasons are changing and spring is on its way. Just like that, we are halfway through the year and racing towards the summer months.

This week saw a visit from one of the Trust's directors - Kath Powell. She highlighted how much progress the school and children are making and how welcoming and caring the school and children are - which is always nice to hear. We are really proud of how we are all working together at Team Salcombe and we will continue our journey to excellence after half term!

Over the last few months, we have been working on re-creating the school's vision. This is always an important piece of work as it helps to ensure everyone is pulling in the same direction and raises aspirations all round. As a Christian school, it is also important that this is reflected in our direction too. After feedback from staff, pupils, the Ethos Committee and a parent survey back in autumn, we have settled on this for our condensed version of our vision:

We belong to Team Salcombe which is grounded in love and united by a shared commitment to excellence in all that we do. Our Christian vision inspires every individual to aspire, flourish and reach their God-given potential in all aspects of life. Guided by integrity and service, we are dedicated to enabling every member of our community to thrive and *sail to success*.

"Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus." —
Hebrews 12:1–2

We hope that you feel that it strikes a chord with you all and reflects what Salcombe CE Primary means to you. The full vision will be published on our website and marketing materials as the year unfolds.

School attendance is really important for your children. Our curriculum is sequenced very carefully and one missed day can have a big impact on your child's learning journey. Of course, when illness occurs, there is nothing that can be done, but please do think again about term-time holidays. Not only does it impact their learning, but you will be fined from Devon County Council - the first fine is £160, reduced to £80 if paid promptly, per child, for each parent. The second fine will be £160 per child, per parent. The third time unauthorised absences of 10 sessions occurs results in court hearings, up to £2500 fine and possible sentencing. Additionally, it creates a huge amount of paper work which takes me about three hours to fill in and that is three hours that I could be spending supporting teachers and children in school. Please remember these are also not my rules and I understand many of the reasons why term time holidays happen, but the Government drive to improve attendance is high on their agenda. Poor attendance will also impact our Ofsted rating when they next visit too, so I urge you to please think twice and read the info I've attached to this newsletter.

Lastly, I am delighted to finally confirm that our wraparound care has a definite start date of the second week back (Monday 2nd March) and will be open for booking the week after half term. The breakfast and after school club will be run by Abi Bates, one of our PTFA extraordinaires, and will be a hive of fun and activities. Keep an eye out the first week back for booking info.

Wishing you all a restful, sunny and enjoyable break - see you on Monday 23rd February.

Miss Bond





Would anyone like to donate any of the following to our nursery?

- **White Fairy lights - mains or battery**
- **Black, white or wooden photo frames - any sizes**

DO YOU HAVE ANY OLD-FASHIONED TOYS?

Prawns class are learning about toys - old and new - after the break and we were wondering if you have anything at home that we could look at, talk about or even borrow and use for a bit!



1 - New battle has begun for half term!

Amazing Achievements!

Congratulations to our 5x a week readers this week - and a special mention to **Tabitha** who scooped up our £10 book token.

Our weekly certificates were awarded to some very special children this week: **Archie, Freya, Johan and Raife** for showing our school values - we are really proud of you!

Our Times Table Rockstars this week are **Phoebe, Freya and Bodhi** and a super mathematician award goes to **Alana!**

A big well done to our chosen children to join the Above and Beyond Club this half term. Their teachers nominated them for ALWAYS being displaying our school rules and values, day in and day out. **Isla, Alice and Vanessa** joined me in my office for some yummy treats and activities!

Finally, we had an extra special recognition worship this week as we congratulated **Miss Dickens** on completing her two years as an Early Career Teacher and gaining her stripes! She is an excellent teacher and we love having her on our team!





Messages from the Office



- Don't forget we're a nut free school!

Clubs for the *new* Spring term will be as follows:

Mon - SATs club for Year 6 3:20-4:20

Mon - Art club with Miss Dickens -Now open to every age group - no charge. 3:20-4:20

Tues - Football Club with Mr Spicer 3:20-4:20 - £5 per session.

<https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/achieve4all-football-club-ks12-salcombe-tuesday-salcombe-66c23f43-47f1-4e8b-ba1f-ed3e253fe4fd>

Thurs - Forest School with Mrs Hedgehog 3:20-4:20 - any ages.

Thurs - Netball/Multi-skills with Mrs Charley 3:20-4:20 - no charge. **PLEASE RE-SECURE YOUR PLACE. THOSE WHO HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE YET WILL GET FIRST REFUSAL.**

Thursday lunchtime - recorder club with Miss Bond - Starfish and Lobsters - free, but please sign up through the office.

Friday lunchtime - TTRS/homework club with Miss Bond. No need to sign up, just drop in.

Dates for your Diary



Now - end of term - Extreme Reading competition - extended till first week back!

16-20/2/26 - Half term

25/2/26 - Football tournament at Newton Ferrers for years 4/5/6 randomly selected children

3/3/26 - Prawns trip to the Library

4/3/26 - Starfish trip to the Library

4/3/26 - World Book Day - Dressing up and more!

11/3/26 - RNLI visit school

18/3/26 - Prawns trip to The House of Marbles

18/3/26 - Lobsters trip to the Library

25/3/26 - Parents' Evening

Wb 30/3/26 - Science Week - details to be shared next term.

1/4/26 - Learning Together 2:30pm - The Great Egg Challenge

2/4/26 - Easter Church Service - 2:30pm - collect from the church

Kingsbridge Junior Orchestra
Wednesdays 5.00 to 6.00pm – KCC Music Dept.
For young musicians Year 4 and above who are actively learning an orchestral instrument -
Grade 1— Grade 4
£42 a term
Free to children taking part in our Future Musicians Programme

For more information and to sign up:
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Kingsbridge Music Centre
Provision
2025 – 2026

We believe that music-making should be accessible for all and would like to open our doors to more young people within our community. We are very lucky to be supported by a fantastic team of teachers who are as passionate about Music and the Performing Arts as we are. Hosted by Kingsbridge Community College, we bring affordable and high-quality music-making and performance opportunities to our young people thanks to funding and support from Devon Music Education Hub.

We welcome primary school students who live in the Kingsbridge Community College catchment area or those who attend a feeder primary school to join us. Students from outside this area, or who are home educated are also welcome to attend.



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1PM - 6PM – £40

AT HARBOUR HOUSE KITCHEN
PROMENADE, KINGSBRIDGE

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- CAKE & REFRESHMENTS
- ALL MATERIALS

BOOKING

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Contact Us

We always want to hear from you. If you'd like to get in touch to make an appointment or share something important, a member of the team will always make time to speak with you. Please get in touch or come and visit; we look forward to welcoming you.

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