

FRIDAY 11TH JULY 2025

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I am pleased to share the fantastic news that our school has been rated 'Good' in all areas following our recent Ofsted inspection. Thank you for the hard work, dedication, and teamwork of staff, pupils, and families to get us to this point.

YEAR 5 @ THE PIG PART 4!

The Year 5 children had their last visit to The Pig Hotel last week. In this session they learnt about 'Front of House'. They laid tables, folded napkins and role-played meeting guests and taking food orders. The sessions have been both informative and a lot of fun. I would like to thank the parents who have helped me drive the children for each session; Matt, Wes and Lisa, without your help the children would not have been able to have this experience. Also, thank you to Eve and Charlotte at The Pig for putting on the sessions. Finally, it is hoped next years Year 5 children will get the same opportunity which will be fantastic.



SQUIRREL & FOX CLASS TRIP

Fox class and Squirrel class went to the beach on Tuesday and had a fantastic day.

Squirrel class spent the morning having a beach hunt, followed by a sand castle competition. Fox class enhanced their history learning with a focus on Mary Anning. After lunch both classes joined forces and drew landscapes before creating pebble art in mixed class teams.



FUTURE MUSICIANS

On Friday 27 June, Devon Music Education Hub's 'Future Musicians' initiative brought together over 100 young musicians at Honiton Community College. Pupils from the college and local primary schools—including Littleton, Upottery, Sidbury CofE, and Shute—joined forces in a vibrant, inclusive celebration of music, developed with YouTube educator David Gray ([Music with Mr Gray](#)). The performance featured an eclectic mix, from ukuleles and cornets to taiko drums, chime bars, cellos, and even balalaikas!

Thank you to Eben, Iris, Edward, Matilda and Teddy for representing Shute!!



SINGING SHOW



Yesterday was Singing Sarah's annual show - and what a show it was!! The children all performed amazingly well and showed such confidence in their abilities. We are lucky at Shute that the children have these opportunities to sing, learn instruments and then perform. A big thank to Sarah for organising this for the children.



KS1 CHANGES

As you may or may not know there has been a falling birth rate in Devon over recent years and this has culminated in many schools seeing smaller Reception Class intakes this year and we are no exception. In response to this we are making some changes to the way our KS1 classes will be organised next academic year. A letter has gone out to all parents in KS1 and there will be a drop-in session on Tuesday 15th July at 3.30pm so that parents can ask any further questions.

KS2 CHANGES

Next academic year the KS2 classes will be holding half termly 'BookShare drop ins' so that the children can share the learning which has taken place over the previous half term with parents. I will also be running meetings in early September on the Wider Curriculum and the Zones of Regulation (a tool we are starting to use to help children identify and manage their emotions.) as some parents have asked about both of these developments in recent conversations.

YEAR 6 AMBASSADORS

Next academic year we will be launching our Year 6 Ambassador Program. This is designed to give the Year 6 children various roles and responsibilities across the school and instill a sense of pride and belonging among the older children. There will be various monitor roles, organising a fundraising activity, supporting the PTFA and writing for the newsletter. Other roles and responsibilities will develop throughout the year. I hope the Year 6 will embrace this opportunity and show great leadership and responsibility across the school and wider community. A meeting with the current Year 5 children will take place next week to introduce the programme in more detail.



DIARY DATES

New dates and changes in BOLD

Wednesday 16th July - Badger Class Show to school

Thursday 17th July - Badger Class Show to parents

Friday 18th July - Reports to parents

Friday 18th July - PTFA Summer Fair

Monday 21st July - Year 6 Leavers Day

Tuesday 22nd July - Leavers Assembly

START of AUTUMN TERM: THURSDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2025

Wednesday 10th September - The Wider Curriculum. 3.30pm in the hall

Wednesday 17th September - The Zones of Regulation. 3.30pm in the hall

Monday 20th October 3.00pm - First KS2 Bookshare Drop-In

More dates will be added as they are confirmed





Honiton Music Centre

An exciting new project supported by the Devon Music Hub, Department of Education and Arts Council to encourage young people to take up a musical instrument, keeping it as affordable and accessible to learn as possible!

- **When:** Every Wednesday evening during term time from 4:00pm through to 6:30pm
- **Where:** Honiton Community College Music Department
- **Activities** - 30-minute group instrument lesson, 30-minute musicianship skills lesson and 30 minutes Ensemble session
- **Who:** Any youngster in the Honiton area, either Primary or Secondary school age
- **Cost:** Only £4 a week!
- **Which instruments can you learn:**



Cornet Trombone



Flute Saxophone



Violin

Cello



Clarinet

Sign up ASAP through scanning the QR code below as there are only 7 places per instrument!



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