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Newsletter 02/10/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a good week. It has certainly been a very busy one here at school, with lots of learning and exciting activities taking place across all year groups.

Census Day

Thank you for supporting our recent Census Day. We were delighted to serve **243 meals** from our school kitchen. The school census is extremely important as it helps determine funding for the years ahead, ensuring we can continue to provide the very best opportunities for our children.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding remains our highest priority. We regularly hold safeguarding meetings within our team to ensure that we continue to provide a safe and supportive environment for all pupils.

If you ever have any safeguarding concerns, however small they may seem, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of our Safeguarding Team.

Curriculum Leaflets

Our curriculum leaflets are available from the Main Office and provide information about what your child will be learning throughout the year.

Please also remember to visit your child's Year Group page on the school website. These pages contain curriculum overviews, Welcome Meeting presentations, homework information and other key updates.

Planned Absence

On **Monday 5th October**, I will be undergoing a routine operation following checks carried out over the summer.

As a school community, we value kindness and respect in all communication.

Staff aim to respond to emails within 2 working days, as they are prioritising supporting pupils throughout the day. Thank you for your understanding.



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www.southmead.devon.sch.uk/documents-and-policies/*



I am hoping to return to school within two weeks. During my absence, **Mrs Jefferies** and the Senior Leadership Team will continue to lead the school and ensure everything runs smoothly. I will return to emails as soon as I am well enough.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Swimming

Catch-Up Swimming sessions began this week for children in Years 4, 5 and 6.

These sessions provide a valuable opportunity for children to develop this important life skill. Please support attendance wherever possible and, if you are able, make a voluntary contribution towards the transport costs.

Bromcom and MCAS

Please ensure that you have downloaded the **MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) App** and that notifications are enabled. This is an important way for us to communicate key information and updates with families.

P.E.A.K. Devon Support Pathway

We are pleased to share information about **P.E.A.K. Devon (Parenting Empowered Autistic Kids)**, which supports families and professionals seeking advice and guidance around **SEND, neurodiversity, education and family wellbeing**.

P.E.A.K. Devon offers two pathways of support:

- A **free one-hour consultation**, providing tailored advice, guidance and practical next steps.
- A **10-week Early Help programme**, offering structured support, action planning, regular check-ins and review meetings for families requiring more ongoing support.

Their aim is to work alongside families, helping them navigate challenges, build confidence and access the right support at the right time.

For further information, please visit: <https://parentingempoweredautistickids.com/>

If you have any questions, you can contact P.E.A.K. Devon directly through their website.

School Photographs

If you would like **free delivery to school** for your child's individual photograph order, please place your order by **Thursday 8th October 2026**.

Orders can be placed using the unique link provided by **Tempest Photography**, or by visiting: www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you require assistance with your order, please contact Tempest on **01736 751555**.

School Dinners This Week

Our kitchen team has another fantastic menu planned for the week ahead:

Monday

- Chicken Pesto Bake
- Tomato and Basil Pasta Bake (Vegetarian)

Tuesday

- Chicken Katsu Curry
- Sweet Potato and Chickpea Curry (Vegetarian)

Wednesday

- Roast Turkey
- Lentil and Cheddar Tart (Vegetarian)

Thursday

- Homemade Margherita Pizza

Friday

- Salmon Fish Fingers
- Vegetable Quesadilla (Vegetarian)

Thank You

Thank you for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated by all of the staff.

Have a wonderful week ahead. I look forward to seeing you all again very soon.

Kind regards,

Mr Nick Plumb
Headteacher