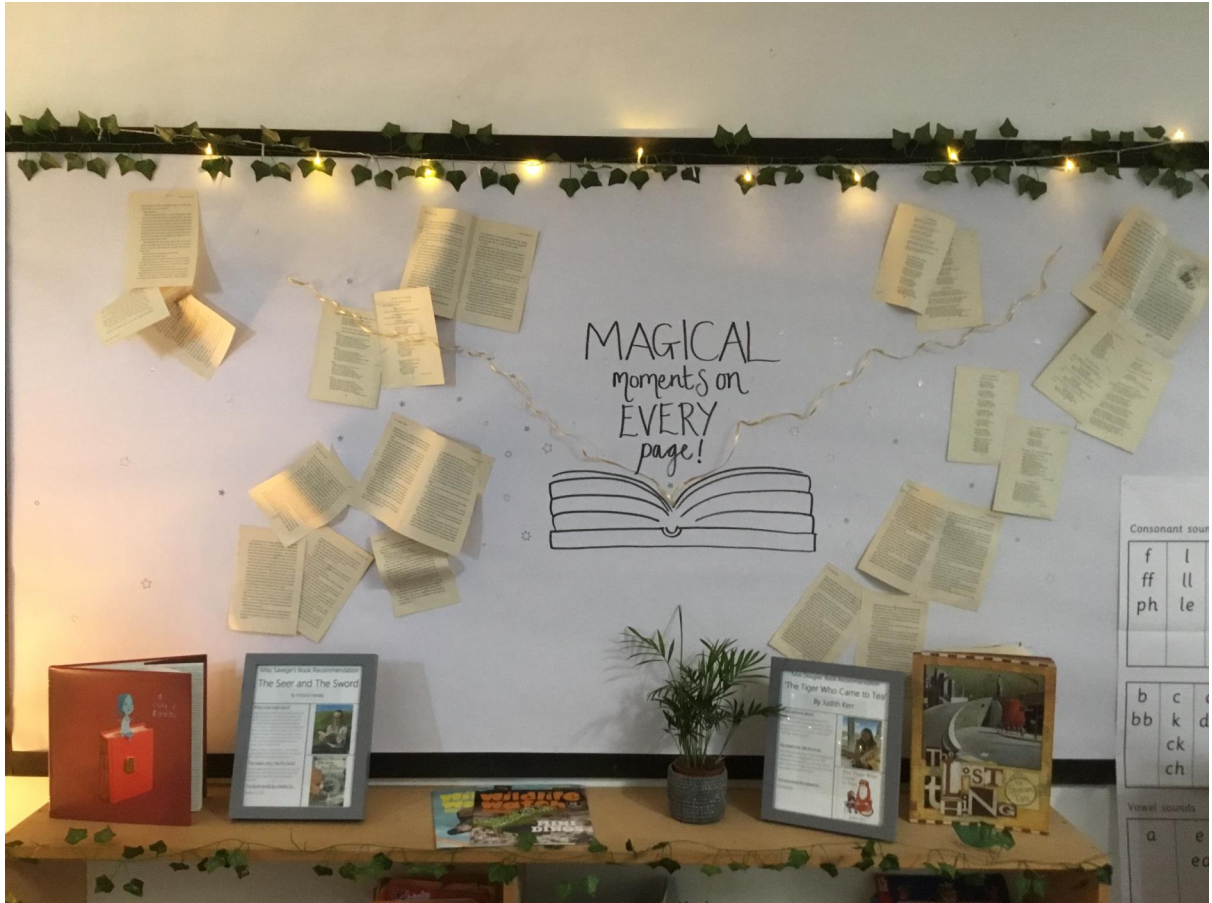




The Salcombe Scoop 27th June

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A Message from Miss Bond



Well it's been a warm week for us all, but I am pleased to say we have made it through in one piece and have been able to make the most of our beautiful school grounds and community. Swimming lessons couldn't have started on a better week and I need to remember to bring my costume next week and go and check in on everyone and get a quick dunk if this weather continues! The Salcombe breeze was, for once, very welcome on Thursday and our school photos will have a nice sunny, windswept look I hope!

Next week sees our Sports Day on Tuesday afternoon at 1:30. Please arrive from 1:15 onwards when the children will have finished their lunch break. This year we are moving things to a more summer fete style event with bigger and better plans for next year still to come. Please do bring picnic blankets, camping chairs and snacks for after the event where we encourage you to stay and enjoy the atmosphere until 5pm. Thanks to our PTFA, staff members and pupils, we will be hosting a number of stalls selling refreshments, cakes, lollies, face painting, temporary tattoos, tombolas and the infamous Lucky Dip! Please do donate and come with pennies to support our end of year fundraising for the school - and come and have some fun!

If you think you could help with running a stall, please could you drop me an email at charlotte.bond@firstfederation.org.uk You don't have to be part of the PTFA, **but the more hands the merrier** particularly as we navigate the challenge between dismissal and stalls opening! **The sporting events will finish around 3:20 and children will return to class to get**

their things and will be dismissed in the normal fashion. This will give helpers a ten minute reprieve to get the stalls set up and ready for you all to come back onto the field and join us!

Finally, I'd like to draw your attention to the Parent Forum which I have unavoidably had to change the date of to Tuesday 7th July. This will take place in the school hall, after school, and will be an opportunity for you to ask me any questions and for me to have a go at answering them on the spot! I will prepare a presentation sharing what we have achieved as a school this year, how the children's attainment has improved and feedback from the parent questionnaire. It will also be an opportunity for you to raise any queries you have. On that note, I have had one query about the class structure for next year and so I will explain further the rationale behind that again now, but of course will be happy to talk more about that at the parent forum on the 7th. Hope to see you there - no eggs and flour allowed!

Next year, the class structures will remain the same as this year - R/1; 2/3; 4/5/6. This has been a well thought-out decision based around a lot of information gathering. Firstly, it is important to say that a school with Salcombe's numbers, will never have single form classes as it is not financially viable. With 65 children in the main school, this only justifies having three classes - which as I understand has always been the model in the school. The only way to change this would be to grow the school (which we'd love to do and is beginning to happen). However, for a number of years now, there has been a national drop in birth rate and for schools across the country this has meant that numbers in schools are reducing. This is a very real and challenging situation for schools as our funding is allocated per pupil - so less pupils = less money. Recently, two very local schools have had to reduce their class structure to one class with all ages of children in which presents many obvious challenges. For us, we have welcomed some lovely new families and I have school tours booked in over the next few weeks sharing what we have on offer - which is a good deal and in a wonderful site!

This means we will have to have one class where there are three year groups. Having the three year groups in the top end of the school has been a great success this year. The older children are more independent, as their foundational learning has been secured, and so through their age and stage, are able to work in a class with more children and less proportion of individual teacher time. I must remind you that classes of 30+ children are a typical class size and so the children are not disadvantaged in anyway. Additionally, with our drive on raising standards this year and moving forward, the children in years 4/5/6 will have three years of excellent teaching preparing them for their exams and their secondary school journey. Although the work is always provided at your child's level, there is of course plenty of opportunity for children to be stretched further when they have older children working alongside them. The older children become great mentors and role models and the younger children get to look up to them. Having smaller classes in the younger year groups means

that children have more proportion of an adult when they are less independent and are securing those fundamental skills, knowledge and relationships.

There are also a number of other factors we have considered. This year, we have re-written a curriculum that builds progressively and is carefully designed to ensure there are no repetition of topics - skills and foundational knowledge may often be repeated to secure knowledge into the long-term memory, but the contexts won't be. If the class structure changes year in and out, this is hard to maintain. This year we have built in special units to ensure we have contingency plans if this does have to happen ever, but remaining as it is will cause the least disruption and ensure the most progression for the curriculum and teachers.

Furthermore, the class structure has been very successful this year and the children have made excellent progress as will be shared in our parents forum and individually with you with school reports particular for your child. The school, children and community needs stability, which this year has provided, and remaining with this structure next year will allow us to build on the great things we have achieved this year. Lastly, next year will see me not have a class teaching responsibility. I will cover, coach and support and continue to boost the children where is needed. This year, I spent three- four afternoons a week, on top of my 1.5 day teaching commitment, supporting the year 6 children further. We are lucky that we have some great break-out spaces in the school to enable this to happen and this boosting of year 6 will happen again next year too.

I hope this helps to explain further the reasons behind the decisions of the class structure, and reflecting on this, it would have been helpful to write this the first time round. I think we were so excited to be able to share the news that we had secured Miss Dickens permanently and Miss Dickinson in her SENDCo role, as well as get the news out to you in good time, that I may have overlooked the usefulness of the rationale behind the decision making process - my apologies. Any further questions, please do come and see me or speak to me at the parent forum.

Have a great weekend!

Miss Bond

We have been blown away by your donations so far for the Year 6 Forest School Project; if anyone else was meaning to donate and hasn't yet, please see what we haven't got so far.

Garden shears and loppers to borrow or donate second hand tools

Children's spades: [Spear and Jackson MICROROUND Round Mouth Micro Shovel](#) : [Amazon.co.uk: Garden](#)

Log discs like these [JMIATRY 60 Pcs Natural Wood Slices with Hole, 7-8cm Log Slices, Wooden Circles for Arts, Christmas or Wedding Ornaments and DIY Crafts : Amazon.co.uk: Home & Kitchen](#)

[MUKLEI 8 PCS 23-25cm Natural Wood Slices, No Hole Wooden Log Slices, Unfinished Log Wooden Circles Wood Discs for Arts, DIY Crafts, Christmas Ornaments, Wedding Decoration, Wood Coasters : Amazon.co.uk: Home & Kitchen](#)

[Solar lights - 120 LED Solar Fairy Lights Outdoor, 2 Pack Total 24M/ 80Ft 240LEDS, 8 Modes with 8-Hour Timer, Outdoor Garden Lights, Waterproof String Lights, Suitable for Party, Camping, Decorations \(Cool White\) : Amazon.co.uk: Lighting](#)

Breakfast and After School Club

Please get in touch with Charlotte to secure your place in advance and create a booking through the specific email address which is **wraparoundcare@salcombe-primary.devon.sch.uk** . The booking deadline will be 3:45pm prior to the day required and the email address will not be manned over the weekend meaning if you want a Monday breakfast club session, it must be booked by 3:45pm on the Friday before. As this is a new system for all of us, there are bound to be a few niggles, so please bear with us!

Abi runs the breakfast and after school club with a wide range of exciting activities each week. Next term her sessions will be themed around the following:

Monday: Outside Adventures; Tuesday: Focus on Football; Wednesday: Art Attack; Thursday: Fantastic Food; Friday: Funday Friday!

Please contact us on 01548 842 842 to arrange sessions between:

- 8:00 until 8:35 (£4.50 per session)
- 15:20 until 16:30 (£5.00 per session)
- 15:20 until 17:30 (£8.00 per session)



Messages from the Office



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

Clubs for the *Summer* term will be as follows:

Tuesday - Mrs Blake will now run an art club on a Tuesday - any ages - limited spaces.

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

Dates for your Diary



30/6/26 - Sports Day - 1:30pm start

3/7/26 - Lobsters Cake Sale - please help buy/bake and buy them back if you can!

7/7/26 - Sports Day Reserve

7/7/26 - Parent Forum time after school *DATE CHANGE*****

9/7/26 - PTFA Pig Racing @ The Vic - new event! Please join if you can!

10/7/26 - Starfish Cake Sale - please help buy/bake and buy them back if you can!

16/7/26 - Y3/4 Overnight trip to Young Spirit of Adventure

17/7/26 - Prawns Cake Sale - please help buy/bake and buy them back if you can!

21/7/26 - Y6 Leavers Assembly

22/7/26 - End of Term Church Service at 2:30pm



South Devon Fun with Dads Project



Calling all dads & children Summer Camp 2026

An amazing overnight camp really near the beach
at Terawhiti Farm, South Milton. Nr. Kingsbridge. Devon. TQ7 3JT

Sat. 18th - Sun. 19th July

- beach games • soft archery
- dad jokes • BBQ & marshmallows •
- glow-worm walk • campfire stories



£5 - £20 (sliding scale)

Camping equipment can be borrowed
www.bookwhen.com/southdevondads
any questions? email: info@thedadsnetwork.org

Booking essential



18th, 19th & 20th September 2026



DadFest DevonTM

Location: Beryl's Campsite, Beeson. Kingsbridge,
South Devon. TQ7 2HW

Awarded 'Best Small Event in the UK' in 2015 & 2025
The only UK festival just for dads & their children.

- campfire stories • water-rockets • bat walk
- Forest School • board games • rifle range
- wrestling show • arts & craft • sport skills
- kids disco • music workshops • archery
- slip n slide • beach trip • food & drink • & more...
- + 2026 World Dad Dancing Championship

Dads/ male carers with children of all ages welcome

DadFest 2026 tickets must be bought in advance

Dad + 1 child (all ages): £109

Dad + 2 children (all ages): £119

Dad + 3 children (all ages): £129



Ticket includes camping & all activities - nothing more to pay
Get food tickets too: £40 (dad): £30 (children)

To book search 'ticket tailor DadFest Devon'

or email: info@thedadsnetwork.org





WILD ADVENTURE DAYS - SALCOMBE

AUGUST:

3rd, 4th
10th, 11th, 12th
17th, 18th, 19th
24th, 25th, 26th

**Special Offer: £38 per
child**

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

Woodland Crafts
Fire Making
Den Building
Campfire cooking
Tool use
Beach School Afternoons

AGES: 3-11 Yr Old

TIME: 9:30am - 3:30pm



CONTACT: ABIGAIL HARDING (aka Mrs Hedgehog)
07890 901982 / mrs.hedgehogharding@gmail.com





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01895 649211
<https://allthingsinclusionandautism.com>

Workshops for parents / carers (and practitioners) -Summer term 2026

Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA) Understanding PDA and practical strategies to support Monday 14th September 2026 7-9pm Or Friday 13th November 2026 9.30 - 11.30am Online - via Zoom £44 plus VAT per person	Understanding Schemas Exploring patterns of play, understanding why children use schemas and how to support their play and learning Wednesday 16th September 2026 Online – via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person
ADHD Understanding ADHD in young children and practical ideas to support them Tuesday 29th September 2026 10-11.30am Or Thursday 19th November 2026 7 - 8.30pm Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	Gestalt Language Processing How to support early language skills for young children including Gestalt learners Wednesday 30th September 2026 10 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person
Introduction to supporting children with Down Syndrome Understanding the needs of children with Down Syndrome and strategies to support them Friday 2nd October 2026 9:30am - 12pm Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person	Introduction to Signalong Signalong is a sign supported communication system for children with additional needs, supporting the development of speaking and understanding. This course will introduce you to the Signalong and you will learn some everyday signs that you can use in your home or school/setting. This course is designed for beginners and those who may wish to attend the Singalong Foundation Course later in the Autumn term.

All Things Visual Strategies Supporting autistic children / those with communication difficulties with visual strategies - why use visuals, which visuals to use and how to use them? Friday 9th October 2026 10 - 11.30am Online - via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	All things sensory processing - a workshop exploring the sensory needs of autistic children and practical strategies to support their needs Thursday 15th October 2026 9.30am - 12 Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person 
Supporting children with Bereavement and Loss Looking at the impact of bereavement and loss on young children and strategies to support them Friday 23rd October 2026 10 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	Attention Autism level one training Attention Autism is a learning approach that aims to develop natural and spontaneous communication skills for autistic children through the use of visually based and highly motivating activities. Thursday and Friday afternoons at 2 - 3.15pm - 6 sessions 5th November 6th November 19th November 20th November 26th November 27th November Online via Zoom £295 plus VAT per person
Selective Mutism Understanding the causes of selective mutism (situational mutism) and practical strategies to support children in early years and primary Friday 6th November 2026 9.30 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £44 plus VAT per person	All Things Sleep - Looking at the challenges around sleep and bedtime for autistic children / those with social communication difficulties, and practical strategies to support Monday 9th November 2026 7 – 8:30pm Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person

Signalong Foundation Course Signalong is a sign supported communication system for children with additional needs and supports the development of speaking and understanding. This accredited course will equip learners with the skills they need to use Signalong as a way of supporting communication skills for children and adults. Signalong is a CPD accredited course. Tuesday 10th November to Tuesday 8th December 2026 (5 consecutive weeks) 9am-12pm Online via Zoom £200 plus VAT per person	Promoting Positive Mental Health in Young Children Examining causes of mental health difficulties, learning about anxiety and trauma Thursday 12th November 2026 9.30 am – 12pm Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person
Understanding AuDHD Supporting children who have a dual diagnosis of Autism and ADHD with practical strategies to help. Wednesday 25th November 2026 10 – 11am Online via Zoom £28 plus VAT per person	All Things Behaviour - supporting positive behaviours for autistic children Thursday 26th November 2026 9.30am – 12pm Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person 
Autism and Girls Exploring differences and diagnosis . Understanding how autism impacts on girls and strategies and ideas to support them Thursday 3rd December 2026 10 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	All Things Communication and Play: Supporting autistic children with communication and play skills - laughing and learning together Friday 4th December 2026 9.30am - 12 Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person

Contact Jaci Smith or Nikki Duhig at allthingsautism ltd@gmail.com or 01896 649211 to book your place/s

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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