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Date: 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **The Gingerbread Man, Reception**

The children have enjoyed listening to the story of The Gingerbread Man and making their own Gingerbread men biscuits.



### **Reception Baseline Assessment**

You will receive an information leaflet today.

### **2025-26 Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations - Reception, Year One and Year Two**

The Immunisation Team are offering the Flu vaccination to all Primary Children from EYFS to Year Six. A letter was sent home earlier this week and has also been emailed. Delivery of the vaccine will be on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

In order to provide electronic consent for your child's flu vaccination, please access the consent portal via the following link:

<https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

Please enter the full unique school reference code: **DV113155**

Please complete the form by 9.00 am on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

### **Underwear and Socks**

We would be grateful for any donations of pants and socks aged two years to six years for spares within the school.

## Volunteers

We are very grateful to all of the volunteers that help within the school. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office for an application form.

Kind regards,

Claire Grant

**Executive Headteacher**

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Clive Pig Storyteller visit for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Appledore Book Festival Author visit for Zebras and Giraffes Classes
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	2025-26 Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations - Reception, Year One and Year Two
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Non-pupil day
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Half Term

### **Petroc College, North Devon Campus**

#### **Level 2 Teaching Assistant Course**

*Our Level 2 Teaching Assistant course is designed for anyone aged 17 or over who's interested in working with children and supporting their learning in schools. The course runs just one day a week in college, alongside a minimum of one to two days' placement in a school - though we always recommend more to get the most experience. The qualification is made up of 11 units, combining both knowledge and competency in setting. Examples of some units include, Understanding children and young people's development, Equality, diversity and inclusion in a learning environment, and Understanding children and young people's play and leisure.*

*Ideally, applicants will have a grade 3 in English and maths, but more importantly, we're looking for enthusiasm and a commitment to working with children.*

*Completing this qualification can lead directly to employment as a Teaching Assistant, or it can be your next step towards the Level 3 qualification and beyond in education.*

*If this sounds like the right opportunity for you, apply online by September 16th - and you'll be ready to get started straight away!*

*For more information, please contact the college directly via telephone on 01271 345291 or email [reception@petroc.ac.uk](mailto:reception@petroc.ac.uk).*



## Primary Teacher Training

Start your journey today

### Train to Teach in Devon

As a partner school with Exeter Consortium Schools' Alliance, we are proud to support their Primary Teacher Training programme. If you've ever thought about becoming a primary school teacher, this school-based training offers classroom placements across Devon, expert guidance, and hands-on experience from day one.

Applications open on **7th October 2025** for training starting September 2026.

Find out more here: [www.exeterconsortium.com/train-to-teach](http://www.exeterconsortium.com/train-to-teach)

# Devon Family Hubs



## Let's Talk, Read & Play

Let's Talk, Read and Play is a 5 week intervention group for children aged 2 years to 2 years, 11 months, and their parents/carers.

This group is for children who are struggling with their language and communication

GIVE US A CALL  
**0800 538 5458**  
MONDAY TO FRIDAY  
10AM TO 4PM



[www.devon.gov.uk/children-families-education/child-family-support/family-support/family-hubs/](http://www.devon.gov.uk/children-families-education/child-family-support/family-support/family-hubs/)





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# Family Hubs

## FREE FAMILY ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

For Parents/Carers of children aged  
0-19 and Young People aged 13 and  
over (25 with SEND or care leaver)



**Need help?**



**1hr Single Sessions Available in  
person, via phone or online**

[www.devon.gov.uk/children-families-education/child-family-support/family-support/family-hubs/](http://www.devon.gov.uk/children-families-education/child-family-support/family-support/family-hubs/)

**0800 538 5458**

**Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm**

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**DarkSky**  
INTERNATIONAL



**EXMOOR**  
NATIONAL PARK



# Exmoor Dark Skies Festival 2025

Friday 17 October to Sunday 2 November

- ★ Guided Stargazing
- ★ Planetarium Sessions
- ★ Astronomy Lectures
- ★ Art & Wellbeing Events
- ★ Star Suppers & Lakeside Trail
- ★ Ranger Guided Walks & Talk
- ★ E-bike Night Rides



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See event details online at:

[www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/darkskiesfestival](http://www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/darkskiesfestival)



# Design your own Dark Skies Protector!



## Win a **CELESTRON** Telescope

Exmoor National Park has some of the Darkest Skies in England and it is vitally important that we continue to protect the night.

Children (aged 11 and under) can create their own Dark Skies Protector - a character that travels the skies to ensure light pollution is kept to a minimum and the Exmoor stars remain bright.

You can create your Protector through painting, lego, clay or even through Minecraft. We would also love to find out more about your Protector;

- What is its name?
- What special powers does it possess to help defend the Dark Skies?
- What does it look like?
- Where does it live?
- Are there any myths or legends linked to your protector?



Closing Date Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.  
For full entry details see our website:

[www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/darkskiesfestival](http://www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/darkskiesfestival)