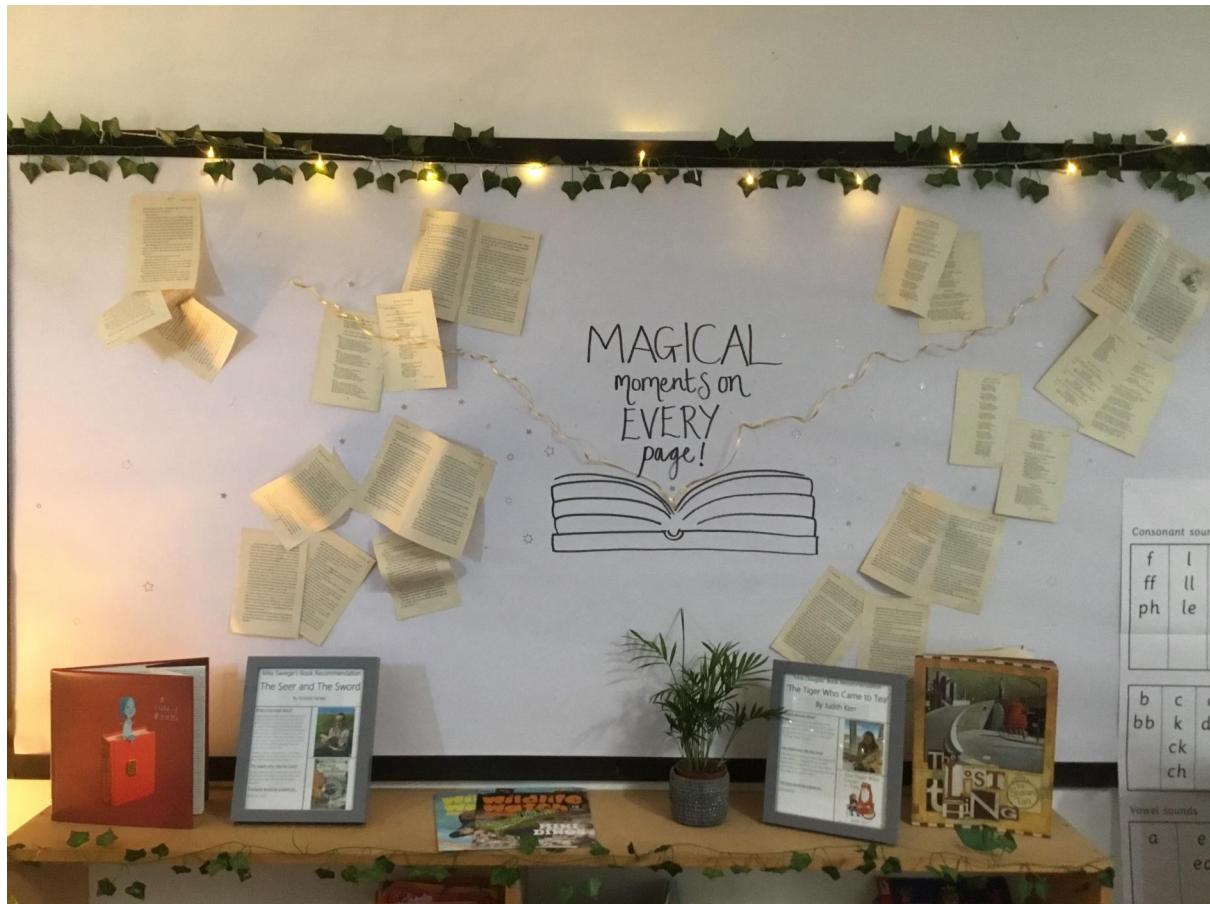




The Salcombe Scoop 3rd July

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A Message from Miss Bond



Well where has this week gone?! The main highlight of this week has definitely been Sports Day and what an afternoon it was. I'm so thrilled we held fast and that the afternoon went ahead and pretty much went to plan! The children displayed great athleticism and sportsmanship throughout the afternoon and my highlight (apart from the parent and teacher races) was to see the love, care and camaraderie displayed between the children - particularly the eldest and younger children. It really is what Team Salcombe is about and we are a very special school!

Wednesday saw us at Wembury with our Year 5 Wildlife Champions; they were rock-pooling, stream dipping and taking part in all sorts of fun activities that rounded off their year-long project. They have been working hard to improve our school ground with the Devon Wildlife Trust including making hedgehog houses, mammal tunnels, bird feeders, bug hotels and planting trees and bulbs! They've done a wonderful job at improving our grounds and we hope that a business in the community might step forward to sponsor next year's project!

It has also been a busy week as we support our Year 6's with their inevitable transition from primary school to secondary school. There have been a number of visits to KCC this week, teachers from KCC into our school to teach the children and meetings for parents and this culminated in the Year 6 children happily receiving their Leavers' Hoodies today in worship

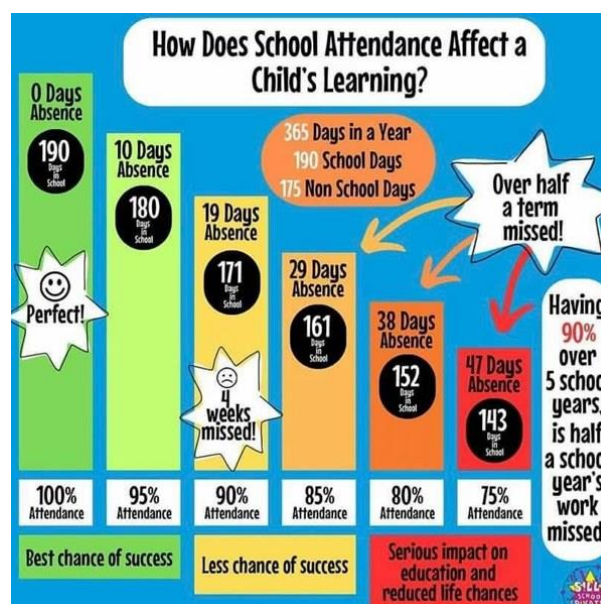
generously paid for by our PTFA - and ultimately by your donations to school events! Thank you from us all for your support in this end of year tradition.

Finally, as we approach the end of the year, and more hot weather, here is a gentle reminder about your child's absence rates. The government is increasing the expectations of school attendance and next year as a school we have a strict target to adhere to. The school's attendance also directly impacts Ofsted's judgement around behaviour and attendance. Missed days in school do add up and impact children's confidence, academic ability, anxieties and ultimately, in significant cases, their life chances. If your child has an attendance of 90% or less, they hit a trigger point and are then labelled as persistently absent. 90% sounds quite high but actually it equates to a month off school across the year!

Of course, there are illnesses, broken legs, tonsil removals etc that cannot be helped and we understand that but the impact on children can be stark so please think twice before booking a September holiday next year as these can, and should be avoided. Around six of our families have received fines this academic year from Devon County Council and the second round of fines are more expensive with the third 'offence' resulting in a court hearing and huge fines - this also means I have to write a witness statement and go to court and all of this involves tonnes of paperwork and time which I would really rather spend supporting your children to thrive! Our data is submitted to the Trust weekly and the DfE have live, daily access, so we are all scrutinised and the modern-day technology means that we cannot escape it! Please see the infographic below which highlights the percentage statistics.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the sun!

Miss Bond







Amazing Achievements!

Congratulations to our 5 times a week readers this week who have all put their raffle tickets in the draw for the book token.

This week's certificate winners were **Jasper, Jack, Finley and Sophia!** A big well done to them showing our school values - we are very proud of you!

Our times table and maths champions were **Roxy, Sophia and Phoebe!** Well done to you for being so impressive!



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 [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](#)

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.

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



7/7/26 - Parent Forum 3:30

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



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allthingsautismtd@gmail.com
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<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 Signalong 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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